



HMS CAROLINE

ROYAL NAVY MUSEUMS: HMS CAROLINE

Event Hire



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Host your next event onboard Belfast's maritime gem.

Discover a truly unique and historic venue for your next event with HMS Caroline, considered one of the luckiest warships in history. The last surviving ship from the Battle of Jutland, HMS Caroline has been intricately restored and is now a floating museum dedicated to the ship's incredible history of service in both the First and Second World War and later as a Royal Navy training ship.

Located in the heart of Belfast's vibrant Titanic Quarter, HMS Caroline offers an unforgettable setting that blends history, elegance, and nautical charm. With four fantastic venue spaces to choose from she is an incredible backdrop for both private and corporate events.

Our dedicated events team is here to ensure every detail is taken care of, from initial concept to flawless execution. Your event will be in the hands of experienced professionals who understand how to create memorable moments, so let us host your next special occasion.

DRILL HALL

Perfect for: Conferences and private dinners

Banquet Style: 120 guests

Prices:

- Conference full day hire - From £1,000 +VAT
- Conference half day hire - From £600 +VAT
- Evening hire - From £1,250 +VAT

Step aboard HMS Caroline and discover a unique venue where historic character meets modern versatility. Originally added after the First World War when the ship served as a training vessel, the beautifully preserved Drill Hall offers soaring ceilings, striking metal girders, and a flexible space ideal for conferences, private dinners, receptions, and special events.

Our experienced team will work with you to create a memorable event, supported by exceptional service and attention to detail.



Terms and Conditions

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JUNIOR RATES MESS

Perfect for: Conferences and dinners.

Dining: 70 guests

Prices: Evening hire - From £800 +VAT

Steeped in naval heritage, the Junior Rates Mess offers an authentic and characterful setting with period furnishings and décor inspired by life onboard HMS Caroline. Originally a home-from-home for the sailors who served on the ship, it still retains a strong sense of camaraderie and tradition.

Ideal for private dinners and corporate events, the space is particularly suited to traditional mess-style dining, creating a unique and memorable experience for your guests.



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WARD ROOM

Perfect for: Board meetings and private dinners.

Standing Receptions: 20 guests

Banquet Style: 14 guests

Prices:

- Meeting full day hire - From £350 +VAT
- Evening hire - From £550 +VAT

The Ward Room is a unique and characterful space aboard HMS Caroline, ideal for smaller events and private gatherings.

With its restored period features and historic setting, the room offers a memorable backdrop for private dinners, drinks receptions and special occasions. It is also well suited to board meetings and executive gatherings, offering a more distinctive alternative to a traditional meeting room.



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WHOLE SHIP

Perfect for: Drinks receptions.

Standing Receptions: 60 guests

Prices:

3hr drinks and canape reception -
From £3,000

Offer your guests a truly unique experience with exclusive hire of HMS Caroline.

With access to a range of event spaces throughout the ship, including the Main Deck, Drill Hall and Ward Room, HMS Caroline can accommodate everything from large receptions and corporate events to private celebrations and networking evenings.

Guests can explore the ship's historic surroundings while enjoying stunning waterfront views from the Main Gun Deck, creating a memorable setting unlike any other venue in Belfast.



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FAQS

How do we get to the venue?

HMS Caroline is located at Alexandra Dock, Queens Road, Belfast, in the heart of Titanic Quarter, just 10–15 minutes by car from Belfast City Hall.

We offer free on-site parking, including accessible parking spaces.

By public transport: Take the G2 Glider bus from Belfast City Hall to the first Catalyst Inc. stop. Walk through Catalyst car park to reach us at Alexandra Dock.

By car: Take the car and park in our free car park. We are only five minutes up Queens Road from SSE Arena, or a two minute drive from the Titanic Hotel.

On foot: HMS Caroline is just a 30 minute walk from the iconic Big Fish in Belfast City Centre. Walk the Maritime Mile and see the Belfast Marina and the Great Light on your way.

Is the venue space accessible?

We welcome all guests to our venue spaces and aim to make the experience as accessible as possible. As HMS Caroline is a historic ship, some areas may present challenges for guests with limited mobility.

If you or your guests have specific accessibility requirements, please speak with your Event Manager in advance. Our team will be happy to advise and arrange additional on-site support where possible.

Can I wear high heels on the ship?

Please note, high heels with a diameter smaller than a 2p coin (2.5cm) cannot be worn on board the ship. Heel caps that can be fitted should be purchased in advance.

Can we get museum tickets included as part of our venue hire?

Many of our event spaces are located on board the ship, so guests will already experience the unique setting of HMS Caroline during your event.

Guided tours can also be arranged for guests who would like to learn more about the ship's fascinating history. Tours are led by knowledgeable guides and can accommodate up to 15 guests per group, with two tours able to run at the same time where required.



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.

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