

Plymouth
Britain's Ocean City

PLYMOUTH GROUPS AND TRAVEL TRADE GUIDE



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PLYMOUTH WELCOMES GROUPS

Welcome to Plymouth, Britain's **Ocean City**, here you'll discover hundreds of years of history, from Sir Francis Drake to the Mayflower Pilgrims and the story of a city rebuilt after World War II, alongside vibrant arts and culture, incredible food and drink and the most incredible views you'll see anywhere in the South West.

Plymouth has an impressive waterfront which is completely unmissable. With quaint historic streets, delicious food and drink and beautiful natural spaces to enjoy, there's plenty to explore.

Benefitting from a variety of transport access points from land, sea and air, Plymouth is the perfect destination for group day trips and short breaks.

Plymouth is home to some incredible group friendly attractions, with something for everyone to enjoy – from the UK's largest aquarium to historical boat trips around Plymouth Sound and exciting museums like The Box which can offer some insightful Curator Tours, plus a visit to the famous Plymouth Gin Distillery, to see how this world-famous gin is made and learn about the history.

The city has an interesting and varied maritime history, and there are some fascinating local sites to be visited in the area dating from the 15th century onwards such as the famous Mayflower Steps where the Pilgrims set sail in 1620.

We have some great itineraries for your groups showcasing the Mayflower story in city and our rich maritime heritage.



For more information on group friendly attractions in Plymouth please visit www.visitplymouth.co.uk/traveltrade or email traveltrade@destinationplymouth.org.uk

GROUP FRIENDLY ATTRACTIONS

Plymouth is a vibrant waterfront city packed full of group friendly attractions, activities, shopping, entertainment and sightseeing. Come rain or shine you'll find something here for all groups.

The Box

The Box is a museum, gallery and archive where groups can discover more about Plymouth and its place in the world. We're a venue where a life-sized mammoth rubs shoulders with naval history, where archival film footage is shown alongside cutting edge contemporary art, and where you can have lunch under giant ship's figureheads.

Join our experts and curators to learn more about our fascinating collections and how we built The Box.

Bespoke group tours available on request.

www.theboxplymouth.co.uk



National Marine Aquarium

Visit the UK's largest Aquarium and be amazed by their fascinating underwater world and how they all play a part in conserving it.

The National Marine Aquarium is a registered charity committed to promoting a sympathetic understanding of the sea through programmes of education, conservation and research. Bespoke groups tours are available on request.

www.national-aquarium.co.uk



Plymouth Boat Trips

Plymouth Boat Trips is the premiere cruise company in the South West, with tailored trips, perfect for groups and coach parties wishing to explore Devon and Cornwall. Step aboard and discover Plymouth Sound, the River Tamar, the historic Royal Naval Dockyard and the breathtaking scenery of the South West coast.

www.plymouthboattrips.co.uk



Plymouth Walking Tours

Walking tours of Plymouth, perfect for visitors and groups. Welcoming, entertaining and engaging, delivered by Plymouth people. Explore the historic city of Plymouth with our expert knowledgeable guides. Bespoke walking tours can be created for your group and can be tailored around themes which can focus on the Historic Barbican, Plymouth Hoe and waterfront and can include our wonderful maritime heritage.

www.plymouthwalkingtours.co.uk

Plymouth Gin

Black Friars Distillery, the working home of Plymouth Gin since 1793, is the oldest working gin distillery in England and is situated in the heart of the historic port city of Plymouth.

Take a guided tour and learn about the art of making the world-famous Plymouth Gin, enjoy a tutored tasting of the range and then relax in the Refectory cocktail lounge – the ultimate place to enjoy a cocktail and where the Pilgrim Fathers are said to have spent their last night before setting sail in the Mayflower to the New World.

Connoisseur Tours are available for small groups – discover even more fascinating secrets – contact us for details. Group evening tours are also available by appointment.

www.plymouthgin.com



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GROUP FRIENDLY ACCOMMODATION

You will find there is so much to see and do in Britain's Ocean City for groups, why not extend your visit with us? We have a great range of accommodation for all types of groups requests.

Hotel	Bedrooms	Quality rating	Website
Duke of Cornwall	72	3 star	www.thedukeofcornwall.co.uk
Crowne Plaza	211	4 star	www.ihg.com
New Continental Hotel	99	–	www.newcontinental.co.uk
Leonardo	247	4 star	www.leonardohotels.co.uk
Boringdon Hall	42	5 star	www.boringdonhall.co.uk
Futures Inn	143	3 star	www.futuresinn.co.uk
China Fleet Country Club	41	–	www.china-fleet.co.uk
St Mellion	80	4 star	www.st-mellion.co.uk
Two Bridges Hotel	32	3 star	www.twobridges.co.uk
Elfordleigh	35	–	www.elfordleigh.co.uk
Invicta	23	4 star	www.invictahotel.co.uk
OYO	95	–	www.oyorooms.com
Premier Inn Derrys Cross	110	–	www.premierinn.com
Copthorne Hotel	135	3 star	www.millenniumhotels.com
Moxy Hotel	200	–	www.marriott.com



GROUP FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS

Barbican Kitchen at Plymouth Gin

Black Friars Distillery, the working home of Plymouth Gin since 1793, is the oldest working gin distillery in England and is situated in the heart of the historic port city of Plymouth.

The building dates back to the early 1400's with the oldest part of the building – the Refectory, a medieval hall with a fine hull-shaped timber roof, dating back to 1431.

Take a guided tour and learn about the art of making the world-famous Plymouth Gin, enjoy a tutored tasting of the range and then relax in the Refectory cocktail lounge – the ultimate place to enjoy a cocktail.

www.plymouthdistillery.com



The Boathouse Restaurant

The Boathouse Cafe is a seafood cafe and restaurant, set in a unique location in the fisherman's arches on the Mayflower Steps, just a stone's throw from Plymouth's historic Barbican.

The speciality is wonderful fresh fish and shellfish, caught by our own day boats, along with a changing menu of locally sourced, seasonal produce.

A quirky space, built into the boatman's stores on Commercial Wharf, The Boathouse Cafe is perfect for cosy coffees and delicious dining from daytime through to evening. There's plenty of outside space for dining al fresco, with fantastic views of Sutton Harbour.

www.theboathousecafe.co.uk



Rockfish Plymouth

Rockfish, run by multi award-winning chef Mitch Tonks, is a relaxed place to enjoy some great fish and shellfish. Quality and freshness are key to us. It is no accident that our restaurants are located close to the finest fish markets in the country, the mornings catches of prime fish and shellfish are on your plate that very same day. That's why we say "tomorrow's fish are still in the sea".

Rockfish in Plymouth is situated between the Plymouth Fish Market and the National Marine Aquarium, the perfect location for a family seafood restaurant! Our menu allows flexible dining, for those looking for just a plate of our award winning fish and chips with the family or those looking for a seafood feast!

www.therockfish.co.uk/restaurants/plymouth



Ocean View at The Dome

Enjoy fresh, local and seasonal produce, an extensive wine list and exciting range of cocktails in an opulent Art Deco interior... all set against the most breathtaking panoramic ocean views!

From an exciting range of nibbles to delicious main courses and rich desserts, we cater for all tastes with plenty of vegan and vegetarian options. We believe in keeping it local and use local produce wherever we can and, of course, this includes plenty of locally-caught ocean-fresh fish!

www.oceanviewplymouth.co.uk



Pier Masters House

Welcome to Pier Master's House, a state-of-the-art, purpose built restaurant situated in a prime location overlooking Plymouth Harbour.

Pier Master's House seats over 300 with three balcony areas, a large deck with ample outdoor seating and upstairs and downstairs indoor areas. As well as two purpose-built bars, one on each floor, along with a state-of-the-art kitchen.

www.piermastershouse.com

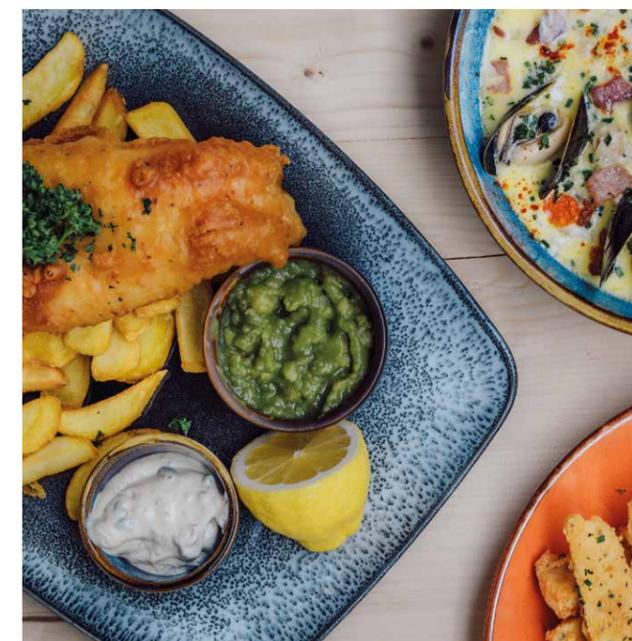
Hook and Line – Royal William Yard

In The Hook & Line you will discover a quirky, rustic interior with bench seating and, true to the city's naval roots, Plymouth's first speciality Rum Bar. There's a specially selected wine list, Perrier Jouët champagne, cocktails and you can enjoy The Hook & Line's very own, signature ale, the Hook, Line & Sinker.

From breakfast to evening, the menu is simple and delicious, with specials chalked onto the wall. Expect fresh pastries and great coffee for breakfast, served from 8 to 11am.

From day to night, The Hook & Line will serve a mix of the freshest seafood delights, caught by local fishing boats, from mackerel paté on toasted artisan bread and fish or veggie tacos, to pan fried scallops, lobster and fries and traditional fish and chips.

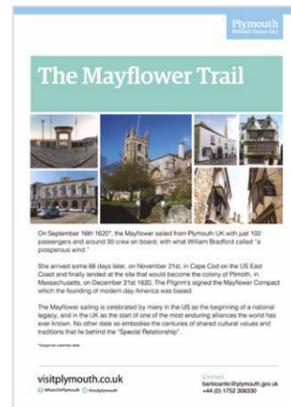
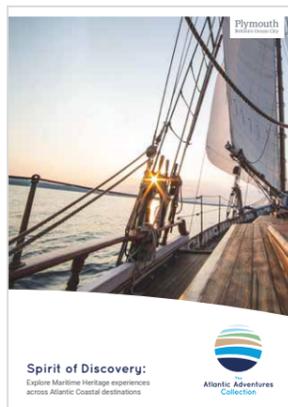
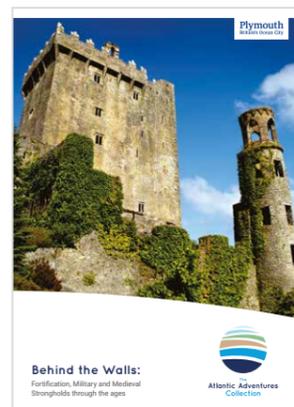
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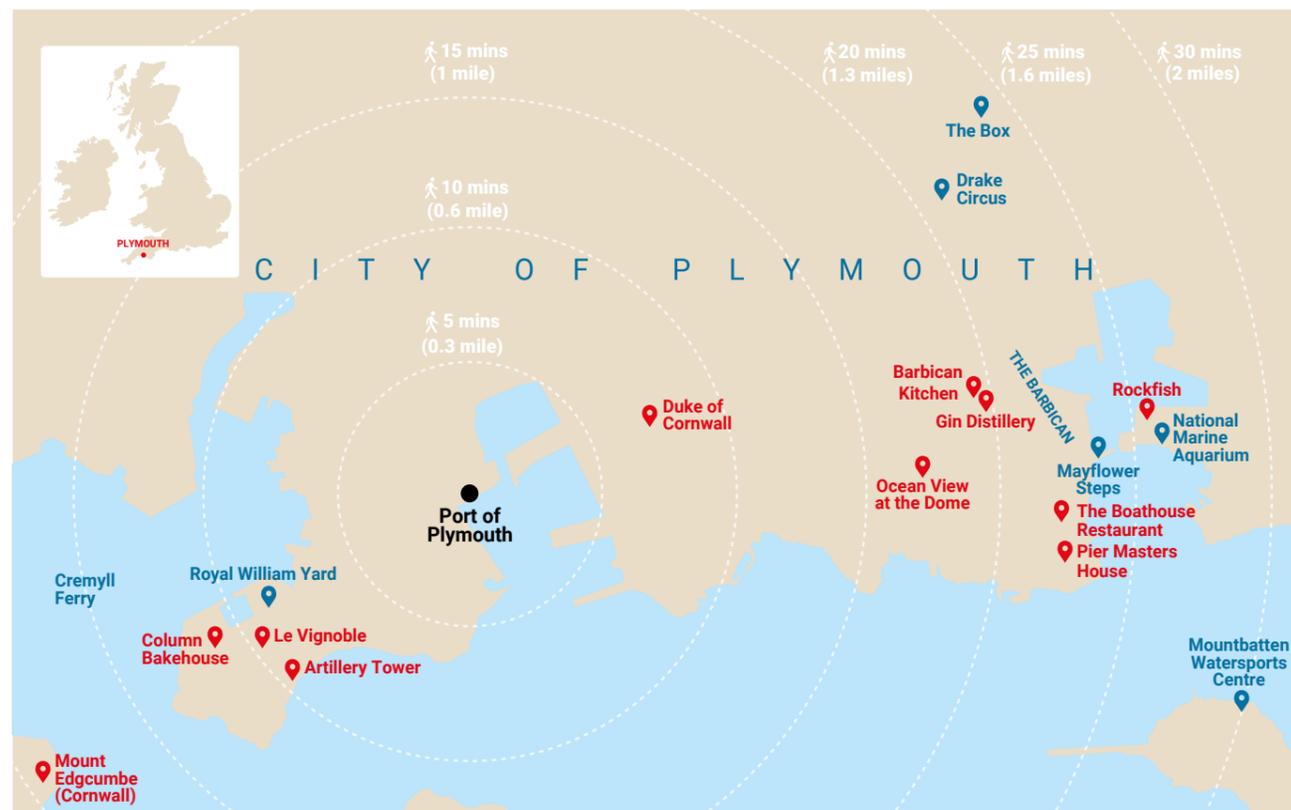
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DOWNLOADABLE ITINERARIES

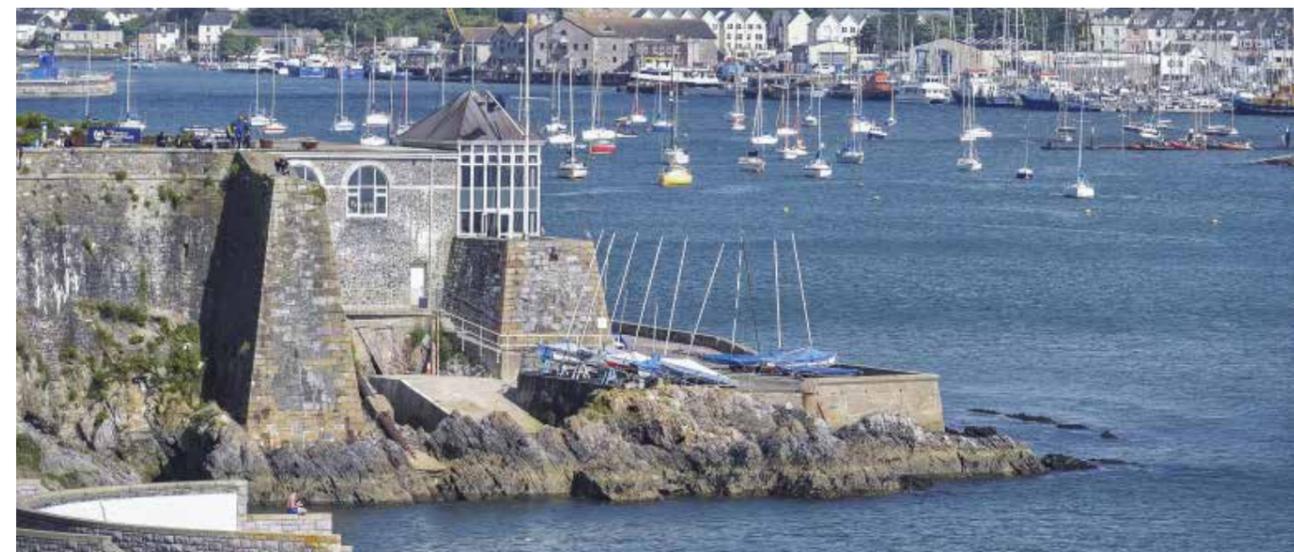
We have a number of great downloadable itineraries to inspire you to build Plymouth product into your future programmes. Please visit <https://www.visitplymouth.co.uk/destination-plymouth/travel-trade/itineraries-for-groups>. Here is a selection of our itineraries for groups and travel trade.



LOCATION OF PLYMOUTH



COACH PARKING AND DROP OFF INFORMATION



Pick up and drop off locations are provided at:

Derry's Cross Roundabout – PL1 1EU

- Maximum waiting time 15 minutes
- Two coach bays with large waiting shelters and accessible seating
- Hatched area for continental coach passengers using the off-side door

Millbay Docks – PL1 3EW

- Coaches can pick up Cruise Liner passengers from Millbay Docks if they are meeting a Cruise Liner

Mayflower Steps – PL1 2LR

- Maximum waiting time 15 minutes
- Single on road coach bay
- 3-bay coach parking area at the foot of Lambhay Hill with 2-hour maximum stay payable by cash or card at the machine

Plymouth Coach Station – PL1 1HZ

Designed for long distance scheduled services but visiting coaches can be accommodated by contacting National Express in advance

To book:

1. Please book 48 hours in advance
 2. **Call 01752 225635**
 3. A fee of £5 will be taken
- Coach layovers / parking / driver facilities
Coach parking and driver facilities are located at:

Stagecoach SW Depot – PL9 7JT

- Coach daytime and overnight parking
- Toilet Drop
- Exterior Coach Wash
- Complimentary bus passes for drivers
- **Tel: 01752 495301**

Plymouth Pavilions, Millbay Road, Plymouth – PL1 3LF

Visiting coaches will need to email the Pavilions at pp-security@plymouthpavilions.com with the date of stay and a booking name. Costs are as follows:

- Day parking (9am to 6pm) – £20
- Night parking (6pm to 9am) – £25





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