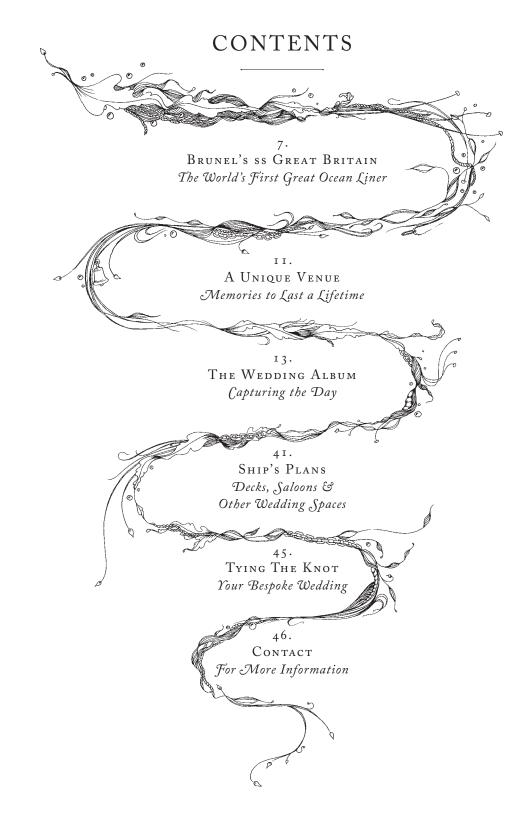




#### Weddings

Thank you for considering Brunel's ss Great Britain as the venue for your wedding celebrations.

The beautifully restored ship lies in the heart of Bristol's harbourside. Launched in 1843 as the world's first luxury ocean liner, the ss Great Britain is a truly unique venue for your wedding ceremony, wedding reception and evening party.







THE WORLD'S FIRST GREAT OCEAN LINER
The ss Great Britain, Isambard Kingdom Brunel's Masterpiece.

Designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel to carry the rich and famous to New York, he described the ship as his 'darling'.

From the outset she combined the very best in comfort and style with quality food and service.

The iconic ship's story is intertwined with passion and romance. She was launched by Prince Albert, whose marriage to Queen Victoria was such a success. Passengers' diaries tell of love and flirtations, and the ship's much admired Captain Gray was asked by many engaged ladies, emigrating to Australia, to stand in as father of the bride.

TODAY, WEDDING COUPLES CONTINUE THIS TRADITION OF LOVE AND ROMANCE.

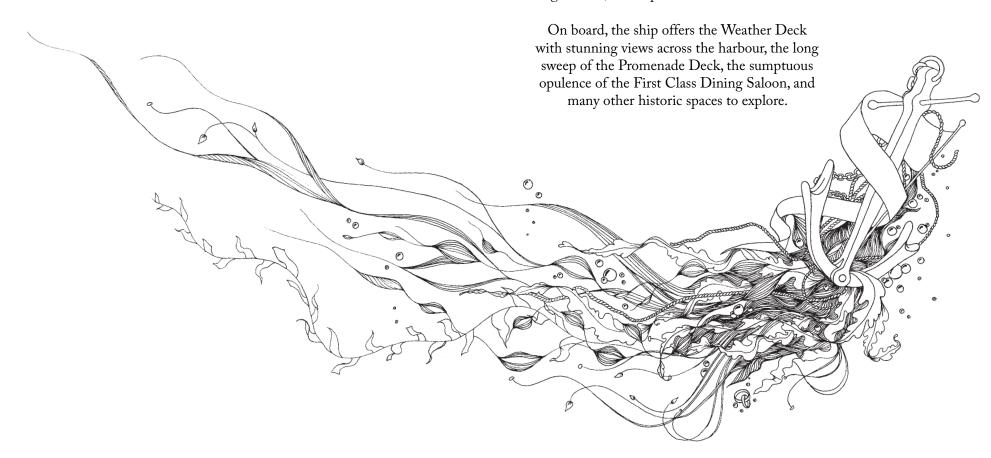


## A UNIQUE VENUE

## MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME On Board Brunel's ss Great Britain.

We understand that memories last a lifetime and start at the early planning stages – from the moment you contact the Wedding Coordinator to arrange a viewing. That is why we offer the highest quality of service for this unique and special venue.

Every bride and groom desires a stunning backdrop to their wedding, and the ship's magnificent and historic stern is guaranteed to impress you and your guests. Illuminated from below her glass 'sea', the ship is beautiful and dramatic in all weathers.



## THE WEDDING ALBUM

CAPTURING THE DAY



## Your Day To Cherish

Months of planning culminate in a wonderful day, whether you are holding your wedding ceremony, your reception or both on board.

Now is the time to relax and enjoy the company of your friends and family, on the world's first great ocean liner.





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## An Idyllic Setting

Brunel's ss Great Britain commands a waterfront location and is surrounded by hills, with views of Bristol Cathedral and Cabot Tower.



## THE WEDDING AISLE

The Promenade Deck, where wedding ceremonies are held, is a unique and intimate space with mirrors and extensive wooden decks.

Couples exchange their vows below a circular skylight, which floods the space with beautiful soft light.







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## SETTING THE SCENE

After the ceremony guests can enjoy a Champagne reception on the Weather Deck, or the Promenade Deck, before being called down to the First Class Dining Saloon by the Ship's Steward.

Here they will be enchanted by the best in early Victorian design, with marble pillars, Rococo mirrors and candle lamps.







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#### ATTENTION TO DETAIL

Each couple is assisted by a dedicated Wedding Coordinator, who is available at every step, from the original viewing to follow-up visits and on-the-day support. The Coordinator can recommend suppliers and assist with every detail.

The Ship's Steward can act as Master of Ceremonies, and provides talks or guided tours. This level of service is valued by brides and grooms and is truly unique.



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## DINING IN FIRST CLASS

Wedding receptions are held in the First Class Dining Saloon, once admired by a young and fashionable Queen Victoria.

Victorian decoration combines with hidden state-of-the-art technologies to ensure the highest standards in luxury and comfort.





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#### CATERING FOR WEDDINGS LARGE & SMALL

The Chief Steward strives to ensure every dining request is met.

Delicious food is freshly cooked on board ship, and served to your guests in the First Class Dining Saloon.

The Steward and his staff are passionate about the quality of food, wine and Champagne, offered to guests.



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## PARTYING ABOVE & BELOW DECKS

The Weather Deck boasts one of the region's most striking views and provides a wonderful space for drinks, canapés and musicians. Below decks, the Hayward Saloon offers a dance floor and bar area. All wedding guests are welcome to explore the entire ship.







#### Breathtaking Wedding Photography

The ss Great Britain's dramatic curves are appreciated as a stunning backdrop by wedding couples and photographers alike. As part of our service, we invite brides and grooms to visit in advance with their photographers to ensure that they can plan the most beautiful images.



## CELEBRATING YOUR SPECIAL DAY

Let us help make your dream wedding come true on board one of the world's great historic ships, and ensure that you have memories to cherish and last a lifetime.





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## SHIP'S PLANS

#### DECKS, SALOONS & OTHER WEDDING SPACES

At just under 100 metres in length the ss Great Britain was the world's largest ship, and in her golden years could carry 700 passengers and 130 crew. Her size is beguiling, her saloons and decks expansive and each one is uniquely shaped.

Room plans for the more important saloons are included overleaf. Please note that the bridal couple and their guests are welcome to explore the entire ship and enjoy exclusive use during the evening.

#### PROMENADE DECK

This space transforms into a romantic aisle, where the wedding ceremony takes place under a circular skylight.

FIRST CLASS DINING SALOON
A sumptuous dining room for you and your guests to enjoy delicious food, fine wines and Champagne.

HAYWARD SALOON
A versatile space, next to the First Class Dining Saloon, with its own bar and dance floor.

#### A WEDDING BLUEPRINT

Your wedding day on board
Brunel's ss Great Britain will create wonderful
memories to cherish – from your wedding ceremony
on the Promenade Deck to exclusive use of the ship
for your reception and evening party.

#### PROMENADE DECK

At almost 30 metres in length, the Promenade Deck makes for an impressive aisle. Wedding couples exchange vows below the circular skylight, surrounded by family and friends. Natural light floods into this atmospheric and romantic space.

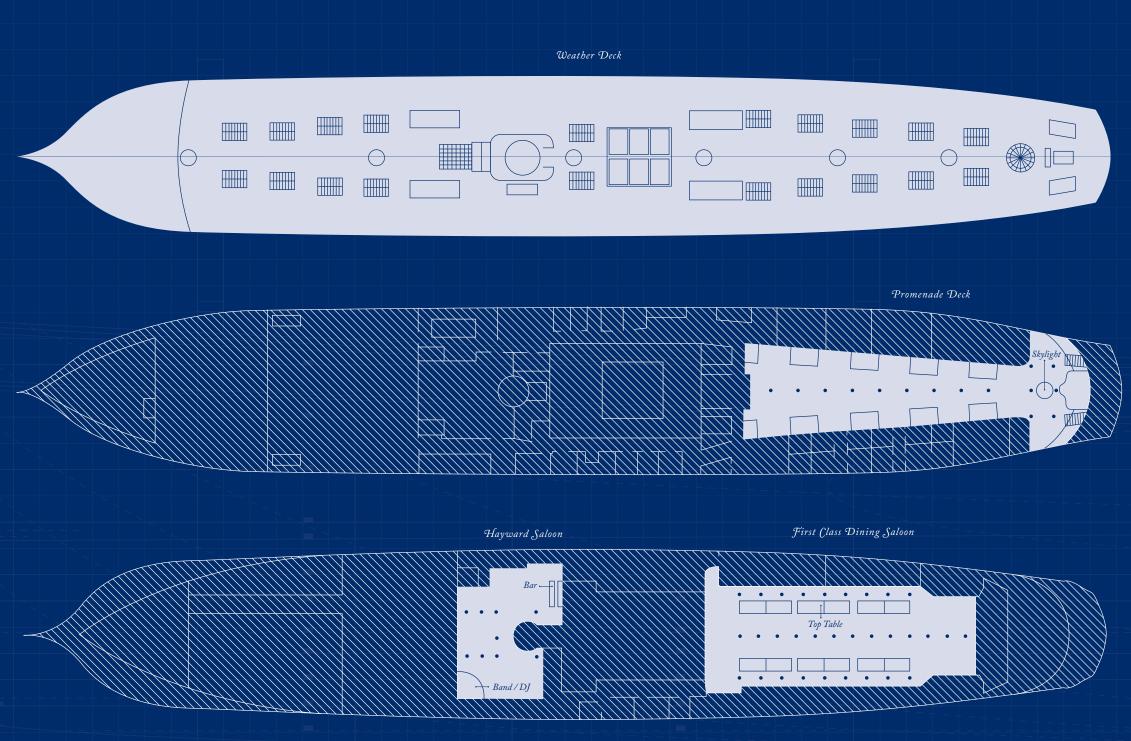
#### FIRST CLASS DINING SALOON

This opulent saloon comes into its own during the evening, with gilt decorations and candle lamps. For larger parties, tables are placed around the central marble pillars.

Hidden technology includes flexible air-cooling and a PA system for speeches.

#### HAYWARD SALOON

After the wedding reception, guests can stay seated, explore the ship or continue the party in the Hayward Saloon. Bridal couples can choose to decorate this bar area and dance floor, which occupies where the ss Great Britain's boiler once stood.



## TYING THE KNOT

#### YOUR BESPOKE WEDDING

Brunel's ss Great Britain works closely with the bridal couple to offer bespoke weddings. Please find some examples and prices below:

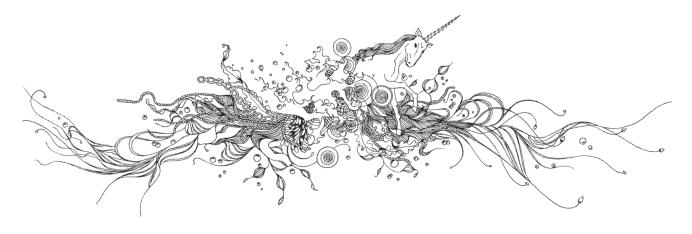
Wedding ceremony and sparkling wine for up to 100 people: from £1,200

Wedding reception for between 60 and 80 guests, with a three-course dinner, sparkling wine for the toast and half a bottle of wine per person, exclusive use of the ship, plus evening party: from  $\pounds 6,000$ 

Wedding ceremony, wedding reception for between 80 and 100 guests, with reception drink, a three-course dinner, Champagne for the toast and half a bottle of wine per person, exclusive use of the ship, plus evening party:

from £8,000

All prices are exclusive of VAT





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