

HISTORIC SITES 2011

Ancient buildings full of history

Elizabethan House
Merchant's House
Smeaton's Tower



HISTORIC HOUSES

Elizabethan House

32 New Street, The Barbican PL1 2NA

Go back in time to Drake's Plymouth and see how a merchant or sea captain might have lived in the 1600s.

Spiral stairs, sloping floors, period furniture and fabrics, plus restored gardens and kitchen give you a real feeling of history.

Opening dates and times

Tuesday 5 April to Saturday 1 October 2011 (inclusive)

10am to 12pm / 1pm to 5pm

(last entries at 11.30am and 4.30pm)

Tuesday to Saturday and Bank Holiday Mondays

Closed for lunch from 12pm to 1pm

Closed Sundays and standard Mondays

Prices

Adults £2.50

Children (5-16 yrs) £1

Students/Seniors (over 60 yrs) £1.50

Family ticket £6 *(up to 2 adults and 3 children)*

A range of concessions also available

Under 5s go free!

HISTORIC HOUSES

Merchant's House

33 St. Andrew Street PL1 2AH

See four mini museums under one roof in this former home of famous Elizabethan privateer, William Parker.

Old curiosities, a Victorian schoolroom, Blitz room and more provide a fascinating snapshot of Plymouth's recent past.

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LANDMARK LIGHTHOUSE

Smeaton's Tower

The Hoe, Plymouth PL1 2NZ

Experience life at the top with a visit to our landmark lighthouse. A centrepiece on Plymouth's Hoe, Smeaton's Tower was originally built on the Eddystone reef in 1759.

It was taken down in the early 1880s and approximately two thirds of its structure was moved stone by stone to its current resting place. Now standing at 72 feet high, it offers fantastic views of Plymouth Sound and beyond from its Lantern Room. Can you climb the 93 steps to the top?

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10am to 4.30pm Tuesday to Friday

10am to 4pm Saturday and BH Mondays

(5 April to 1 October 2011)

10am to 3pm Tuesday to Saturday and BH Mondays

(4 October to 3 December 2011, 10 and 17 December 2011, 7, 14, 21 and 28 January 2012

and 31 January to 31 March 2012)

Last entries 30 minutes before closing

Closed for lunch from 12 noon to 1pm

Open on Saturdays only throughout December 2011 and January 2012

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Children (5-16 yrs) £1

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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

No need to book.

Standard admission applies unless stated otherwise.

Elizabethan House Guides

Venue: Elizabethan House

Dates: 7, 8, 14, 21, 22, 28 and 29 July

4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 and 26 August

Time: 1pm to 4pm

Visit the Elizabethan House between 1pm and 4pm on any of these dates and take a look around this historic property with one of our volunteer guides.

International Lighthouse Day

Venue: Smeaton's Tower

Date: Saturday 20 August

Time: 10am to 12 noon and 1pm to 4pm

(last entries at 11.30am and 3.30pm)

Enjoy a range of lighthouse-themed activities as we mark this international annual event. Lots of fun for everyone!

Heritage Open Days 2011

Venue: Elizabethan House and Merchant's House

Date: Friday 9 September

Time: 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 5pm

(last entries at 11.30am and 4.30pm)

AND

Venue: Smeaton's Tower

Date: Friday 9 September

Time: 10am to 12 noon and 1pm to 4pm

(last entries at 11.30am and 3.30pm)

Free admission to all sites for one day only as we mark this national annual event!

TRAVEL AND PARKING

Train:

There are regular services to Plymouth station, which is a short taxi or bus ride from all three sites.

Bus and Coach:

Merchant's House: any bus that runs via Royal Parade.

Elizabethan House and Smeaton's Tower: Plymouth City Bus No 25 which runs via Southside Street and The Hoe.

The main bus and coach station (Bretonside) is a short walk from all three sites.

Park and Ride services to the city centre are also available.

Car:

Pay and display parking is available near all three sites. The nearest multi-storey car parks are in Drake Circus shopping mall or to the rear of the Theatre Royal.

There are also additional car parks on the Barbican and plenty of on-street parking (short stay) around the Barbican and Hoe.

ACCESS AND FACILITIES

- Due to the historic nature of the sites we regret that there is limited disabled access.
- Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult when visiting Smeaton's Tower due to its steep ladders and narrow openings.
- There are no toilet facilities at our sites although public conveniences are available nearby.
- Food and drink are not allowed.
- On certain days, Smeaton's Tower and the Elizabethan House may be closed for civil ceremonies.

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