

EMA PORTSMOUTH - SPRING 2026

THE ADVENTURE

<https://www.visitportsmouth.co.uk/>

An adventure with Lord Nelson and Henry the VIII in the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard with Shopping in Gun Wharf Quays. So much more to do in the surrounding area including the Isle of Wight and Barrow Island (Rat Island). www.historicdockyard.co.uk

We have put this out early, as it's a Bank Holiday weekend and Portsmouth is busy all year round.

WE WILL NEED PROVISIONAL NUMBERS TO PROCEED

We are sure you all know the problem.

THE HOTEL

NO FINANCIAL commitment for us or you for some time.

We have reserved 30 rooms. The cost of the adventure is priced over 3 nights. We have reserved 30 Double/Twin or single rooms that you can extend before or after the weekend.

More rooms are available at this stage.

HOTEL PRICES

We have a fixed price room rate with breakfast, double or twin at £135.90 per night x 3 nights £404.70. Additional nights are the same rate. Leaving approximately £400 to pay for couples. Single room £109.80 per night x 3 nights £329.40. Additional nights are the same rate. Leaving approximately £200 for singles to pay.

Other Hotels in the area are not taking bookings this far ahead. We have a plan "B" with a Hotel next door

You can book your rooms now and pay on arrival as we have a cancellation period of one week prior to arrival at NO cost.

The hotel will only take bookings direct from guests. Book by phone 023 9298 2182 quote reference GA000716 EMA for fixed room rate.

They will email you confirmation showing price to pay on arrival.

BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOMS NOW! - [NO CANCELLATION FEE] - until a week before the Meeting

Book ASAP please and copy George and me in.

You will be staying in The Oldie World Royal Maritime Hotel which has the Trafalgar Ball Room, Nelson Lounge, Hood meeting room, and breakfast in the Horatio Restaurant.

Click on the website. www.royalmaritimehotel.co.uk

The hotel is 100 metres from Portsmouth Historic Dockyard Gates, which opens at 10 am. The Main Line Train Station is 150 metres and Gun Wharf Quays Entrance is 200 meters. There is a short cut from the hotel, pedestrians only.

THE MASONIC MEETING

The Masonic meeting is at the Victory Lodge 3509. www.coshammasoniccentre.co.uk

THE ITINERARY

The adventure starts by booking in officially on THURSDAY 30th April 2026 from 12 midday until 4 pm or when you arrive. We have the Nelson Lounge for EMA only, it's next to the reception and bar which opens at 12 midday.

Rooms available from 2 pm 🍷. Other restaurants, pubs and snack bars available for drinks and food nearby at your cost. You can lunch by the sea.

THURSDAY Evening.

We meet at 6-30 pm and cross the road to the Historic Dockyard Gates with a bag search at the entrance. We dine in the Boathouse 4 Warehouse until 10-30 ish.

You can walk round part of it before going up stairs to the restaurant and bar (lift). You look over the boats being repaired and out to sea. No set seating arrangements, dress comfortable, time to mingle and chat (included).

FRIDAY Morning 1st May

After breakfast we cross the road to the Royal Dockyard, another bag search, for a tour of the Mary Rose, an incredible experience. You could go round later that day if you have other plans, valid that day only (Included).

You can book other visits in advance or on the day. www.historicdockyard.co.uk **FREE TIME**

FRIDAY Evening

The Lodge meeting is at the Victory Lodge 3509 at Cosham Masonic Centre about 15 minutes by coach leaving at 4-30 to 5pm. (Included).

They have a Face Book page.

Ladies and partners dine in the Nelson Lounge in the evening (included); the Gentleman can join them in the private room later. Bar open until midnight.

SATURDAY Morning 2nd May after breakfast.

EMA Meeting in the Hood Room available from 10 am to 12 o/c midday. **FREE TIME**

SATURDAY Evening we have the Trafalgar Ball Room in the Hotel.

Members at the Victory lodge and other lodges in the Masonic Centre have shown an interest in the Gala Night as have the Province. It would be £55 pp to join us. (Included in members charge).

SUNDAY 3rd May Breakfast. Bid farewell or additional stay time.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Free to enter the Docks for the gift shop and Boathouse 4.

The Solent boat trip around the harbour operates from 11 am to 4 pm and you get an interesting commentary.

The cost was £12 ish pp (at your cost).

TRAVEL.

Mentioned the train station. Southampton International Airport have flights from Europe, Ireland, Northern Ireland, and UK. There is a train service from the airport to the docks or cab. That could take between 45 minutes by train and a bit quicker by Cab, depending on traffic. Train service's may not be direct to Portsmouth in the UK. A direct service from Waterloo in London takes 1 hour 30 minutes to 2 hours.

PARKING

There are a few parking spaces at hotel, which has a ramp to the left of the stairs. You can book in advance with a blue badge. Some street parking in a side road with a Council note from hotel, was £8 a day. Multi Story car park across the road that was £12 a night through the hotel.

BOOKING FORMS

These will be circulated separately later

We have enjoyed planning this Adventure. Please let us know what you think?

*** PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS VISIT !**

*** MAKE YOUR PRELIMINARY HOTEL BOOKINGS NOW !**

All the best

Kindest regards

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