

2007
WHAT'S ON

BRUNEL'S SS GREAT BRITAIN



AND MORE!

VENUE HIRE

Brunel's ss Great Britain offers a stunning waterfront venue for corporate and private functions, including weddings. Bristol's premiere venue promises guests a unique experience, quality facilities, and excellent service. Also available for conferences and exhibitions.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Brunel's ss Great Britain is an independent museum and charity, which receives no government funding. Every pound spent during your visit helps save Brunel's ss Great Britain for the future. For other ways to support the ship please contact the fundraising department. Thank you.



Winner of 10 major heritage, tourism, conservation and access awards including:

- The Gulbenkian Prize for museums and galleries 2006
- South West Tourism Excellence Awards: Large Visitor Attraction of the Year 2006
- Museum and Heritage Awards for Excellence 2006
- ADAPT Trust Award for 'Excellence in Access' 2006



Registered Charity No. 262158

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General office and bookings:
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www.ssgreatbritain.org

Opening times:

Open daily except December 17, 24 and 25
10am – 6pm (April to October)
10am – 4.30pm (November to March)
Last ticket sales one hour before closing

Children four and under free entry

FREE unlimited return visits for one year

*Terms and conditions apply

A great visit throughout the year, whatever the weather!

Facilities available:

- Car and coach parking
- Gift shop
- Dockyard Café Bar
- A choice of audio 'companions' for adults and children (included in admission), with guides in French and German
- Baby change facilities
- Full wheelchair access; facilities for the blind and partially sighted; BSL guides for the Deaf. Guide and hearing dogs welcome; dedicated assistants free entry
- Groups and educational tours welcome, by arrangement

For further information on visiting Bristol:
www.visitbristol.co.uk

THE WORLD'S FIRST GREAT OCEAN LINER

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return visits*

UK Museum of the year
SW Best Big Attraction 2006



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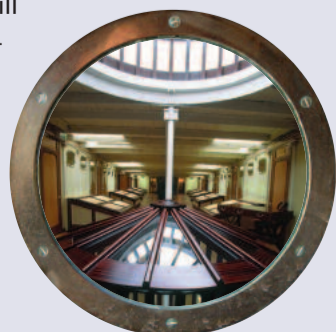
STEP BACK IN TIME WHEN YOU BOARD THE MULTI AWARD-WINNING BRUNEL'S SS GREAT BRITAIN. LAUNCHED IN 1843 TO PROVIDE LUXURY TRAVEL TO NEW YORK, THE WORLD'S FIRST GREAT OCEAN LINER SET NEW STANDARDS IN ENGINEERING, RELIABILITY AND SPEED.

Find out about the passengers and crew – from the rich and famous, to the poor leaving 1850's England to start a new life in Australia.

The iron ship's story is rich in triumphs, disaster, personal tragedy and joy, culminating in the ss Great Britain's dramatic rescue and return in 1970 to her original dry dock.

The Dockyard Museum charts the fascinating history of Brunel's masterpiece and is packed with hands-on interactive displays and massive iron artefacts. Follow the captain's orders, to take the ship on a westerly course, prepare her for sail, and climb the crow's nest.

A personal audio 'companion' will guide you around the vast ship – from the luxury of the First Class Dining Saloon, to the cramped steerage accommodation, and smoky engine room. There's a choice of tours for adults and children, including French and German.



Descend into the ss Great Britain's Dry Dock, under the glass 'sea', for a close up view of the ship's giant hull and screw propeller, and the state-of-the-art equipment saving her for the next 100 years by keeping the atmosphere as dry as the Arizona Desert.

Access for all!

Brunel's ss Great Britain is one of the world's most accessible historic ships with lifts for wheelchair users, specialist British Sign Language (BSL) guides for the Deaf, and audio guides for the blind and visually impaired. Guide and hearing dogs are welcome, as are dedicated assistants who have free entry.



*A fantastic day out
in all weathers!*

Fun for children

There is plenty for children to do, hear, see and smell – from giant interactive displays, cartoon signs, Sinbad the Ship's Cat audio 'companion', a 'talking' toilet, and even the whiff of vomit coming from a seasick stewardess's berth!



Check out special events, activities, and trails, including Gruesome Great Britain and Sinbad the ship's cat.

For school groups, the education department offers hands-on workshops, interactive tours, and resources to support the national curriculum, and a new and exciting education pack.

Children four and under, FREE entry, plus baby change facilities.

Victorian teas, Dockyard Café Bar & gift shop

The Dockyard Café Bar is perfect for Victorian teas, home-cooked meals, light lunches, and refreshments. And no visit is complete without that special purchase from the gift shop, as a memento of your great day out!



Step on board Brunel's ss Great Britain for a voyage of a lifetime!

BRUNEL'S SS GREAT BRITAIN EVENTS CALENDAR 2007



Multi award-winning!



'Moving Down the Avon', Joseph Walter 1845
'All at Sea!' exhibition, from March

BAKER GALLERY

View art, from 19th century oils to 21st century photography, in this dedicated space within the Dockyard Museum.

SPRING

FEBRUARY 18 TO 22

Brunel visits

Listen to Brunel's stories and ask questions!

FEBRUARY 17, 23 & 24

Brunel puppet show

Whistle-stop tour of Brunel's life. 11am, 12 noon, 2pm, 3pm

MARCH 15

Sun, sea & sextants – for National Science & Engineering Week

Learn secrets of navigation, from stars to SatNav! Never get lost again. 12 noon, 1.30pm, 2.30pm

APRIL 6

Brunel on tour

Brunel leads a walking tour from, and returning to, the ship's stern, via Queen Square. 11am, 1pm

APRIL 8

Victorian Easter

Children join the Easter Bunny on board ship for trails and chocolate eggs, plus prizes for decorated bonnets and stovepipe hats!

APRIL 9

Brunel Birthday

Celebrate the 200th anniversary of Isambard's 1st Birthday! Help Brunel make shadow puppets

APRIL 10, 11, 12 & 13

Sticky ships

Collage workshops, inspired by signal flags. 10.30am to 1pm, & 2pm to 4pm

MAY - Museums & Galleries Month

Masts ahoy!

View the new masts on board ship, and Victorian masts in the new Riggers' Yard



Sinbad the ship's cat

Ship's trails for children, throughout May, are the cat's whiskers!

MAY 7, 26 & 28

Dream boats workshops

Children create giant paper boats, for launch on May 31

MAY 31

Dream boat launch

Children launch boats, at 7pm and 9pm, for the night time glow extravaganza. Dockyard Café Bar stays open late



MAY 31

Murder mystery - Australian gold rush

Stylish dining for amateur sleuths. Includes welcome drink on the Promenade Deck, three-course dinner and wine. £60**

SUMMER

JUNE

Sinbad the ship's cat

Ship's trails for children, throughout June, are the cat's whiskers!

JULY 28 & 29

EDF Energy Bristol Harbour Festival

Free live music next to the ship's Dockyard Café Bar, plus face-painting and traditional Victorian games for children. Other events include fireworks, circus, street performers, and markets

See www.bristol.gov.uk/harbourfestival

JULY 28

Food 'n' fireworks

Harbour festival firework display from the Top Deck. Includes welcome drink, supper in the Dockyard Café Bar and mini tour of the ship. £39**

AUGUST 1-5; 7-12; 14-19; 21-27; 29-31

Brunel & Captain Gray

Listen to their stories and ask questions!

AUGUST 20, 21, 23 & 24

Sinbad's sea chests

Join our artist in residence and Sinbad the ship's cat for family fun



BRUNEL'S 1845 ENGINE

Experience the massive three-storey Brunel engine in action. See the pistons pumping and the ship's great wheel turning. Find out what life was like for Victorian stokers.

AUTUMN

SEPTEMBER

Vile Victorians

Trails for adults, from spitting gents to fights in steerage

SEPTEMBER 6

Murder mystery – it's just not cricket!

As May 31, but travel back to 1861 and the first 'All England' cricket team's tour to Australia**

SEPTEMBER 13, 15, 20 & 22

Steam & sail power

Engine Room and Rigging tours, 2pm

OCTOBER 20

Peeking portholes – a Big Draw event

Discover the inner-artist, be creative, be inspired! Also turn paper into ceramic works of art. Cost per plate made

OCTOBER 21 TO 30

Gruesome Great Britain

Children's trails, plus Vile Victorians for adults

OCTOBER 22 TO 28

Extreme knotting

Learn knots for sailing. For all ages

WINTER

DECEMBER 1

Santa special

Join Santa and carol singers over mulled wine, and hot roasted chestnuts, plus walnut gilding, jewellery making and decoupage boxes. Prizes for children with homemade Christmas cards for Brunel

DECEMBER 1

Victorian Christmas banquet

Enjoy sumptuous five-course spread in the First Class Dining Saloon. £89 including wine, port, and entertainment**

DECEMBER 8

Magic lantern show

A trip to the movies, Victorian style

DECEMBER 6

Christmas party

Spoil yourself and a loved one with a three-course dinner in the First Class Dining Saloon, plus music and casino. £49.50 each**

PLUS FEBRUARY 14, 2008

Valentine's murder mystery

As May 31, on a Valentine's Day theme**

** Call 0117 926 0680 for information and bookings

All events are included in admission, unless stated. Trails are self-led. Please phone to check events, before leaving home.

Thank you.

