

# THE ROYAL YACHT BRITANNIA

# **EVENTS INFORMATION 2025**



# 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 Queen Elizabeth II and the British Royal Family. The former floating palace of Queen Elizabeth II can be exclusively yours for the evening, providing a truly unique experience for you and your guests, every exquisite detail to an exacting standard.

Follow in the footsteps of Royalty in the grand State Apartments 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 go towards long-term maintenance.



# THE STATE APARTMENTS

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

- Our piper 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 Queen Elizabeth II would have entertained her guests, and also relaxed when there were no State events. A pianist will entertain guests with ambient music played on the baby grand Welmar piano.
- Guests are then invited to join our expert 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 Queen Elizabeth II 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, 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 talented 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 jazz and swing band.

# 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.With a private bar, dance floor and room for a DJ or covers band, the Royal Deck is 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 a unique insight into the history of the Royal Yacht and how the Royal Family and 220 crew lived and worked on board.

Our expert guides take guests on a 'behind the ropes' tour of the iconic ship whilst regaling fascinating 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 Queen Elizabeth II's beautiful State Apartments, and even step inside the Admiral's personal cabin.

#### 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 2 to 16 guests can experience a four course menu created by Britannia's Executive Chef and prepared in the original Royal Galley. Our Sommelier will help to select perfect wines to complement your menu.

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 Queen Elizabeth II was made. The 'Youngest Unheard Officer' was also sometimes asked to deliver an amusing speech.







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