Plymouth makes an amazing flage, whether it’s to celebrate our military roots at Armed Forces Day, visit the South West’s top food festival at 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

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.

Plymouth
Britain’s Ocean City

An Introduction to Plymouth — Britain’s Ocean City

Visitors can explore this historic city with its spectacular sea views, which lies in the South West of England. It has the perfect blend of vibrant city culture, coast and countryside. It is where Sir Francis Drake, on hearing the news of the approaching Spanish Armada, famously finished his game of bowls on Plymouth Hoe before setting sail to defeat them in 1588.

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Map Key
- Location of attractions
- Food & drink establishments
- Approx walking time from port (minutes)

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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Half-day suggested itinerary

Depart from Plymouth Millbay Port and experience the best of Plymouth.

**Plymouth Hoe** (1 hour approx.)
Follow in the footsteps of Sir Francis Drake and gaze out over the magnificent Plymouth Sound – one of the world's finest natural harbours. For a 360 degree view climb the 93 steps of the iconic Smeaton's Tower to see Plymouth's stunning waterfront, city centre and countryside.

**The Barbican, Plymouth** (2 hours approx.)
Explore the historic Barbican with its quaint cobbled streets, a picturesque harbour and a wealth of independent shops, galleries, bars, cafés and restaurants. You will be taken on a guided tour around the Mayflower Steps in Sutton Harbour where the Mayflower Pilgrims set sail on their voyage to the New World in 1620 and the newly refurbished Elizabeth House. Plymouth Boat Trips operate their sight-seeing cruises, fishing trips, private charters and party nights from The Barbican.

**Plymouth Gin Distillery** (1 hour approx.)
Take a tour around Black Friars distillery, the home of Plymouth Gin and the UK’s oldest gin distillery, where it is believed that the Mayflower Pilgrims stayed before their voyage. Sample the award-winning Plymouth Gin in the distillery's historic bar.

**Things to do**

**National Marine Aquarium**
The National Marine Aquarium is the largest public aquarium in the UK.
Group contact: +44 (0)1752 275214
groups@national-aquarium.co.uk

**Drake Circus**
The largest shopping mall in Plymouth with lots of independent and national brands.
Group contact: +44 (0)1752 223030
www.drakecircus.com

**The Barbican**
The Elizabethan streets offer a quirky treasure trove of artisan makers, arts and crafts and antique shops.
Group contact: Barbican Tourist Information Centre
Tourist Information Centre Plymouth Mayflower Plymouth PL1 2LR
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**Mountbatten Watersports and Activities Centre**
For canoeing, kayaking and caving.
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**Plymouth Boat Trips**
3 hour fishing trips and pleasure cruises. Private cruises available.
Group contact: Dave Hardy +44 (0)1752 253 153 or +44 (0)7942 208 381
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**Mount Edgcumbe House & Country Park**
VIP tours around the grounds and Grade I listed Mount Edgcumbe House. Adventure Segway tours available.
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**The Box**
A new multi-million pound visitor attraction Museum & Gallery which features extraordinary displays including the large-scale ‘Mayflower 400: Legend and Legacy’ exhibition, high-profile artists and art exhibitions, as well as exciting events and performances.

**Full-day suggested itinerary**

After your morning in Plymouth and lunch on board your cruise ship why not enjoy visiting other sites in Plymouth for a full day’s experience?

**Royal William Yard** (1 hour approx.)
Take a tour of Grade I listed Royal William Yard, former Royal Naval victualling buildings which now boasts a plethora of shops, bars and restaurants including Le Vignoble which offers wine tasting and over 250 different wines, champagnes and liqueurs from all over the world. You will also visit Ocean Studio’s artisan café, the Column Bakehouse.

**The Barbican**

**Drake Circus Shopping** (1.5 hours approx.)
Enjoy some retail therapy in Drake Circus shopping centre where you find over 70 of the UK’s top brand names and biggest stores in the region all under one roof. There will also be the opportunity to visit Plymouth’s new Drake Circus Leisure* with its 12-screen cinema including IMAX and great restaurants.

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* Due to open in 2020

**Royal William Yard**

**The Box**

**Drakes Circus**

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**Find out more at www.Mayflower400UK.org at www.visitplymouth.co.uk**