



CRASH OUT ON CAVALIER



Overnight Stay Information

Youth groups of all kinds can now take part in an exciting and educational overnight experience on board the Royal Navy's last remaining Second World War destroyer. Participants will have the opportunity to experience life on board at first hand, sleeping in real sailors' bunks in two of the ship's original Aft Mess Decks. Included in the experience is an exclusive tour of the ship and a programme of fun naval activities, led by two of our team, providing a fascinating insight into the challenges of life at sea.

Cost

'Crash Out on Cavalier' sleepover accommodation costs £40 per person per night, inclusive of breakfast and the themed evening activity programme. As each group will have exclusive use of the facility for their stay, there is a minimum charge for occupation of £800 per night (20 paying occupants)

Adult / Child Ratio

One adult leader for every 10 children is the minimum requirement in order to secure an overnight booking.

Please note: supervision of the children is the sole responsibility of group leaders at all times and in all areas of the ship. Under no circumstances should young people be left unsupervised at any point during their stay.



Location / Visiting The Dockyard

Site entry to The Historic Dockyard (including all visitor attractions and galleries): £12.50 per child (age 8 -15 years. Minimum group size of 15 paying visitors). FREE entry for Group Organiser and Coach Driver.

Enhance your visit with the following activity.

Mission Explore is a paper map and guide written specially for young visitors. Encouraged to take the lead and find their way using the map, they are given 'missions' to complete and they'll learn fun facts from Captain's Cat as they go!



Things to Bring

All guests must bring a sleeping bag, pillow & pillow-case, towel, toothbrush, toothpaste soap/shower gel and warm clothes, pyjamas and a refillable water bottle. Suitable clothing i.e. trousers and sensible footwear and coat's.



Sleeping Capacity

There are three large messdecks of 10 bunks, with mattresses, accommodating a total of 30 children.

There are two adult cabins adjacent to the children's messdeck, which will accommodate up to 5 adult supervisors and allow for a gender split. A 4 bunk room and a specially designed cabin for one disabled guest. This comprises of a bed, toilet and private wash facility. The cabin can be accessed from the Main Deck via lift.

Washing Facilities

On the deck above the sleeping quarters there are two bathrooms: one with 2 showers and 5 washbasins and one with 3 showers and 8 washbasins. Two unisex toilets are also available.

Please note that no separate washing facilities are available for adults, so care will need to be taken to ensure that adults and minors are not using the facilities at the same time.

Arrival / Departure

Your estimated time of arrival will be discussed at the time of booking.

Access to the ship can be from 16:00 so evening activities can begin by 18:00.

On arrival you need to check in at the Visitors Entrance, you will be met by a member of our team who will give a pre-embarkation briefing and lead the programme of themed evening activities.

All groups must have vacated the accommodation by 10:00 on the day of their departure; we do have facilities to store baggage if during your daytime visit.

Access

A lift has been fitted to the rear of the ship and a specially furnished cabin has been put in place so that physically impaired guests may also take part in the experience.

Security

A fully Criminal Records Checked member of the Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust staff will be on board as Security Supervisor throughout the night.

The supervisor will be based in a separate cabin, close to the messdecks, and will remain awake throughout the night to deal with any problems or to manage the evacuation in case of an emergency. There are also members of security on duty around The Historic Dockyard site.

Things to Remember During your Stay

There are light switches for each room, however emergency lights will stay on throughout the night.

Please do not allow green paper towels to be put down the toilets as it will block them. Please only put toilet tissue down them.

If it is cold on board only a maximum of two heaters at one time can be put on, these will be switched on prior to your stay to warm the accommodation up.

Please do not try and put the bunks up or down, or allow children to play on them as they could cause potential finger traps if not used properly.

There are many trip hazards and head obstructions on board so please take care when walking around the ship. All ladders should also be descended backwards, in an orderly fashion.

A DVD player is provided.

Smoking

Smoking on the ship is strictly forbidden. The allocated smoking areas will be notified to guests during the pre-embarkation briefing.

Age Restrictions

The minimum age for young people staying overnight on board HMS Cavalier is 8 years.





Group Catering

Breakfast will be included in the price of your stay and will be served in the Mess Deck Restaurant at 9.00am. A choice of cooked breakfast or cereal will be available, as well as a choice of tea, coffee, juice or water.

Groups will also be able to pre-book evening meals and packed lunch. This should be arranged at the time of booking your overnight stay.

Tap water in the messdecks is safe to drink so your water bottles can be filled here. Tea/coffee making facilities for adults/supervisors will be available on the Cavalier. We do not provide drinks or plastic cups on board for the children.

Dinner Options – Overnight Stays

Served in Mess Deck

Battered Chicken Chunks, Chips & Peas

Margherita Pizza, Chips & Peas

Sausage, Chips & Peas

(Vegetarian & Gluten Free Option Available on request)

Adults portion £8.50

Children portion £6.50

Optional Dessert

Cake or Ice Cream £2.50

Packed Lunch Option

Served or picked up from the Mess Deck

Ham Sandwich £5.25

Cheese Sandwich £5.25

Your packed lunches also come with crisps, cookies, yogurt/custard pot and a drink

(All catering must be pre ordered and confirmed with final options at least 2 weeks before your stay)

All group Catering is Inclusive of VAT



How To Book

To book a 'Crash Out on Cavalier' experience, simply contact us on the details provided below.

For those wishing to view the facilities in advance of booking, a complimentary visit can be arranged.

If your reservation is agreed, you will receive a booking form to complete and return; along with a 10% deposit for your group's stay (we regret that this deposit is non-refundable).

Your preferred date will be provisionally held for 14 days from the dispatch of your booking form. Please ensure you return your signed form and deposit within this time to:

Email: groupsales@chdt.org.uk

Telephone: 01634 823812

Opening Times: 2023 Season

Open seven days a week from.

11 February until 25 March 10:00am - 4:00pm

26 March until 29 October 10:00am - 5:00pm

30 October until 19 November 10:00am - 4:00pm

**Please see our website for details of special events, temporary exhibitions and gallery opening times.*

How to Find Us

Chatham is only an hour's drive from London, Dover and the Channel Tunnel, and a short distance from the M25. The Historic Dockyard is signposted from junctions 1, 3 and 4 of the M2. Follow the brown tourist signs. If you are using Satellite Navigation, insert the postcode ME4 4TY and use your Satellite Navigation system in conjunction with the brown tourist signs to find the visitor car and coach park and entrance to The Historic Dockyard Chatham.

NB: When referring to "brown tourist signs", this refers to both brown signs with the words "The Historic Dockyard" and the brown anchor signs and on.

By Road:

From Junctions 1 and 4 of the M2:

Follow the A289 to the Medway Tunnel. At the tunnel follow signs to Chatham and the brown tourist signs.

From Junction 3 of the M2 and Junction 6 of the M20:

Follow the signs to Chatham, A229, then A230 and A231 and the brown tourist signs. Brown Anchor signs lead to the Visitor Entrance at the north end of the site. Do not try to come through the crested brick built Main Gate – your coach won't fit!

