



English Tourism Week 2026

Welcoming Plymouth invites you to be part of our English Tourism Week programme!

During English Tourism Week, **13-22 March**, we aim to inspire students, career changers and job seekers through providing incredible behind the scenes access to tourism venues across the city. Join us to discover how these amazing businesses contribute to Plymouth's Visitor Economy and learn about the different roles involved and the skills needed in order to be successful and build a career in an exciting and varied industry.

All the sessions are **FREE** to attend.

Single/group booking requests (up to 15 people but venue dependant) to welcomingplymouth@plymouth.gov.uk.

Friday 13 March		
 <p>Barbican Theatre</p>	<p>Barbican Theatre Barbican Theatre is a vibrant and creative venue located in the heart of historic Barbican in Plymouth. The building houses a well-equipped auditorium which seats up to 144, a bright rehearsal studio and an intimate cafe bar.</p> <p>This workshop, behind-the-scenes tour and Q&A is a great opportunity for creatives and those aspiring to work in the performance industry.</p>	<p>9am-12noon</p>
 <p>Dartmoor ZOO</p>	<p>Dartmoor Zoo Dartmoor Zoo focuses on conservation, including participation in endangered species breeding programmes and ethical animal care. It also prioritises education and research, working with the community and offering learning experiences for visitors. As a charity, it supports long term animal welfare, community engagement, and public awareness of wildlife.</p> <p>Come and along for a series of talks from all the teams that make their zoos mission possible and enjoy a tour of the zoo.</p>	<p>1-4pm</p>

Monday 16 March		
	<p>Moxy Hotel x Clean Our Patch CIC – City College Plymouth Student Session</p> <p>At Moxy Hotels, they don't take themselves too seriously. But they're seriously into showing you a good time with small but smart rooms, stylish communal spaces and bars to love.</p> <p>Clean Our Patch CIC evolved from a frustrated couple who decided to do something about the litter piling up on their local streets. It has become a full-blown community of like-minded individuals being given the opportunity to clean up the litter that blights their streets. Since March 2018, they've collectively filled over 75,000 bags of litter across the city of Plymouth and South Hams.</p> <p>This session is for City College Plymouth students only and not available for booking.</p>	10.30am-3pm
Tuesday 17 March		
	<p>The Box Plymouth</p> <p>The Box is a social space for people, art, ideas and experiences. They preserve the city's cultural collections and share extraordinary stories to explore the pressing issues of our age. From their home in Plymouth, they nurture and support individuals to be creative and curious about the world around them, exploring the past in order to imagine new futures. They seek to be a sustainable cultural organisation for the 21st century.</p> <p>Take up this incredible opportunity to visit behind the scenes areas not accessible to the public and find out more about the skills and attributes needed to work and volunteer in this amazing venue.</p>	1-3pm
Wednesday 18 March		
	<p>Plymouth Arena</p> <p>The independent heart of live entertainment in our city. A place where unforgettable moments are shared, and everyone feels they truly belong. Proudly independent and confidently bold, Plymouth Arena is built for one purpose: creating live experiences you'll never forget.</p> <p>This behind-the-scenes tour and Q&A is a great opportunity for creatives and those aspiring to work in the live events industry.</p>	10am-12noon
	<p>Devonport Naval Heritage Centre – Veteran's Session</p> <p>The Devonport Naval Heritage Site and Visitor Centre record the development of The Dockyard and Plymouth's pivotal role in supporting the Royal Navy through major conflicts, including two World Wars. Through its collections, interactive experiences and pictorial interpretation the drama of the close relationship of</p>	1pm-3pm

	<p>Devonport, the Royal Navy, The Dockyard and the people of Plymouth can be explored.</p> <p>This session is for Plymouth veterans to get a tour of the centre and learn more about volunteering opportunities.</p>	
Thursday 19 March		
	<p>Tinside Lido Set in a beautiful location overlooking the sea at the tip of Plymouth Hoe and voted one of the top 10 best outdoor pools in Europe, Tinside Lido is an attraction not to be missed.</p> <p>As well as the pool itself, the facility also features a sun deck, which is one of the best places in Plymouth to soak up the sun and a cafe, perfect for grabbing a coffee and an ice cream to help relax. This fantastic outdoor saltwater swimming pool offers both local people and visitors to Plymouth beautiful surround in which to swim, sunbathe and watch the world go by.</p> <p>Come along, meet the team and see the behind the scenes of how the multiple roles make the iconic monument what it is!</p>	<p>10am- 12noon</p>
	<p>Bistrot Pierre - French Restaurant & Boutique Rooms Nestled in the stunning Royal William Yard, Bistrot Pierre Plymouth offers relaxed French dining by the waterfront. Set within historic architecture, our Bistrot, bar, and heated terrace provide the perfect setting to enjoy freshly prepared French-inspired dishes in a charming, atmospheric location.</p> <p>At Bistrot Pierre, they believe in making a positive impact where it matters the most – in the local community. Their commitment goes beyond serving delicious food, they are dedicated to supporting the neighbourhoods that their Bistrot's are proud to call home.</p> <p>Come along, meet the team and see the behind the scenes of how their restaurant and hotel room run and ask any questions you have.</p>	<p>1pm-3pm</p>
Friday 20 March		
	<p>Plymouth Gin Distillery (18+) The Plymouth Distillery is the oldest working distillery in England. It has been making Plymouth Gin according to the original recipe since 1793. The building dates back to the early 1400s, with the most intact part of the distillery, the Refectory Room - a medieval hall with a fine hull-shaped timber roof built in 1431, being one of the oldest buildings in Plymouth. It is thus protected as a national monument and is one of the city's most precious heritages. Join us for an in depth talk about the distillery itself, Plymouth Gin and the wider brand family that it is part of and the worldwide opportunities available.</p>	<p>11am-1pm</p>

	Take part in a tour to get a fantastic behind the scenes look at this national monument.	
	<p>National Marine Aquarium NMA's work is centred around people and positive action.</p> <p>They are focusing on inspiring Ocean advocacy through connections with nature, combined with ground-breaking work protecting & restoring vital Ocean habitats. The team of marine biologists, educators, communicators, researchers, ecologists, oceanographers and divers are Ocean optimists. They work tirelessly to connect people to the Ocean and influence pro-Ocean behaviour.</p> <p>Come along and get behind the scenes and see the inner workings for the National Marine Aquarium. Speak to the team and learn the skills needed to work here.</p>	1.30-3.30pm