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# **Carrier Strike Group 2025**

## **Expression of Interest**

**Malaysia  
Singapore  
Indonesia**

**June 2025**



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## Overview

Final preparations are underway for a multinational deployment, led by the Royal Navy flagship HMS Prince of Wales, reaffirming the UK's commitment to the security of the Mediterranean and Indo-Pacific, while providing an opportunity to promote British trade and industry.

Around 2,500 personnel from the Royal Navy and 592 from the Royal Air Force will be involved in the eight-month deployment, which will see the group sail through the Indian Ocean to conduct exercises and port visits with partners including the US, India, Singapore, and Malaysia. They will be joined by around 900 personnel from the British Army for exercises during the deployment.

The Indo-Pacific is a critical region for UK trade, with imports and exports in the region worth billions of pounds for the UK economy, and the deployment will provide a chance for UK companies to take part in trade events during port visits.

Trade between the UK and Indo-Pacific accounted for 17% of total trade between the UK and all trading partners in the 12 months to September 2024, with the total amount traded in goods and services between the UK and Indo-Pacific standing at £286 billion in the same period.

Of the 12 other nations supporting the deployment, Norway will provide a warship to support the carrier strike group for the entire duration of the deployment. Canada and Spain are among the other nations providing support to the deployment.

After its compliment of up to 24 Royal Air Force F-35B Lightning fighter jets is embarked on board HMS Prince of Wales, and the departure for the Mediterranean, the group will initially be placed under NATO command as it joins Exercise Neptune Strike – testing the Alliance's ability to use high-end maritime strike capabilities, including multiple aircraft carrier and amphibious strike groups.

The group will transit though the Indian Ocean, conducting exercises and port visits with partners including the US, India, Singapore and Malaysia, before joining 19 partner nations for Exercise Talisman Sabre near Australia, and then training alongside the Japanese Self Defence Forces and conducting a port visit to India.

Following the inaugural deployment in 2021, the Carrier Strike Group 2025 highlights the strength of the UK's leadership in seeking to uphold stability in the Indo-Pacific. This has been bolstered by the Royal Navy's persistent presence in the region through HMS Spey and HMS Tamar, as well as the landmark Global Combat Air Programme collaboration.

Keeping the country safe is the Government's first priority and is the foundation of its Plan for Change. The strength, capability and global reach of the Royal Navy, British Army and Royal Air Force, demonstrated through Operation Highmast, is critical to the security and stability of the UK, supporting the delivery of the Government's five missions.

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## Growth Agenda

As part of the deployment, the Carrier Strike Group will support the promotion of trade across a wide number of sectors. This will involve a range of activities, including onboard exhibitions, ship tours, lunches & dinners and receptions.

## This Expression of Interest

The first opportunity to promote trade will happen in Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia. Whilst we are unable to provide exact dates at this time, we can inform you that these three ports will be visited in the second half of June, during the same week.

Exact dates will be released to participating companies closer to the event.

To register your interest, please complete this [Microsoft Form](#). Within this form, you will be asked for your invoicing information, including VAT number, which will only be used if selected to participate in this event.

This EOI will close on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May**. Successful and unsuccessful companies will be notified later than the following week.

Further EOI's will be released as the planning for the port visits progress, but we will ensure that they are released in the following chronological order.

April	Departs UK
June	Malaysia, Singapore & Indonesia
July	Australia
August	Japan & Republic of Korea
September	Vietnam & the Philippines
October	India
November	Italy & Spain
December	Arrives back in the UK

## Equipment Onboard

Exhibitors should be aware they may not be able bring live equipment on the ships (such as EW, Batteries or Comms equipment) due to operational security, some exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis. Exhibitors will be able to bring banners, stands, table-top accessories, laptops, etc., but should bear in mind that this is a working Royal Navy vessel.

## Participation Cost and Sponsorship

There will be a Participation Cost of £2,500+VAT for each port event a company attends. There will also be additional opportunities to sponsor events whilst the ship is in port. This will be organised locally, who will determine what you'll receive for your sponsorship. If you are interested in sponsoring an event, you should contact the relevant people on the appropriate country information pages for further information.

**Disclaimer:** Planned events might change in the run up to the event due to circumstances outside our control (e.g. weather restricting port access).

# Indonesia

## Country Overview



Indonesia is a key emerging market in South-East Asia; the region's largest economy and forecast to be one of the world's top 10 economies within the next decade. The third largest democracy in the world, Indonesia is the first among equals in ASEAN, a founding member of the Non-Aligned Movement, and an increasingly vocal member of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and G20.

Indonesia is over a decade into its active defence modernisation programme which aims to deliver a national defence that is prepared for any threat and to build a stronger domestic defence industry, with a focus on technology transfer and co-production agreements with foreign partners.

Indonesia is prioritising naval modernisation and as such using the ship as a platform to showcase the UK's capabilities, we intend to focus our CSG activity in country on UK Maritime capabilities.

## In-Country Events

Onboard the escort ship we intend to host a full day of defence industry activity. The programme will provide a high-profile opportunity to showcase the best of the UK's maritime security offer, including both capabilities and complementing skills development opportunities, highlighting the strength of UK Defence industry and a meaningful partner for the development of Indonesia's indigenous defence industry.

The day will be organised into 2 main sessions; a morning session targeting Indonesian Defence Industry representatives and an afternoon session attracting delegations from Indonesian Government and Navy.

During both events, once welcomed onboard by the ships company guests will be invited to hear an address from senior government representatives as well as a short keynote presentation from an industry representative. Ministerial level representation from UK HMG is targeted for the afternoon session. Delegates will then be invited on a ships tour during where Royal Navy personnel alongside your own representative can talk about the capabilities on board. The sessions will culminate in an exhibition and networking session with refreshments where you will have the opportunity to host delegates at your stand on board.

The Participation Cost, covers the opportunity to join the events described as well as the following elements of the onboard exhibition;

- HMG support including official invitations to relevant Indonesian stakeholders
- Stand space (with space for a Pop-up banner and table)
- Power supply
- Entry into brochure
- Refreshments
- Access for 2 company representatives

For any questions, please contact Caren Flavelle ([caren.flavelle@businessandtrade.gov.uk](mailto:caren.flavelle@businessandtrade.gov.uk)) and Tim Maile ([tim.maile@fcdo.gov.uk](mailto:tim.maile@fcdo.gov.uk)).

<b>Participation Cost</b>	<b>£2,500 + VAT</b>
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# Singapore



## Country Overview

Singapore is actively investing its military with a focus on acquiring advanced next-gen technologies, enhancing its cyber defense capabilities, and strengthening its domestic defense industry. Singapore possesses one of the most capable and modern militaries in the region and has consistently spent significant amounts on defence, recently increasing its defence budget to US\$13.2bn. As a result, they have a highly professional defensive military which continues to develop, build and procure high-end capabilities.

With engagement and participation being the key to success in this region, it is important that where possible, we highlight the capability that the UK Defence Industry has to offer. The Carrier Strike Group will provide a significant opportunity to reaffirm the UK's interest and commitment in supporting Singapore.

## In-Country Events

As part of the ship visit UK companies will have the opportunity to participate in a Defence and Security Industry Day (DSID) a chance to engage with key Singaporean stakeholders. The day will show case defence firms in an 'expo' style event in the hanger, punctuated with live demos from UK companies.

Concurrently DBT will be running events for select audiences by invitation. The day will finish a reception on board for defence & security stakeholders from Singaporean Government Department and regional decision makers.

DBT in-post staff will continue to support engagement and follow-ups after the event to exploit any opportunities.

The Participation Cost, covers the opportunity to join the events described as well as the following package;

### Preliminary engagement

- Pre briefing notes offering country and market overview
- In country briefing & networking event hosted by UK High Commission staff D-1 to DSID

### Onboard Exhibition

- Table
- Power supply
- Entry into brochure
- Refreshments
- Access for 2 company representatives

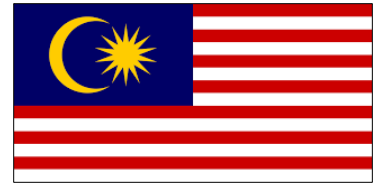
### Reception

- 2 invitations to Defence & Security Reception Drinks
- One invitations to wider High Commission Carrier Reception

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<b>Participation Cost</b>	<b>£2,500 + VAT</b>
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# Malaysia



## Country Overview

Malaysia is an important long-term defence and security partner for the UK, with a military modernisation programme across air, land and maritime. There are opportunities for UK companies to help Malaysia modernise its defence and security capabilities including in maritime security, cyber threats, weapon systems, unmanned systems and sensors, network-centric technology and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR). UK products and solutions are valued by end users in Malaysia for quality and innovation.

Engagement and personal contact are one of the keys to success in this market. This is an excellent opportunity to build relationships and showcase UK capability and interest in supporting Malaysia's capacity to respond to existing and emerging threats, while aboard a prestigious Royal Navy Ship.

## In-Country Events

The ship visit offers UK companies the opportunity to participate in a few prestigious events organised by the British High Commission (BHC) Kuala Lumpur. We plan to run a Defence and Security Industry Day (DSID) showcasing the very best of British defence equipment and technology to key Malaysian stakeholders.

A selected number of UK companies will also be invited to a planned Cybersecurity roundtable in support of Malaysia initiatives to enhance the country's cyber security.

The day will conclude with an evening cocktail reception on board for defence & security stakeholders from Malaysian armed force, government agencies and industry. BHC will continue to support engagement and follow-ups after the event to exploit any opportunities.

The Participation Cost, covers the opportunity to join the events described as well as the following package;

### Onboard / Dockside Exhibition

- Table
- Power supply
- Entry into brochure
- Refreshments
- Access for 2 company representatives

### Reception

- One invitations to Defence & Security Reception Drinks

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