



THE MASTER'S VISIT TO PORTSMOUTH THURSDAY 6TH TO SUNDAY 9TH JUNE 2019

The Master's first weekend trip takes the Glaziers on their first outing to Portsmouth from Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th June 2019.

Portsmouth has a long sea-faring tradition with reference to it in the early 13th century as being 'one of our most important ports'. Over the next couple of centuries, the town expanded and in 1495 Henry VII established the dockyard. Henry VIII built Portsmouth Castle in 1554 and a year later watched as his warship Mary Rose sank in the Solent.

In more recent times the Naval Dockyard was a prime target for the German Luftwaffe. After the war there was significant redevelopment and the Historic Dockyard was created. Today the Historic Dockyard houses Nelson's flagship HMS Victory, HMS Warrior, Britain's first iron warship and since 1982 Henry VIII's flagship Mary Rose. In Old Portsmouth historic Georgian houses sit side by side with new developments from the 1960s up to the start of the 21st century. With ships and the Navy being so prominent in Portsmouth, the weekend will be focused in and around the Historic Dockyard and other parts of the city.

Accommodation will be in the boutique hotels of the Mercer Collection in Southsea. The weekend will include visits to the Portsmouth Cathedral, Royal Garrison Church, behind the scenes on the Mary Rose and St Anne's Church in the Royal Naval Base. We have two dinners included, one in the Portsmouth Guildhall and on Saturday our Gala Dinner on the lower gun deck of HMS Victory with pre-dinner drinks onboard one of HM Naval ships.



Figure 2 - HMS Victory



Figure 1 - Mary Rose

If you are planning to spend more time in Portsmouth, there is quite a lot to do especially as there will be events taking place to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings on the same weekend.

Whilst we have been successful in achieving significant cost reductions with accommodation and with HM Navy providing their services for free, the cost for the weekend is slightly higher than previous trips. We felt that it would be too much of a lost opportunity to be in Portsmouth and not host a dinner on such a unique historic ship, HMS Victory and as a result it has increased the cost of the weekend. However, this will be offset by a much cheaper Canterbury, as we will be staying at the hotel opposite the cathedral, within the precinct, and all the logistics are much simpler. Hopefully most people will want to go on both trips and the average cost will even things out.

The cost per person inclusive of 3 nights bed and breakfast, dinner on Friday and Saturday nights together with all entrance and guide fees is £630 per person. If you would like to invite a guest to the dinner onboard HMS Victory the cost is £225.00 per person.

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Your name.....

I wish to take part in the visit, accompanied by.....

*I enclose a deposit cheque for £..... (£100 per person) payable to The Glaziers' Company.

* I have made an internet transfer of £..... (£100 per person) to sort code 40-06-21 a/c no 11296663; quoting ref PORTS/[SURNAME]/[INITIALS]. *Please take £..... (£100 per person) via GoCardless YES/NO

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I understand that the Glaziers' Company cannot be liable for any loss, damage or injury arising from the visit, and I will make my own insurance arrangements in respect of it.

Signed.....

Date.....

PORTSMOUTH ITINERARY

Our Accommodation

Accommodation is in the boutique hotels of the Mercer Collection in Southsea. Converted from a number of large Edwardian houses the hotels are all situated in close proximity around Florence and Malvern Road. Each hotel maintains that touch of individually and Edwardian grandeur from the outside, while each room reflects the requirements of the 21st century with modern furnishings and en suite bathrooms.

<https://www.themercercollection.co.uk/>

The hotels are approx. 2 miles from where our activities will take place and a coach will be provided.

Our Itinerary

Thursday 6th June

Arrive and Check-in at the Mercer Collection.

Join the Master for supper in the Florence Arms or explore the many individual restaurants within a short walk of the hotels.

Friday 7th June

After breakfast, our day starts with a short coach trip to **Portsmouth Cathedral** where one of their guides will show us around the Cathedral. The tour will be followed by a short stroll to The **Royal Garrison Church** (approx. 100yds away) where our tour guide will talk about the history of the church and the stained glass that has been replaced.

Following the tour of the Royal Garrison Church, the coach will drop us outside the **Historic Dockyard**. We have secured places in one of the local pubs for those who would like lunch.

The afternoon will see us pass through the Historic Dockyard to board a boat courtesy of HM Navy for a tour around Portsmouth Harbour and, subject to weather conditions, a trip out around the **Solent Forts**.

Our day concludes with pre-dinner drinks in The **Lord Mayor's Parlour**, followed by Dinner in the Portsmouth Guildhall.

Saturday 8th June

Our day begins with the coach taking us to the Historic Dockyard where the group will be split into three tour groups. During the course of the morning and after lunch you will have a guided tour of Henry VIII's flagship **Mary Rose** and Portsmouth Historic Trust will conduct a **Behind the Scenes** tour of parts of the dockyard not normally accessible to members of the general public. Finally, The Chief of Staff and Navy Director, The Rev'd James Francis, will give a tour of **St. Anne's Church** in the Royal Naval Base. You will have an opportunity to explore the rest of the Historic Dockyard before the coach takes us back to the hotels in time to dress for Dinner.

The coach will collect us early in the evening and take us to the Naval base where we will board one of HM Naval Ships for pre-dinner drinks. The highlight for the trip will be **Dinner** onboard **HMS Victory** where a three-course meal will be served on the **Lower Gun Deck**. Our guest speaker will be confirmed in due course.

Sunday 9th June

After a leisurely breakfast we will check-out from the hotels and make our way home. For those wishing to attend the Sunday Service at Portsmouth Cathedral, the start time is 10:00am.