

# BUCKLER'S HARD

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FOR 2012

INFORMATION FOR GROUP ORGANISERS 2012



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A unique 18th century village on the Beaulieu River



## Explore Buckler's Hard

On the banks of the Beaulieu River is the unique and picturesque village of Buckler's Hard. Originally called 'Montagu Town' by John, 2nd Duke of Montagu, Buckler's Hard developed as a thriving shipbuilding village during the 18th century.



## Maritime Museum and The Buckler's Hard Story

The Maritime Museum and Buckler's Hard Story with its reconstructed 18th century cottage interiors, will give you an insight into the history of the village and its inhabitants. Discover the history of the river and its ships, which have inspired a wealth of art, literature and films.



## The Nelson Connection

Buckler's Hard developed as a thriving shipbuilding village where warships for Nelson's Navy were built, three of which took part in the Battle of Trafalgar. See the models of these ships and view Nelson memorabilia including his baby clothes, in the Maritime Museum.



## The SS Persia Story

This exhibition in the Maritime Museum tells the remarkable tale of the P&O liner *SS Persia*, its links with Rolls-Royce and the Montagu family and its sinking by a German U-Boat during WWI. Following the world's deepest salvage operation of its type, several of the ship's artefacts, entombed for nearly one hundred years are on display for the first time.



## NEW St Mary's Chapel

This quiet contemplative chapel seats only 40 people but welcomes thousands each year. St Mary's is a private chapel, owned by the Montagu family, but administered within the Beaulieu benefice and still used regularly for services of worship. Beside the altar is a viewing window in the floor revealing a cellar that was discovered in 2011. Beaulieu River is believed to have been a major landing point for smuggled goods and this cellar was probably used as a store for contraband.



## The War Effort

Learn about activity on the river during the years of WWII, the building of segments of the Mulberry Harbour which were towed across to the Normandy Coast in preparation for D-Day and the many hundreds of landing craft that sailed from the Beaulieu River to support the Normandy landings.



## Woodland Walk & Apple Orchard

Follow the Woodland Walk to discover how local timber from Buckler's Hard was used in the 18th and 19th centuries to construct ships for the British Navy.

Also, wander through the Apple Orchard where apple trees are fragrant with blossom in spring. The fruit is picked each Autumn and used with apples from other orchards on the Beaulieu Estate to make Beaulieu Apple Juice.

## Guided Tours

Complementing a visit to Buckler's Hard, groups can enjoy the River Cruise, Hearts of Oak tour and It's a 'Hard' Life tour to discover more about this fascinating 18th century village, untouched by the passage of time.



### Beaulieu River Crusies

30 mins

This 30 minute cruise, wends its way along the river with a commentary revealing the history of Beaulieu River and the abundant wildlife that inhabits its riverbanks. Cruises operate between Easter and the end of October.



### Hearts of Oak Themed Tour

1 hour

Take a trip to the 1790s and meet an inhabitant of Buckler's. Learn about the building of warships for Nelson's fleet, so large they put the village in shadow. Hear about *Agamemnon*, Nelson's favourite ship and discover other key events in the shipbuilding history of the village.



### NEW It's a 'Hard' Life

1 hour

Journey back to the late 18th Century with one of the inhabitants of Buckler's Hard and hear about their daily life. Learn about the origins of some of our well loved nautical sayings such as "money for old rope" and discover how the workforce of this tranquil village helped to shape our Maritime History as they built, among others, *HMS Euryalus*, and the supporting role their wives played.

## For your comfort and enjoyment

### Refreshments

Refreshments are available at the Captain's Cabin Tearooms which offers morning coffee, light lunches, all day snacks and clotted cream teas which can either be enjoyed in the tearoom or outside on the terrace. Why not pre-book your group cream tea and take advantage of an advance discounted rate (further details available on the booking form).

Alternatively The Master Builder's House Hotel overlooking the river serves lunch and dinner in the Yachtsman's Bar and Riverview Restaurant.



### Shopping

A wide range of nautical items are available in the gift shop of the Maritime Museum including models, books and ornaments. In the Captain's Cabin Tearooms you will find a range of food and related items including preserves, fudge, cookbooks and Beaulieu Apple Juice made with apples from the orchard.



### Accessibility

Buckler's Hard village by its nature and location is less accessible to our disabled visitors. The site has remained almost unchanged since the 16th century and includes a number of gravel paths and narrow doorways. The Maritime Museum is on various levels to reflect the architecture of the time. To discuss your specific requirements or to request a copy of Beaulieu Enterprises' accessibility statement, please contact us. Printed materials which illustrate and describe inaccessible areas are available to visitors on request.



## Opening Times

September to October 10.00am - 5.00pm  
 November to February 10.00am - 4.30pm  
 March to June 10.00am - 5.00pm  
 July to August 10.00am - 5.30pm

Admission to Buckler's Hard includes the historic village and waterfront, entrance to the Maritime Museum and shipbuilder's cottages.

## Coaches

There is free parking on-site for coaches. Light refreshments are available in the Captain's Cabin Tearooms. Vouchers for drivers are available upon arrival and can be used in the tearooms.

## Tour Enhancements

Souvenir guide books can be purchased for your party at a discounted price when ordered in advance, please enquire at time of booking.

## Payment Methods

Payment can be made on the day of visit by cash, debit or credit card and personal cheque (with banker's card). Cheques should be made payable to Beaulieu Enterprises Limited. Company cheques by prior arrangement. Please return your completed booking form to: **Mandy Lane, Beaulieu Enterprises Limited, John Montagu Building, Beaulieu, Hampshire SO42 7ZN**

## Contact

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Buckler's Hard is in the heart of the New Forest, just 3 miles from Beaulieu.

By road: M27 Junction 2, follow brown tourist signs towards Beaulieu, then on to Buckler's Hard.

The nearest train station is Brockenhurst (6.5 miles).

The nearest airport is Southampton (20.5 miles).



# BUCKLER'S HARD Group visit booking form 2012

Date of visit: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx arrival time at Beaulieu: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of group organiser: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Group admission prices 2012 Group rates apply to 15 or more persons

Buckler's Hard - Village Only			
	No.	Price	Total
ADULT		£5.60	
SENIOR		£4.50	
CHILD 4-12 YEARS		£3.80	
STUDENT 13-17 YEARS		£4.00	

Buckler's Hard - Including River Cruise			
	No.	Price	Total
ADULT		£8.80	
SENIOR		£7.70	
CHILD 4-12 YEARS		£6.60	
STUDENT 13-17 YEARS		£7.10	

Beaulieu & Buckler's Hard - Ex Cruise			
	No.	Price	Total
ADULT		£16.00	
SENIOR		£14.20	
CHILD 5-12 YEARS		£9.00	
STUDENT 13-17 YEARS		£10.90	

Beaulieu & Buckler's Hard - Inc Cruise			
	No.	Price	Total
ADULT		£17.65	
SENIOR		£15.90	
CHILD 5-12 YEARS		£11.00	
STUDENT 13-17 YEARS		£12.75	

River Cruise sailing desired (please circle)

11.00 11.45 12.45 13.30 14.15 15.00 15.45 16.30 17.15 (Easter - end of October)

**Tours** The following tours are available at an additional good value extra charge. Please tick the relevant box(es) if you would like to take part in that tour.

Hearts of Oak  It's a 'Hard' Life

£28 per group up to a maximum of 20 people, or part thereof: \_\_\_\_\_ x £28 per group £ \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-booked cream tea's at the discounted rate of £4 per person: \_\_\_\_\_ x £4 per person £ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL £ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please make cheques payable to Beaulieu Enterprises Limited and send to John Montagu Building, Beaulieu, Hampshire SO42 7ZN

Please tick box if you do not wish to receive future mailings.

Please note that the tour times are approximate - Beaulieu Enterprises Limited reserves the right to amend the tour times without prior notice.

All prices quoted are inclusive of VAT at 20% to reflect announced changes in the VAT rate for 2011. Beaulieu Enterprises Limited reserves the right to amend gross prices at the time of payment following any subsequent changes in VAT.