

THE TUNNELS GIBRALTAR'S WWII EXPERIENCE

# The Tunnels Experience Brochure

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An Underground City of Wartime Strategy

### A FORTRESS BENEATH THE ROCK

During World War II, Gibraltar became a fortress of strategic importance. Beneath the surface, an extensive network of tunnels was carved into the limestone, creating an underground city. These tunnels stored essential resources, maintained military equipment, and were designed to withstand a prolonged siege with a garrison of soldiers. They also allowed for the monitoring of enemy activity in the Strait of Gibraltar and across to neutral Spain.

### A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

From military operations to civilian resilience, The Tunnels: Gibraltar's WWII Experience offers a unique glimpse into the hidden city that kept Gibraltar fortified during WWII. Walk the corridors where history was made and uncover the stories of those who shaped Gibraltar's past.



## WHAT AWAITS YOU?

### > THE SPITFIRE HALL

Featuring a replica Spitfire suspended above, original artefacts, and video content showcasing Spitfire assembly in Gibraltar and its role in this theatre of war. This space is also available for MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Events) rentals.

### > STRATEGY ROOM

An immersive exhibit detailing the events leading up to World War II, including Prime Minister Chamberlain's declaration of war on Germany. Featuring wartime press, original footage, and a backdrop of period music from a replica wartime radio, this room highlights Gibraltar's critical role in key military operations.

### > TUNNELLING OPERATIONS

Discover the engineering marvels behind the tunnel system, with original artefacts and historical footage showcasing the efforts of the Royal Engineers and Royal Canadian Engineers

### > THE SAPPER'S SUITE

Dedicated to the contributions of the Royal Engineers and Royal Canadian Engineers, highlighting their essential work in expanding Gibraltar's underground defences.

### > HALLWAY OF HEROES

A hallway dedicated to key individuals who played a significant role in Gibraltar's wartime history.

### **EVACUATION ROOM**

Telling the civilian story of evacuation and resilience during the war. Follow the story of one young Gibraltarian on her evacuation journey.

### **ESPIONAGE ROOM**

Delving into the spy games in the region, this interactive space includes a spy academy where visitors can engage with a Morse code machine, memory games, spy message cranks, and even uncover their own secret spy name.

### THE TUNNELLER'S REST

A fully operational bar inspired by a 1940s officers' mess, providing a unique setting to unwind and reflect on history.

### > THE TUNNELS SHOP

A newly added souvenir shop offering bespoke memorabilia and themed gifts to commemorate your visit.







# **PLAN YOUR VISIT**



### **Opening hours**

### WINTER HOURS

**October to April 0900 - 1815** (last entry at 1515)

### SUMMER HOURS

May to September 0930 - 1915 (last entry at 1815)



### Location

WWII Tunnels Willis's Road, Gibraltar Nature Reserve, Gibraltar, GX11 1AA



### Tickets

Entry to The Tunnels is included with a Gibraltar Nature Reserve ticket

ADULT (11 years+)	£25
CHILD (5–11 years)	£17
INFANT (under 5)	Free

Tickets can be purchased on the day of your visit at the entry points to the Gibraltar Nature Reserve. You can also book through authorised tour operators.



### Amenities

Toilets Shop Bar Wifi



### Duration

Between 25 to 50 minutes, although you are welcome to stay as long as you like



### Accessibility

Fully accessible to visitors with limited mobility.



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