

Cowes, Isle of Wight, England

A royal retreat and sailor's paradise off England's south coast — tender into Cowes and discover chalk cliffs, Victorian palaces, and dinosaur footprints all on one diamond-shaped island.

Tender port (Trinity Landing, Cowes)

Typical call: 8–10 hrs

Currency: British Pound (£)

Language: English

UNESCO Biosphere Reserve

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Trinity Landing, West Cowes — 0 min walk to town

Walk to centre: Steps from tender pier to Cowes High Street

Best For: Royal history, coastal walks, cycling, yachting culture

Don't Miss: Osborne House — Queen Victoria's beloved seaside palace

Getting around: **Taxi** £2–£5 within Cowes; £15–£24 to Newport

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Osborne House — Queen Victoria's Palace** — Victoria called this Italianate seaside villa her favourite home.
- The Needles & Alum Bay** — Three towering white chalk stacks rise from the sea at the island's western tip, guarded by a striped lighthouse.
- Carisbrooke Castle** — A classic Norman motte-and-bailey fortress near Newport where King Charles I was imprisoned before his execution.
- RIB Speedboat to the Needles** — The most thrilling way to see the Needles — a high-speed rigid inflatable boat departs from Cowes waterfront and races...
- Tennyson Down & Needles Viewpoint Walk** — Hike the chalk ridge from Freshwater Bay to the Tennyson Monument and onwards to the Needles viewpoint — all completely...

BEST WALKS

- Cowes Waterfront & High Street** 1.5 km · flat · 30 min · free — From Trinity Landing walk south along the esplanade to the Royal Yacht Squadron and Cowes Castle, then cut up to the pedestrianised...
- Osborne House Grounds Walk** 2 km within estate · easy · 45 min · included with entry — Once inside Osborne House, walk from the main palace down through Victoria's terraced gardens to the Swiss Cottage and the Queen's...
- Tennyson Down Ridge** 7 km return · moderate · 2.5 hrs · free — From Freshwater Bay (reached by bus or taxi), climb the chalk ridge to the Tennyson Monument and continue to the Needles viewpoint.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		55°	43°	9d
Jun		67°	55°	10d
Aug		69°	59°	11d
Sep		66°	56°	9d
Oct		60°	52°	13d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:10AM–8:00PM · Jun 4:51AM–9:19PM · Aug 5:53AM–8:24PM · Sep 6:41AM–7:18PM · Oct 7:28AM–6:12PM

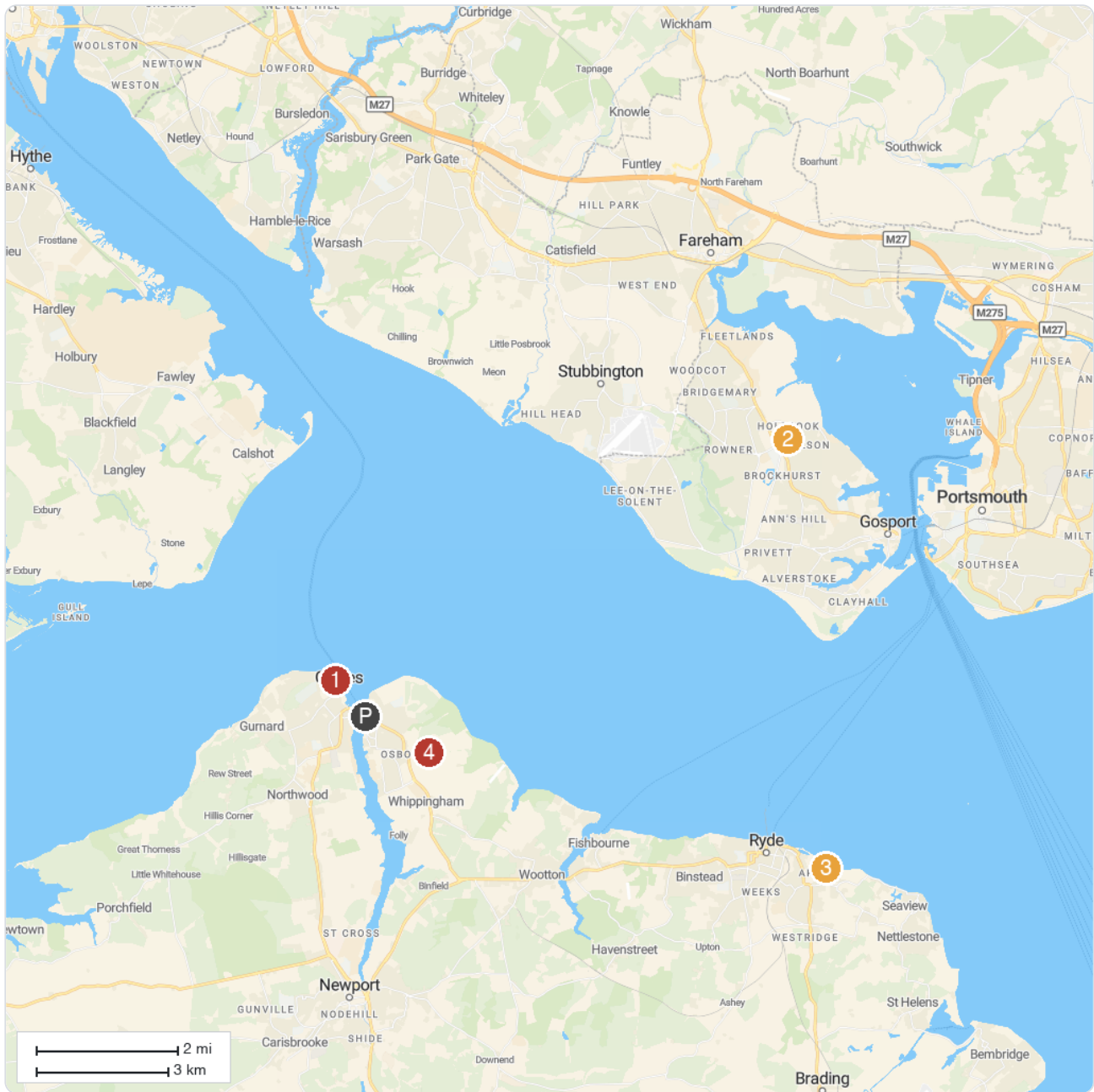
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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Cowes, Isle of Wight, England — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 Cowes Week** Cowes Week is a world-renowned annual sailing regatta.
- 3 Appley Park** Appley Park offers a beautiful beach, parkland, and play areas.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Fort Brockhurst** Fort Brockhurst is a well-preserved Victorian artillery fort.
- 4 Osborne** Osborne House was Queen Victoria's magnificent seaside home.