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# Destination Guide



Milford on Sea



New Forest



Winchester



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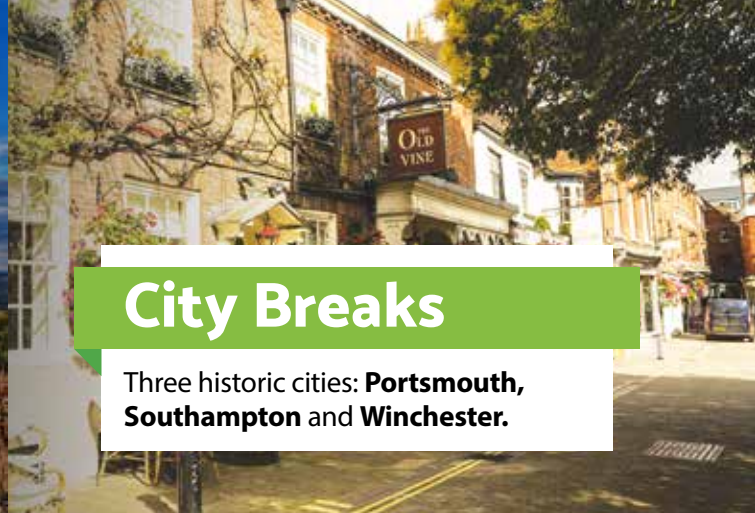
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South Downs National Park

## City Breaks

Three historic cities: **Portsmouth**, **Southampton** and **Winchester**.

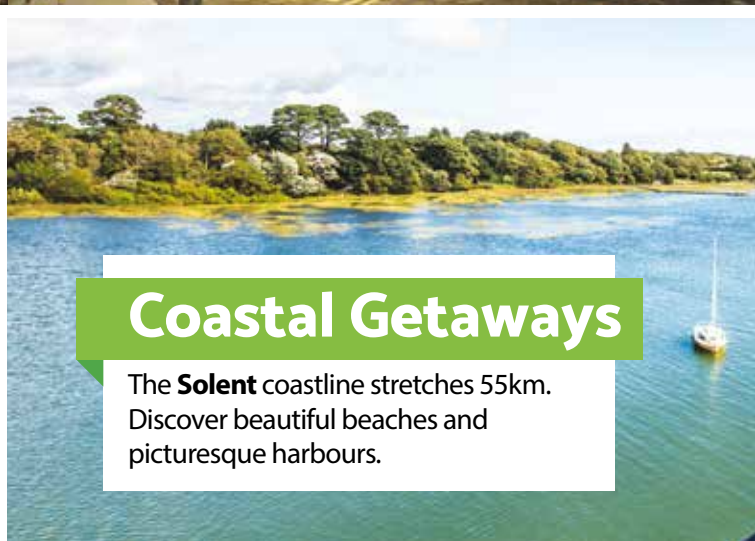


## Welcome to Hampshire

Hampshire is the perfect place to holiday or take a short break; spoilt with two National Parks, three historic cities and a stunning coast line. Hampshire's an all year round destination and there's always something to see or do, with tons of events throughout the year and over 250 attractions to visit. You'll find the perfect place to relax and unwind with an assortment of accommodation from cool campsites to luxury hotels.

## Coastal Getaways

The **Solent** coastline stretches 55km. Discover beautiful beaches and picturesque harbours.



Hayling Island huts

## Country Escapes

Spoilt with not one, but two National Parks: the **New Forest** and **South Downs**. Fantastic Country Parks and countless picturesque villages and market towns are scattered across the county.



# Things to do

## Attractions

Hampshire's home to many world class attractions such as Beaulieu, home of the National Motor Museum, Bombay Sapphire Distillery, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, Winchester Science Centre and the UK's number one theme park, Paultons Park, home of Peppa Pig World. Located on Hampshire's border is the world renowned Stonehenge.

Take in the sights of the Solent over 100m up from sea level at the Emirates Spinnaker Tower. Go wild at the many zoos and aquariums including Marwell Zoo, Hawk Conservancy Trust, Birdworld and Blue Reef Aquarium.

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Beaulieu, home of the National Motor Museum

Paultons Park



Emirates Spinnaker Tower



Bombay Sapphire Distillery



Winchester Science Centre



Winchester Cathedral





South Downs National Park

## Gardens & Stately Homes

Hampshire is spoilt with a number of glorious gardens including Exbury Gardens, Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and West Green House Gardens to name but a few.

There's so much history to be uncovered at the many stately homes across the county, such as Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey) or Mottisfont, The Vyne and Hinton Ampner, all popular National Trust properties.

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## Activities & Spas

Try your hand at one of the many water sports on offer in Hampshire such as windsurfing, stand up paddle boarding, sailing or why not visit the New Forest Water Park. The county is fantastic for all types of cycling whether you prefer road, mountain bike or car free routes.

The South Downs Way, Jane Austen Trail, Tall Trees Walk and Shipwrights Way are a few of the wonderful walks spread across the county.

Want some rest and relaxation, then Hampshire has award winning spas, all in serene locations. Favourites include Lime Wood Hotel, Careys Manor, Chewton Glen, Hilton Ageas Bowl, Southampton Harbour Hotel and Four Seasons Hampshire.

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Exbury Gardens



Gunwharf Quays

## Military Heritage

Hampshire is home to all three armed forces and has some great military attractions. Portsmouth is the home of the Royal Navy and Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. This world class attraction offers a truly immersive experience where visitors can board historic vessels such as Lord Nelson's flagship HMS Victory, ironclad HMS Warrior, the submarine HMS Alliance and also walk through the award winning Mary Rose Museum.

Learn about the Army's story from creation to the modern day at Aldershot Military Museum.

In the Test Valley is The Museum of Army Flying, showcasing the history of the Army's operations in the sky. Buckler's Hard, Winchester's Military Museums, Explosion Museum in Gosport and Royal Armouries Fort Nelson are also a blast for any day out!

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## Shopping

Hampshire is a top shopping destination with plenty of places to shop 'til you drop! The beautiful waterfront location of Gunwharf Quays is a must visit, a premium outlet destination where you can buy items from top brands at a snip of the normal price.

You'll be sure to find that perfect gift for yourself or someone else with over 100 shops, at the huge Westquay shopping centre in Southampton.

Festival Place in Basingstoke in the north of the county is host to all the high street favourites.

If you're looking for boutiques head to historic Winchester or the stunning market towns of Alresford, Petersfield, Romsey and Stockbridge.

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Portsmouth Historic Dockyard





Mayflower Theatre

## Jane Austen

Hampshire's most famous resident was the world renowned writer Jane Austen. She was born in Steventon and lived all but five years of her life in Hampshire. Jane had her most productive writing years when living in the village of Chawton and many of her novels were inspired by the stunning Hampshire countryside. Visit Jane Austen's House Museum and see the table at which Jane wrote her novels. Close by is Jane Austen's brother's home Chawton House Library, which can also be explored. Winchester Cathedral is where Jane was laid to rest and visitors are able to visit her grave stone.

Discover more about Jane Austen attractions and events at [visit-hampshire.co.uk/janeausten](https://visit-hampshire.co.uk/janeausten)

## Arts & Culture

There's a thriving arts culture in Southampton and a newly developed Cultural Quarter where the Nuffield Southampton Theatres City (NST City), Mayflower Theatre, SeaCity Museum and Southampton Art Gallery are all located.

You can watch high quality performances all over the county at Winchester Theatre Royal, Kings Theatre in Southsea and The Anvil in Basingstoke. There are plenty of art spaces and events in Hampshire's villages and market towns.

Don't miss the Winchester Hat Fair held over one weekend in July, where the city is taken over by entertainers, musicians and acrobatic performers.

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Jane Austen House Museum



# Key Events

World class events are held all year round, with plenty of music festivals throughout the summer, sporting events at Southampton and Portsmouth Football Clubs or catch a cricket match at the Ageas Bowl. Arts events, theatre productions and exhibitions are all held across the county.



## February

Winchester Cocktail Week  
Alton Winter Beer Festival  
Petersfield Beer & Cider Festival

## March

Farmers Markets,  
(county wide)

## April

Alton Walking Festival  
ABP Marathon,  
Southampton

## May

British Touring Car  
Championship Thruxton,  
Andover  
Alresford Watercress  
Festival  
Common People Festival,  
Southampton

## June

Isle of Wight Festival  
Kite Surfing Armada,  
Hayling Island  
Portsmouth Festivities

## July

Round the Island Race,  
The Solent  
Hampshire Food Festival:  
various locations across  
Hampshire  
The New Forest and  
Hampshire County Show,  
Brockenhurst  
Southampton Mela  
Festival, Southampton  
Farnborough International  
Airshow (bi-annual)  
Goodwood Festival of  
Speed, Chichester  
Winchester Hat Fair

## August

Portsmouth International  
Kite Festival  
CarFest South, Laverstoke  
Park Farm  
Victorious Festival,  
Portsmouth  
Boomtown Fair,  
Winchester  
Cowes Week, Isle of Wight

## September

Goodwood Revival,  
Chichester  
Romsey Show,  
Broadlands  
Southampton Boat Show

## October

Great South Run,  
Portsmouth  
Wemsfest Cultural Festival,  
Emsworth

## November & December

Wine Festival Winchester,  
Winchester  
Winchester Cathedral  
Christmas Market and Ice  
Rink

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River Hamble, Bursledon

## Food & Drink

Hampshire is a gastronomic destination with high quality restaurants; a number with Michelin Stars and celebrity chefs including Rick Stein and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall. There's also an abundance of traditional English pubs serving great food and drink in picturesque locations.

Everyone loves a tittle and Hampshire is fast becoming known for its award winning vineyards, gin distilleries and breweries.

Don't miss Hampshire Fare's Food Festival, a month long celebration of foodie events across the whole month of July at various locations.

Stay in one of the many gastronomic hotels such as Lainston House Hotel, The Pig, Lime Wood Hotel or Southampton Harbour Hotel all serving delicious locally sourced dishes.

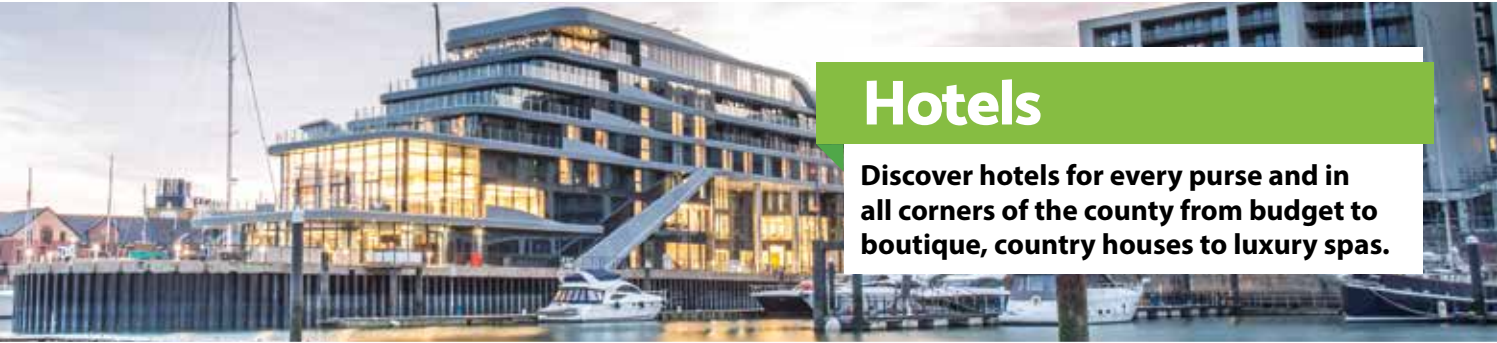
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## Hotels

Discover hotels for every purse and in all corners of the county from budget to boutique, country houses to luxury spas.

## B&B's

You'll find a warm welcome at friendly B&B's in the city and countryside.



## Camping & Glamping

Get back to nature with cool campsites and contemporary glamping.

## Self-Catering & Holiday Cottages

There's plenty of cosy accommodation in idyllic locations across the county.







## Key Points of Interest

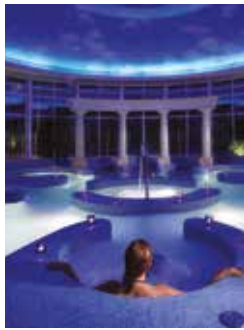
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3. Birdworld
4. Bombay Sapphire Distillery
5. Buckler's Hard
6. Hawk Conservancy Trust
7. Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey)
8. Emirates Spinnaker Tower
9. Exbury Gardens
10. Gunwharf Quays
11. Hattingley Valley Vineyard
12. Jane Austen's House Musuem
13. King Arthur's Round Table at the Great Hall
14. Marwell Zoo
15. Mottisfont
16. Paultons Park, home to Peppa Pig World
17. Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
18. Royal Victoria Country Park
19. The Vyne
20. Thruxton Race Circuit
21. Sir Harold Hillier Gardens
22. Stonehenge (10mins from Hampshire border)
23. Watercress Line
24. Winchester Cathedral
25. Winchester Science Centre



## Getting here

-  Easy Access via M3, M27, A3, A34 & A303
-  Easy access from London, Bristol, Cardiff, Birmingham and Dorset
-  Southampton Airport, Bournemouth (30mins), Heathrow (60 mins) Gatwick (80mins)
-  Ferry Ports at Southampton and Portsmouth, and Cruise Terminals at Southampton





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