The Mary Rose.
500 years.
A heartbeat away.

Upon becoming king in 1509, Henry VIII immediately commissioned two warships with his own money, one of which was the *Mary Rose*. Five and a half wives later, in 1545, his heart broke as he watched her sink outside Portsmouth harbour. Dramatically raised in 1982, you can now see the *Mary Rose*, a ‘must-experience British icon’, and thousands of authentic, everyday Tudor objects displayed in the award-winning Mary Rose in Portsmouth.

‘Henry VIII – 500 years. A heartbeat away’ emphasises the emotional connection for visitors, the focus on the crew’s stories and the immersive journey into Tudor life.

**The story of the Mary Rose in numbers**

- **1510** – the year the *Mary Rose* was built.
- **1545** – the year in which the *Mary Rose* sank on the 19th July during the 3rd French War.
- **500** men on board, only 35 survived.
- **5 foot 7 inches** was the average height of a crew member.
- **1971** - the year the *Mary Rose* wreck site was rediscovered and excavation of the ship began.
- **27,831** dives were logged from 1971-1982 during the excavation of the *Mary Rose*.
- **22,710** hours were spent excavating the seabed between 1971-1982.
- **437** years the *Mary Rose* spent underwater.
- **1982** – the year the *Mary Rose* was raised from the seabed.
- **19,000** artefacts have been recovered from the site so far including:
  - 1,635 cannonballs
  - 257 shoes and boots (including 70 pairs)
  - 86 chests
  - 172 longbows and 2,303 complete arrows
- **1** – The Mary Rose is #1 on TripAdvisor for things to do in Portsmouth.

**Tickets for The Mary Rose can be purchased from our website, www.MaryRose.org, or from the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard Visitor Centre or museum reception.**

**Opening Hours:**

November – March – 10am-5pm (last entry 4:15pm)

April – October – 10am – 5:30pm (last entry 4:45pm)

24-26th December – Closed

[www.MaryRose.org](http://www.MaryRose.org)