

# Hampshire

## ANVIL ARTS

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Anvil Arts is the largest performing arts organisation in Hampshire. It runs The Anvil, The Haymarket and The Forge in Basingstoke. The diverse programme ranges from classical, rock, pop and jazz concerts to drama, comedy, dance and more. Min number for a group booking is ten people, discounts sometimes apply.

## ARMY FLYING MUSEUM

Middle Wallop, Stockbridge, Hampshire SO20 8FB

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Marketing & Events Manager: Joe Faretra

The Museum is usually open daily and tells the 100 year story of the British Army in the air. A great day out for all the family, the Apache Café has excellent views across an active Army airfield where visitors may see the Army Air Corps in training.

## BEAULIEU

Beaulieu, New Forest, Hampshire SO42 7ZN

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At Beaulieu discover the many delights of this world-famous attraction with over 250 vehicles in the National Motor Museum and World of Top Gear. Visit historic Palace House and its gardens, and Beaulieu Abbey. Rides include a high-level monorail and veteran bus.

## BLUE FUNNEL CRUISES

Ferry House, Canute Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 3FJ

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We offer scheduled day & evening cruises along with bespoke private charter packages sailing from Southampton. Our boat has two fully heated saloons and a spacious sundeck, bars are open from boarding. Running all year round we can always provide the perfect cruise opportunity including meals for your group visit. Call us for a chat or visit our website for more information.

## BLUE REEF AQUARIUM - PORTSMOUTH

Clarence Esplanade, Southsea, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO5 3PB

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Website: www.bluereefaquarium.co.uk

Enjoy close encounters with seahorses, sharks, stingrays, otters and hundreds of other incredible aquatic creatures. Explore the dazzling beauty of a coral reef and journey through the spectacular tropical ocean display in a transparent underwater tunnel. Informative, entertaining talks and feeding displays throughout the day.

## BOMBAY SAPPHIRE DISTILLERY

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Sales and Marketing Manager: Amy Dobson

Based at Laverstoke Mill in rural Hampshire, just 15 miles from Winchester and 60 miles from London, the Bombay Sapphire Distillery has over 1000 years of history. The distillery showcases the care, skill and artistry behind every drop of Bombay Sapphire, and allows you to discover the flavours of the botanicals which make Bombay Sapphire gin so unique.

## THE BRICKWORKS MUSEUM

Swanwick Lane, Southampton, Hampshire SO31 7HB

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Website: www.thebrickworksmuseum.org

Project Director: Carolyne Haynes

A really authentic experience walking in the footsteps of our Victorian forefathers. The only steam driven brickworks left in the country. Lots to see and do including guided tours, café, free parking with room for coaches. We can also steam up the working machinery for a small extra fee.

## BRITTANY FERRIES

Group Travel, The Brittany Centre, Wharf Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO2 8RU

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Website: www.brittany-ferries.co.uk

Largest operator on the western Channel, offering both highspeed craft and conventional cruise ferry services. Routes are Portsmouth to Caen, Portsmouth to Cherbourg, Portsmouth to St. Malo, Poole to Cherbourg, Plymouth to Roscoff, Portsmouth to Santander and Plymouth to Santander.

## BUCKLER'S HARD

Buckler's Hard, New Forest, Hampshire SO42 7XB

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Buckler's Hard, on the banks of the Beaulieu River, was once a thriving shipbuilding village where ships for Nelson's Trafalgar fleet were built. The Maritime Museum reveals the fascinating story of this unique village during the 18th & 19th centuries bringing to life the characters that once lived there.

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WINCHESTER  
CATHEDRAL

# Who's in the spotlight? Winchester Cathedral

Nestled in the heart of Hampshire, one of Southern England's most historic buildings, Winchester Cathedral boasts centuries of English heritage, magnificent architecture, priceless treasures and works of art.

Once the seat of Anglo-Saxon and Norman royal power, this fascinating site has played host to Kings and Queens for centuries, including William the Conqueror, Mary Tudor and Prince Philip of Spain.

Steeped in history, one of the best ways to explore the Cathedral is with a trained Guide, who will be able to tell you all about its colourful past, including wonderful stories about the people associated with the Cathedral, such as William Walker, the diver who saved the Cathedral in the early 1900s. As part of the tour, you will have the opportunity to discover the massive vaults of the Cathedral's early Norman crypt, the ornate Renaissance chantry chapels, Jane Austen's grave and the Great West Window.

Frequent guided tours are available Monday to Saturday, from 10:00am – 3:30pm and are included in the admission fee.

## All groups, large and small, are welcome

Winchester Cathedral can arrange general interest and themed guided tours, provide catering packages and assist with other aspects of planning, such as the length of visit, advice on travel and parking, and neighbouring sites of interest. A special rate of £8 per person applies for groups of ten or more and includes entry and a standard Cathedral tour, or £10 per person if taking a special interest tour.



Visitors who are feeling adventurous can also climb the Cathedral Tower, which offers magnificent views across Winchester and the surrounding county. You will see the ringing chamber, the great Cathedral bells and walk the full length of the Nave roof with its huge wood beams. Visit the Winchester Cathedral website or phone the Box Office (01962 857 275) for more information (additional fees apply to Tower Tours, booking in advance is essential and a signed health and safety form is required).

Also on offer is Kings and Scribes: The Birth of a Nation, a spectacular three-level exhibition in the South Transept which takes visitors on an interactive journey, showcasing some of the nation's greatest treasures. Highlights of this experience include the Winchester Bible, one of the UK's finest illuminated manuscripts, the 17th-century Morley Library and the story of the Cathedral's mortuary chests, believed to contain the remains of Saxon royalty.

A wide range of events take place throughout the year. From classical concerts, open-air theatre and family trails to art exhibitions and light installations, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Visitors won't want to miss these key events for 2022, including Gossaert, Luxmuralis, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the return of the Christmas Market, which is recognised as one of the best in Europe.

Hampshire is the perfect blend of city, coast and country. Whether visiting for a day trip or short break, you'll find a range of things to do, with so many attractions and experiences available. Discover exciting events throughout the year from arts, culture, festivals, music, sports and much more. ■

[www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/welcome](http://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/welcome)