Thank you for considering Brunel’s ss Great Britain as the venue for your event.

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Brunel’s ss Great Britain hosts drinks receptions, networking events, product launches, conferences and lectures, award ceremonies, five-course banquets, Christmas parties and anniversary dinners.
Special Events, Conferences & Social Occasions

Available Spaces

The ss Great Britain and Brunel Institute provide the backdrop to a wide range of events for corporate and private clients. These have included the UK’s biggest blue chip companies, international organisations, professional bodies, local businesses, new media start-ups and private individuals.

Spaces on board range from the Weather Deck, with its waterfront views, and the light and airy Promenade Deck, to the sumptuous First Class Dining Saloon and Hayward Saloon with its bar and dance floor. The Brunel Institute lies alongside the ship and features the state-of-the-art Viridor Theatre and meeting rooms, which are ideal for conferences, break-out spaces and presentations.

All events and conference guests are welcome to explore the ss Great Britain, from the historic engine room and ship’s galley to steerage accommodation.

The ss Great Britain is for the exclusive use of evening event guests and is fully accessible with lifts throughout the site including one in the ship’s funnel.
The Weather Deck commands one of the region’s most striking views and provides a stunning space to host drinks and canapé receptions.

Ideal for late spring and summer events, guests can enjoy the historic ship’s waterfront location at the heart of Bristol’s harbour, surrounded by hills and with views of Bristol Cathedral and Cabot Tower. Swans in flight and hot air balloons are frequent sights.

Ideal for up to 250 guests.
The Promenade Deck is an elegant space on board ship, with decorative mirrors and sweeping wooden decks. It offers a unique and special venue for pre-dinner drinks and canapés and networking events.

Ideal for up to 150 guests.
Banquets, dinners, and after-dinner entertainments are held in the First Class Dining Saloon, once admired by Queen Victoria. Hidden cutting-edge technologies and early Victorian opulence combine to ensure the highest standards in luxury and comfort.

Ideal for up to 150 guests.
Hayward Saloon

This is a versatile and more intimate space within the ship, used for presentations, meetings and dinners, or as a bar and dance area when booked alongside the First Class Dining Saloon.

Ideal for up to 60 guests.
Set alongside the ss Great Britain is the state-of-the-art Brunel Institute, with its Viridor Theatre and meeting rooms. This is a sophisticated architect-designed conference space, with audio-visual equipment, WiFi and mp3 compatibility.

Delegates can enjoy presentations projected onto two huge wall screens or on a plasma screen, and views of the historic ship. The Great Western Room, Foyer Area and Kirby Laing Room are perfect for meetings and conference break-out spaces.

The Viridor Theatre, Foyer Area and Great Western Room, with its glass-panelled balcony, feature easily removable dividing walls to become one larger space.

Spaces for between 25 and 130 (theatre-style), between 12 and 25 (boardroom), and up to 200 (standing).
The Chief Steward and his staff are passionate about the quality of food, wine and Champagne served to guests. The Chief Steward discusses clients’ requirements to ensure specific wishes are met and delicious food is freshly cooked by chefs on board ship.

Every corporate and private client has the support of a dedicated Events Coordinator, who is available at every step from the original viewing to follow-up visits, and on-the-day support. The Ship’s Steward can act as Master of Ceremonies and can provide talks or guided tours of the ship, which is available for guests to explore. This level of service is highly valued by clients and is truly unique.
The Ship’s Plans

An Event Blueprint

Weather Deck
This deck provides the perfect setting for summertime drinks receptions and networking events, with guests entertained by a quartet or jazz musicians. The deck is almost 100 metres in length. Ideal for up to 250 guests.

Promenade Deck
At almost 30 metres in length, the Promenade Deck makes for an impressive venue for a drinks and canapé reception or networking event. There is also space for promotional stands on this elegant deck. Ideal for up to 150 guests.

First Class Dining Saloon
This opulent saloon is most frequently used for dinners and presentations, and includes flexible air-cooling and a PA system. Larger parties are accommodated with tables placed around the central marble pillars. Ideal for up to 150 guests (dinner and standing).

Hayward Saloon
A versatile space which is used for presentations, lunches, and for after-dinner entertainment. This saloon includes a bar and dance floor, and occupies the space once filled by the ss Great Britain’s boiler. Ideal for 15 (boardroom), 30 (cabaret), 40 (dinner) and 60 guests (theatre and standing).
Bespoke Events

Some Examples

Brunel’s ss Great Britain works closely with clients to offer a bespoke service. Each event is different. Please find some examples below:

A birthday or anniversary celebration for between 30 and 50, including a two-course lunch and wine:
from £1,800

A conference within the Viridor Theatre, with use of technical and audio visual equipment and stationery, three servings of tea, coffee and biscuits, cold drinks, lunch, plus steward support:
from £35 per delegate

A Champagne and canapé reception for between 150 and 200 guests:
from £5,000

A formal three-course dinner, with welcome drinks and wine, for between 50 and 100:
from £5,500

All prices are exclusive of VAT.
Contact

Please contact our Events Coordinator to arrange a viewing or to discuss any of your requirements:

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Every event helps the ss Great Britain Trust, an independent charity, to care for the historic ship and to develop educational programmes.

Thank you.

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