

Hampshire Tudor Trail

Where will you discover?

Explore the places of Hampshire (and one of West Sussex) which can all boast links to Tudor history with our Tudor Trail!

The trail includes the manor houses of the very rich to the working homes of merchants.

The list is not exhaustive but once you know where to start looking, who knows what else you may discover?



- (1) Portsmouth
- (2) Isle of Wight
- (3) Titchfield
- (4) Netley
- (5) Southampton
- (6) Romsey
- (7) Beaulieu
- (8) Milford on Sea
- (9) Winchester
- (10) Basingstoke
- (11) Midhurst

(1) Portsmouth

The Mary Rose

The home Henry VIII's warship which sunk on 19th July 1545.
The Tudor fortification where Henry VIII watched the Mary Rose sink.

(2) Isle of Wight

Yarmouth Castle

The last of Henry VIII's coastal defences, completed after his death in 1547.

Mottistone Manor and Gardens

Take a walk in the picturesque grounds of this manor to find hidden pathways and other wonderful surprises.

(3) Titchfield

Titchfield Abbey

This 13th-century Abbey was turned into a place of residence by Thomas Wriothesley when the Abbey was granted to him during the Suppression of the Monasteries.

(4) Netley

Netley Abbey

This Abbey was converted into a mansion for Sir William Paulet, who was the Governor of Portsmouth in

(5) Southampton

Tudor House & Garden

This timber-framed house, which has documented over 800 years of history, is located in the heart of Old Town in Southampton

Medieval

The house, once a residence and place of business, has been restored to its mid-14th century appearance

(6) Romsey

King John's House and Heritage Centre

Don't be fooled by the name. Medieval, Tudor and Victorian history can be discovered within this Tudor timber-framed house.

(7) Beaulieu

Beaulieu Abbey

Enjoy a peaceful walk amongst the ruins and exhibition within this 13th century Abbey, which did not escape from Henry VIII's Suppression of the Monasteries.

(8) Milford on Sea

Hurst Castle

A Tudor fort which still looks as it did the 16th century.

(9) Winchester

The Great Hall

Visit 'one of the finest surviving aisled halls of the 13th century' which is all that remains of Winchester Castle, built by William the Conqueror.

Westgate Museum

Housed inside the last of the city's main medieval gates, this museum tells the history of Tudor and Stuart Winchester. Don't forget to take in the views from the roof!

Winchester Cathedral

In 1554, the marriage of Queen Mary I of England to King Philip II of Spain took place in this cathedral (which is one of the largest cathedrals in Europe).

Wolvesey Castle

This was one of many grand houses and castles owned by the bishops of Winchester. In 1554 the East Hall held Queen Mary I and Philip II of Spain's wedding banquet.

(10) Basingstoke

Basing House

Home to the Paulet family, this was the largest private house in Tudor England. Royal visits included Henry VIII, Elizabeth I and Queen Mary I and Philip II of Spain who honeymooned there in 1554.

The Vyne

This 16th Tudor mansion belonged to Lord Sandys and in 1535 Henry VIII visited with Anne Boleyn.

(11) Midhurst

Cowdray House

(Not part of Hampshire but has important link to Portsmouth)

The ruins of Sir Anthony Browne's Tudor manor once housed the only contemporary depiction of the Battle of the Solent of 1545.