

Dartmouth Castle



Surrounded by sparkling waters, Dartmouth is one of the most beautifully located fortresses in England. For over 600 years, the castle has guarded the narrow entrance to the Dart Estuary.

Imaginative installations trace the castle's story right up to the Second World War. Look out for the audio and light display showing a crew preparing to fire a heavy gun. Families can get hands-on with the weapons used to defend the fortress, and young history hunters can follow an activity trail throughout the castle.





The Gun Tower at Dartmouth Castle was one of the first purpose-built coastal artillery forts in Britain.

Climb down the steps until you reach the basement floor of the tower which is built into the rock itself. Here the large metal harbour chain would have been housed. An impressive feat of medieval engineering, a great iron chain once spanned the 250m opening of the Dart estuary to defend Dartmouth from enemy warships.

- Take a scenic passenger ferry from the town quay for the best views of the castle.
- Walkers will love the coastal and woodland walks, where you can spot plenty of wildlife.

