



*Event cost: £40  
All constructors and  
their guests are  
welcome*

*Rendez-vous points*

*Thames River Services  
Westminster Pier  
Victoria Embankment  
SW1A 2JH*

*St Katharine's Pier  
off St Katharine's Way  
E1Q 1LD*

*Old Royal Naval College  
King William Walk  
Greenwich  
SE10 9NN*

*The Old Brewery  
The Pepys Building  
Old Royal Naval College  
Greenwich  
SE10 9LW*

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*To be settled on invoice, as issued  
by Hon Treasurer*

# Greenwich Trip: The Painted Ceiling Up Close

Part of one of the most important conservation projects in the UK



## Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Meet 16:00 at Westminster Pier or 17:30 at Greenwich Pier  
Limited places so don't delay, book in today!

**The Master and Wardens invite fellow Constructors, along with friends and family, to this much anticipated private tour of the Painted Ceiling at Sir Christopher Wren's riverside masterpiece – the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich. The price (£40) also includes a sightseeing boat cruise from Westminster to Greenwich; there is an optional supper afterwards at additional cost (£15-20).**



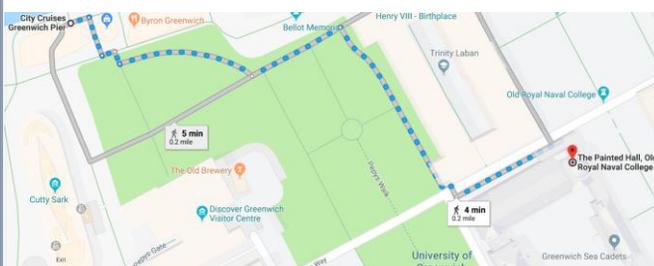
Built on the site of the Tudor Greenwich Palace, the 17<sup>th</sup> century Royal Naval Hospital of Seamen later became the Royal Naval College, and these classical buildings at the heart of the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site are among the finest in Europe.



The Painted Hall project includes the cleaning and conservation of some 40,000 square feet of vast murals painted by Sir James Thornhill in the early 1700s – including the fantastic painted ceiling itself.

Thanks to a fully accessible mezzanine deck across the whole space, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view this incredible work of art up close, and see close-up the secrets and stories behind Britain's largest painted ceiling. Although we need to ascend 60-70 steps to reach the viewing area, there is lift access to anyone with limited mobility.

- **Meet up at Westminster Pier from 16:00-16:15** to take the 16:30 Thames River Services sightseeing cruise to Greenwich, passing historic and modern places of interest along the River Thames (nb this is a public service).
- Those unable to embark at Westminster can meet at St Katharine's Pier at 16:30-16:45 to jump aboard the same service as it passes at 17:00.
- Latecomers can meet us when we disembark at Greenwich Pier at 17:30 and take a 10 minute stroll through the historic grounds (set out in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century by Philip Hardwick) to reach the painted Hall.
- **All must be present at 17:45 at the Painted Hall** for a safety briefing to prepare for our after-hours guided tour of this live construction project.
- **Optional Supper (extra cost):** After the visit we will adjourn to the historic Old Brewery pub within the grounds at 19:15, for drinks and supper for those who can stay. This aspect will be pay-as-you-go (a 2-course meal is in the region of £20).
- **Return leg (extra cost):** for those wishing to head back west by boat, the MBNA Thames Clipper commuter service can whisk you back for less than a tenner from Greenwich (20:21, 20:51, 21:21 and 21:56) calling at various piers as far as Waterloo.



*The price of this event (£40) excludes supper or the return trip but includes a charitable donation to the Greenwich Foundation for the Old Royal Naval College, which has been established to conserve the magnificent Baroque buildings and grounds.*