

Historic Bristol Docks - SS Great Britain - The Matthew

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This was a History Group trip and a very enjoyable day. We pre-arranged a tour on the SS Great Britain and a fish and chip supper sail on The Matthew. It takes a couple of hours to get there but well worth it, the new modernised docks are very pleasant to walk around with plenty of places to eat and drink. The old town shops are also fairly near so a visit to Bristol has a lot to offer...

We had arranged for the tour to start at 2pm and it was supposed to last an hour, our guide was very knowledgeable and with positive feedback from the group we had about an hour and half. The guide brought so much more to what is a fascinating ship, after the tour we decided to stay onboard and continue looking around. We spent most of the afternoon there before walking over to an Art gallery on the edge of the docks.

At 6pm we went for a 2 hour sail around the docks finished off with a fish and chip supper sat onboard. The weather was great and we had a thoroughly nice day, I highly recommend both these experiences. The evening trip on The Matthew was greatly helped by the weather but the SS Great Britain isn't weather dependant. The Matthew runs various sailings throughout the summer that can be booked through the website.

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SS-Great Britain 9/10

The Matthew 9/10

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