

# **USS Salem**

## **Overnight Adventure**



## **United States Naval Shipbuilding Museum**

**USS Salem CA-139**

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## Are You Ready for a Shipboard Adventure?

The United States Naval Shipbuilding Museum lets you experience life on board a real Navy Ship. The USS Salem CA-139 is the only preserved heavy cruiser in the world. She is moored at her birthplace, the former Fore River Shipyard in Quincy, Massachusetts. Our Overnight Adventure offers participants activities that include simulated combat situations such as radar tracking, damage control and simulated firefighting. Other activities include scavenger hunts, cold water survival and hoisting as well as first aid.

Even though the USS Salem is a museum it's the hands-on aspect of our program that makes us unique. Our Adventurers get access to areas of the ship **off-limits** to regular guests. They even sleep in the same bunks used by naval personnel and eat in the same mess decks. So, are you ready for a Shipboard Adventure?

## The USS Salem Overnight Camping Adventure Includes:

- Personalized Group Orientation
- Admission to all on-board museums
- Special Overnight Adventurers Ships tour
- Participation in USS Salem Activities and Training
- Berthing in crew's quarters
- Full dinner, breakfast and snacks
- Movies

## USS Salem Sample Activities:

### Combat Information Center:

A member of the USS Salem's crew will introduce groups to the ship's **C.I.C.** This program consists of instruction in the ship's radar and communications equipment. During a simulated battle you will use this equipment, radar will be activated, targets tracked and plotted on the "Maneuvering Board". Using sound powered phones information will be passed back and forth while you help stave off an attack. During the battle you will learn to operate all this equipment in the dark!



### **Fire Fighting:**

This evolution is an introduction to naval firefighting equipment and procedures. Older groups will participate in a drill where they suppress a simulated fire, (no smoke) locate and retrieve victims. The groups on the main deck perform hose drills during warmer months. They learn how to rig submersible fire pumps, hook up hoses and flow water. Younger groups will learn about firefighting techniques, try on protective equipment and participate in hose drills.

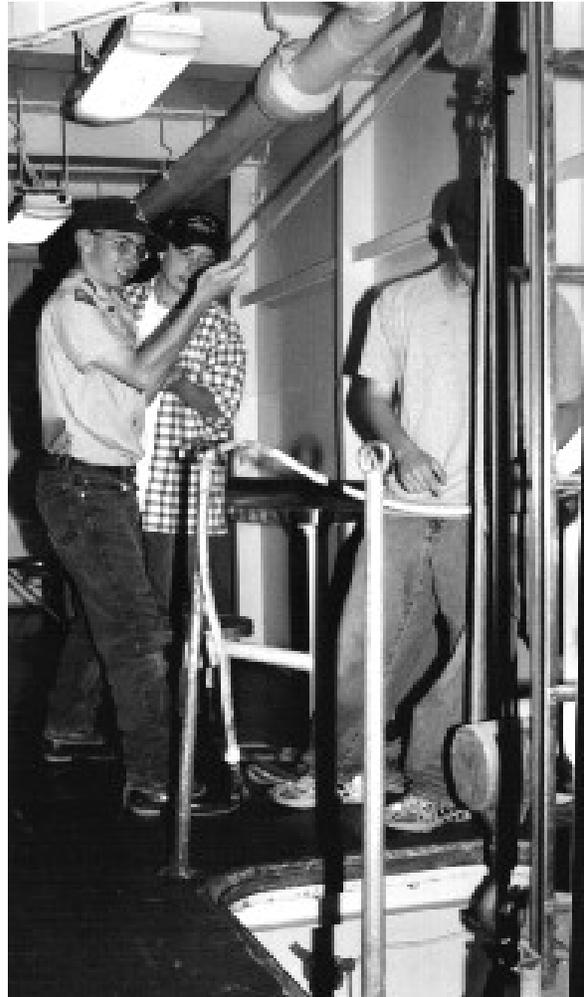


### **First Aid:**

For older groups, we begin with a review of basic first aid skills. An emergency scenario is simulated in the ship's engineering spaces. Using teamwork, groups are tasked with locating "victims" properly treating their injuries and evacuating them. Younger groups have basic first aid and safety skills taught with the use of 911 being reinforced.

### **Scavenger Hunt:**

Participants will be required to go about the ship and answer a list of questions about the USS Salem. Much of this information can be found on the ship's tour, or by asking the crew. Winners receive a special Overnight Adventurer prize.



### **Hoisting:**

Hoisting: Participants will learn how to rig the ship's 8 inch shells for transport and lowering into the ship's magazine. This evolution involves teamwork and strength.

### **Cold Water Survival:**

Your ship is going down rapidly. You have a few minutes to decide what to take into the life raft with you! Overnight Adventure participants are given a list of options and must decide what to take. A crewmember will review your choices and determine whether you will survive or be bait for the sharks!

**Engine Room:**

This activity lets participants tour Engine Room #3 and see how the Salem generates her immense 120,000 horsepower which is used to power the ship and propel her up to 35 knots.

**Movies:**

Up to 3 feature films are shown every night, giving Overnight Adventurers a choice of movies. A variety of current, age appropriate, films are offered. Snacks are provided, soft drinks are available. This is a great way to wind down after your busy training schedule.

**USNSM Museums:**

The USS Salem is privileged to be the home of several museums including The United States Naval Shipbuilding Museum, The USS Salem Museum, The USS Newport News Museum, the Cruiser Sailors' Assn. Memorial Exhibit, the Model Ship Exhibit and the Military History Research Center and Weapons Collection. With such an extensive collection of artifacts and memorabilia you could spend hours.

**Custom Programs:**

The Overnight Adventure staff can customize a program to fit your particular groups needs. Two night Adventure programs are also available upon request.

**Overnight Adventure Sample Schedule:****Saturday**

12:00 Arrival/Registration  
1:00 Group Boarding  
1:30 Fire Drill/Safety Briefing  
1:45 Group Orientation  
2:00 Ships Tour  
3:00 Activities/Training Rotation  
6:15 Dinner  
6:45 Mess Clean up  
7:00 Free Time  
8:00 Movies  
10:00 Report to Berthing  
10:30 Lights Out

**Sunday**

7:00 Reveille  
7:10 Berthing Area clean up  
7:15 Breakfast  
8:00 Mess clean up  
8:15 Scavenger Hunt  
9:00 Morning Activates

Now for the best part, you get all this for \$45 per Adventurer. To schedule your group or to discuss specific programs please call the Overnight Adventure Office on-board the USS Salem at (617) 479-7900 or visit us on the web at [www.uss-salem.org](http://www.uss-salem.org)