

# Port of Harwich

Home to Mayflower Captain, Christopher Jones

1620—2020  
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## Port Details

**PORT** - Harwich International Port Ltd

Address: Parkeston, Harwich  
Essex CO12 4SR

Built as a rail ferry port in the 1880s by the Great Eastern Railway, the Port has developed and expanded over more than a century into a highly efficient, modern, multipurpose port.

Contact: Daren Taylor  
enquiries@harwich.co.uk

Maximum berth length (LOA): 315 metres



Ha'penny Pier, Harwich

## Local Guides

### Harwich Society

To arrange a tailor-made walk or for advice and further information, please contact the Guide Panel Secretary Andy Schooler.

+44 (0)1255 504590  
andyschooler49@gmail.com  
www.harwich-society.co.uk/guided-tours.htm

### Harwich Mayflower Project

+44 (0)1255 318023  
www.harwichmayflower.com

## An Introduction to Harwich

From the International Port of Harwich, visitors can explore the historic town of Harwich that has links to the Mayflower and many other voyages.

The Mayflower is believed to have been built in Harwich sometime before 1600, and was commanded and part-owned by her Master, Captain Christopher Jones, whose house still stands on Kings Head Street near the Waterfront.

Existing records show that Jones sailed the original Mayflower to Norway, the Mediterranean and France, exporting woollen cloth and importing wine - although he had never made the transatlantic crossing before.

In about 1611, Jones decided to leave Harwich, and move south to Rotherhithe in London, a mile downstream on the Thames from the Tower of London.

## Coach Companies

### Kirby Coaches

Kirby's coach hire fleet are a range of standard to executive coaches that are all maintained to the highest of standards.

Capacity: Up to 48  
+44 (0)1268 777 777  
www.kirbyscoaches.co.uk



Harwich

# Half Day Suggested Itinerary

## The Harwich Society

(1 hour approx.)

The Harwich Society can provide your groups with tailor made guided tours. From being met by the Town Crier to a private viewing of the Guildhall, the knowledgeable and entertaining volunteers ensure every visit is a memorable one.



Harwich Guildhall Tour

## Harwich Guildhall

(1 hour approx.)

Set in the heart of the historic old seaport, Harwich's Guildhall is a Grade I listed building. Originally the site of an inn named 'The Bear' it was purchased by the council in 1673. Its present design dates from 1769 and it remains the meeting place and administrative home for Harwich Town Council. The wealth of history and heritage that it contains, along with its remarkable architecture, make the Guildhall in Harwich a fascinating place to visit.

## Ha'penny Pier

(1 hour approx.)

One of the UK's only surviving wooden, working piers, attracts thousands of visitors to Harwich each year.

Constructed in 1853 it was a popular departure point for paddle steamers until the First World War. The name of the pier originates from the ½d (half an old penny) toll that was charged.

Today, the charming and typically 19th century ticket office is home to the local historical society. The Visitor Centre is open daily from 1 May to 30 September and free guided tours of Old Harwich run every Wednesday and Saturday in the summer at 2pm.



Ha'penny Pier

## Things to do

### The Harwich Society

Providing tailor made guided tours.



+44 (0)1255 502872  
info@harwich-society.co.uk  
www.harwich-society.co.uk

### Harwich Guildhall

Harwich's Guildhall is a Grade I listed building.



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info@harwichtowncouncil.co.uk  
www.harwichtowncouncil.co.uk

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### Redoubt Fort

An anti-Napoleonic circular fort commanding the harbour. Eleven guns on battlements.



+44 (0)1323 410300  
www.eastbournemuseums.co.uk

### Newmarket Racecourse

The home of horse racing.



+44 (0)344 579 3010  
www.newmarket.thejockeyclub.co.uk

### Ely Cathedral

Ely Cathedral is an Anglican cathedral in the city of Ely, Cambridgeshire, England.



+44 (0)1353 667735  
receptionist@elycathedral.org  
www.elycathedral.org

### RHS Garden Hyde Hall

Site run by horticulture charity, including bird hide and Dry Garden with bold architectural plants.



+44 (0)1245 400256  
hydehall@rhs.org.uk

## Things to do beyond Harwich

### Lakeside Shopping

A large out-of-town shopping centre located in West Thurrock



+44 (0)1708 869933  
lakeside.information@intu.co.uk  
www.intu.co.uk

### Colchester Zoo

This popular zoo opened in 1963 and celebrated its 50th anniversary on 2 June 2013.



+44 (0)1206 331292  
www.colchester-zoo.com

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## Lunch and Evening Meals

### The Pier

The first floor restaurant overlooks the harbour, ships and working docks and is only a stone's throw from the estuary where the fresh fish is landed daily.



+44 (0)1255 241212

[www.milsomhotels.com/the-pier](http://www.milsomhotels.com/the-pier)

### The Alma Inn And Dining Rooms

The Alma Inn and Dining Rooms has been at the centre of Harwich life since the 1850s serving ale to the citizens, sailors, soldiers and farmers that passed through.



+44 (0)1255 318 681

[www.almaharwich.co.uk](http://www.almaharwich.co.uk)

### Thai Up at The Quay

Offers authentic Thai cuisine.



+44 (0)1255 554532

[www.thaiupatthequay.com](http://www.thaiupatthequay.com)

### The New Bell Inn

An award winning establishment having won Tendering CAMRA's Pub of the Year title twice in the past ten years.



+44 (0)1255 503545

[www.thenewbell.co.uk](http://www.thenewbell.co.uk)



The New Bell Inn

### The Cafe on the Pier

Wonderful cafe with great food and service also boasting the best views in Harwich.



+44 (0)7743 192356

[www.cafeonthepierharwich.co.uk](http://www.cafeonthepierharwich.co.uk)

## Full Day Suggested Itinerary

### RHS Garden Hyde Hall (3 hours approx.)

Located in the Essex countryside, just outside Chelmsford, this peaceful garden is a perfect destination for a day out or as part of a group tour in the East of England. With its wide open skies and far reaching views, it has an eclectic combination of different gardens, with some 145ha (360 acres) to explore.



RHS Garden Hyde Hall



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### Colchester Zoo (4 hours approx.)

Situated in Colchester, England. The zoo opened in 1963 and celebrated its 50th anniversary on 2 June 2013. It is home to many rare and endangered species, including big cats, primates and birds as well as a large number of invertebrates and fish species.

Colchester Zoo has always cared passionately about the world's threatened species, and created its charity Action for the Wild to assist conservation projects worldwide. This includes its own project, the UmPhafa Private Nature Reserve in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. Since receiving charity status in 2004 Action for the Wild has donated over £1.2million to conservation programmes, as well as supporting conservation research.



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## Food and Drink Experiences

### New Hall Vineyards

New Hall Vineyards is a family run English Wine Producer with over 100 acres of vines.



+44 (0)1621 828343

[www.newhallwines.com](http://www.newhallwines.com)

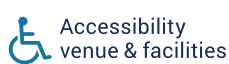
### Tiptree Jam

World famous Tiptree Jams; factory tours, luxury afternoon teas, catering.



+44 (0)1621 815407

[www.tiptree.com](http://www.tiptree.com)



## Mayflower Speakers

Please contacts directly to confirm topics, availability and rates.

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 Author of 'Emigrants' and of  
 'Merchant Adventurers'.  
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### Map Key

-  Location of attractions
-  Food & drink establishments
-  Approx distance from port (miles)

### For more information

For more information about things to do, places to eat and events in Harwich, go to [www.visitessex.co.uk](http://www.visitessex.co.uk) or [www.historicharwich.co.uk](http://www.historicharwich.co.uk)

For specific enquiries and further information, contact Lisa Bone at [www.visitessex.co.uk](http://www.visitessex.co.uk)

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