



# Plymouth

Britain's Ocean City

Presentation for Federation  
Of Napoleonic Cities  
May 2023

# Napoleon in Plymouth





# 2015 – 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Plymouth and Napoleon

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# Memorial and commemorations





# 2021 – 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Napoleon 's death

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# Downloadable itinerary

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## Things to See and Do

### Napoleon at The Box

Visitors to The Box, Plymouth's major new museum, gallery and archive, can see a portrait of Napoleon in its 'Port of Plymouth' gallery.

The portrait was painted by John Martin the Younger (1791-1872), an English artist who specialised in pen and ink, tapestry as well as miniature portraits, copies of printed landscapes and woodcuts. It shows Napoleon posing in all his finery, despite being a prisoner on board HMS Belliphar in Plymouth Sound at the time. "Napoleon is a fine looking man..... Roman nose, good mouth and chin.....big belly, arms stout.....and shows a good leg. He wears a cocked hat.....like our three command ones.....white waistcoat and breeches and white silk stockings, thin shoes and buckles" (Elizabeth Greville, Assistant Surgeon, on HMS Belliphar)

Some highly detailed bone models made by prisoners of war from the Napoleonic era can also be seen in the gallery. The models were created with handmade tools as well as a great deal of skill and patience and are detailed examples of high quality craftsmanship.

The Box will be open from 18 May from 10am-5pm Tuesday to Sunday. Admission to its galleries, including 'Port of Plymouth' is free, but tickets must be booked in advance.

Visit [www.theboxplymouth.com](http://www.theboxplymouth.com) for more information and to book.



Napoleon aboard the HMS Belliphar

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Napoleon Commemorative Stone



The Box



Plymouth Boat Trips

### Plymouth Boat Trips - 1 hour cruise

A one hour harbour cruise departs daily from The Barbican Landing Stage, adjacent to the Mayflower Steps, Plymouth.

On departing the Mayflower Steps, your skipper will provide an informative commentary, as we sail across the spectacular Plymouth Sound, flanked by the beautiful Devon and Cornish coasts and you will hear references on Napoleonic stay in Plymouth imprisoned on Plymouth Sound.

You will see the great Plymouth Breakwater which was constructed during 1812 and built to keep Napoleon out. Known as the 'National Undertaking' it has stood the test of time and is an exemplar of construction from its day. More information on the project can be seen in 'The Box' in the 'Port of Plymouth' gallery.

You will also pass Plymouth Hoe, the famous Drake's Island, heading for the River Tamar and the Royal Navy Dockyard, where the mighty warships and nuclear submarines await.

To book please visit [www.plymouthboattrips.co.uk](http://www.plymouthboattrips.co.uk)

### Napoleon Commemorative Stone

This stone is two pieces of Dartmoor Granite and a piece of Volcanic rock from St Helens. The stone commemorated 200 years of peace between Britain and France when it was unveiled in 2015. The stone is located overlooking Plymouth Sound where Napoleon was detained on HMS Belliphar for 9 days in 1815. It bears the inscription 'May our hearts be open to friendship and our arms reach across the sea to unite our two nations' - written by Mrs Melisande Fitzmaurice a French poet living in Plymouth.



Founded in 2004 by Charles Bonaparte, the European Federation of Napoleonic Cities (FEON) brings together more than 50 European cities whose history has been marked by Napoleonic influence.

In 2015, the European dimension of its work was recognised through the certification as 'Cultural Route of the Council of Europe' of Destination Napoleon, an itinerary enhancing and creating a network of Napoleonic heritage, a shared European one.

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# Trail development



<https://www.visitplymouth.co.uk/things-to-do/activities/trails/plymouth-trails-app>

<https://www.visitplymouth.co.uk/be-inspired/napoleon-bicentennial/napoleon-200-itinerary>



# Sustainability

- New Beryl bike scheme launched 2023 [Beryl Bikes - Visit Plymouth](#)
- Co-Cars scheme launched 2023 [Plymouth – Co Cars \(co-cars.co.uk\)](#)
- Green tourism scheme with over 30 accredited hotels and attractions

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