

## Our Sister/Friendship Cities

### Haifa, Israel

Haifa is Israel's third largest city, built on three levels: The German colony dating from 1869, bustling at the base of the mountain. The Hadar district midway up the mountain, at the top is Carmel, with tree lined streets.

The Link was formed in 1963, on the invitation of Haifa. It aims to encourage organisations and individuals to link with each other to share common interests.

### Maizuru, Japan

Maizuru is a thriving port of Kyoto, located in a scenic bay with a coastline around 98km long. Maizuru and Portsmouth have had links stretching back as far as the Japanese Admiral Togo (Togo Avenue in Gunwharf Quays is named after him) who studied naval gunnery in Portsmouth. In 1901 Admiral Togo became the first commander of Maizuru's naval station. Formal sister city accords were signed in 1998. In July 2000, a Japanese Garden was opened in Portsmouth by Mayor Emori.

### Sydney, Australia

The Sister city link between Portsmouth and Sydney was made in December 1984. The first Australian Settlers led by the then Captain Arthur Phillip, left from Portsmouth bound for Botany Bay on 13 May 1787, arriving there, they found no fresh water so they landed at what is now Sydney Cove. The Australian Settlers Memorial at Sally Port in Old Portsmouth is a gift of a granite block from Sydney and a set of links symbolic of the two cities' links. An identical memorial exists in Sydney.

### Zuhai and Zhanjiang, China

Zuhai is located on the Pearl River delta, and its name means "pearl" and "sea". It includes 146 islands scattered in the South China Sea, hence its nickname: City of a Hundred Islands. The friendship link was set up between Zuhai and Portsmouth in 2014 following official visits, with the support of the Portsmouth Chinese Association (PCA).

The Zhanjiang Friendship link was signed in 2017. This city is a major commercial port in China and home to the Chinese Navy. A huge city of nearly 7 Million people. Further Info: [tinyurl.com/portinter](http://tinyurl.com/portinter)

## Our European Twin Cities

### Caen and Duisburg

The ferry service began the link between the Cities of Portsmouth and Caen (France's first major city liberated after the D-day landings in which Portsmouth played an enormous role). On 5 June 1987 a document was signed in Portsmouth and in Caen on 6 June 1987. This document was rewritten and re-signed by both cities in a ceremony in Caen on November 25th 2017.

Further info: [tinyurl.com/portcaen](http://tinyurl.com/portcaen)

Duisburg is a German city of over 500,000 people. It is situated in the Rhine-Ruhr conurbation, close to Düsseldorf and is part of the North-Rhine Westphalia region. Its inland port is the largest in the world. The second oldest Anglo-German twinning link was signed in 1950 by the Lord and Lady Mayoress, Sir Denis and Lady Peggy Daley in Duisburg's Rathaus.

Further Info: [tinyurl.com/duisport](http://tinyurl.com/duisport)

## Our American Sister/Friendship Cities

The 3 Portsmouth's in New Hampshire; Virginia and Rhode Island on the Atlantic Coast.

The 3 Mayors of the Atlantic Portsmouths and our Lord Mayor signed a declaration in 2013, seeking closer ties with the goal of enhancing educational, economic and cultural opportunities.

Further Info: [portsmouthatlantic.org](http://portsmouthatlantic.org)

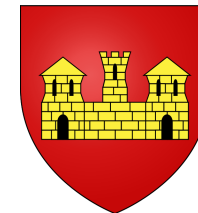
Lakewood Colorado has a Chester-Portsmouth Park named after its Sister City link with us. Further Info:

<http://www.lakewood.org/SisterCities/>

# City of Portsmouth International Links

*Our city has many international links, including twin cities, sister cities and friendship links throughout the*

**Portsmouth**  
the great waterfront city



**CITY OF SYDNEY**



**Lakewood**



湛江港集团

**ZHUHAI CHINA**  
中国珠海

## Our Twin Cities

At the beginning of 2018, Portsmouth has two twin cities. These are Caen in Normandy, France and Duisburg in North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany.

We have been twinned with Duisburg since 1950. This is the second oldest twinning link in the UK. Bristol and Hannover being the oldest (1947). Why not visit:

[tinyurl.com/duisport](http://tinyurl.com/duisport)

[tinyurl.com/portcaen](http://tinyurl.com/portcaen) for further information.



### What is a Twin City?

Twin Cities have active links across various areas such as Culture, Education, Economic Development, Business to business growth, growth of tourism, etc

### What is a Sister City?

**Sister Cities** are those with which we have something in common, such as historical links or a shared name and are formalised by a signed agreement.

**Friendship links** are less formal signed by the council to promote projects between cities.

## Our Sister Cities

Portsmouth has links with several Sister Cities in many places all over the world.

These include:

Sydney, Australia

Portsmouth, Virginia, United States of America

Portsmouth, New Hampshire, United States of America

Maizuru, Japan

Zhuhai, China

Haifa, Israel

You can find out more about these links here:

[tinyurl.com/portinter](http://tinyurl.com/portinter)

## Our Friendship Cities

We have established friendship links with:

Lakewood, Colorado, United States of America

Portsmouth, Rhode Island, United States of America

Zhanjiang, China

### Find us on Facebook

Our Twin cities are on Facebook:

[tinyurl.com/duisportfb](http://tinyurl.com/duisportfb)

[tinyurl.com/portcaenfb](http://tinyurl.com/portcaenfb)

You can like our page and be kept abreast of information, photos and events we post on there.

### Find us on Twitter

Our Twitter Feed by Portsmouth's Caen twin city group is @PortsmouthCaen

Other international events will also be promoted on that feed.



## What is twinning?

Twinning is the proven method of building bridges between communities from different countries. Twinning can act as a catalyst for communication links and relationships between people of differing or similar backgrounds who are geographically distant. With twinning we aim to:

- promote our links to the people of Portsmouth, and enable them to meet people from different cultural groups and societies
- promote participation with those groups in activities such as arts, sports and education
- develop mutual economic benefits such as tourism and language studies, where possible