

# Visit the new Peter Harrison Planetarium & Lunch at the Clarendon Hotel Blackheath. One of the finest Georgian Hotels in London

## **Peter Harrison's Planetarium**



The new state of the art planetarium is Europe's first digital planetarium projector and the centrepiece of the Royal Observatory's recent spectacular redevelopment project. We take a fantastic, immersive journey through time and space in our new state-of-the-art planetarium, now London's only planetarium and featuring The Queen opened the new observatory 70 years after she came as a little girl with her father, King George VI, to open the museum itself in April 1937.

The project, which has taken five years in all, involved creating beautiful new galleries and displays and restoring a quirky complex of listed buildings, beginning with the observatory Charles II created for John Flamsteed, his first astronomer royal, with every expense spared, including using recycled bricks and stone. But it is the planetarium, a new building carefully curved around to spare a 200-year-old oak tree that is the star of the show as it has one of the most advanced digital laser projectors in the world, the only one of its kind in Europe, but they still use real live scientists to introduce each presentation.

The workshop where the 19th century navy's watches and clocks were repaired has also been restored and opened to the public for the first time, but is also again a clockmaker's workshop for the museum's superb collection, including the Harrison watches which solved the problem of longitude for his predecessors, meaning they were no longer so dependent on the skies to work out where in their world their ships had sailed.

Cost £34.50

Cost based on coach travel 30 miles from venue

Includes Coach, Lunch, Entry to Planetarium and guided walk.