

# PORTS

## SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND



Southampton is a coastal city located in southern England, about 70 miles southwest of London. The city is a major cruise departure port and one of the country's largest commercial ports. Visitors will find the longest surviving stretch of medieval walls in England and museums such as Tudor House and Garden, the maritime SeaCity Museum, and the aviation-focused Solent Sky. Many London tours hit the highlights, from the Changing of the Guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace and the Crown Jewels display at the Tower of London, to a cruise along the River Thames and a ride on the world-famous London Eye, a 443-foot Ferris wheel offering bird's-eye views of the capital city. It also is a great starting point for countryside excursions to the mysterious structures at Stonehenge as well as the towns of Bath and Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of Shakespeare.

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## EDINBURGH (S. QUEENSFERRY), SCOTLAND



S. Queensferry is a port for the legendary city of Edinburgh, famed for its architecture and design. The finest architects of the 18th century created this city of majestic buildings and elegant squares and streets. The top excursions here visit the commanding Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood House, Royal Mile Road, St. Giles Cathedral and Princes Street. On your own, visit the Scotch Whisky Heritage Center and the National Gallery of Scotland.

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## INVERGORDON, SCOTLAND



Invergordon is the port for Inverness, the capital of the Highlands. The northern part of Scotland, known as the Highlands, is one of the most scenic places in Europe. Among the main attractions is a landscape of mountains and forested hills. Visit the Inverness Castle and the Loch Ness Monster Exhibition (located southwest of Inverness).

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## STORNOWAY, SCOTLAND



The beautiful, treeless, windswept Outer Hebrides islands, with their mountainous spine, are located in an area with countless lochs, rivers, inlets, and pools. There's an almost infinite variety of wildlife for nature lovers. Though primarily a land in which to marvel at natural rather than manmade things, the islands offer some marvelous historical structures. The most northerly of the Hebrides are Lewis and Harris Islands, connected to each other by a land bridge. Stornoway is the largest town on Lewis, an island that features Neolithic tombs and stones and an Iron Age tower, reflecting its ancient history. It is the place to shop for beautiful Harris tweeds.

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## ISLE OF SKYE (PORTREE), SCOTLAND



The extensive group of the Hebrides are divided into two groups -- the Outer and Inner Hebrides. Lying off the coast of Western Scotland in the Northern Highlands, these islands are among the most beautiful in the world. The Isle of Skye, one of the larger Inner Hebrides, is best known as the place where Charles Edward Stuart, known as "Bonnie Prince Charlie," escaped from during the Jacobite Uprising.

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## OBAN, SCOTLAND



Tucked into a bay at the top of the Argyll Peninsula, Oban is a center for Gaelic history and culture. In mist-shrouded Kilmartin Glen, one of the most beautiful in Scotland, see the ruins of Dunadd Castle, where a weathered rock inscribed with a boar head marks where Scottish kings were crowned until the 11th century. Nearby, stone circles attest to a civilization dating back 5,000 years. Then travel to Loch Fyne, where the present head of the Campbells, the Duke of Argyll, makes his home at Inveraray Castle.

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## BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND



Belfast has something for everyone -- whether it is leisurely shopping or a night on the town. Golf enthusiasts will enjoy the beautiful golf courses around town, and serious shoppers will feel at home on Lisburn Road. A trip to Ireland would not be complete without visiting a traditional Irish pub, such as The Rotterdam or The King's Head.

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## LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND



Located in Northwest England along the shores of the river Mersey, Liverpool is perhaps most famous as the birthplace of the Beatles and draws thousands of music fans each year to its various attractions. Its historic waterfront, recognized as a World Heritage site, is a scenic reminder of its history as a globally important trade port at the height of the British Empire. Liverpool is also proud of its diversity and is home to two majestic cathedrals, an impressive 19th century synagogue and the oldest Chinatown in Europe.

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## CORK (COBH), IRELAND



Cobh serves as the gateway to Cork, which is approximately 15 miles away. There is a train service from the port of Cobh to the center of Cork. Shop for Irish linen, tweeds, hand-knit woolens, and Waterford crystal along Patrick Street or try some Irish soda bread at a local pub. Visit St. Finbarr's Cathedral or the Fota Wildlife Park, located just outside town.

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