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Treasures

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



War gallery | Floor 2 | Zone 1

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.



War gallery | Floor 2 | Zone 2

The 'Danzig' handgun

Baltic Europe, about 1400

This unique medieval bronze handgun would have been mounted on a wooden stock or tiller.



War gallery | Floor 2 | Zone 3

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 4

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 6

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.



Oriental gallery | Floor 4 | Zone 1

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 2

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.

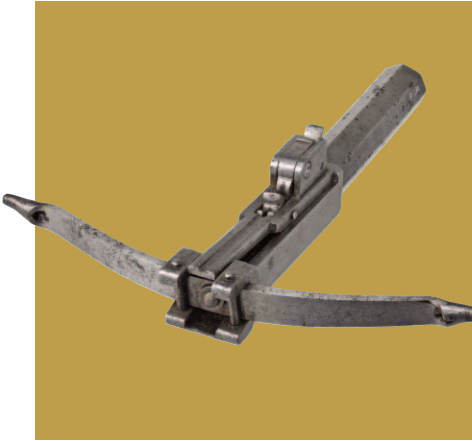


Oriental gallery | Floor 4 | Zone 3

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.



Self Defence gallery | Floor 4 | Zone 1

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.



Self Defence gallery | Floor 4 | Zone 2

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'.



Hunting gallery | Floor 4 | Zone 1

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'.



Hunting gallery | Floor 4 | Zone 2

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.



Hunting gallery | Floor 4 | Zone 3

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 gallery | Floor 4 | Zone 4

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.