Use this trail to explore the museum’s galleries and discover some of the most interesting and treasured objects in the collection.

**Bronze armour**

*About 375 – 325 BC*

The only complete armour from the ancient world in the Royal Armouries collection. It is over 2,300 years old. It would have been worn by a rich and prominent citizen of a city state in southern Italy.

**The ‘Danzig’ handgun**

*Baltic Europe, about 1400*

This unique medieval bronze handgun would have been mounted on a wooden stock or tiller.
Gothic armour
Austrian (Innsbruck) and German, composite, late 15th century
A 'Gothic' style armour for man and horse, which is characterised by the use of ridge-like fluting and sharply defined lines.

War gallery | Floor 2 | Zone 3

Writhen hilted sword
German, about 1480, IX.949
There is an organic, natural quality to this sword that truly sets it apart from the many utilitarian weapons of the 15th century.

War gallery | Floor 2 | Zone 4

Harquebusier armour of Colonel Alexander Popham
English, about 1630
Traditionally associated with Colonel Alexander Popham, these pieces were originally displayed together in the Great Hall of Littlecote House.

War gallery | Floor 2 | Zone 6

Sword (jian)
Chinese, Ming dynasty, about 1420
This sword is one of the rarest and most beautiful surviving examples of ornate metalwork from the early Ming dynasty.

Oriental gallery | Floor 4 | Zone 1
Elephant armour (Bargustawan-i-pil)
India, probably late 16th-17th century
This is the only example of an almost complete, all metal elephant armour in any public collection in the world.

Dagger (Aikuchi)
German blade, dated 1625; Japanese mounts, Edo period (1603-1867)
This dirk incorporates a blade manufactured in Solingen in Germany, reshaped and hardened in the Japanese style. It seems to be the only known Japanese sword in the world fitted with such a blade.

Crossbow
Italian, 17th century
This rare ‘assassin’s’ crossbow was so-called because its small size allowed it to be carried in a concealed manner.

M41A Pulse rifle
United States, about 2170
One of the most iconic sci-fi weapons of all time, the ‘pulse rifle’ was designed by director James Cameron for his classic 1986 film ‘Aliens’.
The Tula Garniture
Russian, Tula, 1752
This highly decorated hunting set was made for Elizabeth Petrovna (1709-62), daughter of Peter the Great and Catherine I.

Centre-fire double-barrelled rifle
By Holland & Holland, English, London, made 1887
A rare and massive 4-bore rifle, such large weapons were often called ‘elephant guns’.

Whale cannon and grenade harpoon
Norwegian, made 1947
Originally designed in 1864, this type of harpoon is still used today by the Icelandic fishing fleet to hunt Minke whales.

Hunting spear
French or Italian, about 1600
An exceptional quality hunting spear, designed for the sport of boar hunting, a popular pastime in the 17th century.