

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 years 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