

Events

Plymouth makes an amazing stage. Celebrate our military roots at Armed Forces Day, taste the best local produce at top food festival Flavour Fest or enjoy the spectacular pyrotechnics on display with six professional firework companies competing against one another at the British Fireworks Championships.

Experience something new and see the city like never before.

For the latest information on Plymouth's spectacular annual programme of world-class events please go to www.visitplymouth.co.uk

Mayflower 2020 Events

Visitors can look forward to a series of unique experiences through our Mayflower 400 events programme. In November 2019 and 2020 the Illuminate Festival will open and close the commemoration, with a range of digital and light based art reaching across the city. Plymouth's new heritage trails will launch in February, highlighting our exceptional history ranging from the Mayflower, Darwin and Drake through to our post war reconstruction.

In September a week of activity will bookend the Mayflower Ceremony, which will mark the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's departure to America.

This includes the Mayflower Muster, a major military two-day event recognising the special relationship between the UK, US and Netherlands.

These highlights sit within a wider programme incorporating over 150 events through the commemoration year, making it the perfect time to visit Plymouth.

For more details of the Mayflower400 commemorations go to www.mayflower400uk.org



Plymouth

Britain's Ocean City

An Introduction to Plymouth - Britain's Ocean City

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Map Key

- Location of attractions
- Food & drink establishments

For more information

For more information about things to do, places to eat and events in Plymouth, go to www.visitplymouth.co.uk

For specific enquiries and further information, contact Alison Bartlett at Destination Plymouth.
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Smeaton's Tower

Steeped in seafaring history, Plymouth is a stunning city in a beautiful waterfront setting. Sandwiched between the rugged landscape of Dartmoor National Park and the incredible South West coastline, there's something here for every traveller to enjoy.

Delve into our heritage, exploring the fascinating history of a city shaped by its past, or dive head-first into everything you'd expect from a lively, cultural city with shopping, arts and entertainment. Rain or shine Britain's Ocean City is home to breath-taking views, plenty to see and do and lots of fresh, sea air.



The Barbican

Plymouth: So much to see and do

Spend a day exploring all that Plymouth has to offer, from the historic cobbled streets of the Barbican, to a behind the scenes tour of Plymouth Gin, or discover the city's great shopping, food and drink.

Smeaton's Tower

(1 hours approx.)

The centrepiece of Plymouth Hoe, Smeaton's Tower has become one of the South West's most iconic landmarks. The lighthouse was originally built on the Eddystone reef in 1759, but was taken down in the early 1880s when it was discovered that the sea was undermining the rock it was standing on. Approximately two thirds of the structure was moved stone by stone to its current home on the Hoe. Now standing at 72 foot high, Smeaton's Tower offers fantastic views of Plymouth Sound and the city from its lantern room which, along with the rest of the building, has been painstakingly restored to its original glory.

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Smeaton's Tower

Elizabethan Gardens and Elizabethan House (2 hours approx.)

Nestled on the cobbled streets of the historic Barbican, the Elizabethan House and hidden Elizabethan Gardens offer a rare glimpse of history. One of Plymouth's most historic properties, the first recorded occupant of the Elizabethan House was a man called William Hele who purchased it from a merchant in 1631 for £150. Today the Elizabethan House is a rare surviving example of its time and still retains many of its original features. Currently undergoing a conservation-led restoration the house will reopen in 2020 with an immersive museum experience transporting visitors back to Elizabethan Plymouth.

Due to stone steps and cobbled paths this garden is not suitable for those whose mobility is limited.

Elizabethan House will not open until 2020.

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Elizabethan Gardens

Royal William Yard

(1.5 hours approx.)

Royal William Yard is a Grade 1 Listed former Naval Victualling Yard and an awe inspiring example of Georgian architecture. Linked to the South West Coast Path by a striking stairway, visitors will be able to explore the buildings and architecture and take time to enjoy the cafés, restaurants, art galleries and shops.

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Royal William Yard



St Andrew's Church

The Minster Church of St Andrew, Plymouth (1.5 hours approx.)

For more than 1,000 years the Minster Church of St Andrew has stood at the heart of Plymouth. It is the largest parish church in Devon and the oldest building in the city, dating largely from the fifteenth century but containing remnants of the original Norman church.

Over the centuries St Andrew's has been associated with many notable figures including Charles I, Charles II, Edward VII, Catherine of Aragon, Sir Francis Drake and Sir John Hawkins.

In March 1941 the church was severely damaged during the Blitz but, despite the loss of its roof, windows and other devastation, continued for years afterwards to serve as a place of worship.

A garden was created within the shattered remains of the building and to this day St Andrew's is still known as 'The Garden Church'.

Reconstruction began in 1949 and it reopened in 1957.

The minster's six famous stained glass windows, designed by English artist John Piper, attract visitors from around the world.

The Mayflower Pilgrims arrived in Plymouth in 1620 aboard the Mayflower en route to the New World. During their short stay it is rumoured that they attended St Andrew's and were warmly welcomed by the congregation who were sympathetic to their cause.

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Plymouth Boat Trips

(½ hour Connecting Ferries / 1-4 hour Cruises / 3 ½ hour Fishing Trips)

Plymouth Boat Trips is the South West's premier cruising, ferry and fishing company. Regular ferry services run to a variety of destinations including Royal William Yard, Mount Edgcombe House and Country Park, and the quaint fishing and smuggling villages of Cawsand and Kingsand, surrounded by secluded beaches and coastal walks. Plymouth Boat Trips also offers spectacular sight-seeing cruises. The daily, one-hour 'Mayflower Heritage & Plymouth Harbour Cruise' takes you from the place where the Pilgrims set sail on their intrepid journey to America, passing Plymouth Hoe, where Drake awaited the Spanish Armada, and on to the warships and submarines of the Royal Naval Dockyard.

Additions:-

- Fully Licensed Bars on-board all cruise vessels
- Complementary tea and coffee on selected packages
- Connecting tours
- Commentary translations available via headphones
- Devonshire cream tea
- Optional 'CYC – Cook Your Catch' after fishing with Fish 'n' Trips
- Quayside dining available at The Boathouse Cafe

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Plymouth Boat Trips

Plymouth in an afternoon

If you only have a few hours in Plymouth, spend an afternoon exploring the history and heritage of the city, with a spot of culture too!



Devonport Guildhall and Column (1 hours approx.)

The Grade I listed Devonport Guildhall and Column share a fascinating history, dating back nearly 200 years.

Visitors can explore the Guildhall for free through an interactive audio tour, learning about all the different areas of the buildings history from the cells and police station to the court and mortuary.

Devonport Column, designed in 1824 by John Foulston, offers panoramic views of Plymouth's landscape, stretching towards Dartmoor and across the sea.

As one of the few commemorative columns in the country still open to the public the column is a rare heritage site steeped in history and offering one of the best views in town.

With a spiral staircase of 137 steps the column is not recommended for those with limited mobility.

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National Marine Aquarium (1.5 hours approx.)

Just across the harbour from Plymouth's historic Barbican is the National Marine Aquarium, home to the deepest tank in the UK with over 2 million litres of water in its Atlantic Ocean exhibit. Over 4,000 marine animals can be seen including sharks, jellyfish and Friday, the Green Turtle! National Marine Aquarium boat trips also offer the opportunity to learn about the animals that live and visit the waters of Plymouth Sound with a team of Marine Biologists and Ocean Conservationists.

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Plymouth's Georgian Synagogue (1.5 hours approx.)

Take a guided tour around Plymouth's Georgian Synagogue, built in 1762 the Ashkenazi Synagogue is the oldest still in regular use in the English speaking world. Hear the history of the Jewish community and their place in Plymouth, along with tales of GIs, the Jewish Regiments, Wallis Simpson and Davin Ben-Gurion.

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Don't miss

If you only have a short time in this beautiful Ocean City, make sure to visit:

Royal Citadel (2 hours approx.)

The Royal Citadel stands proudly on Plymouth Hoe, a dramatic 17th century English defence for 100 years. Guided walking tours of the Citadel give visitors an insight into the history behind the defences originally built to defend the coastline from the Dutch. Still an operational military base today these tours offer a rare glimpse behind the Citadel walls.

The walking tour includes some steep inclines up ramparts, but is accessible for both wheelchairs and pushchairs.

www.citadel.yapsody.com



Plymouth Gin (40 mins approx.)

Visit the home of one of Plymouth's best-loved and most famous exports: Plymouth Gin. Brewed in the Black Friars Distillery on the Barbican since 1793, tours are available to learn the history of this long-standing gin brand and its home and even offer the opportunity for visitors to distil their own.

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Shopping (1 hour approx.)

Visitors to the city can indulge in some retail therapy with top-brand names in Drake Circus and the city centre high street, the 150 stall indoor Plymouth City Market in the West End or discover the individual antiques, art galleries and unique stores on the streets of the historic Barbican.

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Le Vignoble wine tasting (45 mins approx.)

Le Vignoble, which means 'the vineyard' in French is situated in Royal William Yard, offering elements of lounge, retail and education. Visitors can sample up to 32 different wines with a taster or glass of wine from their self-service Enomatic dispensers. Private wine tastings are available on the date and time of your choice for a minimum of 5 people. Discover more about one specific region or variety during a focused wine tasting session.

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Further afield

Explore the wilds of Dartmoor, the genteel country houses of Cornwall or the beautiful coastline on Plymouth's doorstep.



Mount Edgcumbe House and Country Park (via the Cremyll Ferry) in 8 mins 1.5miles or 20 mins from the Barbican landing stage

Mount Edgcumbe House and Country Park covers over 865 acres and 17.9km of coastline and is the earliest landscaped park in Cornwall.

The former home of the Earls of Mount Edgcumbe, offers a great way for visitors to soak up the incredible views of Plymouth Sound in the grounds of the famous historic house with Grade I Cornish gardens.

With shops, cafés and restaurants it is the destination of choice for visitors to Cornwall and Plymouth alike. In 2020 and beyond Mount Edgcumbe will be offering

a bespoke 'Mayflower' Tour of the House. This will be based around the objects and interior of the Tudor residence that existed in 1620 as the Mayflower set sail.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to dress up in meticulously researched Mayflower Pilgrim Clothing and have their photograph taken in a house built 73 years before the Pilgrims set sail.

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Pentillie Castle (2.5 hours approx.)

Pentillie Castle & Estate is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful private estates to visit in Cornwall. Set in 2,000 acres of stunning Cornish countryside, Pentillie Castle sits proudly above the River Tamar with far reaching views over the Tamar Valley to Dartmoor National Park. The family run 17th century castle is a 5 star multi award winning venue steeped in rich aristocratic history.

Pentillie's intriguing history began in 1698 when Sir James Tillie, a flamboyant character, built a grand house on the Cornish bank of the River Tamar.

When he died in 1713 he commanded he be buried in his finest clothes accompanied with books and fine wines to await resurrection in the building on Mount Ararat – now the Mausoleum. His statue stands proudly in the courtyard at the front of the castle. With over 55 acres of stunning woodland gardens and historical buildings to explore, Pentillie Estate offers a stunning and truly unique visitor experience.

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Country gardens and cream tea tour (3 hours approx.)

Enjoy one of England's finest country gardens, on the edge of Dartmoor National Park, followed by a traditional Devon Cream Tea at its birthplace as part of this guided afternoon tour.

A short drive into the stunning countryside and landscapes of Dartmoor National Park leads to The Garden House, a place steeped in history with its walled garden, dating from the 14th century.

Sir Francis Drake, who lived nearby, would have been familiar with the monastery that was within the garden walls.

This enchanting 10 acre garden attracts visitors from all over the world.

Visitors will then continue on to the award-winning Devon market town of Tavistock, for a well-earned, traditional Devon Cream Tea at the place where it was invented – The Bedford Hotel. Enjoy warm home-baked scones, luscious local strawberry jam and Devon clotted cream, served with your choice of tea or coffee, in this historic town-house hotel.

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Saltram House (2 hours approx.)

This magnificent Georgian mansion and tranquil garden is in the heart of historic parkland on the outskirts of Plymouth.

One of the National Trust's hidden treasures, Saltram makes for a perfect day out, close to Plymouth and yet in a world of its own.

The magnificent house with its original contents gives a fascinating insight into rich and sophisticated country-estate life.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/saltram



Burgh Island (2.5 hours approx.)

Burgh Island Hotel is an iconic Devon landmark on its own tidal island surrounded by golden beaches and silver seas, less than an hour from Plymouth.

Built in the 1920s and now restored to its '30s glamour, step back in time for a retreat like no other.

Enjoy breathtaking walks around the island, a pint of beer with fish & chips at the Pilchard Inn or a glamorous black tie, five course dinner at Burgh Island Hotel (advanced booking required).

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Sir Francis Drake

Guided Walks

Heroines and Heroes (3 hours approx.)

Meet/Start: St Andrew's Church on Royal Parade Taxi (0.8m) 5mins.

This walk begins at the restored c15th St Andrew's Church and the Victorian Guildhall, all that survives of the city's old commercial quarter.

Along the way, we pass the oldest house in Plymouth owned by Medieval Merchant Yogge and the c18th Public Dispensary, not far from the historic Ashkenazi Synagogue.

The walk continues following in the footsteps of our Heroines, Catherine

of Aragon, Lady Nancy Astor and the Pilgrim ladies who endured the voyage of the Mayflower in 1620.

We finish on the Barbican and learn how this waterfront area has adapted to become the lively and bustling modern centre of leisure and marine education that it is today.

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Lady Nancy Astor's House

Explorers and Adventurers – Hardship and Harmony (3 hours approx.)

Meet/Start: Royal Parade, Distance From the port: Royal Parade/Armada Way Taxi (0.8m) 5mins.

This walk begins in the city centre and ends on the historic waterfront with stunning vistas of the world-famous Plymouth Hoe, Smeaton's Tower, Drake's Statue and The Royal Citadel.

Along the way hear enthralling tales of enterprising adventurers and intrepid explorers – from the early Anglo-Saxon and Viking invaders, to the Elizabethan sea dogs. From the undaunted female visitors and plucky residents in times of distress and peace.

This walk takes in the poignant Sensory-Peace Garden on Plymouth Hoe and finishes at the Mayflower Steps on The Barbican.

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