Scottish Maritime Museum

A Visual Guide of the Scottish Maritime Museum - Irvine

Welcome to the Scottish Maritime Museum - Irvine.

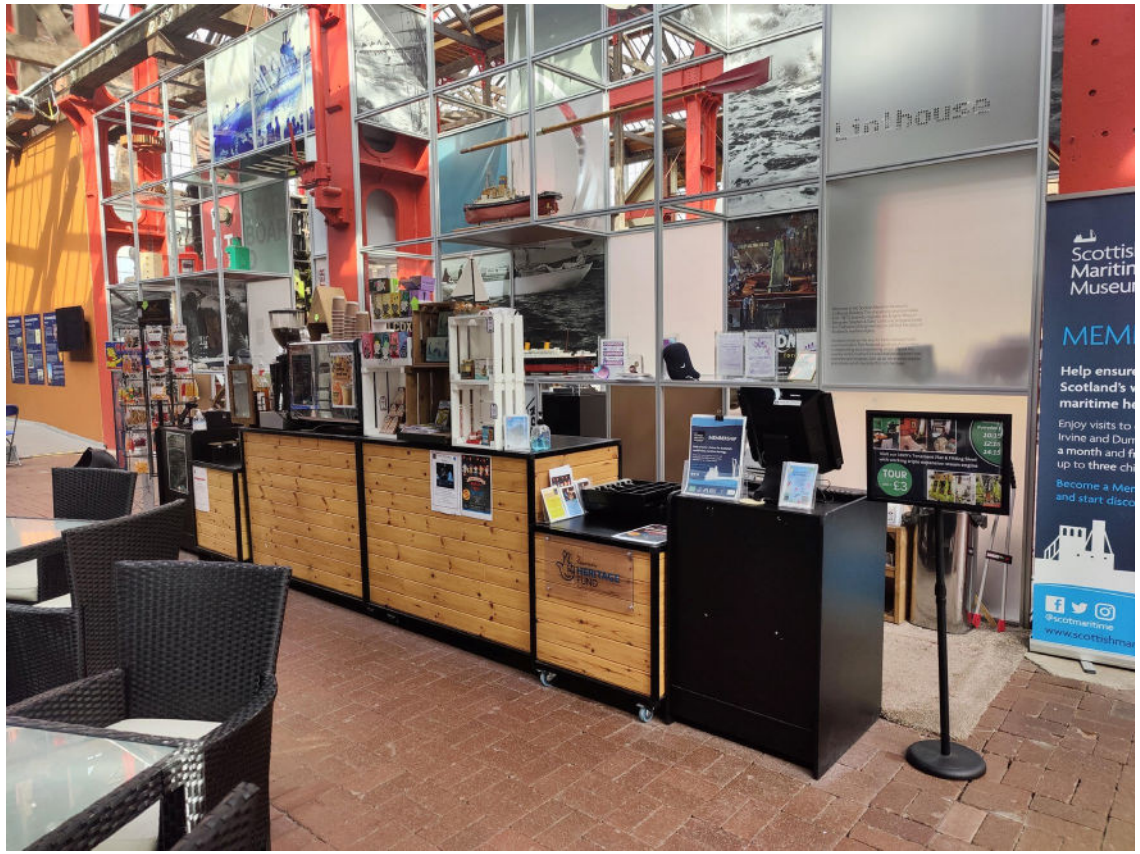
The museum is open from 10am to 5pm.

The purpose of this guide is help you around the museum and surrounding grounds. It contains information relating to how to move around key areas of the museum, guided tours, café information and gift shops.

Please note the museum and the museum grounds are noisier on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

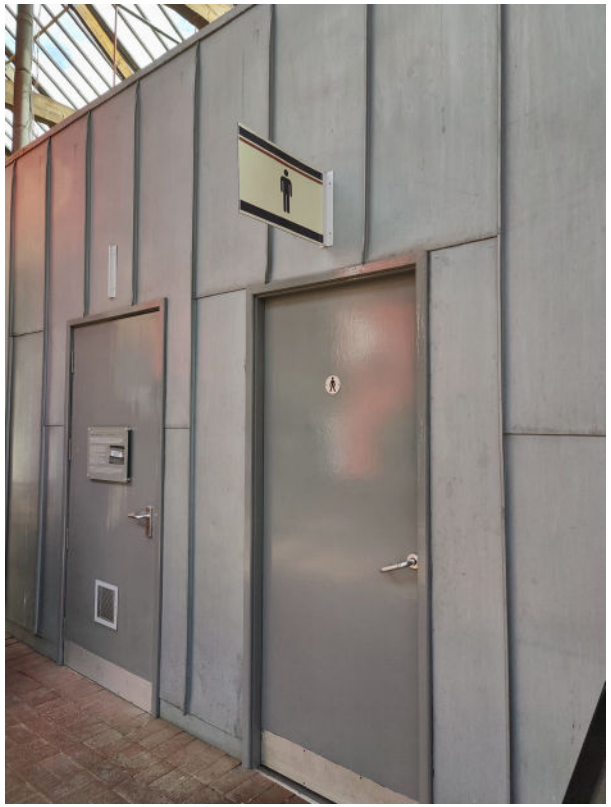
This is the entrance to the Scottish Maritime Museum in Irvine.

This is the reception desk. Visitor Services staff will always be at the desk if you have any questions or need help. Our staff will be wearing navy uniforms with a lanyard showing their SMM ID Badge.



Sometimes the museum can get noisy. You can ask for ear defenders at the reception desk.

The toilets are at the right-hand side of the museum after the reception desk.



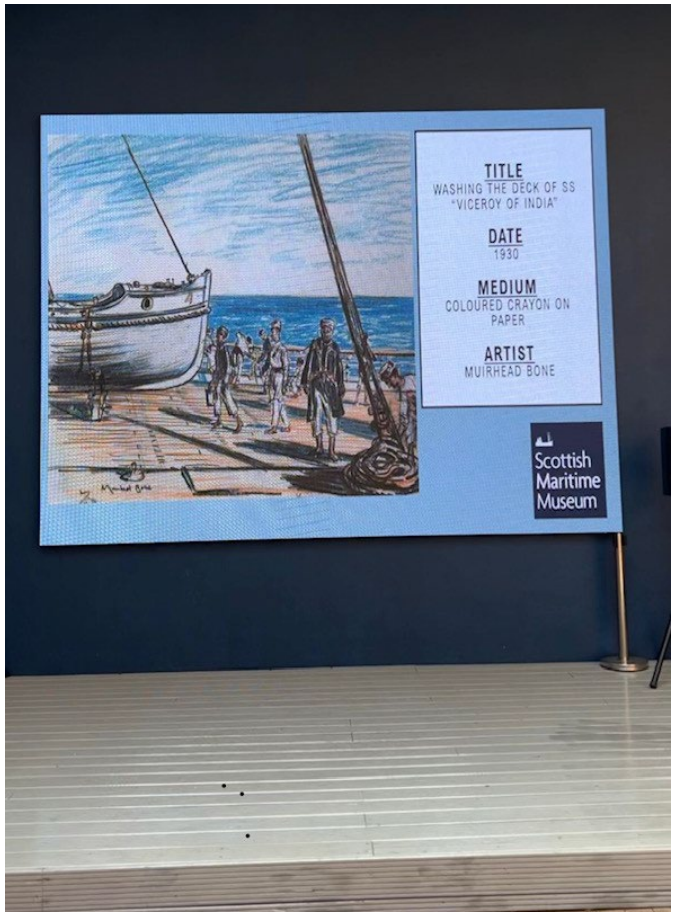
There are fragile boats, models, and machinery in the museum so do not touch. The museum is a bright space with big windows. It can be warm in the summer and cold in the winter.

This is the exhibition gallery. The objects and art often changes. This room is very bright and is kept at a constant temperature.

If you hear a loud alarm, follow museum staff who will guide you to a safe place through the fire exit doors.

Near the exit of the museum, you can visit the coffee bar and small gift shop.

You can also sit in the seating area and watch our large screen. The screen sometimes plays video and films.

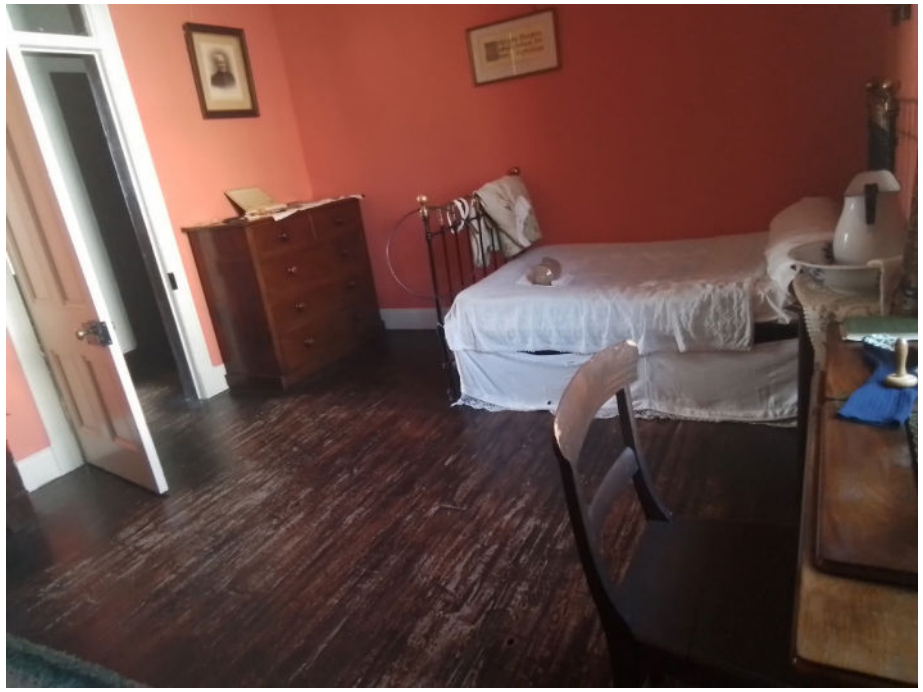


In the museum grounds there is Puffer Boat called *MV Spartan* and you can go inside. The screen inside plays a video.

If you would like a tour of our 1920's Tenement Flat and Fitting Shed, please ask at the reception desk. Visitor Services staff will let you know the times of the tours on the day you visit.

Visitor Services staff will lead you on a 5-minute walk to the 1920's Tenement Flat and Fitting Shed.

The 1920's Tenement flat is on the ground floor and has a few steps to climb. The flat is very dark. People live in the surrounding flats so you should be quiet when inside.



The Fitting Shed has an old moving engine. If you find the engine too loud then ask a Vistor Services staff member to take you outside.

You can also visit our larger giftshop and café in the Boatshop. Signs in the museum grounds will guide you to the Boatshop. It is a 5-minute walk from the museum.

This the Boatshop.

When you enter the Boatshop, you will be in our larger giftshop. A Visitor Services staff member will always be at the desk.

You can walk through the gift shop to go into the café. Café staff will take you to a table and take your order. After having your food and drinks, you can pay at the till or at your table.

We hope you enjoy your visit to the Scottish Maritime Museum.

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