Great Western Dockyard
See the ship that changed the world, presented as she was on her launch in 1843.

Dry Dock
Go below the glass sea to marvel at the ship’s original iron hull and revolutionary propeller.

Dockyard Museum
Travel back in time through the ship’s incredible history from her rescue in 1970 to her grand launch.

Medlock Education Centre
Located on the ground floor, this space is open during some school holidays for extra craft activities.

Go Aloft!
Climb the rigging and experience first-hand what life was like for a Victorian sailor.

The Bridge
From first class to steerage, experience the sights, sounds and atmosphere of a Victorian ocean liner.

Being Brunel
Step inside Brunel’s mind! Discover the incredible story of Britain’s greatest engineer through interactive displays, games and personal possessions.

Brunel’s Dock Office
Experience Brunel’s busy Dock Office with sounds, smells and an encounter with his clerk.

Brunel Institute
Discover the ship’s stories in passenger diaries and incredible items from the collections. See the Visitor Centre screens for today’s talks and activities.

Gift Shop
Explore the Gift Shop, packed full of nautical novelties, sweets and books. You can also shop online at shop.ssgreatbritain.org.

Harbourside Kitchen
Enjoy great views of the harbour and delicious food, with hot and cold options as well as a full salad bar.

The Dockyard
Take a break before exploring Being Brunel for lunch, baked-on-board cakes, and fresh coffee.

Riggers’ Yard
Enjoy your packed lunch in this sheltered picnic area during weekends and school holidays.

YOUR DOCKYARD COMPANION
Step into the shoes of a Victorian sailor and climb the rigging of the SS Great Britain.

Opening times vary throughout the year.
TOP DECK
The entrance to the lift is just behind the funnel. The decking can be slippery when wet.

MIDDLE DECK
The upper Engine Room has a grilled floor but there is also a viewing platform on the deck below. There are two lifts on the ship. One goes from the Top Deck to the Middle Deck. The other goes from the Middle Deck to the Lower Deck.

LOWER DECK
All toilets on board are situated on this level near the engine on the port (left) side of the ship.

DRY DOCK
This is the original Dry Dock where the ship was built, with features that date back to 1843. The cobbled floor is uneven but the flat walkway (shown in grey) provides viewing access.

BEING BRUNEL
GROUND FLOOR
Be aware of trip hazards and reduced headroom in certain areas of the historic Dock Office.

BEING BRUNEL
FIRST FLOOR
Both levels of the museum and Dock Office have wheelchair and step-free access following an alternative route. Please be aware that the Dock Office is an historic building with narrow corridors and doorways.