

THE
NATIONAL
MUSEUM



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Weddings

Portsmouth and Gosport



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About The National Museum of the Royal Navy

The National Museum of the Royal Navy is a magnificent collection of museums and galleries across the UK each with an incredible story to tell thanks to their historic venues, unique locations and a varied naval history. Whether you are planning a large celebration or an intimate ceremony, you will find the perfect venue amongst our celebrated museums and spectacular ships.

Our showstopping venues allow you to take your vows surrounded by hundreds of years of history, sip champagne on our decks during sunset or celebrate into the night just like the many servicemen and women who graced these memorable spaces in the past. Your special day will become part of the incredible story of the Royal Navy with your most magical moments captured in settings like no other.

Whichever of our beautiful venues you choose in Portsmouth, Gosport, Yeovilton, Hartlepool or Belfast, our knowledgeable events teams and experienced suppliers will be there to help you bring your ideas to life and give you all the guidance you need to guarantee an extraordinary celebration for you and your guests.







The pride of Queen Victoria's fleet, HMS Warrior offers an iconic and unforgettable backdrop for your wedding celebration. Launched in 1860, her timber frame tells over 150 years of history and is awaiting your special day to become part of it. Make an entrance and walk down the aisle on the ship's beautifully restored deck and say 'I do' in Victorian splendour.

Take your guests to the upper deck for your first glass of celebratory drink and capture the moment with spectacular views of Portsmouth's famous harbour in the background. The Gun Deck or Half Deck can transform into an impressive reception space for you to enjoy your first meal and dance together in an extraordinary atmosphere.

HMS Warrior is licensed for civil ceremonies, and with spacious decks and intimate cabins, it can cater for weddings of all sizes. Exclusive hire of the ship offers a truly one-of-a-kind experience to share with your friends and family.

Capacities

Ceremony 100 / Standing reception 240 / Dinner and dancing 240





Tucked away within a short drive or a few minutes boat journey from Portsmouth harbour, Explosion Museum of Naval Firepower is nestled inside an 18th century armament depot with fantastic views across the Solent and the naval dockyard.

This versatile space will be yours exclusively allowing you to create the wedding of your dreams – so let your imagination fly! Options include use of the camber basin, which offers the ideal spot for reception drinks and picturesque photographs you will always treasure.

Our stunning Grand Magazine – a gunpowder store originating from 1771 – boasts a magnificent vaulted ceiling and beautiful Georgian wood floors, perfect for wowing your guests at dinner. It is also equipped with lighting and sound systems for an unforgettable party. This flexible space can be divided so that you can move seamlessly from your ceremony to reception.

Capacities

Ceremony 150 / Standing reception 180 / Dinner and dancing 150





Our suppliers

Our suppliers have been carefully selected for their expertise to ensure you have everything you need, from sumptuous food and elegant decor, to lighting and music that creates an unforgettable atmosphere. In order to help us preserve our historic ships and buildings, we kindly ask that you choose from our list of approved suppliers. They are not only experts at what they do, but also know our venues as well as we do, ensuring the preparation for your wedding day runs smoothly and safely.

Contact our Event Managers for a full list of our approved suppliers.



FAQs

Are you licensed for civil ceremonies?

Yes, our venues are fully licensed for civil ceremonies and partnerships. To book your registrar, please contact the Council directly or ask our events team for contact details via specialevents@nmrn.org.uk or 02392 891370.

Can we elope at your venue?

We don't have elopement packages yet, but we have spaces suitable for the smallest wedding to a large gathering and you can hire them for ceremonies only, on any day of the week.

Can we use our own suppliers?

Our historic venues are very delicate due to their age and structure, requiring continuous conservation, therefore we ask that you work with our approved event suppliers who are experts in their field and know our venues as well as we do.

How much is it to hire your venue?

Dry hire of our spaces start from £1,250 + VAT and we can offer wedding packages at most of our venues. Our events team will be happy to talk you through our package prices and details.

What is included in the hire fee?

The hire fee includes exclusive use of the agreed spaces, a dedicated Event Manager, security, cleaning, tables and chairs, some venues have additional equipment such as lighting and sound that your Event Manager will outline in your proposal.

Can we have balloons or confetti?

You can't have helium balloons inside our venues, however confetti may be permissible in designated areas of which your Event Manager will be able to advise you on.

Can we use candles?

You can't light candles inside our venues, however we welcome alternative battery powered versions. Please note, smoking, sparklers and dry ice are not permitted in any of our spaces.

Can people wear high heels on the ship's deck?

The decks of our historic ships are sensitive to marking from sharp objects, therefore we ask that the heels of the shoes are larger than a 5p coin or that heel protectors are worn. These are available to purchase from us or you are welcome to bring your own.

How long does it take to get from Portsmouth to Gosport?

It takes approximately 30 minutes by car from Portsmouth Historic Dockyard to Explosion Museum in Gosport or 2 minutes by boat across the harbour. Water buses are managed by Solent & Wightline Cruises.



Contact us

Would you like to know more?

Get in touch with us today and we will be delighted to tell you everything you need to know and arrange a visit for you to see the venue.

Portsmouth

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Gosport

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As a charity, we rely on funding from many sources to preserve the rich history of the Royal Navy and your booking greatly contributes to it. Thank you.

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www.nmrn.org.uk/venue-hire.

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