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Portsmouth & Gosport

1 Royal Marines Museum

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Entrench yourself in the colourful and exciting story of the Royal Marines brought to life through dramatic and interactive displays. A great day out for all the family.

Eastney Esplanade, Southsea P04 9PX
 T: 023 9281 9385 W: www.royalmarinesmuseum.co.uk

Open daily, 10am-5pm (closed during Christmas break).

Adult: £7.95; Child: £5.50; Senior: £5.95; Student: £5.95; Disabled: £3.50 (free admission for one assistant); Family: £21.50 (2 adults and 4 children).

2 Southsea Castle

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Fort built by Henry VIII (1544) to protect Portsmouth. Displays include exhibition on castle's history and Portsmouth's military history, audio-visual show and a variety of cannons.

Clarence Esplanade, Southsea P05 3PA
 T: 023 9282 7261 W: www.southseacastle.co.uk

Open Apr-Oct, Tues-Sun (closed Mons, except Bank Hols) 10am-5.30pm (5pm in Oct). Closed Nov-Mar, except groups by prior appointment. Last entry 30 minutes before closing.

Free admission (children aged 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult).

3 D-Day Museum and Overlord Embroidery

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Experience the world's largest ever seaborne invasion. Features the 83m (272ft) 'Overlord Embroidery' which tells the story of the Normandy landings, audio-visual presentation, military equipment and memorabilia, vehicles and personal memories.

Clarence Esplanade, Southsea P05 3NT
 T: 023 9282 7261 W: www.ddaymuseum.co.uk

Open Apr-Sept, 10am-5.30pm; Oct-Mar, 10am-5pm. Last entry 30 mins before closing. Closed 24-26 Dec.

Adult: £6.50; Senior: £5.50; child/student/leisure card holder: £4.50. Children aged 17 and under are FREE with a full-paying adult.

4 Portsmouth Fortifications

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Portsmouth's Round Tower commands the entrance to the harbour, whilst the Square Tower is situated at the end of Old Portsmouth's High Street. The best way of seeing Portsmouth's fascinating fortifications is on a guided walk.

Visitor Information Service, Clarence Esplanade, Southsea P05 3PB
 T: 023 9282 6722 W: www.visitportsmouth.co.uk

5 Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

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HMS Victory, Mary Rose Museum, HMS Warrior 1860, National Museum of the Royal Navy, Action Stations and Harbour Tours. New Mary Rose Museum due to open late 2012!

Visitor Centre, Victory Gate, HM Naval Base, Portsmouth P01 3LJ
 T: 023 9283 9766 W: www.historicdockyard.co.uk

Open daily from 10am. Last attraction tickets sold at 4.30pm (Apr-Oct) and 4pm (Nov-Mar). Closed Xmas Eve, Xmas Day & Boxing Day.

Please visit our website for our prices.

6 Explosion! The Museum of Naval Firepower

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Explosion! The museum of Naval Firepower tells the story of naval warfare from the days of gunpowder to modern missiles. Hands on exhibits and interactive touch screens really bring the presentations to life at Gosport's award winning attraction.

Priddy's Hard, Gosport P012 4LE
 T: 023 9250 5600 W: www.explosion.org.uk

Open Apr-Oct, daily, 10am-5pm; Nov-Mar, Sat and Sun only, 10am-4pm.
Adult: £10.00; Child: £5.00; Senior: £7.00; Family: £20.00.

7 Royal Navy Submarine Museum

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Dive into history at the Royal Navy Submarine Museum – come aboard, meet the crew and discover what life was like living under the sea.

Haslar Jetty Road, Gosport P012 2AS
 T: 023 9251 0354 W: www.submarine-museum.co.uk

Open Apr-Oct, daily, 10am-5pm; Nov-March open Weds-Sun 10am-4.30pm and daily during school holidays.

Adults: 12.50; Senior: £10.00; Child: £7.00; Family: £34.00.

8 Royal Armouries Fort Nelson

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Fort Nelson is home to the Royal Armouries' national collection of big guns. Packed with history, this superbly restored Victorian fort includes new galleries, displays and visitor centre - including Café 1871. Live daily gunfirings.

Portsdown Hill Road, Fareham P017 6AN
 T: 01329 233 734 W: www.royalarmouries.org

Open Apr-Oct, daily, 10am-5pm; Nov-Mar, daily, 10.30am-4pm. Visitor centre open 10am. Closed 24, 25, 26 Dec. **Free.**

9 Royal Military Police Museum

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Tracing the history of the military police from the Middle Ages to the 21st century. See the vital role played by the 'Redcaps' in the British Army throughout the world.

DCEG, Southwick Park, Fareham P017 6EJ
 T: 023 9228 4372 W: www.army.mod.uk/provost/police/2048.aspx

Open Mon-Fri, 10am-4.30pm. By appointment only. **Free.**

Southampton

10 Solent Sky Aviation Museum

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The full story of aviation in Hampshire. Climb aboard the huge Sandringham Flying Boat, mingle with Spitfires and aircraft from many other companies. Hundreds of paintings, models and engines to make it an exciting family visit.

Albert Road South, Southampton SO14 3FR
 T: 023 8063 5830 W: www.spitfireonline.co.uk

Open Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun 12pm-5pm.

Adult: £6.50; Child: £4.50; Senior: £5.50; Family: £17.50.

11 Royal Victoria Country Park

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Site of a former Victorian military hospital. Explore the magnificent chapel when you book a tower tour, or look out for our special event days. Discover the woodland, fields and foreshore for a fun family day out. Facilities include tearooms, play area, miniature railway and events programme.

Netley SO31 5GA T: 023 8045 5157 W: www.hants.gov.uk/rvcp

Open (park) 8am. Closing time varies with season. Tower tours must be booked in advance.

Pay and display parking operates throughout the year.

Dorset

12 The Tank Museum

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The Tank Museum brings the story of tanks and tank crew to life, supported by the world's best collection of tanks and boasting action packed live displays during school holidays.

Bovington, Dorset BH20 6JG
 T: 01929 405096 W: www.tankmuseum.org

Open daily, 10am-5pm. Limited Xmas opening

Adult: £12.00; Child: £7.50; Senior: £9.00; Family: various options.

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13 Royal Signals Museum

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Drive an armoured vehicle through a virtual landscape, guide a laser beam around a course and direction find the enemy. Set up a satellite network or practice Morse. A unique and fascinating family day out in Blandford Army Camp.

Blandford Camp, Dorset DT11 8RH
 T: 01258 482 248 W: www.royalsignalsmuseum.com

Open Mon-Fri (all year) 10am-5pm; Weekends and Bank Holidays (Feb Half Term - end of Oct) 10am-4pm; Closed Xmas, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

Adult: £7.50; Senior Citizens: £6.50; Children (5-16yrs) £5.50; Family: £22.00. All Adults (16+) must bring ID.

Winchester

Winchester's Military Museums

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Outstanding collection of five of the British Army's finest Regiments.

Peninsula Barracks, Romsey Road SO23 8TS
 W: www.winchestermilitarymuseums.co.uk

14 HorsePower – The Museum of The King's Royal Hussars

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Peninsula Barracks, Romsey Road, SO23 8TS
 T: 01962 828 541 W: www.horsepowermuseum.co.uk

Open Tues-Fri, 10am-12.45pm and 1.30pm-4pm; Weekends and Bank Hols, 12pm-4pm.

Free.

15 The Guardroom Museum

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Peninsula Barracks, Romsey Road, SO23 8TS
 T: 01962 877 826 W: www.thegurkhamuseum.co.uk

Open Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm; Bank Holidays, 12pm-4pm.

Free.

16 The Gurkha Museum

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Peninsula Barracks, Romsey Road, SO23 8TS T: 01962 842 832

Open Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm (last entry 4.30pm); Sun 12pm-4pm (last entry 3.30pm). Closed Suns 4 Dec-1 Apr.

Adult: £2.00; Child: Free; Senior: £1.00 .

17 The Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum

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Peninsula Barracks, Romsey Road, SO23 8TS
 T: 01962 828 549 W: www.rgjmuseum.co.uk
 E: curator@rgjmuseum.co.uk

Open Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, closed Sun.

Adult: £3.00; Child: £1.50; Senior: £2.00; Student: £1.50; Family: £6.00.

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See www.defenceoftherealm.co.uk for all the latest news and events from the Defence of the Realm sites

18 The Hampshire Regiment Memorial Garden and Museum

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Serle's House, Southgate Street, SO23 9EG
 T: 01962 863 658 W: www.serleshouse.co.uk

Open Tues-Fri, 10am-4pm; Weekends, Apr-Oct, 12pm-4pm. **Free.**

Aldershot & North Hants

19 Museum of Army Flying

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Unstuffy, family friendly and hands-on; historic kites, gliders, aeroplanes and helicopters, dioramas and displays all celebrating over 100 years of heroic flying achievement by 'Soldiers in the Air'. Plus two flight simulators, rifle ranges, 1940s house, children's play area, gift shop, cinema, licensed café with airfield views and plenty of parking.

Middle Wallop, Stockbridge SO20 8DY
 T: 01264 784 421 W: www.flying-museum.org.uk

Open daily, 10am-4.30pm.

Adult: £8.00; Child: £5.50; Senior/Students: £6.00; Family: £23.50.

20 Museum of Army Chaplaincy

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A unique display celebrating the work of Army chaplains through the years including silver, uniforms, medals and documents.

Amport House, Amport, Andover SP11 8BG
 T: 01264 773 144 ext 4248 W: www.army.mod.uk/chaplain
 E: museumcurator@amporthouse.co.uk

Open Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. By appointment only.

Free.

21 Museum of the Iron Age

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Discover the story of Danebury Ring, an Iron Age hillfort built by our prehistoric ancestors who farmed, fought, worshipped and died in Wessex over 2000 years ago.

6 Church Close, Andover SP10 1DP
 T: 0845 603 5635 W: www.hants.gov.uk/museum-of-the-ironage

Open Tues-Fri 10am-5pm. Sat 10am-4pm (last entry half hour before closing).

Free.

22 Basing House

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The dramatic ruins of the Marquis of Winchester's enormous palace, stormed by Cromwell in 1645 after the longest siege of the English Civil War. Site museum, recreated garden, Great Barn exhibition and more!

Bartons Lane, Basing, Basingstoke RG24 8AE
 T: 0845 603 5635 W: www.basinghouse.org.uk
 E: basinghouse@hants.gov.uk

Open 1 Mar-31 Oct, 11am-4pm, Sat-Thurs (closed Fridays).

Adult: £5.00; Child: (5-15 years) £4.00; Concessions: (60+/Students) £4.50; Family: (2 adults and 2 children) or (1 adult and up to 3 children) £14.00.

23 REME Museum of Technology

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The Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers have recovered and repaired tanks, aircraft and all types of Army equipment since WWII. Explore their history, expertise and unique equipment through interactive displays.

Isaac Newton Road, Arborfield RG2 9NJ
 T: 0118 976 3375 W: www.rememuseum.org.uk
 E: enquiries@rememuseum.org.uk

Open Mon-Thu, 9am-4.30pm; Fri 9am-4pm; Sun 11am-4pm; Closed Sat, Xmas and New Year.

Adult: £5.00; Child: £4.00; Senior: £4.00; Family: £15.00.

24 Aldershot Military Museum

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Explore the history of Aldershot and Farnborough with our interactive displays. Discover military vehicles and learn about pioneer aviator Samuel Cody.

Queens Avenue, Aldershot GU11 2LG
 T: 0845 603 5635 W: www.hants.gov.uk/aldershot-museum

Open daily, Weds-Fri 10am-5pm (last admission 4.30pm)
 Sat-Sun 11am-4pm.

Adult £3.20; Child £2.10; Senior £2.10; Student £2.10; Family £8.40.

25 Army Medical Services Museum

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The museum tells the story of the contribution made by the army in the history of medicine, veterinary medicine, nursing and dentistry from 1660 to the present day. It includes medical equipment, uniforms and ambulances. There are quizzes and trails for children.

Keogh Barracks, Ash Vale, Aldershot GU12 5RD
 T: 01252 868 612 W: www.ams-museum.org.uk

Open Mon-Fri, 9.30am-3.30pm. **Free.**

New Forest

26 Lepe Country Park

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Explore extensive remains of a key D-Day embarkation point. Sections of Mulberry Harbour were made and launched from here. Beaches and cliff-top walks, Solent views, children's play area and café.

Exbury SO45 1AD
 T: 023 8089 9108 W: www.hants.gov.uk/lepe

Open daily, 8am-dusk.

Car parking charges apply.

27 Exbury Gardens and Steam Railway

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A 200 acre oak woodland garden famous for the Rothschild collection of rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias. During WWII Exbury House was requisitioned as HMS Mastodon, and helped in preparations for D-Day. Beaulieu River views and Arromanches plaque. D-Day trail available.

Exbury SO45 1AZ
 T: 023 8089 1203 W: www.exbury.co.uk

Open daily, 10 Mar-4 Nov, 10am-5pm.
 8/9, 15/16, 22/23 Dec for Santa Steam Specials.

Adult: £10.50; Child: Free; Senior: £10.00. Railway extra £4.00 per person. (includes voluntary gift aid donation)

28 Buckler's Hard

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A historic 18th century shipbuilding village near Beaulieu where ships for Nelson's navy were built. Explore the renewed Maritime Museum, historic cottage displays and SS Persia exhibition. Plus, enjoy the woodland walks, or take a seasonal river cruise (separate charges apply).

Buckler's Hard, Beaulieu SO42 7XB
 T: 01590 616 203 W: www.bucklershard.co.uk

Open daily, Mar-Jun, 10am-5pm; Jul-Aug, 10am-5.30pm; Sept-Oct, 10am-5pm; Nov-Feb 10am-4.30pm. Closed Christmas Day.

Please call for admission prices.

29 Hurst Castle

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A Tudor Castle where Charles I was imprisoned in 1648. The Victorian wings hold a large collection of guns and exhibitions. Fantastic views of the Solent. Approached by foot or ferry from Keyhaven.

Milford on Sea SO41 0TR
 T: 01590 642 344 & 642 500 W: www.hurstcastle.co.uk

Open daily, 1 Apr-31 Oct, 10.30am-5.30pm.

Adult: £4.50; Child: £2.50; Senior: £3.70; Student: £3.70.

1 Royal Marines Museum Save £7.95

 Discount Voucher

Two for the price of one
 One person must pay the full admission fee. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer or concession. Cannot be used for family tickets or any ticketed event.

3 D-Day Museum and Overlord Embroidery Save 15%

 Discount Voucher

15% off adult/senior ticket
 Valid for two people only. Cannot be used with any other offer. Valid until March 2013.

6 Explosion! Save up to £10.00

 Discount Voucher

Two for the price of one
 Not to be used in conjunction with any other special offer and must not be used when purchasing events tickets. Must only be used when purchasing tickets at Explosion! Not valid for joint tickets.

7 Royal Navy Submarine Museum Save 25%

 Discount Voucher

Save 25% on 2 tickets for a visit to the Royal Navy Submarine Museum
 This voucher is not valid in conjunction with any other family, joint, event, waterbus ticket or any other offer. Photocopies are not acceptable. Voucher valid until 31/07/2013 excluding Bank Holidays & special ticketed event days.

10 Solent Sky Aviation Museum Save £1.00

 Discount Voucher

£1.00 off adult admission ticket
 One voucher per adult.

13 Royal Signals Museum Save £5.50

 Discount Voucher

One child free with every paying adult
 Valid until Dec 2012.

16 The Gurkha Museum Save 10%

 Discount Voucher

10% discount off all individual tickets
 Only one discount token applies per person per visit.

17 The Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum Save £1.00

 Discount Voucher

£1.00 off single adult admission
 Discount available on presentation of voucher.

19 Museum of Army Flying Save £5.50

 Discount Voucher

One child free with a full paying adult
 Not to be used on event dates or in conjunction with any other promotion. No photocopies. Valid until 31st December 2012.

21 Museum of the Iron Age

 Discount Voucher

Free Danebury Guidebook
 One free copy of Danebury Guidebook on presentation of voucher. Available while stocks last.

22 Basing House

 Discount Voucher

One child free with a full paying adult or concession
 Not to be used in conjunction with any other, voucher, pass or on event days. Valid until 31 Oct 2012.

23 REME Museum of Technology Save up to £7.50

 Discount Voucher

£1 off adult entry
 Not to be used in conjunction with a museum event day. One voucher per adult.

24 Aldershot Military Museum Save £3.20

 Discount Voucher

Two for the price of one
 Not allowed to be used on event dates or in conjunction with any other promotion. Not to be used for family tickets or pre booked groups.

27 Exbury Gardens and Steam Railways

 Discount Voucher

Free 'D-Day Trail'
 On presentation of voucher.

28 Buckler's Hard Save 20%

 Discount Voucher

20% discount off entry voucher
 20% discount off standard entry price for up to 6 people. Not to be used with other offers or on event days. Valid until 31 March 2013. Code: DEFENCE 12

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Travel back in time and explore Hampshire's military story with the help of our handy guide to a superb collection of over 30 castles, museums, great ships, parks, gardens and stately homes that have played a defining role in shaping the history of this unique county.

Many of the attractions are free or you can save money by using the discount vouchers in this leaflet, making it an inexpensive day out for the whole family.

Why not plan your trip to coincide with one of the events listed below? From family fun days to educational lectures, there is something for all ages.

Take a look at our website for the latest news and events from the Defence of the Realm attractions. We've even got suggestions for 'themed' military trails across the county to help you plan your visit: www.defenceoftherealm.co.uk

Events in 2012

MARCH	
3	Submariner tour of Fort Blockhouse, Royal Navy Submarine Museum
10 – 1 April	Lachenalia Exhibition, Exbury Gardens
19	Mother's Day cream tea, Royal Marines Museum
31	'Tiger Day' exploding the myths and exploring the reality of this WWII legend, Tank Museum
APRIL	
1	Monthly 'Big Guns' display, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
1	Fully Loaded! – Science based fun and explosions, Royal Marines Museum
2	Evening Talk by F.M. Bramall at Winchester Guildhall, Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum
2 – 8	'A Victorian Easter' hands-on activities, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
3	Easter Family Fun Trail with prizes, Southsea Castle
5	Horrible Easter Family Fun, Royal Navy Submarine Museum
6 – 9	Gosport Art Group Annual Exhibition 2012, Explosion! Museum
7 – 9	Easter at Exbury with trails and train rides, Exbury Gardens
9 – 15	Easter Trail hands-on activities, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
11	'Fun for all day', Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum
12	Horrible Easter Family Fun, Royal Navy Submarine Museum
14 – 15	Spirit of the 1940s living history event, Explosion! Museum
18	Escape Talk, Royal Navy Submarine Museum
29	It's a Doodle Wedding Fayre in the Grand Magazine, Explosion! Museum
MAY	
6 or 7	Monthly 'Big Guns' display, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
6	Dalek Invasion of Portsmouth, Royal Marines Museum
12	Celebration of 100th anniversary of the Royal Flying Corps, Museum of Army Flying
12	Florence Nightingale's birthday children's activities, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
13	Mini Ship Show 2012, Explosion! Museum
17	HMS Conqueror – 90 Day War 1982 special event, Royal Navy Submarine Museum
19	Early Artillery Conference – lecture day, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
18	Museums at Night open galleries and gun firings, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
18 – 19	Museums at Night evening of special activities, Explosion! Museum
20	Early Artillery Conference – firing displays day, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
JUNE	
2 – 3	War Games Weekend with the Naval Wargames Society, Explosion! Museum
4	Jubilee Gun Salute, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
4 – 10	Diamond Jubilee – Royal Objects display, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
5	Half-term activities. Make your own crowns and castles, Southsea Castle
6	D-Day anniversary special events (free admission), D-Day Museum
9 – 10	Petal Fall Weekend children's activities, Exbury Gardens
9 – 10	Wartime Walks, Exbury Gardens
10	Gosport's Big Day Out with free admission for Gosport residents, Explosion! Museum
11	Remembering D-Day guided walk (booking required), Lepe Country Park
17	Falklands Talk, Royal Navy Submarine Museum
30	Armed Forces Day, Royal Navy Submarine Museum , Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
30 – 1 July	Tankfest 10th anniversary show, Tank Museum
JULY	
1	Winchester's Military Museums Armed Forces Sunday Fun Day, Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum
7 – 8	The New Forest Remembers living history event, Lepe Country Park
15	Monthly 'Big Guns' display, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
18 – 21	Much Ado About Nothing by the Royal Navy Theatre Association, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
22	Outdoor Band Concert, Royal Marines Museum
23 – 29	Summer Holidays at Fort Nelson medieval experience, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
29	Extreme Explosions! hands-on activities for the family, Explosion! Museum
30 – 5 Aug	Summer Holidays at Fort Nelson Napoleonic Wars experience, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
AUGUST	
6 – 12	Summer Holidays at Fort Nelson Victorian experience, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
7	Half-term activities. Make your own crowns and castles, Southsea Castle
9 – 10	'Marine Wonders' family activity days, Lepe Country Park
9, 16, 23, 30	Summer Holiday Fun, Royal Navy Submarine Museum
13 – 19	Summer Holidays at Fort Nelson WWI experience, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
15	'Fun for all day', Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum
20 – 26	Summer Holidays at Fort Nelson WWII experience, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
21	Half-term activities. Make your own crowns and castles, Southsea Castle
25	Chapterhouse open-air theatre feature Romeo & Juliet, Exbury Gardens
25 – 26	Model Warship Weekend with the Surface Warship Association, Explosion! Museum
27 – 2 Sep	Summer Holidays at Fort Nelson modern military experience, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
30	Spirit of the Paralympics activities for children and young people with disabilities, Lepe Country Park
SEPTEMBER	
8	Royal Armouries Military Pageant, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
8	Submariner tour of Fort Blockhouse, Royal Navy Submarine Museum
8 – 9	Heritage Open Days and behind the scenes tours, Explosion! Museum
23	Monthly 'Big Guns' display, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
OCTOBER	
11	Decorated Bandsmen 1914-1945 talk by Stephen Mason, Winchester's Military Museums
13 – 14	Big Draw weekend, Exbury Gardens
21	Trafalgar Day service and gun firing, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
27 – 4 Nov	Exbury Ghost Train, Exbury Gardens
29 – 4 Nov	Halloween Fun at Fort Nelson, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
NOVEMBER	
4	Fireworks Spectacular and all-day events, Explosion! Museum
5	The Story of Guy Fawkes special tour, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
7, 14, 21, 28	Autumn Ghost Walks, Explosion! Museum
9	Kids in Museums, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
11	Remembrance Sunday (free admission), D-Day Museum
11	Remembrance Day special firing display, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
15	Irregular Correspondance talk by William Dyson-Laurie, Winchester's Military Museums
30 – 2 Dec	A Victorian Festival of Christmas, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
DECEMBER	
1 – 2	Wartime Christmas Festival & Craft Fayre, Tank Museum
8 – 9	Submarine Santa, Royal Navy Submarine Museum
8, 9, 15, 16, 21, 22	Exbury Santa Steam Specials, Exbury Gardens
6	Winston Churchill's Toyshop talk by Gordon Rodgers, Winchester's Military Museums
16	'Santa in a Sexton' special event, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
23	Carol concert, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
25	Monthly 'Big Gun' display, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
27 – 6 Jan	Christmas Holidays activities, Royal Armouries Fort Nelson

Special displays and exhibitions

All year – 'Bones of Oak and Iron – Beneath Victory's Skin' [Portsmouth Historic Dockyard](#)

New free exhibition on site, tells how the great sailing warship of the 18th century was built and maintained at battle readiness.

Until Sept 2012 – 'The restorations of Fort Nelson 1979-2011' [Royal Armouries Fort Nelson](#)

January – December – 'Air, Sea, Speed – The Story of the Schneider Trophy' [Solent Sky Aviation Museum](#)

At the centre of this wonderful collection of engines, photographs and film will be the Supermarine S6B N248 designed by the legendary RJ Mitchell.

3 January – December – 'Afghanistan – the role of the Royal Signals from Electronic Warfare to Force Protection' [Royal Signals Museum](#)

The history of conflict in Afghanistan from Alexander to the current operations. The 15 roles of the Royal Corps of Signals including Electronic Warfare, Electronic Counter Measures, Power and Line, Satellite...

30 March – 7 May – 'Sir Harry and Lady Smith' exhibition [Royal Green Jackets Museum](#)

Temporary exhibition on the lives of Sir Harry and Lady Smith.

31 March – 31 October – 'Falklands 30 – The War Patrols' [Royal Navy Submarine Museum](#)

A person's perspective of the experiences of the submariners who participated in the last major naval war of the 20th century.

April onwards – 'The Royal Flying Corps at 100!' exhibition [Museum of Army Flying](#)

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Royal Flying Corps in May 2012.

6 April – 10 June – Four Seasons Artists Exhibition, [Five Arrows Gallery](#), [Exbury Gardens](#)

A collection of top local artists are staging a delightful exhibition of paintings and sculpture.

21 – 26 April – 'Nepal Awakening by Gordon Davidson' [Gurkha Museum](#)

A series of artworks to show the world that Nepal is now flourishing and wants to welcome as many visitors as possible.

1 October – 4 November – Nerine Exhibition and Wild Autumn Art Display, [Exbury Gardens](#)

See Exbury's fantastic collection of Nerine Sarniensis in the [Five Arrows Gallery](#).

New developments and openings

[Portsmouth Historic Dockyard](#) – New Mary Rose Museum is due to open late 2012!

[Royal Armouries Fort Nelson](#) – The Voice of the Guns Gallery

An amazing new glass and wood gallery containing some of the most iconic and famous objects in the Royal Armouries collection, from the Great Turkish Bombard of 1464 to Saddam Hussein's infamous 'Supergun'.

[Royal Marines Museum](#) – New Children's mini assault course.

[D-Day Museum](#) – The Southsea Visitor Information Centre is now situated inside the D-Day Museum.

[Royal Navy Submarine Museum](#) – Horrible Science of Submarines – a new exhibition!

Find out just how smelly submariners were, the ghastly food they eat and what happened in the loo when they got their own back! Easter 2012 opening.

[Royal Signals Museum](#) – New for 2012. Afghanistan, Special Forces, Electronic Warfare, Cyber Warfare, Electronic Counter Measures, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Royal Duties and Civil Defence, COMSEC (Communication Security), Airborne Communicators, Gurkha Signals, Royals Signals Olympians and Bobsleigh.

[Gurkha Museum](#) – Temporary Summer Exhibition.

Brunei – a look back; a look forward.

[Museum of Army Flying](#) – Throughout 2012 the museum will be undergoing transformation phases – new displays, new play areas, new interactivity etc. Watch this space!

Portsmouth & Gosport

- 1 Royal Marines Museum
- 2 Southsea Castle
- 3 D-Day Museum and Overlord Embroidery
- 4 Portsmouth Fortifications
- 5 Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

- 6 Explosion! The Museum of Naval Firepower
- 7 Royal Navy Submarine Museum
- 8 Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
- 9 Royal Military Police Museum

10 Solent Sky

11 Royal Victoria Country Park

Southampton

12 The Tank Museum

13 Royal Signals Museum

Dorset

- 14 HorsePower – The Museum of The King's Royal Hussars
- 15 The Guardroom Museum
- 16 The Gurkha Museum

- 17 The Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum
- 18 The Hampshire Regiment Memorial Garden and Museum

Winchester

- 19 Museum of Army Flying
- 20 Museum of Army Chaplaincy
- 21 Museum of the Iron Age
- 22 Basing House

- 23 REME Museum of Technology
- 24 Aldershot Military Museum
- 25 Army Medical Services Museum

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