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Now available for privileged hire

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HMS VICTORY 1765.

You are invited to join with the National Museum of the Royal Navy and participate in an exclusive event that very few people have experienced since 1765.

HMS Victory is now available for privileged hire, and is able to accommodate up to 120 guests across a variety of spaces. The Quarterdeck, or Upper Gun Deck, will accommodate 120 for a reception, the Lower Gun Deck up to 90 for a dinner.

The unique selling proposition of each event package will be dinner aboard HMS Victory, which is marketed towards premium niche customers of discerning taste who appreciate quality, refinement, heritage and a sense of occasion.

HMS Victory is the 'Jewel in the Crown' of what The National Museum of the Royal Navy has to offer.



You can have exclusive access to the ship, when she is not open to the public and dine where Nelson lived, dined and entertained over 200 years ago. This was where Vice Admiral Horatio Nelson formulated and his crew executed plans that resulted in the defeat of the French and Spanish fleets and victory for Britain at the Battle of Trafalgar – the most decisive battle ever fought by the Royal Navy on Monday 21st October 1805.





The Lower Gun Deck allows guests the chance to dine at mess tables, where in the past the crew of Victory would have eaten their rations, slung between the 32-pounder guns. These were Victory's heaviest guns, each weighing in at 3.75 tons, including their carriage.

Food is prepared by one of our accredited catering companies, who together with their highly trained chefs are accustomed to preparing food for the most discerning of clients. We will liaise with both our clients and chefs, and from this will produce a selection of menus from which to choose. HMS Victory has limited catering facilities, but these chefs are highly experienced in working within such constraints, allowing them to deliver a seamless service.

Wine is selected individually for each event, dependent upon your chosen menu, any particular preference you may have, and a host of other influencing factors. We will liaise with our personal sommelier to ensure that every effort is made to achieve the highest of standards for all aspects of your dining experience.

For every booking you will have your own dedicated liaison at the National Museum, who will be on hand to facilitate the smooth running of your event, ensuring that all you have to do as the client is to entertain your guests.

Customers will be able, within certain limitations, to tailor their actual event package to suit their specific needs, and additional extras such as gift bags, photographers and musicians can be added.

Gift bags can be provided, which can be individually themed to either your party as a whole or to individual guests.

An accredited photographer can be arranged, who will be able to take both group and individual photographs, which can be made available as part of the package, providing a superb memento of a memorable experience.

A costumed violinist can be provided, who will walk amongst the tables during dinner, performing an array of nautically themed music, and of course ending with the traditional Hornpipe.

Event programme

The standard programme for an event would be:

- 18:30 Commence boarding HMS Victory. Groups of 20 will then be treated to a guided tour of the ship conducted by one of our trained tour guides.
- 19:30 Drinks reception on the Upper Gun Deck. This provides an ideal networking opportunity whilst guests acquaint themselves in historic surroundings.
- 20:00 Dinner is served on the Lower Gun Deck.
- 22:30 Carriages.

The Quarter Deck

The Quarter Deck will accommodate up to 120 guests for a reception.

It was virtually the control centre of the ship, where the defence of the ship and the business of battle was coordinated, and it was on this very deck that Nelson was mortally wounded during the Battle of Trafalgar.

This deck provides a stunning location for an event with not only wonderful views of the ship, but also a magnificent vista of Portsmouth Harbour.

Should the weather prove to be inclement, the Upper Gun Deck can be used as an alternative at relatively short notice.



Location



Further information

For further information and pricing details please contact

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