

Newhaven, Sussex

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Welcome to Newhaven Port – the gateway to Sussex, the South Downs and beyond.

Situated on England's beautiful south coast, Newhaven offers cruise guests the opportunity to discover some of the country's most iconic landscapes, historic sites and cultural treasures within easy reach of the port.

From the dramatic white cliffs of the Seven Sisters and the rolling landscapes of the South Downs National Park to the historic county town of Lewes, visitors can enjoy authentic English experiences away from the crowds. The cosmopolitan city of Brighton, with its famous Royal Pavilion, vibrant Lanes and seafront attractions, is less than 30 minutes away, while castles, award winning vineyards, stately homes and internationally recognised cultural destinations provide memorable excursions for every interest.

As a working port with a long maritime heritage, Newhaven combines operational flexibility with genuine local hospitality. Our experienced team works closely with cruise partners to deliver efficient operations and exceptional visitor experiences.

We look forward to welcoming your guests to Sussex and helping them discover one of England's most distinctive coastal destinations.

Top Five Facts!

1. Newhaven is a stone's throw from the Seven Sisters – One of England's most iconic landscapes, the Seven Sisters' dramatic white chalk cliffs are just 30 minutes from the port and form part of the Sussex Heritage Coast.
2. The story of England changed just 45 minutes away – The Battle of Hastings in 1066 reshaped the nation forever. Guests can stand on the battlefield where William the Conqueror defeated King Harold and changed the course of British history.
3. Sussex is England's sparkling wine capital – The chalk soils of Sussex mirror those of the Champagne region, helping local vineyards produce internationally award-winning sparkling wines.
4. Charleston was home to one of Britain's most influential creative circles – Artists Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant
   transformed Charleston into the heart of the Bloomsbury Group, attracting some of the twentieth century's greatest writers, artists and thinkers.
5. Newhaven is home to the longest serving cross channel ferry link – celebrating 200 years in 2025.

Experience Newhaven, Sussex

Seven Sisters & Birling Gap

Duration: 3–4 hours Travel Time: Approximately 30 minutes from the port Discover one of England's most iconic coastal landscapes. The dramatic white chalk cliffs of the Seven Sisters rise above the English Channel, offering spectacular views and excellent photo opportunities. Guests can enjoy a guided walk, visit the National Trust's Birling Gap visitor centre and learn about the area's unique geology and wildlife. Highlights: Seven Sisters cliffs, Birling Gap, South Downs National Park, coastal scenery.
Link: https://www.sevensisters.org.uk/

Brighton & the Royal Pavilion

Duration: 4–5 hours Travel Time: Approximately 30 minutes from port Explore Sussex's vibrant seaside city. Visit the extraordinary Royal Pavilion, stroll through Brighton's famous Lanes with their independent boutiques and cafés, and enjoy time along the historic seafront and Palace Pier. Highlights: Royal Pavilion, The Lanes, Brighton seafront, shopping and dining.
Link: https://brightonmuseums.org.uk/visit/royal-pavilion-garden/

Historic Lewes & Lewes Castle

Duration: 3–4 hours Travel Time: Approximately 20 minutes from port The county town of East Sussex offers a quintessential English market town experience. Wander its historic streets, visit Lewes Castle and the Barbican House Museum, and discover independent shops, antique dealers and traditional pubs. Highlights: Lewes Castle, medieval streets, local character, shopping.
Link: https://www.visitlewes.co.uk/

Battle Abbey & the 1066 Battlefield

Duration: 4–5 hours Travel Time: Approximately 45 minutes from port Stand on the site of one of the most significant events in English history. Guests can explore the abbey built by William the Conqueror and walk the battlefield where the Battle of Hastings took place in 1066. Highlights: UNESCO-worthy heritage, Norman history, English Heritage site.
Link: https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/1066-battle-of-hastings-abbey-and-battlefield/

Pevensey Castle
Duration: 3–4 hours Travel Time: Approximately 35 minutes from port Built within the walls of a Roman Saxon Shore fort, Pevensey Castle has witnessed nearly two thousand years of history. Discover its role in the Roman occupation, Norman invasion and medieval England. Highlights: Roman remains, Norman history, coastal heritage.
Link: https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/pevensey-castle

Charleston House
Duration: 3–4 hours Travel Time: Approximately 20 minutes from port Once home to artists Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant, Charleston became the heart of the Bloomsbury Group. Visitors can tour the house and gardens and gain insight into one of Britain's most influential artistic circles. Highlights: Bloomsbury Group, art and design, beautiful gardens.
Link: https://www.charleston.org.uk/house/

South Downs National Park
Duration: 4 hours Travel Time: Immediate access from Newhaven Rolling chalk hills, picturesque villages and stunning viewpoints within England's newest National Park. This excursion showcases the timeless beauty of the Sussex countryside. Highlights: Traditional villages, panoramic views, rural England.
Link: https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/

Sussex Vineyard Experience
Duration: 4–5 hours Travel Time: Approximately 30–40 minutes from port Sussex has become internationally recognised for producing award-winning sparkling wines. Guests can tour a local vineyard, learn about English winemaking and enjoy guided tastings paired with regional produce. Highlights: English sparkling wine, vineyard tour, local gastronomy.
Link: https://rathfinnyestate.com

Glyndebourne & the Sussex Countryside
Duration: Approx 5 hours Travel time: Around 20 minutes from port A world-renowned opera house in the heart of the Sussex countryside. From May to August, Glyndebourne stages its flagship summer Festival – four months of extraordinary opera and picnicking in the glorious gardens. From October to December, the opera house opens again for six weeks of opera, concerts and recitals showcasing emerging talent and new work. Highlights: World-class opera, Sussex countryside, artistic excellence, music festival, picnics & dining
Link: https://www.glyndebourne.com/

Bluebell Railway Heritage Steam Experience
Duration: 4–5 hours Travel Time: Approximately 45 minutes from port Step back in time aboard one of Britain's best-loved heritage railways. Travelling through the Sussex countryside in restored vintage carriages behind a steam locomotive provides a memorable and uniquely British experience. Highlights: Steam trains, nostalgia, scenic countryside.
Link: https://www.bluebell-railway.com/

Port Information

Time Zone : GMT
Operational Hours : 24/7, 365 days a year
Berth Enquiries / Reservations : pilots@newhavenport.com
Latitude & Longitude : 50.79’N 0.05’W

Prevailing Weather : Temperate
Anchorage position : 1.5 miles SW of the Western Breakwater
Distance to landing stage in nm : 2nm
Berth Information : East Quay
Vessel Length : Vessels up to 112m LOA. (Larger vessels may be acceptable after individual risk assessment. All vessels 90m+ must have a working bow thruster).
Vessel Width : Maximum 20m (larger vessel may be acceptable after individual risk assessment)
Air Draft Restrictions : N/A
Vessel Draft : 6m
Depth on Berth : 5m + Height of Tide
Largest cruise ship to call to port : NG Explorer
VTS - Channel : VHF 12 – Newhaven Radio
Maximum Ship Dimension : As above. Unlimited at anchor.
Pilotage : Pilotage is available 24 hours a day throughout the year and is compulsory for vessels of 49 metres LOA and above. A minimum of 12 hours' notice is required.
Tugboat : No, workboat available for pushing.
Security Facilities : Yes, ISPS Port Facility. Restricted area to be operated on the quayside around the vessel.
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Gangway : No
Fresh Water : Can be arranged by Roadside water tanker.
Power Supply : No
Fuel Supply : Bunkers are available by barge or road tanker booked via your agent.
Hot works / painting/ lifeboats : Yes, with permission from Newhaven Port Control.
Waste Handling : Yes

Passenger Facilities

Distance to Railway Station (miles & km) : Newhaven Harbour – 1 mile, 1.8km
Distance to Airport (miles & km) : Gatwick Airport – 40 miles, 64km

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