



THE ROYAL YACHT BRITANNIA EVENTS INFORMATION 2018



The Royal Yacht Britannia is an exclusive evening events venue and an award-winning tourist attraction permanently berthed in Edinburgh's historic Port of Leith.

Step back in time in the State Apartments, as seen in the popular Netflix series *The Crown*, where Kings and Queens have dined, or choose the stylish and versatile Royal Deck with magnificent views over the Firth of Forth. Combined, or used independently, each is stunning, perfect for; exclusive dining, elegant drinks receptions, product launches, award ceremonies, cocktail parties or after dinner entertainment. The opportunities are endless.

Britannia is owned by The Royal Yacht Britannia Trust and all surplus funds made go towards her long-term maintenance.



For the event of a lifetime . . .

For over forty years, the Royal Yacht sailed over one million miles on nearly a thousand official visits for Her Majesty The Queen and the British Royal Family. Follow in the footsteps of Kings and Queens, Presidents and Prime Ministers with an evening at one of the UK's most prestigious venues.

- Guests on *Britannia* experience the same unobtrusive excellence and standards of service which once epitomised an official reception or state banquet.

- Private access along the quayside provides guests with a magnificent view of The Royal Yacht's gleaming hull as they approach for an evening aboard.
- Our Pipe Major greets guests as they board via the Royal Brow, a privilege previously reserved for members of the Royal Family and their guests.
- Champagne and canapés are served in the elegant State Drawing Room prior to dinner. This warm and welcoming room is where The Queen would have entertained her guests, and also relaxed when there were no State engagements.
- Guests are then invited to join our guides for a private tour of *Britannia*, including the Royal Apartments furnished with fine pictures and artefacts from the Royal Collection.



After the private tour, the mahogany doors of the State Dining Room are opened and dinner is announced. The dining room has welcomed many famous and prestigious people and the walls are adorned with items gifted to The Queen when travelling the world.

- When guests sit down to dinner, the tables are lit by silver candelabra and set with fine china, cutlery and menu cards, all inscribed with *Britannia's* distinctive Royal crest.
- All food, including the exquisite canapés, petits fours and bread, is freshly prepared in the original Royal Galley by our Executive Chef, Mark Alston, and his team.
- Clients may choose from a selection of stunning after-dinner entertainment, including Beat the Retreat or dancing in our Royal Deck to the sounds of a ceilidh or a jazz and swing band.



The Officer's Wardroom

The Royal Yacht Britannia's Wardroom is steeped in history and tradition. Here, *Britannia's* Officers would gather to dine and relax. Today, from 8 to 16 guests can experience a bespoke six-course tasting menu, created by *Britannia's* Executive Chef and prepared in the original Royal Galley. Our Sommelier will help to select perfect wines to complement each course.

Her Majesty The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh and members of the Royal Family would also have dined in the Officers' Wardroom, giving the room that true Royal seal. A red carpet welcome awaits as guests are piped aboard *Britannia* via the Royal Brow for an evening of a lifetime.



Pre-dinner drinks are served in the Anteroom, adjacent to the Wardroom. For the ultimate occasion, guests can choose from Moët Hennessy's collection of champagnes; Moët and Chandon, Veuve Clicquot, Krug, Ruinart, Mercier or Dom Perignon. Moët Hennessy hold the Royal Warrant to supply champagne to Her Majesty The Queen, and *Britannia* are proud to work in partnership with this iconic brand.

When in service, a Wardroom dinner was a grand affair, as Officers dressed in their 'Red Sea Rig' comprising a white shirt, black trousers, patent leather shoes and cummerbund. Before dinner, Officers would take it in turns to say grace and at the end of the meal, the loyal toast to The Queen was made. If present, the Royal Marines Band might play the National Anthem. The 'Youngest Unheard Officer' was also sometimes asked to deliver an amusing speech.

The Officers' Wardroom is now available for small private parties to experience the same special evening as the Officers and guests would have enjoyed when *Britannia* was in service.

The Royal Deck

Britannia's Royal Deck provides a modern and versatile setting with stunning views across the Firth of Forth. Traditionally used by the Royal Family for cocktail parties and deck games, this upper deck is now a contemporary space with floor to ceiling windows.

The highest standards of service are provided in The Royal Deck, from fresh flowers to the finest crystal, gleaming silver cutlery to personalised menus. Guests can relax and enjoy their evening, safe in the knowledge *Britannia's* skilled butlers are looking after their every need. Perfect for celebrations, product launches, dinners and dancing.

Private Tours

A private tour on board The Royal Yacht Britannia is an exclusive experience, giving guests access to *Britannia's* five decks, and a unique insight into the history of the Royal Yacht and how the Royal Family and 220 crew lived and worked on board.



The tour begins with a red carpet arrival, before being welcomed aboard *Britannia* via the Royal Brow, the entrance previously reserved for Her Majesty The Queen and the Royal Family. Our expert guides take guests on a 'behind the ropes' tour of the iconic ship whilst regaling fascinating and colourful stories about life on board for both crew and members of the Royal Family. The Private tour includes the opportunity to discover the charm of The Queen's beautiful State Apartments, and even step inside the Admiral's personal cabin.

Tours are available in the morning or evening, and refreshments will be served afterwards. Each guest receives an official *Britannia* guidebook as a memento of their visit.

Throughout December you will be able to experience the magic of Christmas aboard *Britannia* with a Festive Tour, featuring opulent decorations and seasonal refreshments.

New for 2018!


FINGAL
YOUR SHIP AWAITS



Launching in 2018, Fingal, a former Northern Lighthouse Board ship begins an exciting new chapter as luxury hotel accommodation and an exclusive-use venue in Edinburgh's fashionable waterfront.

An exciting investment for The Royal Yacht Britannia's trading company, Royal Yacht Enterprises, Fingal will provide the ultimate in luxury. The 23 beautifully styled cabins, all named after Stevenson lighthouses, are inspired by Fingal's rich maritime heritage. The ship will also feature a spectacular ballroom, seating up to 80 guests.

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