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The Port of Tyne in North Shields offers cruise passengers a warm welcome and unrivalled access to North East England's rich heritage, vibrant cities, and breathtaking landscapes. Just eight miles from Newcastle's dynamic city centre, the Port is a gateway to world-famous attractions—from the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Hadrian's Wall and Durham Cathedral to iconic castles like Alnwick, featured in Harry Potter and Downton Abbey.

Visitors can enjoy the region's stunning coastline, award-winning beaches, and scenic countryside, including the dramatic Cheviot Hills and historic sites like Cragside House. Newcastle itself offers a thriving cultural scene, with architectural landmarks, galleries like BALTIC, live music at Sage Gateshead, and buzzing markets and restaurants.

A new railway line, introduced last year, now connects Newcastle with rural Northumberland towns—opening up even more of the region's hidden gems to cruise guests without the need for private transport. From the dramatic landscapes of the Cheviot Hills to charming coastal villages like Alnmouth and Warkworth, the entire region is easily accessible from the Port.

With a well-equipped cruise terminal, easy access to top attractions, and a dedicated team delivering a smooth guest experience, the Port of Tyne is an ideal stop for Northern European, Baltic, or UK coastal itineraries. It's where heritage meets hospitality—and every visit begins with a sense of discovery.

Top Five Facts About Port of Tyne

1. Voted Top Performing Port by Cruise Guests

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines passengers voted the Port of Tyne Terminal of Choice in 2023, recognising its smooth operations and welcoming experience.

2. Gateway to 40% of the UK's Tea Imports

The Port of Tyne imports 40% of the UK's tea, playing a vital role in delivering the nation's daily cuppa.

3. England's Friendliest Region

The North East was ranked the friendliest region in England in a UK Government survey – cruise visitors are guaranteed a warm Northern welcome.

4. Award-Winning for Safety & Excellence

The Port has earned 10 consecutive RoSPA Gold Awards and the prestigious RoSPA President's Award, reflecting its world-class safety standards.

5. Home to the UK's Only 2050 Maritime Innovation Hub

The Port leads in green tech and logistics innovation through its pioneering 2050 Innovation Hub, a first-of-its-kind collaboration shaping the future of maritime.

Experience Tyne

Coast & Castles Panorama

Northumberland has more castles than any other English county, many of which grace its breathtaking coastal landscape. Discover the majestic ruins of Dunstanburgh Castle and Warkworth Castle, or the magnificent residences of Bamburgh Castle and Alnwick Castle and travel north to the beautiful Holy Island or Farne Islands - unforgettable sanctuaries located just off this scenic coastline.

Link: <http://www.visitnortheastengland.com>

Urban Adventures

With its seven bridges, cosmopolitan quayside, stylish shopping and historic roots, Newcastle offers amazing architecture, world-class culture and the iconic buildings of Grey's Monument, the tilting Gateshead Millennium Bridge, BALTIC, Sage Gateshead and the Castle Keep.

Link: <http://www.newcastlegateshead.com>

Historic Hadrian's Wall

Stretching across spectacular scenery, Hadrian's Wall is one of the most important remaining Roman monuments in England. Marvel at this significant UNESCO World Heritage Site which has survived almost 2,000 years of dramatic history. Visit Housesteads or Chesters Roman Forts, the medieval town of Hexham with its beautiful Abbey or the delightful village of Corbridge. Nearer to the Port visit Segedunum and Arbeia

Link: <http://www.visithadrianswall.co.uk>

Alnwick Castle & Garden

Explore spectacular Alnwick Castle, historic home to 12th Duke of Northumberland, with over 950 years of history to discover. Explore the magnificent grounds, learn about the castle's military history, or take a tour of the various locations used for film and TV – and even try your hand at Quidditch!

Link: <https://www.alnwickcastle.com/>

Durham City

Quaint cafes, winding cobbled streets, independent shops and stalls and the magnificent castle and cathedral World Heritage Site; there's plenty to keep explorers young and old busy and entertained on a trip to the place Bill Bryson called 'a perfect little city'. Take a walk along the river, experience the city's arts and culture or relax in one of the many sprawling green spaces and take in everything Durham City has to offer.

Link: <https://www.thisisdurham.com/>

Beamish, the Living Musuem of the North

Explore 300 acres of beautiful Durham countryside whilst experiencing first-hand how the Industrial Revolution transformed agricultural life across the region. Beamish working museum allows visitors to explore authentic locations such as the Town, Pit Village and Home Farm – which have been brought brick by brick from around the region to give a real sense of history and even nostalgia to those who visit.

Link: <https://www.beamish.org.uk/>

York City

With thirty world-class museums to explore, a thriving cultural scene and the best racecourse in the country, it's no wonder York was voted the best place to live in the UK! This vibrant festival city with its Roman roots offers a range of things to do and see. But if the bustling city isn't your style, why not head over to the gorgeous Yorkshire Dales or visit the North York Moors for beautiful scenery and glorious views? York really is the place for everyone.

Link: <https://www.visitthecityofyork.org/>

Northumberland Coast

From hidden bays and fantastic seafood to a breath-taking, castle-side coastline, the Northumberland Coast has so much to offer. Just a short journey from the busy, lively city centre of Newcastle, come and discover the quirks and charms of a number of seaside towns locations including Bamburgh, the Farne Islands and Holy Island.

Link: <https://www.visitnorthumberland.com/explore/destinations/beaches>

Tynemouth Priory

With a 2,000 year history and beautiful views, Tynemouth Priory is a breath-taking place to visit. Explore and learn about Tynemouth Priory's historic past as an Anglo-Saxon monastery, a royal castle and a coastal defence. Overlooking the North Sea and River Tyne, it is a popular spot to take the family for a fun day out and just a short walk from Tynemouth town centre.

Link: <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/tynemouth-priory-and-castle/>

Port Info

Time Zone : GMT

Operational Hours : Cruise Ships – 24hr operation; there are No Restrictions for cruise ships

Latitude & Longitude : North Side; River Tyne (Chart BA 1934) 54° 59.6'N 001°26.8'W Distance to Sea 2.2 miles

Prevailing Weather : Spring tide range 4.3m, neap 2.1m Current at mid tide generally 1-1.5knots

Berth Information : Length 335 metres, Depth 9.0 metres, Quay Height 6.7 m (at Chart Datum)

Vessel Length : Vessels over 350m have been handled previously but the practical limit is the 360m diameter turning at Jarrow which allows vessels up to 300m to be swung by tug.

Vessel Width : No restrictions

Air Draft Restrictions : No restrictions

Vessel Draft : Minumum of 9m up to 13.5m (depending on tides)

Depth on Berth : 9m

Largest ship to call : MSC Magnifica

VTS - Channel : 24hrs per day / 365 days per year

Max Ship Dimension : Up to 300m

Pilotage : Compulsory

Tugboat : 3 tugs (70,42, 43 tonnes pull) Additonal tugs can be arranged with reasonable notice

Security Facilities : Fully compliant with ISPS regulations.

Gangway : 20m, 14.5m and 12m gangways are available

Fresh Water : Water meters are located along the berth face

Power Supply : No

Fuel Supply : Must be arranged directly with relevant local supplier in advance

Hot works / painting/ lifeboats : Repairs from light engineering up to dry-docking for 250m plus vessels

Waste Handling : 1 x 12m3 skip included in standard call charges and sewage collection

Facilities

Cruise Terminal Building : The passenger lounge provides seating for 800 with 9 cruise and 6 ferry check-in desks and has capacity for 2,000 passengers in a turnaround call. Washrooms, coffee facilities, vending machines, and tourist information can be found in the International Passenger Terminal.

Currency Exchange : Numerous outlets are located in the city centre which is just 20mins away by metro

Internet Access : Free Wifi is available in the International Passenger Terminal.

Telephones : There is a public telephone box directly inside the Passenger Terminal

Taxi Rank : A taxi rank is located directly outside the International Passenger Terminal. Private hire taxis can also be booked.

Distance to Railway Station : The Terminal is approx 9 miles (14 ½ km) east of Newcastle. Percy Main is the closest Metro station (20 minutes walk), although it is better to take the bus if travelling with luggage . The 19 bus timetable and route map can be viewed [here](#).

Distance to Airport : Newcastle International Airport offers flights to and from regional airports around the UK and is around 14 miles/15mins by car.

Banks / ATM Machines : A Travelex cash machine is available inside the passenger lounge.

Restaurant/Café : There is a café located inside the terminal.

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