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## Accolades

*"One of America's Prettiest Towns"*  
Forbestraveler.com

*"New Hampshire's Best Walking City"*  
Prevention Magazine

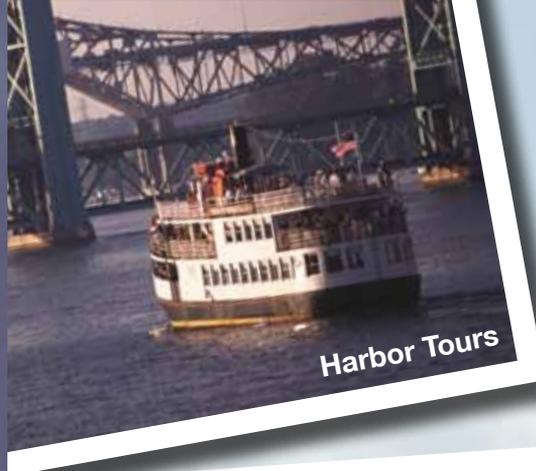
*"Top 100 Most Walkable City in the Nation"*  
Prevention Magazine

*"Top 20 Towns in America"*  
Outdoor Magazine

*"Distinctive Destination"*  
National Trust for Historic Preservation

*"Top 10 Underrated and Overlooked Destinations"*  
Fodor's

*"Top 25 Arts Destination"*  
American Style Magazine



## Unique Portsmouth

*World class music productions, art galleries, live indoor and outdoor theater.*

*Fine dining, fresh seafood, classic clambakes to burgers on the river decks.*

*Tax-free shopping in unique shops & boutiques, familiar store brands, and abundant outlet stores.*

*Working waterfront port.*

*Harbor cruises, whale watches, tugboat tours, working lobster boat tours.*

*Close to 400 years of fascinating history; self-guided, walking tours & step-on guides.*

*Historically preserved architecture amidst scenic maritime beauty.*



## *Attractions*

Strawbery Banke Museum - Experience life over a period of four centuries in NH's oldest "working" neighborhood. [www.strawberybanke.org](http://www.strawberybanke.org).

Albacore Park - Tour the U.S.S. Albacore submarine that served with the U.S. Navy from 1953 to 1972. [www.ussalbacore.org](http://www.ussalbacore.org).

Fuller Gardens, Rye - One of the last working formal estate gardens of the early 20th century. [www.fullergardens.org](http://www.fullergardens.org).

Isles of Shoals Steamship Co. & Portsmouth Harbor Cruises - Cruise the Piscataqua River to the Isles of Shoals. [www.islesofshoals.com](http://www.islesofshoals.com) and [www.portsmouthharbor.com](http://www.portsmouthharbor.com).

Seacoast Science Center - Hands-on exhibits, adult and children's indoor and outdoor programs, nature trails. [www.seacoastsciencecenter.org](http://www.seacoastsciencecenter.org).

Water Country - New England's largest water park. [www.watercountry.com](http://www.watercountry.com).

American Independence Museum, Exeter - Discover the stories behind America's revolutionary past. [www.independencemuseum.org](http://www.independencemuseum.org).

Portsmouth Museum of Art - Cutting edge artwork by emerging and established artists - local, national and international. [www.portsmouthmfa.org](http://www.portsmouthmfa.org).

Prescott Park - A Seacoast favorite summertime tradition for outdoor music, live theater, art, dance and festivals. [www.prescottpark.org](http://www.prescottpark.org).

Redhook, Smuttynose and Portsmouth Breweries - Artisan crafted local ales and brews, tours, brewpubs and keg tappings. [www.redhook.com](http://www.redhook.com), [www.smuttynose.com](http://www.smuttynose.com) and [www.portsmouthbrewery.com](http://www.portsmouthbrewery.com).



## *Events & Celebrations*

Art 'Round Town - The first Friday of every month, Portsmouth

Winter Wine Festival at Wentworth by the Sea - January-February, New Castle

Restaurant Week Portsmouth & the Seacoast - March and November

Children's Day - First Sunday in May, Portsmouth

Tall Ships visit Portsmouth - May, Peirce Island, Portsmouth

Handa Cup Women's Pro Golf Tournament - May, New Castle

Historic Houses open for the season - June through October, Portsmouth

Chowder Fest - First Saturday in June, Prescott Park, Portsmouth

Market Square Day - Second Saturday in June, Portsmouth

Music by the Sea Concert Series - Thursday evenings in July, Seacoast Science Center, Rye

Annual Master Sand Sculpting Competition - Mid-June, Hampton Beach

"An American Celebration" - Fourth of July Celebrations at Strawbery Banke Museum, Portsmouth

Bow Street Fair - Third weekend in July, Portsmouth

American Independence Festival - July, Exeter

Prescott Park Arts Festival - Throughout July & August, Portsmouth

Thunderbirds and Blue Angels Air Show - August, Portsmouth

Hampton Beach Seafood Festival - Weekend after Labor Day

Jumper Classic - Labor Day Weekend, Silver Oak Equestrian Center, Hampton Falls

Telluride by the Sea Film Festival - Third weekend in September, Portsmouth

Chili Cook-off - October, Prescott Park, Portsmouth

NH Film Festival - October, Portsmouth

"Scarecrows of the Port" - Harvest decorations in Portsmouth throughout October

Vintage Christmas & Candlelight Stroll - December at Strawbery Banke, Music Hall and downtown

First Night Portsmouth - New Year's Eve

## *Tours*

Portsmouth Harbour Trail - Yankee Magazine's Best of New England 2009. Winding its way through the city's quaint downtown and waterfront areas, providing history, architecture, maritime culture, 17th century homes and museums. Guided walking tours, June-October; Private and group tours, and presentations available.

Other Tours: Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail • New England Lighthouse • Local Breweries • Tug Alley Too Harbor Cruises • Behind the Scenes Tours of The Music Hall • Scenic Seacoast Trolley • Gardens Off the Beaten Port Walking Tours • Revolutionary War • Japanese-Russo Treaty • Death & Ghost Tours

## Shopping



## Theaters

Seacoast Repertory Theatre - Off-Broadway productions that will entertain everyone in your group. [www.seacoastrep.org](http://www.seacoastrep.org).

The Music Hall - This historic landmark is one of the oldest theaters in the U.S. Unique behind-the-scenes group tours are available. [www.themusichall.org](http://www.themusichall.org).

Player's Ring Theatre - An intimate theater presenting original works by production companies. [www.playersring.org](http://www.playersring.org).

Pontine Theatre - National Endowment for the Arts award-winning small theater experience. [www.pontine.org](http://www.pontine.org).

Prescott Park Arts Festival - Outdoor theater during the summer months overlooking the City's working port. [www.prescottpark.org](http://www.prescottpark.org).

New Hampshire Theater Project - Independent production dedicated to creating innovative experiences and educational theater. <http://nhtheatreproject.wordpress.com>.

## Diversions

Shopping - Treat your guests to tax-free shopping at one-of-a-kind stores.

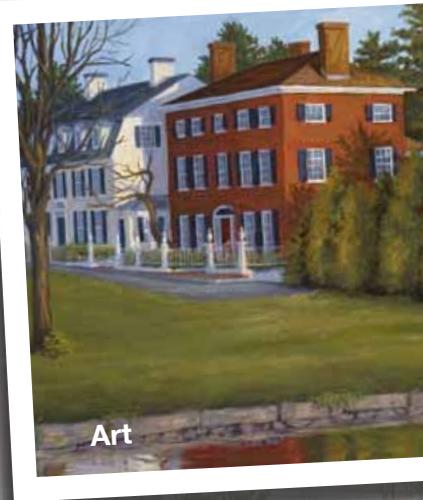
Kayaking - Endless options in quiet creeks or the open ocean.

Biking - Bike the entire coast on the East Coast Greenway Trail.

Golf courses - Dozens of courses to please even the most avid golfer.

Deep sea fishing & whale watching & hands-on lobster fishing.

Surfing & Skimboarding - Group lessons include wet suits and equipment.



Art

## Museums

Strawbery Banke • Discover Portsmouth Center • Warner House  
Gov. Langdon House • John Paul Jones House • St. John's Church  
Jackson House • Moffatt-Ladd House • Portsmouth Athenaeum  
Wentworth Gardner House • Wentworth Coolidge Mansion  
Rundlet-May House • American Independence Museum  
Albacore Park

## More Information

For other group-friendly ideas, and web links to all of the aforementioned options, please visit the Greater Portsmouth Chamber at [www.portsmouthchamber.org](http://www.portsmouthchamber.org).



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