



Portsmouth Film Office

From stunning historic ships to castles and forts, Victorian buildings and modern architecture, Portsmouth could be just the location you're looking for. City streets, urban areas, open spaces & parks; and our own seaside resort of Southsea – four miles of seafront promenade, stunning gardens, a castle and a Victorian pier.

Portsmouth has been increasingly popular for filming and photography over the years and more recently has played host to *EastEnders*, *Silent Witness*, *James Bond*, *Robbie Williams'* music video and the exciting Naval drama, *Making Waves*.

Some great locations in Portsmouth:

- Port Solent is the country's third largest marina, and with the stylish Mediterranean atmosphere it's easy to see why it is so popular. Cafés, bars & restaurants make the most of the waterside setting with terraces & balconies.
- Old Portsmouth's cobbled streets and narrow lanes are home to some great English pubs & tea rooms. Add to this the vibrant Camber Dock's fish markets, stunning sea views and fortifications.
- Sites such as Hilsea Lido and South Parade Pier lend themselves perfectly to music videos and photo shoots. Plenty of space and atmosphere, with a touch of faded grandeur.
- Pounds Marine is a fascinating site which began life as a scrap merchants in the early 1900's. Disused ship parts, storage buildings and scrap give Pounds a fantastic industrial feel.
- Southsea's streets are host to a range of contemporary cafés & bars, individual & high street shops. Head slightly further south to the seafront area where there's a traditional pier, funfair, award-winning gardens and hovercraft landing point – not forgetting the panoramic views across the Solent and to the Isle of Wight.
- Portsmouth is a hot-spot for art housed within fantastic buildings. Chose from the newly-relocated Aspex Gallery at Gunwharf Quays, The City Museum's Fine Art collection or the Royal Naval Museum at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.
- The D-Day Museum, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and the Royal Marines museum have advised on major feature films in recent years, including *Saving Private Ryan* and *Master & Commander: The Far Side of the World*.
- Portsmouth's iconic Spinnaker Tower has viewing platforms at 100m, 105m and 110m, so the views of the South Coast are unrivalled. The Spinnaker Tower is within Gunwharf Quays, the multi-million pound waterfront development with designer outlet shopping, stylish bars and restaurants.

- Portsmouth has two magnificent theatres designed by prolific architect Frank Matcham – The Kings Theatre (opened 1907) and the New Theatre Royal (1884).
- Fort Nelson, Fort Widley and Fort Purbrook are situated high on top of Portsdown Hill, overlooking Portsmouth Harbour. Networks of tunnels go deep into the chalk hills and plenty of open spaces are available.
- The award-winning Blue Reef Aquarium has naturally themed displays featuring everything from seahorses to tropical sharks. At the aquarium's heart, the giant tropical ocean reef tank has it's own underwater walk-through tunnel.
- Portsmouth boasts two wonderful cathedrals – the Anglican St Thomas's Cathedral with it's light stone, huge arches, spacious nave and towering bronze doors; and the Catholic St John's Cathedral, in a 19th century French Gothic style.
- Portsmouth's sporting venues include Fratton Park, home to the Premiership team 'Pompey', Portsmouth Greyhound Stadium and the outdoor Southsea Skatepark.

Our services

We offer a free information service for film crews, location managers and photographers wishing to use the area. Based within Portsmouth City Council, we can easily liaise with the necessary council departments, the police, residents and local businesses. Hotel or Guest House accommodation can also be sought for film crews. Please contact us with your requirements and we'll endeavour to find the perfect location for your needs.

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