

Welcome to Fort Grey Shipwreck Museum


The history details...


- Fort Grey was built in 1804 to help defend Guernsey against the French. It is one of a chain of forts built along the coast.
- It actually stands on the site of a much earlier tower, known as Chateau de Rocquaine. The Germans took advantage of Fort Grey's position and used it as an anti-aircraft battery during WW2. It was transformed into a shipwreck museum and opened in 1976.
- Some locals call it the 'cup and saucer' because of its distinctive shape.




Chateau de Rocquaine


Watch your head as you walk in! Turn to your left.


 Look at the model. What are the garrison doing? _____

 Can you spot the first 2 tickets issued at Fort Grey? When were they issued and what was the fee? _____

 A tricky one – what's the price difference between today's cost and the original fee?

 Look at the large illustration of the Militia Sergeant. He is holding a type of gun called a _____.


 Notice the brass pocket compass and sundial in the cabinet. It has the name _____ inscribed on it.


 There is a model of the Hanois lighthouse next to you. When was it made? _____


 A tricky one – before it was served by helicopter, how did supplies reach the lighthouse?


 How tall is the Hanois? _____

Continue around to the right.

 Look at the wall – there are some tubes. What are they called? _____

 Notice the Orion display. Where was the oil rig heading to? _____

 A tricky one – 25 people were rescued (from the Orion) by which form of transport?

 Look at the shipwreck chart. Name 2 shipwrecks near Les Tielles: _____ and _____

💡 Another tricky one – why have there been fewer wrecks on the west coast since 1975?
Because _____

Go downstairs and turn right.

👁️ Notice the shoe in the first cabinet! Find out what it's covered with.

🚢 How do we know that not all of the men had beards? _____

💡 A tricky one – in which century did the Sprightly sink? The _____ century.

🚢 Which ship sunk in 1807? _____

👁️ Look the photo of Dunsinane on the inner wall – notice how small the people appear!

🚢 Only 1 part of the Yorouba was exposed at high tide. What was it? _____

👁️ Check out how enormous the Vermontborg is! How much was its hull worth? _____

👁️ Look at the Prosperity display. What's inside the wooden box? _____

🚢 Which boat was stranded for 61 days? _____

❓ Would you like to be an underwater archaeologist and why?

🚢 Where did the mug come from? _____

💡 A tricky one – Look at the Roman period pots. Approximately, how old are they?

🚢 Which monarch (King) is featured on a spoon? _____

👁️ Look at the diver. How does he record what he finds? _____

💡 A tricky one – explain the purpose of an aqualung? _____

🚢 Can you find this information somewhere in the museum?

Complete this sentence: ____ Guernsey people were onboard the Titanic and ____ survived.

💡 A tricky one – Why was Emily Rugg travelling to New York? _____

Which keen footballer was lost at sea?



The shipwreck museum today

Thank you for visiting us at Fort Grey.