

VIKING TREASURE HUNT

As you explore the exhibition, can you find these mystery objects? What are they?



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- Answers:
- 1. Toy Boat (near The Final Voyage) © National Museum of Ireland
 - 2. Wand (Viking Workshop) © National Museum of Denmark
 - 3. Thor's Hammer (Warriors of the Sea) © National Museum of Denmark
 - 4. Slave Manacles (Ship Camps and Beach Markets) © National Museum of Ireland
 - 5. Penannular Brooch (Empire of the Sea) © Trustees of the British Museum

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VIKING VOYAGERS

DISCOVERY TRAIL



Aboard their ships Vikings reached further than any culture before them.

Navigating oceans, seas and rivers they looted, traded and settled from Canada to Iraq and from Iceland to Morocco.





2 Ship Camps and Beach Markets

The Vikings used their ships to carry goods from their homelands. They could quickly set up temporary beach and river markets to sell their wares. This built up a great maritime trading network that encircled the coasts of Europe.

- Can you find the balance scales? These scales were used to weigh silver – the Vikings loved silver!
- Find three things the Vikings would have brought from their lands to trade.



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3 Warriors of the Sea

A Viking army's most terrifying weapon was its dragon-headed ship. Vikings used their longships as fast and effective troop carriers. This gave them the advantage of speed and surprise whether raiding or invading.

- Swords were very costly and would have been a warrior's most prized possession.
- Iron was expensive, only wealthy warriors could afford mail armour and iron helmets. Ordinary fighters would have had wooden shields, axes and spears which used less iron.
- Feel the weight of the Viking mail armour. Imagine how it would feel to wear in battle. If you were a Viking warrior, what weapons would you choose to take with you? Why?

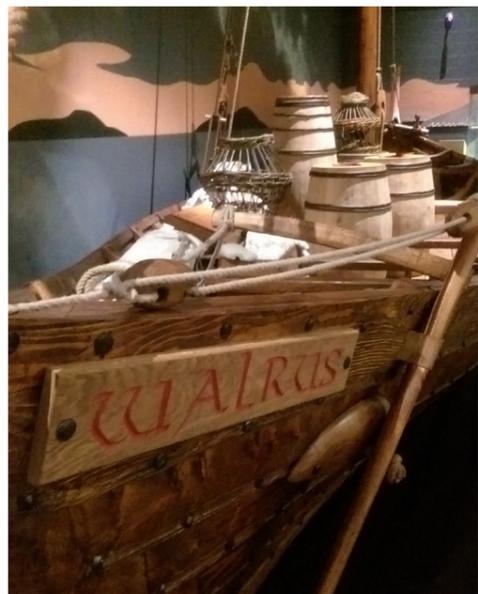
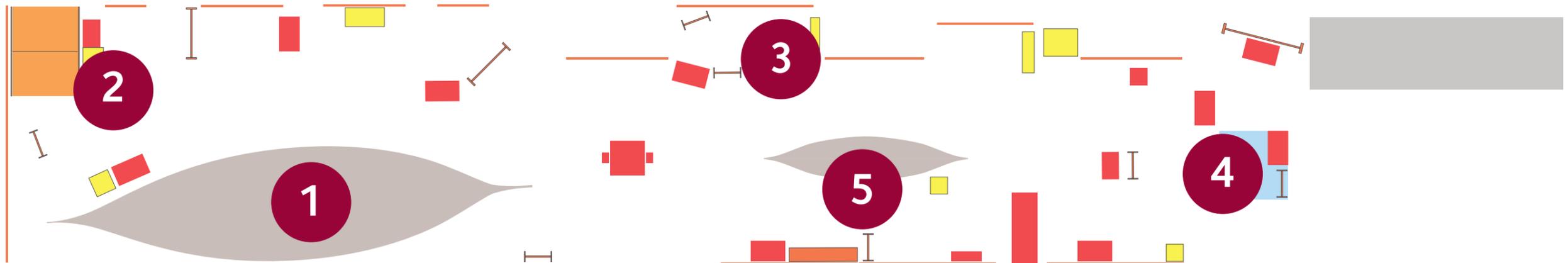


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4 Vikings in Cornwall

While there is no evidence of Vikings living in Cornwall, they did come here to raid, fight and trade. Knowledge of the Cornish coast and its headlands would have been vital to any Viking sailing from Dublin to Europe.

- The Vikings were known to have bartered for, or forcibly taken, provisions from local communities during their coastal voyages.
- Look for the bar-lip cooking pot. It is from the 9th-11th century and was found at Mawgan Porth, near Padstow on the north coast of Cornwall. The people of Mawgan Porth made a living from fishing and rearing sheep.



1 The Walrus

The Walrus is a full-size replica of a real Viking cargo ship from around 1040 AD. A ship of this size was used to sail up rivers, around the coast and across the North Sea to Britain and Ireland.

- What's that smell? Tar has been used to protect the wood and ropes – that's the authentic smell of a Viking ship!
- Look out for the rolled up sail. In bad weather, the sail could be used as a make-shift tent to keep everyone dry.
- Journeys could last days, even weeks, and sailors would have to sleep on deck. Where would you sleep to hide from the wind and rain?



ENTRANCE AND MEETING POINT



Détail de la Tapisserie de Bayeux. Avec autorisation spéciale de la Ville de Bayeux

5 The Boat Yard

The Vikings built a wide range of boats and ships, all of which were cleverly adapted to different uses and conditions. For all of these vessels, the Vikings used the same building techniques which were so effective that they are still used today.

- Faerings were common boats for everyday activities such as fishing and travelling short distances.
- The word 'Faering' comes from the Old Norse word 'Faraering' which literally means 'four oaring'. Where would the four oarsmen sit?
- Look for the "steer board" (rudder). It was always positioned at the back of the ship on the right hand side, giving us the word "starboard" for the right-hand side of a boat.
- Boat building features on the Bayeux Tapestry; can you match the tools that are shown in the tapestry from those we have on display?

