

Portfolio



Mary Rose Museum

This museum will permanently house the hull of the Mary Rose – Henry VIII's flagship – which was raised from the seabed of The Solent near Portsmouth in 1982. The hull, currently in a dry dock, requires highly specialist environmental conditions to enable conservation to continue. The design therefore takes an 'inside-out' approach, cradling the hull at the centre of the new museum. A virtual glass hull will be created alongside this to represent the missing section, within which the original artifacts will be displayed in context. Deck galleries will run the length of the ship, corresponding to the original deck levels and leading to further gallery space at the end of the dry dock. The new building will be roofed by a low shell structure that will be prefabricated and lifted into place over the existing ship hall.

Following a major grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) in January 2008, the project is progressing with the museum expected to open in 2011, the 500th anniversary of the first voyage of the Mary Rose.

Details

Location: Portsmouth, UK
Client: The Mary Rose Trust
Architects: Wilkinson Eyre Architects
Interior Architects: Pringle Brandon
Exhibition Design: Land Design Studio
Structural Engineers: Gifford
Appointment: April 2005
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