



Exhibitions and shows

The North-West Passage: An Arctic Obsession

23 May 2009 – 3 January 2010

Drawing on the extraordinary stories, feats of endurance and tragedies of famous – and sometimes fatal – British expeditions in the Canadian Arctic, this display reveals the historical importance of the Passage and the obsessions of explorers who attempted to trace its course. The exhibition also explores modern exploitation of the Arctic and the effect of global climate change on the region. National Maritime Museum. Admission free.

Jeremy Millar: *Given*

28 September 2009 – 17 January 2010

Continuing the *New Visions* series of contemporary art exhibitions, British artist Jeremy Millar explores how events in history resonate with our experience of the present. In *Given*, the starting point is a journey from Folkestone to Papua New Guinea taken by the Polish-born anthropologist Bronislaw Malinowski and the artist Stanislaw Ignacy Witkiewicz in 1914. This exhibition uses objects, images and films to speculate on the ways our understandings of the present, and possibilities for the future are informed and misinformed by what has gone before.

Queen's House, South-West Parlour. Admission free.

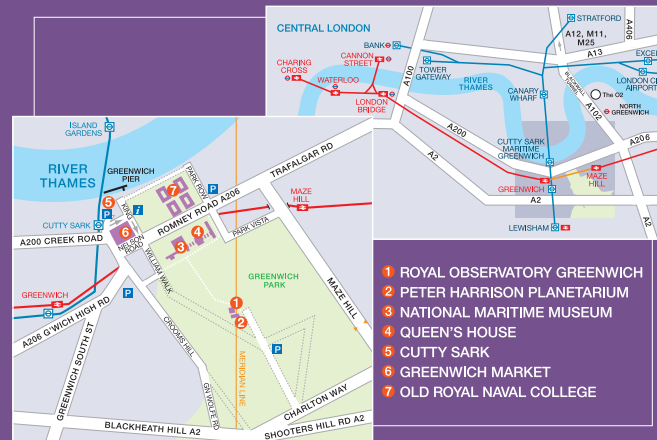
Planetarium shows

Current shows include; *Ice Worlds*, *Dawn of the Space Age* from 18 July 2009 and *Space Safari*, ideal for under-5s. Timed tickets can be purchased on-line at

nmm.ac.uk/planetarium or on-site for a changing programme of daily themed shows. Tickets can also be pre-booked up to one hour ahead by calling **020 8312 6608**. Royal Observatory, Greenwich.

Charges and age restrictions apply.

How to get to the Queen's House



- 1 ROYAL OBSERVATORY GREENWICH
- 2 PETER HARRISON PLANETARIUM
- 3 NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM
- 4 QUEEN'S HOUSE
- 5 CUTTY SARK
- 6 GREENWICH MARKET
- 7 OLD ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE

* Admission to the Queen's House, National Maritime Museum and Royal Observatory, Greenwich is free. Charges apply for planetarium shows and some special events and exhibitions.

Opening times

Open daily 10.00 – 17.00
Last admission 30 minutes before closing.

The Meridian Line courtyard at the Royal Observatory is open until 20.00 from 2 May until 31 August 2009 inclusive.

Membership

Become an NMM Member at nmm.ac.uk/membership or sign up to the e-newsletter for details of upcoming exhibitions and events at nmm.ac.uk/newsletter

Food and drink

Enjoy a selection of delicious cakes, lunches and snacks in The Galley, PAUL and Observatory cafés.

Audio-guides Available on entry

Gift shop

A large selection of gifts, books, prints and souvenirs are available on-site and on-line at nmm.ac.uk/shop

Travel

🚇 Cutty Sark Zone 2
🚇 Greenwich Zone 2
🚆 from Westminster, Waterloo, Embankment, Bankside or Tower Piers.
London Travel Information:
020 7222 1234

For 24 hour information call **020 8312 6565** or visit nmm.ac.uk/leaflet

For booking and school visits enquiries call **020 8312 6608**



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Queen's House, Greenwich

Free entry*



oceans royalty
beauty history
art imagination
voyages inspiration



Queen's House, Greenwich

'From the moment of its completion, the Queen's House drew tributes of genuine admiration... the little palace was christened the 'House of Delight'; and no name could be more appropriate... within the most amazing collection of pictures that ever a King collected for the Queen he loved.'

Professor Sir Geoffrey Callender
first Director of the NMM, 1934–46



Step into the past at the elegant Queen's House, the opulent summer villa of Charles I's queen, Henrietta Maria, and the **first purely classical Renaissance building in Britain.**

Completed in about 1638 by **Inigo Jones**, the revolutionary design of Henrietta Maria's 'house of delight' introduced England to the beauties of **Palladian architecture.**

Explore the House and discover much of the original splendour – the 'grotesque -style' painted ceiling of the queen's bedchamber, the ironwork of the **'Tulip Stairs'** (the first centrally unsupported spiral stair in Britain), the original painted woodwork of the Great Hall and its finely-laid 1635 marble floor.



A world-class art collection

The Queen's House is principal showcase for the National Maritime Museum's **world-class collection of fine art**, displaying master-works by artists including Gainsborough, Reynolds, Hogarth, Turner and the van de Veldes.



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Take a fascinating journey through portraiture, seascapes, the art of exploration and encounter, heroes and martyrs and many other aspects of Britain's long relationship with the sea in the major exhibition **Art for the Nation.**

Discover the important role the Queen's House played in the development of Maritime Greenwich and the **royal figures involved in the history of the House**, including James I, his wife Queen Anne of Denmark and Charles I.



Enjoy a full day out

Two other great museums are also within walking distance:

National Maritime Museum

Detailing inspirational stories of **exploration, discovery and endeavour** from Britain's seafaring past, the National Maritime Museum tells of the continuing effects the oceans still have on the world today. See **Nelson's bullet-pierced coat** from his final, fatal battle and discover the courage shown by Franklin on his famous **polar expedition**, all at the world's largest maritime museum.

Admission free.*



Royal Observatory, Greenwich

Built for the purpose of finding longitude at sea, the Royal Observatory is home of **Greenwich Mean Time** and the famous **Prime Meridian of the World – 0°0'0"** as well as host to a year-long programme of events celebrating **International Year of Astronomy 2009**. The Royal Observatory also houses **London's only planetarium** which provides a magnificent introduction to the mysteries and wonders of the night sky.

Admission free.*

