

# TRAVEL TRADE PRODUCT INFORMATION

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OLD ROYAL  
NAVAL COLLEGE  
GREENWICH

*Britain's no.1 filmed  
heritage location*



## WELCOME

Our trade team offers tailored packages, to this must-see attraction in Greenwich, from quick 15-minute visits to exclusive experiences.

Every ticket sold supports the preservation of this historic site for future generations.

Partner with us for an unforgettable experience packed with one-of-a-kind offers.

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# I INTRODUCTION



## WELCOME TO THE OLD ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE

The jewel in the crown of a visit to Greenwich is the magnificent Painted Hall at the Old Royal Naval College, which is one of Europe's most impressive interiors.

This iconic landmark, located the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, is steeped in 600 years of history and witnessed the birth of Henry VIII. In addition to the fascinating history behind the site, it is Britain's no.1 heritage film location, with the opportunity to step behind-the-scenes to discover how this stunning site has featured in everything from *Bridgerton* to *Bond*.



## BECOMING A TRAVEL TRADE PARTNER

We welcome the opportunity to create new trade partnerships. We work with operators from across the globe, for FIT and groups, either direct or via destination management companies.

To set up a new partnership or to book a trade group, please contact us via the details below.

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## II ENTRANCE INCLUDES



### PAINTED HALL

The breath-taking Painted Hall, known as ‘the UK’s Sistine Chapel’, is one of the most impressive and ornate interiors in Europe.

Public tours with an expert guide run every 30 minutes or audio guide available in English, French, Spanish, Italian, Mandarin, German, Japanese and British Sign Language.

Private guided tours and exclusive access available for trade.

See *Experiences & Catering Packages* starting on page 7 for more information.



### DISCOVER GREENWICH MUSEUM

This fascinating museum displays a collection of artefacts, interactive exhibits, intriguing objects, and historical costumes that delve into 2,000 years of history connected to this remarkable location.



## THE CHAPEL

Visit the Chapel of St Peter & St Paul which is regarded as one of the finest neo-classical interiors in existence. A rare chance to see its richly decorated ceiling, naval themes and exceptional altarpiece painted by the 'Raphael of America' Benjamin West.

Seating for up to 300.  
Available for performances and hire.



## THE NELSON ROOM & SKITTLE ALLEY

Visit the Nelson Room and explore the fascinating story of Vice-Admiral Lord Nelson's lying-in-state in the Painted Hall after the Battle of Trafalgar.

No visit is complete without a roll of the wooden bowling balls at the Skittle Alley. The Victorian Skittle Alley (or Bowling Alley) was installed in 1873, the inaugural year of the Royal Naval College, for the use of officers in training and is still in action for visitors to play today.

# III TOUR OPTIONS

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## FIT DAILY TOUR SCHEDULE (OPTIONAL)

FIT tickets include access to the daily schedule of historical tours – FIT visitors can opt to join any of our public tours – no need to pre-book, just turn up.

All tours are subject to availability on the day.

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### PAINTED HALL TALKS

*Approx. 20–30 Mins*

- Guided Painted Hall talks run every 30 minutes from 11am–4pm.
- Free multimedia guide available in 7 languages (English, French, Spanish, Italian, Mandarin, German, Japanese and British Sign Language)



### THE OFFICIAL TOUR: 600 YEARS OF HISTORY TOUR

*Approx. 45 Mins*

- Departs on the hour from 11am to 3pm from just inside the Visitor Centre entrance.
- Find out about the history and architecture of the site, from its early years as a Tudor Palace where King Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth I were born; to its time as the Royal Hospital for Seamen, the masterpiece you see today built by Sir Christopher Wren.
- On your tour you will take in the grand view of Grand Square and the Water Gates, visit the King Charles Court, the Colonnades and find out about the incredible history of the Nelson Pediment. The tour finishes by the entrance to the Painted Hall where another adventure begins.



## FILM TOUR & EXPERIENCE

*Pre-booking required*

Step behind-the-scenes of Britain's no.1 heritage film location to discover how this stunning site has featured in everything from *Bridgerton* to *Bond*.

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## GROUPS (10+) AND VIP PRIVATE GUIDED TOURS



- ♦ Led by our award-winning guides in English (also in Spanish, Italian and Polish – subject to availability).
- ♦ Whispering guide technology available (£1pp for individual headsets).
- ♦ Max 25 per guide, larger groups split across multiple guides.
- ♦ Time and length can be tailor made for your group.
- ♦ Exclusive access available 8–10am or after 5pm.
- ♦ Choose from historical, film or Painted Hall tours, or a combination based on your interest. From 45–90 minutes. Rates vary.
- ♦ A VIP/Limousine allocated parking space can be pre-booked for visitors in 4-hour sessions.
- ♦ Coach parking available onsite.

## IV EXPERIENCES & CATERING PACKAGES



### EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO THE PAINTED HALL

Give your clients a VIP experience of exclusive access to enjoy the splendour of the Painted Hall when it is not open to the public (usually between 8–10am or 5–7pm).



### ETIQUETTE TRAINING SESSION

*Up to 30 mins*

Be ready for any Bridgerton-worthy ball. From tea with a Duchess to meeting a monarch – will you know the etiquette?

In the beautiful surroundings of the Old Royal Naval College our experts will be answering some age-old etiquette questions such as:

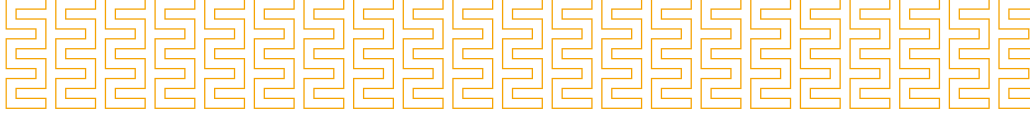
- **How high do you hold your cup and saucer?**  
*A saucer is not a coaster*
- **Are you sitting properly?** *Where to put your legs*
- **How do you eat a scone in polite society?**  
*Don't cut, tear... and jam before cream*
- **Can you walk like a royal?**  
*Walking with a book on your head*
- **Do you know the difference between a court curtsy or a quick bob?** *What to do when, and why it's been updated*

Can you speak the secret language of fans? Used in a time when etiquette forbid men and young ladies from speaking with each other before proper introduction, in a world before snapchat (fan included).

Content may vary by group type.

Location can vary depending on group requirements.

These factors can effect the price.



### **SECRET DOME TOURS**

*45 minutes, up to 6 people at one time plus guide*

Join an expert guide for an exclusive adventure into the Chapel Dome. This tour is for up to six explorers at a time, where you will be able to see and hear about the creation of this remarkable building, unravelling secrets of this space rarely open to the public.

Ascend the narrow winding stone staircase to discover its stunning architecture up close, see the inner workings of the historic turret clock above the Chapel, and find out more about those who have worked up there over the centuries. Look out across the rooftops of Greenwich and gaze all the way to the heart of central London with a breathtaking 360° view. Secret Dome Tour is not one to miss.

Includes access to the Painted Hall.

T&C apply for your fitness and suitability to take part.



### **AFTERNOON TEA IN ADMIRAL'S HOUSE (GROUPS)**

This is a rare chance to step inside this beautiful building which is not open to the public. Commissioned by Charles II as his new royal palace in 1660, the Admiral's House is the oldest building at the Old Royal Naval College, with views of the Thames and a regal yet intimate atmosphere. The light and airy rooms benefit from natural daylight, double height ceilings, refined wooden panelling, and windows offering inspiring river views.

In these beautiful surroundings, enjoy a selection of delicate finger sandwiches, homemade scones with clotted cream and jam, alongside a selection of cakes and sweet treats. A wide choice of teas are also available and delicious milkshakes for children; alternatively fizz up your afternoon with chilled Prosecco.



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### **OPTION TO ADD AFTERNOON TEA ETIQUETTE (GROUPS)**

Get ready to have tea with royalty – book our special Afternoon Tea etiquette experience where your guests will learn how to conduct themselves properly on such an occasion.



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### **ADD A CREAM TEA IN THE CAFÉ (GROUPS)**

Enjoy a warm scone served with clotted cream and jam, complemented by a selection of exquisite Hope & Glory teas.



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### **ADD AFTERNOON TEA IN UNDERCROFT CAFÉ (FIT AND GROUPS)**

Enjoy a selection of delicate finger sandwiches, homemade scones with clotted cream and jam, alongside a selection of cakes and sweet treats. A wide choice of teas are also available and delicious milkshakes for children; alternatively fizz up your afternoon with chilled prosecco.



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### **GROUP MENUS IN THE OLD BREWERY PUB** *85 covers*

The Old Brewery pub is a unique and quirky hidden gem, dating back to when the water was not safe for the Royal Naval pensioners to drink – so they brewed beer.

Relax in this historic setting and enjoy one of our specially negotiated group menus for our trade partners or reach out direct to: [oldbrewery@youngs.co.uk](mailto:oldbrewery@youngs.co.uk)



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### **TASTER TRAY OF BEER IN THE PUB (FIT ONLY)**

*Must be 18 or over*

Give your clients a chance to relax in this historic setting and sample some of London's best beers with a taster tray.



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### **GREENWICH GIN EXPERIENCES (FIT & GROUPS)**

*Available Friday & Saturday only*

*Must be 18 or over*

To book packages with Greenwich Gin Experiences email: [boxoffice@ornc.org](mailto:boxoffice@ornc.org)

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### **GIN TASTING MASTERCLASS**

*45 minutes*

Discover the fascinating history of gin and learn about this captivating spirit. You will learn about the diverse distillation methods and its connection to maritime history.

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### **GIN LAB EXPERIENCE**

*120 minutes*

Make your own bottle of Gin. One of the most interactive and fun experiences for couples, groups and individuals.



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### **GIN COCKTAIL MASTERCLASS**

*90 minutes*

Fun and interactive session diving into the art of mixology. We will guide you through the techniques and tips for perfectly mixing some of the most celebrated gin cocktails. You will enjoy your creations throughout the session, while learning some history and fun facts about cocktails.

# V PLAN YOUR VISIT

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## LOCATION

**Visitor Centre, Cutty Sark Gardens  
Greenwich SE10 9LW**

Getting to the Old Royal Naval College is easy, whether by bus, train, DLR, river or coach. We are located next to Greenwich Pier with regular boat services into/from London.

## OPENING HOURS

**Painted Hall, Chapel & Visitor Centre**  
Daily, 10am–5pm (last entry 4.30pm)

**Grounds**  
Daily, 8am–11pm

## DWELL TIME

If your group only have time for a quick stop, then please contact us to discuss your options for a fast pass access to the Painted Hall, with free onsite coach drop off and waiting. Recommended dwell time is 30 minutes to 2 hours (allow longer if you wish to enjoy our catering facilities).

## ACCESSIBILITY

The site is accessible for visitors with disabilities.

## PERFECT TO PACKAGE WITH

- River cruises depart from Greenwich Pier next to the Old Royal Naval College Visitor Centre going into central London or down to the Excel/O2 cable car.
- Other Greenwich locations incl. Royal Museums Greenwich (Royal Observatory/Cutty Sark/Maritime Museum FREE/Queens House FREE), The Fan Museum, Greenwich Market, Greenwich Park.
- Make a night of it! Greenwich has 76,000 bed nights in the area. There is so much to do and it is very close to the centre of London.

## SUSTAINABILITY

Our Environmental Statement of Intent sets our plan to make sustainability a pivotal consideration in our decision-making process, with the aim of reducing our environmental footprint.

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## WAYS TO ARRIVE IN STYLE

We would be happy to offer your VIP clients special onsite parking – with a premium reserved space when booked in advance. The rate for this will depend on the length of stay onsite.

A lovely way to arrive is by boat. Three river cruise companies operate a timetabled service stopping at Greenwich Pier: City Cruises, Thames River Sightseeing and Uber ThamesClippers. Smaller Private charter operators include Thames Limousines. Speedboat operators include Thamesjets, Thames Rib Experience or Thames Rockets.

We have even had helicopters arriving on our lawn by special arrangement.

## VI VENUE HIRE

Just minutes away from central London, we can cater for events, big or small, opulent or intimate – the perfect setting for all kinds of events including meetings and private dining.

To make an enquiry please email: [events@ornc.org](mailto:events@ornc.org).

A percentage of the profits from your event will always go straight into keeping this world heritage site in beautiful condition, so it can be enjoyed by generations to come.





*We look forward to  
welcoming your clients  
to our beautiful site*



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