

## **Tour of SS Great Britain**

**The world's first iron-hulled, steam-powered ocean going ship**  
a site visit and tour of the SS Great Britain exhibit at Bristol's historic dockyards



The SS Great Britain was a world first when she was launched in Bristol in 1843. This uniquely successful ship design brought together new technologies in a way which transformed world travel. Isambard Kingdom Brunel, the most daring of the great Victorian engineers, conceived the groundbreaking combination of a screw propeller, an iron hull, and a massive 1000-horsepower steam engine. She was immediately successful - on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic the SS Great Britain easily broke the previous speed record. Although effectively a prototype, she continued sailing until 1886, and travelled thirty-two times around the world and nearly one million miles at sea. She was finally abandoned in the Falkland Islands, in 1937, after more than 40 years use as a floating warehouse. In 1970 an ambitious salvage effort brought her home to Bristol, where today she is conserved in the dry dock where she was originally built.

**Date; Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2012**  
**Coach Pick Up from Plymouth @ 09:00 Return by 17:00 latest**

**Tickets only £9.95 which includes cost of travel and guided tour of exhibit**  
**Places are limited, on a first come first serve basis**

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