

Events

July (alternative years)
Farnborough Air Show
www.farnboroughairshow.com

July (annually)
Hampshire Food Festival
www.hampshirefare.co.uk

July (annually)
Winchester Hat Fair
www.hatfair.co.uk

July (annually)
New Forest Show
www.newforestshow.co.uk

July and September (annually)
Goodwood Festival of Speed and Revival
www.goodwood.com

August (annually)
Cowes Week
www.lendycowesweek.co.uk

September (annually)
Southampton Boat Show
www.southamptonboatshow.com

2020 Events

For the latest information on Southampton and Hampshire's spectacular annual programme of world-class events, please see:
www.visit-hampshire.co.uk/whats-on

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inspired by the past.

Speakers

Speakers are available to provide on-ship and on-shore presentations, after dinner speeches and insight into the story of the Mayflower voyage.

Louise West
Louisewest1@btopenworld.com
Jane Austen

Cheryl Butler
hello@cherylbutler.co.uk

Hampshire

Gardens and Historic Houses

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Port Details

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Southampton, SO14 3QN
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Southampton Port is a short distance from Southampton City Centre and well served by all modes of transport, making access to and from the port effortless.



Highclere Castle



Local Guides

See Southampton
Entertaining and innovative tours for individuals and visiting groups by Southampton's top award winning guides.
+44 (0)7770 842728
www.seesouthampton.co.uk

Southampton Tourist Guides Association
Bringing the stories of old Southampton alive since 1976, our award-winning, qualified guides can offer tours around historic buildings, walking tours, coach and courier services and advice on itineraries.
+44 (0)23 8022 2482 or +44 (0)7748 335576
www.southamptontouristguides.com

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Lucketts Travel
Largest provider of luxury travel on the South Coast with 130 modern, luxury coaches, buses and people carriers.
+44 (0)1329 823755
www.lucketts.co.uk

Princess Coaches
A leading supplier of 16 air-conditioned luxury coaches in the Southampton area.
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www.princesscoaches.com

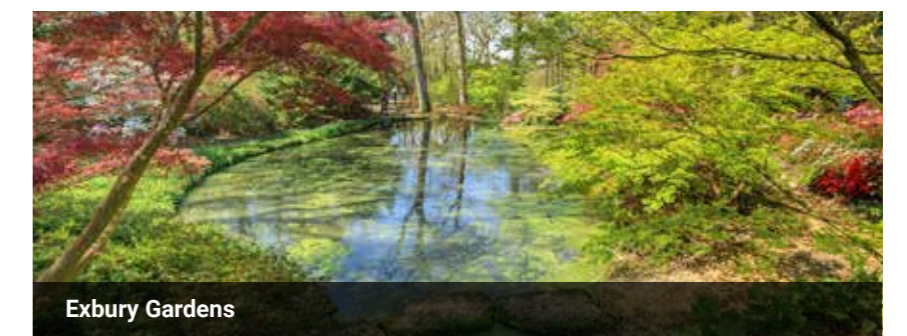
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An introduction to Hampshire

You will find a stunning selection of gardens in Hampshire. The country's gardens are associated with some of the great names in gardening history, from the Rothschild's azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias at Exbury Gardens to the prized collections of the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens near Romsey. Visitors can also enjoy the nearby Mottisfont every summer to see its stunning rose garden with an amazing array of colours along with incredible fragrance.

The county is also home to some of Britain's greatest historical and literary figures – and the Hampshire houses in which they lived are open for you to enjoy. Walk in the footsteps of Lord and Lady Crawley, Lady Edith, Lady Mary and the staff below stairs at Highclere Castle and Gardens near Newbury, where the popular TV series Downton Abbey was filmed.

The Vyne, a National Trust property near Basingstoke has 13 acres of relaxing gardens and parkland to enjoy along with five centuries of history. And see where Jane Austen danced at evening balls in her youth.



Exbury Gardens



Map Key

- Location of attractions
- Food & drink establishments
- Approx walking time from port (minutes)

For more information

For more information about things to do, places to eat and events in Hampshire go to www.visit-hampshire.co.uk. For specific enquiries and further information contact Andrew Bateman at Visit Hampshire. andrew.bateman@hants.gov.uk

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Half-day suggested itinerary

An opportunity to experience some of Hampshire's finest gardens, all within a short distance of Southampton port.

Sir Harold Hillier Gardens (1-2hrs approx)

Here you will discover amazing displays of different plants and habitats, including a Bog Garden, Winter Garden, Heather Garden, Hydrangea Walk, Himalayan Valley and Acer Valley. There are art exhibitions, concerts, guided walks and children's activities throughout the year and little ones will adore the exciting tree house.



Sir Harold Hillier Gardens

Exbury Gardens & Steam Railway (1-2hrs approx)

Here you can smell the heady aromas and see the stunning colours of these glorious flowers as they burst into bloom in spring. At other times of the year you can explore this garden's many attractions, including its miniature steam railway, tree-lined walks, adventure playground and spectacular views of the Beaulieu River.



Exbury Gardens & Steam Railway

Mottisfont

This superb National Trust property has over 500 varieties of roses within its walled gardens. Some varieties are so rare that it's possible the only examples left are found here.



Mottisfont

Things to do

Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, nr Romsey

The award-winning arboretum is famous the world over, covering 72 hectares and accommodating over 42,000 trees and shrubs.



+44 (0)1794 369318
Email: hilliergardens.groups@hants.gov.uk
www.hilliergardens.co.uk

Exbury Gardens & Steam Railway

Over 20 miles of riverside walks and woodland pathways showcasing the world-famous Rothschild collection of rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias. Also featuring a miniature steam railway.



+44 (0)23 8089 1203
Email: info@exbury.co.uk
www.exbury.co.uk

Highclere Castle, nr Newbury

Explore the history, gardens, events and life behind the scenes of "The Real Downton Abbey".



+44 (0)1635 253210
Email: theoffice@highclerecastle.co.uk
www.highclerecastle.co.uk

The Vyne, nr Basingstoke

A warm red-bricked Tudor mansion built in the 16th century for Lord Sandys, Henry VIII's Lord Chamberlain, with wonderful gardens.



+44 (0)1256 883858
Email: theyyne@nationaltrust.org.uk
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/the-vyne

Mottisfont, nr Romsey

A romantic house and art gallery set in beautiful riverside gardens which include a walled rose garden.



+44 (0)1794 340757
Email: groupbookings.mottisfont@nationaltrust.org.uk
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont

Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton

The country cottage where Jane Austen lived and wrote, now an intimate museum. Explore the house and learn about Jane's life through displays of her precious belongings including her jewellery, letters and the table where she wrote her much loved novels.



+44 (0)1420 83262
Email: enquiries@jahmusm.org.uk
www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk

Chawton House

A quintessential Elizabethan manor house that once belonged to Jane Austen's brother, Edward. Jane lived in a cottage on his estate and would enjoy the house and picturesque gardens.



+44 (0)1420 541010
Email: groups@chawtonhouse.org
www.chawtonhouse.org

Gilbert White & The Oates Collections, Selborne

Discover three fascinating stories about explorers of the natural world at the home of this famous 18th century naturalist.



+44 (0)1420 511275
Email: info@gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk
www.gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk

Lunch and evening meals

The Old Vine, Winchester

Blending style, character and comfort this charming 18th century coaching house with rooms is complete with beamed ceilings.



+44 (0)1962 854616
Email: reservations@oldvinewinchester.com
www.oldvinewinchester.com

The Running Horse Inn, nr Winchester

This stylishly renovated inn offers 2 AA rosette dining in a pretty village on the outskirts of Winchester.



+44 (0)1962 880218
Email: info@runninghorseinn.co.uk
www.runninghorseinn.co.uk

Brasserie Blanc, Winchester

A traditional French restaurant in the heart of the city centre.



+44 (0)1962 810870
Email: winchester@brasserieblanc.com
www.brasserieblanc.com/restaurants/winchester/

Dancing Man Brewery, Southampton

Micro-brewery and dining in a 14th century wool house on Southampton Quay.



+44 (0)23 8083 6666
Email: bookings@dancingmanbrewery.co.uk
www.dancingmanbrewery.co.uk

Grand Café, Southampton

This Grade II listed building opened as the grand South Western Hotel in 1872. Today visitors can dine in the original Wedgewood Ballroom, the Grand Café's main restaurant, which was used by first class passengers of the Titanic.



+44 (0)23 8033 9303
Email: info@grand-cafe.co.uk
www.grand-cafe.co.uk

Mercure Southampton Centre Dolphin Hotel

The Dolphin Hotel is an old coaching inn dating back to the 15th Century and the oldest hotel in Southampton. It is most famously known for where author Jane Austen, celebrated her 18th Birthday.



+44 (0)23 8038 6460
Email: H7876-SL@accor.com
www.dolphin-southampton.com

Full-day suggested itinerary

A tour of North Hampshire and two of its most famous historic houses and gardens



Highclere Castle

Highclere Castle (1-2 hrs)

Follow in the footsteps of the fictional Grantham family, the backdrop for the popular period drama Downton Abbey. Soak up the magnificent library, bedrooms, drawing room and entrance hall,

now familiar to millions. Explore the extensive grounds, gift shop and Egyptian exhibition.

Winchester High Street (1hr approx)

Wander through this city's streets and you will find independent and big name stores, chic boutiques and designer treasure troves alongside exclusive cafés, established restaurants and vibrant galleries.

The Vyne (1-2hrs approx)

The fabulous imposing house was home to lords and ladies for five centuries. Over the years it's been visited by Tudor kings, been lived in by a Speaker for the House of Commons and sheltered in by Second World War evacuees. Laze on the lawn, meander through the meadow or stroll through the organic parkland into the ancient woodland.



The Vyne

Food and Dining Experiences

Hattingley Valley Vineyard

A family owned vineyard specialising in premium English sparkling wines.



+44 (0)1256 389188
Email: chris.delves@hattingleyvalley.co.uk
www.hattingleyvalley.com

Bombay Sapphire Distillery

Uncover secrets of this famous gin and enjoy tours of the distillery, which is housed within a 300 year old mill that was used to supply bank note paper to the Bank of England.



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Email: groups@bombaysapphire.com
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