

Special offers in Old Town

This September, there are even more ways to enjoy Old Town. Check out these special offers at local restaurants, shops and attractions. These offers are only available throughout September so use them before they are gone!

- **20% off** single general admission tickets when you use the code 'OLDTOWN20' at **High Score Arcades**
- **Kids go free** (under 16) with a paying adult at **Tudor House & Garden** (Saturdays and Sundays)
- **20% off bookings and all food and drink** when you use the code 'OLDTOWN20' at **1st Base**
- **Free tower ticket** with every cafe purchase at **God's House Tower**
- **10% off** your purchase at **Go Oriental & E&J Oriental** when you spend £5 or more
- **Howden Insurance £50 home challenge:** if they can't beat your current home insurance quote, they'll give you £50



For T&C's and more offers in Old Town, scan this QR code or head to visitsouthampton.co.uk/special-offers/old-town-offers

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A new *Visit Southampton* website has just launched bringing you more inspiration, easier planning, and helpful features so that you can make the most of your time in the city. See what's new at visitsouthampton.co.uk

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Southampton Cocktail Week

29th August – 7th September



Returning for a second year, Southampton's Cocktail Week is BACK, celebrating the city's vibrant cocktail scene. Enjoy exclusive offers, cocktail creations and masterclasses all week long at some of the best cocktail venues in the city. Ennio's, Rita's, Medbar, Smokin' Barrels, XOXO, Mail Room and Tulum are just a few of the venues taking part in Old Town.

southamptoncocktailweek.co



Heritage Open Days

12th - 14th & 19th - 21st September

Once a year, some of Southampton's most iconic heritage sites open their doors for all to enjoy during free Heritage Open Days. Venues opening for 2025 include Bargate, God's House Tower, Quilters Vault, 88 High Street Vault, St. Michael's Church and more. Find out more at visitsouthampton.co.uk/heritage-open-days



Events not to be missed!

There is always something going on in Old Town. Take a look at what's coming up:

Now until 5th October
Exhibition: Our Coffers Were Emptied for Your Pleasures
(God's House Tower)

Every Friday and Saturday
Southampton Market
(Bargate)

Every Week
Live Music
at The Platform Tavern

Every Wednesday
Karaoke & DJ (from 8pm)
at Medbar

Every Friday
Friday Frolics (DJ & Show)
at The London Hotel

5th September
Chic Out!
(The 1865)

13th September
Divas of the Decades: Ultimate Brunch
(The Grand)

13th – 14th September
Music In The City

19th – 28th September,
Southampton International Boat Show

26th September
GHT Lates: Sorrel Nation, Washed Out Parade & Lost Post
(God's House Tower)

27th September
U, Me & RnB
(Ruby's at The Grand)

27th September
Just Radiohead (The 1865)

Save the date...

City Reflections 2026 will return next February on the town walls to celebrate the city's community heroes. For more information head to southamptonforward.org.uk/cityreflections/



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Evenings done right

Discover our Purple Flag awarded night-time economy as Old Town comes alive after 5pm, offering a mix of live music, performances and unexpected experiences. Catch tribute acts, touring artists and standout gigs at The 1865, one of the city's leading independent music venues, or enjoy acoustic sets over dinner at The Platform Tavern and other local pubs and restaurants in the area.

For those who like to stay close to the action HMV and Vinilo Record Store often host intimate in-store performances and album signings. The London Hotel brings the party with a vibrant weekly lineup of cabaret, drag quiz nights and bingo, DJs and karaoke. For more ways to Light Up Your SOcial Life head to visitsouthampton.co.uk/nightlife



There is more to Old Town than you think...

History on your doorstep

Old Town is full of unexpected finds and timeless treasures waiting to be uncovered. Step back in time as you explore centuries of stories hidden in plain sight. Roam through medieval passageways, stumble upon ancient vaults, and trace the footsteps of seafarers, settlers and kings. From the city's fascinating connections to the Titanic to over 800 years of local history at Tudor House & Garden, every corner has a tale to tell.

Looking to deepen your experience? The city is home to several local heritage guides including Southampton Tour Guides Association (STGA), See Southampton, and Walsh Tours. For those looking to learn more about the city's past visit visitsouthampton.co.uk/things-to-do/trails-tours/



Ready to test your sleuthing skills? Step into the shoes of a detective as you hunt for concealed objectives and crack cryptic codes to reveal the mystery of the 'Titanic's Missing millions' by Mystery Guides. Keep an eye out on our *Your Southampton* Facebook and Instagram page for a chance to win your very own copy of this 'whodunnit' puzzle adventure.

A creative corner of the city: arts & culture

There is plenty on offer for those interested in art. At God's House Tower, an old medieval gatehouse turned arts and heritage hub, you will find the latest art exhibitions on display, free to browse during their opening times (Thursdays – Sundays). Just behind the tower, find Winkle Street where several 'Small Face' sculptures are hidden along the walls.

Old Town is home to K6 telephone boxes where there is more than meets the eye. The Winkle Street telephone boxes have recently been restored and converted into a mini photo gallery, showcasing striking photography by young people from workshops led by In Focus Education and Development. Over by the Albion Place bus hub, you will also find two more telephone boxes known as the K6 Gallery - a volunteer-led art project that has been running since 2015, bringing a diverse programme of community exhibitions.



Art In The Park

GO! Southampton and Solent Creatives have teamed up to transform the bollards in Mayflower Park into vibrant works of art. Two talented students, Amreace Bacon and Sasha Sinkler, have designed and hand-painted seven colourful bollards to brighten up the park, creating a brilliant spot for both cruise watching (and art) spotting!

For more local art around the city head to visitsouthampton.co.uk/southampton-got-art

Exciting experiences

Looking for something a little different to do? Old Town is packed with hands-on experiences and after-hours fun, perfect for shaking up your usual routine.

Step back into retro gaming glory at High Score Arcade, for unlimited free-play and classic fun. Take a swing at 1st Base, cue up for a game of pool at Rocket Ronnies, or release your inner lumberjack at Axeology with a round of axe throwing. If you're up for a challenge, grab your team and crack the clues at The Dark Arts Potion Bar—just don't forget to watch the clock! What will you try?



Wander along the old streets to find independent restaurants, welcoming pubs, cosy cafés and shops you won't find anywhere else.

For waggy tails and little adventurers, there are plenty of free walks and guided trails to enjoy, from striking public art to fascinating heritage stops and local parks for a pause and calm in a busy day. The Green Flag awarded parks are perfect for quiet lunches and family picnics.

As evening falls, sip on handcrafted cocktails and listen to acoustic sets by local musicians—or hit the dancefloor for live DJ sessions that keep the energy going late into the night.

Whether you're meeting friends, exploring with family or simply curious to see what's new, Old Town is ready to surprise you on every street and around every corner.

What will you LOVE about Old Town?



Brewed, Shaken, Stirred



There is nothing better than starting your day off with a pot of tea or a perfectly poured flat white in one of Old Town's independent coffee shops and cafes. Rita's In The Park, Poppins, Winnie's Café (at room2), Edisons, Bistro Baristo and Bisque Coffee are all great places to start.

In the evenings, Old Town keeps the drinks flowing well into the night. A spicy date-night with a bit of bubble and fizz or an after-work tittle with friends, the area has quite the selection. Enjoy cocktails at Monarch, Mail Room, Rita's or XOXO. Sip on a drink at Oasis Bar or try a Bavarian style 2-pint stein at Stein Garten, whilst The Red Lion, The Grapes and The Duke of Wellington are just some of pubs with a historic story to tell.

Oxford Street The home of independent dining

If you are looking to taste the best of local dining, look no further than Oxford Street. Here you will find plenty of restaurants, pubs and bars that go the extra mile when it comes to warm welcomes and friendly service. Find The White Star Tavern for hearty breakfasts and pub favourites with modern twists, the Lazy Fox for juicy burgers and creamy cheesecakes, Carnicero for large cuts of steak and wide ranges of wines and spirits and The Olive Tree for Mediterranean delights.



A closer look: Porters Wine & Charcuterie

Charcuterie boards almost too pretty to eat and a handpicked wine list from around the world—Porters is the place to unwind and dine with family and friends. Inspired by the relaxed enotecas of Italy, this intimate spot offers a more personal experience than your typical wine bar. If you're in the mood to indulge further, Porters Steakhouse—just next door—serves up exceptional dry-aged steaks and premium cuts, expertly prepared by their team of skilled chefs.



Jane Austen 250

Did you know that Jane Austen once called Southampton's Old Town home? She celebrated her 18th birthday at the former Dolphin Hotel and lived with her family in Castle Square. Now, as we mark the 250th anniversary of her birth, the city is celebrating in style! Discover what's on at: visitsouthampton.co.uk/janeausten250

East Street #LetsMeetOnEastStreet

Looking for somewhere with a bit of everything? East Street brings together great experiences, local services and hidden gems all in one spot. Whether you're visiting with friends or just passing through, it's a street that always gives you a reason to come back.

A closer look: Happy Lemon

Refreshing bubble teas, creative drinks and bubble waffles, Happy Lemon is bound to brighten up any day. Whether you're sipping on a classic milk tea or a fruity blend topped with their signature salted cheese foam, each visit brings a fun and flavourful twist to your usual drink stop.



LOVE local. Shop local.

Old Town is full of independent shops and businesses ready to help you find something special. Stroll through tucked-away stores and creative spaces offering everything from handcrafted gifts to top-notch health and beauty treatments.

For everyday essentials, you'll find E&J Oriental, Go Oriental and Asiamart stocked with fresh produce and specialty ingredients to fill your pantry. If you're feeling creative, pop into Poveys at Perrys for quality art and craft supplies. For great second-hand finds, the friendly teams at H&T Pawnbrokers and Debra Charity Shop are always happy to help. You can even pick up fresh-cut flowers at Elegance Boutique to brighten your day.

Music lovers can hunt for vinyls, CDs and more at Oxfam Music, HMV and Vinilo Records or head to Hobgoblin Music and Powerhouse Music for all your instrumental needs.

By shopping local, you're supporting the independent businesses that make Old Town such a vibrant and unique part of the city. Come and see why [#SouthamptonLovesLocal](https://www.instagram.com/SouthamptonLovesLocal).



Pamper yourself...

Everyone deserves a little self-care from time to time. Indulge in a beauty treatment at SK:N Clinic, SoKo Clinic or NUYU Wellness Clinic or sweat it out at The Gym Group.

If you're thinking about new ink, Old Town is home to Kookie Tattoo, Kaisen Tattoo studio and Asgard, where expert artists bring your ideas to life.

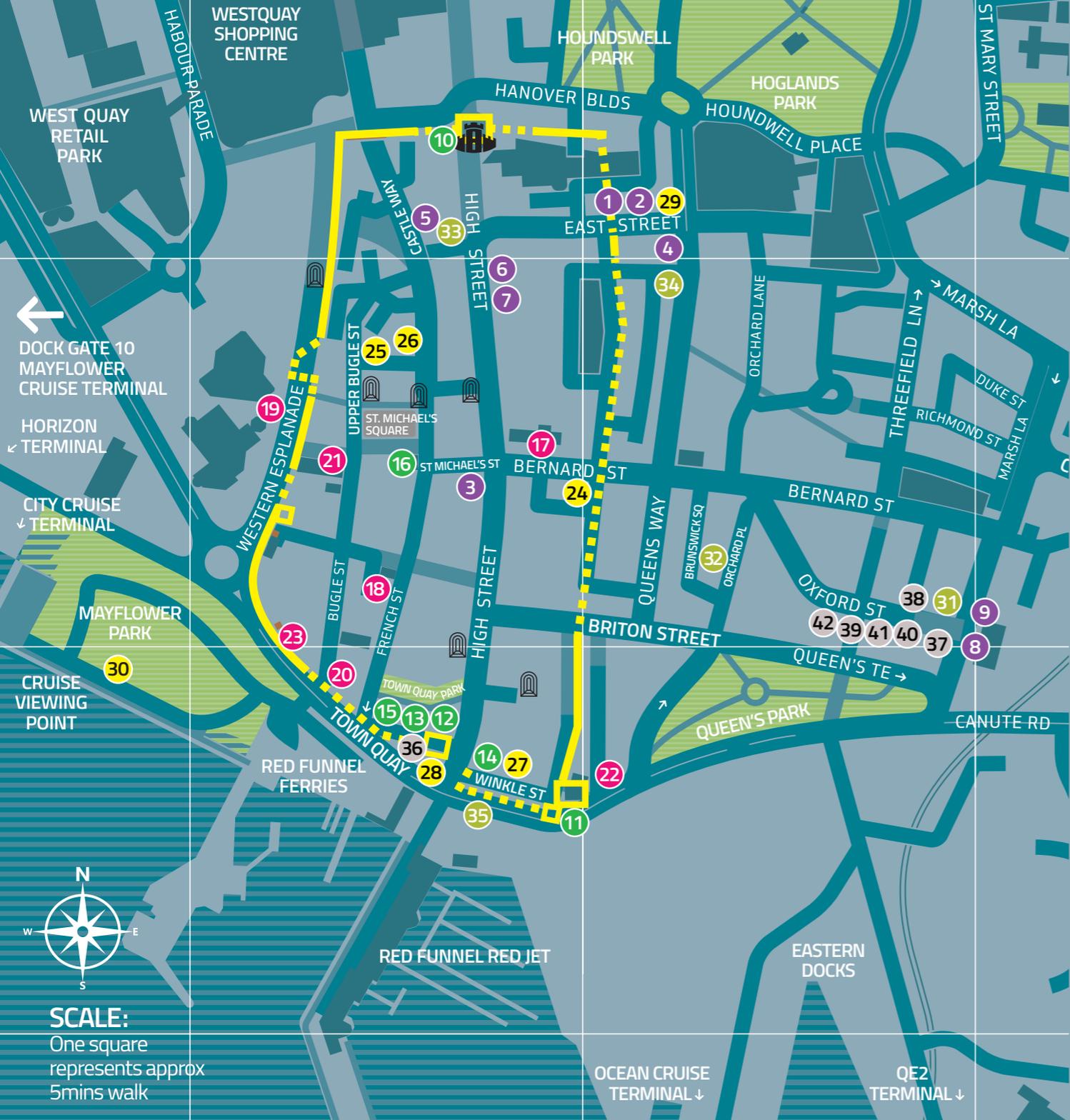
Good food lives here

Wander the historic streets and you'll uncover everything from fresh Mediterranean plates and modern British dining to cosy pubs and lively cocktail spots.

Treat yourself to a leisurely lunch at Argento, THE PIG - in the wall or Rosemary Café & Bistro, tuck into a Sunday roast in Dancing Man Brewery or The Platform Tavern. Savour the flavours of India at Chennai Lounge, Padharo, Bayleaf Kitchen, Coriander Lounge or Royal Pier or try something new at Shanghai Bay, Shanghai 1814 and Edo Asia or Beity Restaurant.

When the sun is shining, pull up a chair outdoors and enjoy al fresco dining in one of the city's most atmospheric quarters.

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THE OLD TOWN MAP

KEY

MEDIEVAL TOWN WALLS

SITE OF MEDIEVAL TOWN WALLS

CITY VAULTS

EXPERIENCES

- 1 1ST BASE
- 2 AXEOLGY
- 3 DARK ARTS POTION BAR
- 4 HIGH SCORE ARCADES
- 5 HOUDINI'S ESCAPE ROOM
- 6 ROCKET RONNIES
- 7 LEO LEISURE
- 8 THE GRAND
- 9 GENTING CASINO

HERITAGE OPEN DAY VENUES:

- 10 BARGATE
- 11 GOD'S HOUSE TOWER
- 12 QUILTER'S VAULT
- 13 88 HIGH STREET VAULT
- 14 ST JULIENS CHAPEL
- 15 CANUTE'S PALACE
- 16 ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

HISTORY & LANDMARKS

- 17 HOLYROOD CHURCH
- 18 MEDIEVAL MERCHANT'S HOUSE
- 19 AMERICAN D-DAY WALL
- 20 THE WOOL HOUSE (DANCING MAN BREWERY)
- 21 TUDOR HOUSE & GARDEN
- 22 SOUTHAMPTON (OLD) BOWLING GREEN
- 23 MAYFLOWER MEMORIAL

PUBLIC ART

- 24 FRUIT MARKET
- 25 HAMTUN STREET MURAL
- 26 SOUTHAMPTON MURAL 2013
- 27 SMALL FACES
- 28 WINKLE STREET TELEPHONE BOXES
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MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

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- 34 VINILO RECORD STORE
- 35 PLATFORM TAVERN

SOUTHAMPTON COCKTAIL WEEK VENUES

- 36 ENNIO'S
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- 38 XOXO
- 39 RITA'S
- 40 SMOKIN' BARRELS
- 41 TULUM TACOS & TEQUILA
- 42 MEDBAR



Your Southampton

Mayflower Pilgrims Memorial

In 1620 the group now known as the Pilgrims chartered the Mayflower and set sail to the New World to escape religious oppression in England. They sailed with another smaller boat, the Speedwell, which was originally built in Southampton. The Mayflower Pilgrims Memorial, built originally in 1913, still stands today to commemorate these sailings over 400 years ago. Find it in Town Quay!



The oldest independent restaurant in the area

Serving up quality Greek foods and specialties, George's Restaurant has been delighting visitors for over 80 years. Their Meze is a must, offering a minimum of 14 traditional Greek dishes from souvlaki and dolmathes to halloumi and moussaka.



Did you know...

Located on High Street, The Star Hotel was once one of Southampton's coaching inns and was visited regularly by royalty such as the then Princess Victoria. Today, the hotel is a family-owned business welcoming visitors from all over the world.



A taste of Spain...

Step inside La Regata, this long-standing Spanish restaurant and you'll be transported to the lively streets of Madrid or Barcelona, with colourful décor, an inviting atmosphere and a menu full of authentic tapas and regional dishes. With warm hospitality and bold Mediterranean flavours, every visit will leave you with a taste of Spain.



SCALE:
One square represents approx 5mins walk