

V&A South
Kensington

Corporate Events Brochure

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V&A

The V&A

The V&A is the world’s leading museum of art and design and home to a collection spanning 5,000 years of human ingenuity. The Museum opened following the success of the Great Exhibition of 1851, as the flagstone of what we now recognise as the heart of the museum district of London. The V&A is now a multi-site Museum made up of the V&A in South Kensington and Young V&A in Bethnal Green, with V&A East opening in Stratford from 2024.

The V&A houses a permanent collection over 2.8 million objects - from fashion and jewellery to ceramics, sculpture and digital design - and houses 17 national collections. In addition to our outstanding free permanent collection, the V&A offers a programme of ground-breaking exhibitions and an extensive events programme. We aim to champion the creative industry, inspire the next generation, and spark everyone’s imagination.

Reflecting its reputation as the world’s leading museum of art and design, the V&A’s magnificent South Kensington building is a unique gem of Victorian architecture and an iconic London landmark.

Hiring a V&A Museum for an event is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate your support for the arts and to associate with one of the most recognisable and admired international brands. Venue hire is vital to ensuring that the V&A continues to grow and thrive, as well as enable us to maintain and enhance the Museum’s leadership in the fields of art and design, ensuring that it remains a vital part of our public life and heritage.

With exhibitions and collections of fabulous scope and diversity, the Museum boasts extraordinary rooms and spaces which offer exceptional possibilities for entertaining in a prestigious central London location.

In this brochure, you will find a variety of unique spaces available to hire in South Kensington, for events large or small. From sunny summer soirées to dazzling Christmas parties, glamorous charity fundraisers to simple networking events, the V&A has a space to suit every occasion.

For event brochures and details for Young V&A and other Museum sites, please contact the Corporate Events team.

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Cromwell Road Entrance © Victoria and Albert Museum



The Dome

With its soaring ceiling, classical architecture and marble floors, complemented by Dale Chihuly's extraordinary central glass sculpture, the Dome is one of London's most elegant and impressive settings for receptions, dinners and dinner dances.

Special features

Ideal after-party space due to its capacity for a dancefloor and late finishes, a rare feature for a London Museum. The Dome also features a convenient central bar and has space for a stage.

Capacities

600 standing / 250 seated

Prices

Receptions from £12,000 + VAT

Dinners from £14,000 + VAT



John Madejski Garden

The John Madejski Garden is one of the most elegant outdoor venues in central London. The beautiful 19th Century terracotta façade overlooks a tranquil space featuring a paved ellipse with fountains, which are illuminated at night.

Special features

Beautifully lit in the evening. Features a paved terrace and plenty of space for seating. Indoor space included in hire as wet weather contingency.

Capacities

600 standing

Prices

Receptions from £12,000 + VAT



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The Dorothy and Michael Hintze Sculpture Galleries

The Dorothy and Michael Hintze Sculpture Galleries are an elegant option for receptions and smaller dinners, surrounded by stunning examples of classical sculpture. The inclusion of celebrated, priceless pieces from the V&A's collection provide both a beautiful setting and an engaging experience of art at the heart of the Museum.

Special features

Leads onto the John Madejski Garden, ideally situated for exhibition Private Views.

Capacities

250 standing / 100 seated

Prices

Receptions from £12,000 + VAT

Dinners from £14,000 + VAT



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The Raphael Court

Home to some of the most important surviving examples of Renaissance art in the world, and complemented by a gilded Spanish altarpiece, the Raphael Court provides a striking backdrop to a variety of events. Although it is our largest space, it can also provide a luxury dining experience like no other for a more intimate dinner on a long table.

Special features

Gallery comes with in-house lighting and space for a stage, even at maximum capacity. Price includes a morning load in, allowing for slightly earlier set up.

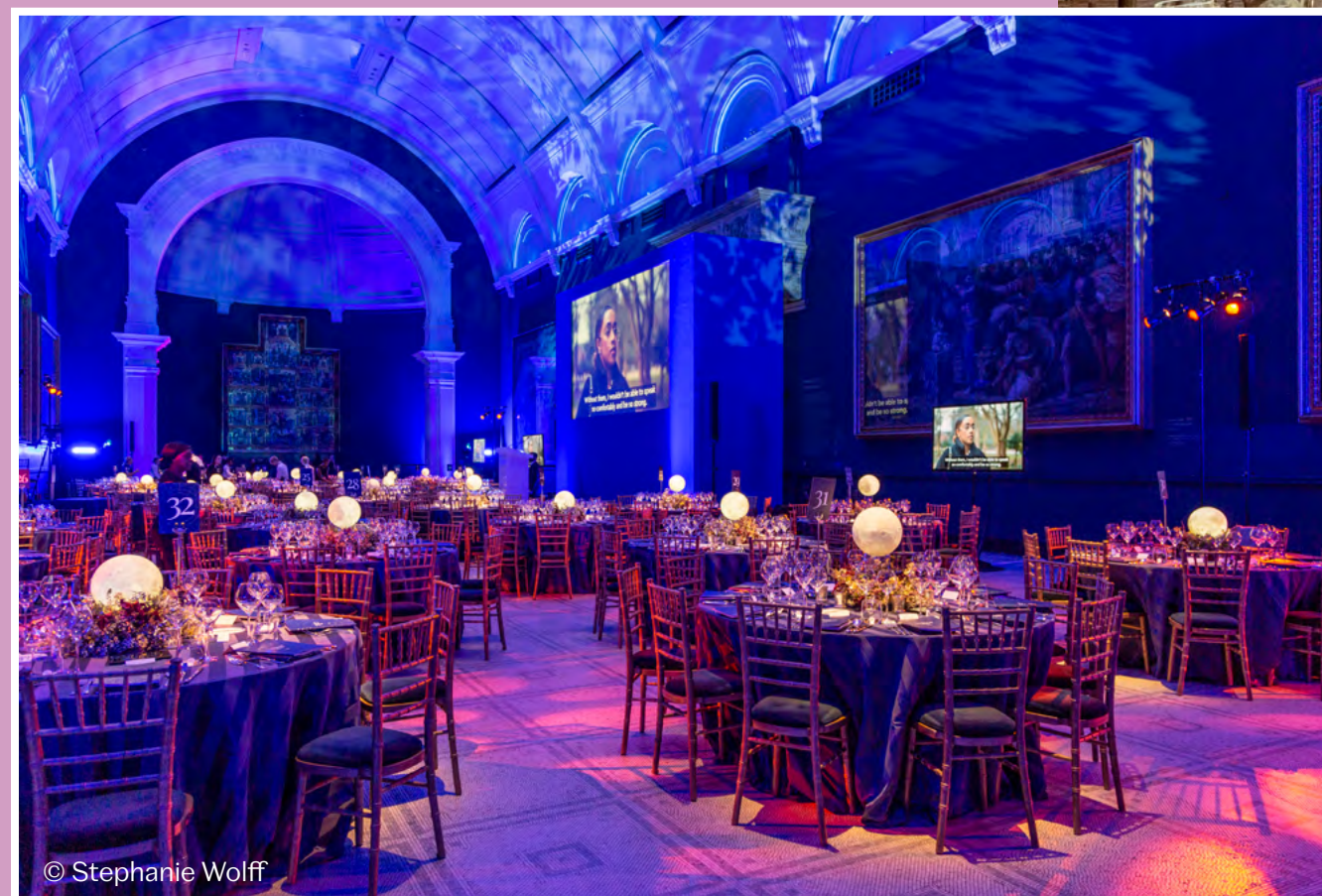
Capacities

400 standing / 400 seated

Prices

Receptions from £14,000 + VAT

Dinners from £16,000 + VAT



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The Edwin and Susan Davies Paintings Galleries

The Edwin and Susan Davies Paintings Galleries are a hidden treasure. Perfect for intimate events, the Galleries house 200 works from the V&A's extensive paintings collection; located on the second floor of the Museum in close proximity to many enchanting permanent gallery spaces, events in these spaces provide the perfect opportunity to see the Museum after hours.

Special features

The collection includes paintings by Constable, Turner and Gainsborough, in addition to famous works by Blake, Landseer and Millais.

Capacities

120 standing / 70 seated

Prices

Receptions from £12,000 + VAT

Dinners from £14,000 + VAT



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The Gilbert Bayes Gallery

The breath-taking Gilbert Bayes Gallery is located on the first floor of the Museum, overlooking the spectacular Casts Courts. The Gallery is devoted to the making of sculpture, charting the creative process from the first idea through to the finished object, with pieces on display selected to illustrate the rich diversity of materials and wide variety of techniques that sculptors have used. Guests are provided with sweeping, unforgettable views of casts of iconic works of sculpture, such as Michelangelo's David and Trajan's Column: an unforgettable backdrop to a scenic dinner.

Special features

Ideal for smaller dinners with mezzanine views of iconic V&A galleries.

Capacities

150 standing / 70 seated

Prices

Receptions from £12,000 + VAT

Dinners from £14,000 + VAT



The Fashion Gallery

The Fashion Gallery hosts a series of stunning temporary fashion exhibitions, alongside a permanent dress collection which covers four centuries of European fashionable dress from the beginning of the 18th century to the latest creations of the 21st century, from the ornate richness of a court mantua to the minimalism of contemporary couture.

Special features

Circular layout. Temporary exhibition space in Gallery centre.

Capacities

300 standing / ask a member of our team for our seated capacity

Prices

Receptions from £12,000 + VAT

Dinners from £14,000 + VAT



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The Lydia and Manfred Gorvy Lecture Theatre

The Lydia and Manfred Gorvy Lecture Theatre is a beautiful Victorian Lecture theatre, restored to the highest level furnished with state-of-the-art equipment. Perfect for presentations, the stage is situated beneath an ornate cupola and images of great artists of the past adorn the walls.

Special features

In house AV and lighting.

Capacities

300 seated theatre style

Prices

Presentation followed by reception in a nearby gallery from £12,000 + VAT



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The Gamble Room

The Gamble Room is the largest of three equally stunning examples of Victorian architecture. The space is beautifully tiled with ceramics by Maw and Minton, and the windows feature stained glass incorporating the Royal Arms. The adjacent Morris Room is a classic example of William Morris's early domestic decorative style and was completed in 1868. The décor follows the Elizabethan Revival style favoured by the Pre- Raphaelites with painted panels and stained glass windows by Sir Edward Burne-Jones.

Special features

Available for morning and evening hire, with two adjoining rooms. Ideal for break out spaces. In close proximity to Garden.

Capacities

140 seated / ask a member of our team for our seated capacity

Prices

Breakfasts from £4,000 + VAT

Receptions from £12,000+VAT

Dinners from £14,000+VAT



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Exhibitions and Galleries

From Donatello's Renaissance sculpture to the rise of the Diva to the ground-breaking fashion of Coco Chanel, Private Views of our exhibitions are an exclusive opportunity for your guests to escape the daytime crowds and take in one of our many critically acclaimed temporary exhibitions. Alternatively, our permanent collection offers an incredible journey through 5000 years of human creativity, and is home to some of the greatest treasures in the country.

Hosting your event at the V&A means you can add a gallery or exhibition of your choice as an extra experience for your guests, offering the opportunity for cultural immersion and appreciation and ensuring an unforgettable experience for your guests. Our creative, visually stunning exhibitions can even serve as inspiration for your event theme, providing infinite sources of creativity for catering, entertainment, and décor.

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Private Views can take place in the morning before the Museum opens to the public, or after our doors have closed in the evening. It is also possible to hire one of our expert guides to give an informative introduction to guests, or lead private tours.

For more information about arranging a Private View of a gallery or exhibition, or to add this to your venue hire, please contact the Corporate Events team.

To view more information about upcoming exhibitions, please visit www.vam.ac.uk/whatson

Corporate Partnerships

Corporate Membership at the V&A is an opportunity to demonstrate your support for the arts and associate with one of the most recognisable and admired international brands. Corporate support is vital to ensuring that the V&A continues to grow and thrive. It is through the generosity of our supporters that we can sustain and develop the V&A's leadership in the fields of art and design.

Corporate Membership offers bespoke and unforgettable experiences for your employees and clients - from complimentary and significantly discounted event hire opportunities and private out-of-hours tours of our exhibitions and collections with a curator, to invitations to our exclusive private views and unlimited access to our ticketed exhibitions.

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For more information about our Corporate Membership programme and available packages, please contact:

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Approved Suppliers

As a Grade I listed building and because of the works on display and the short set up time, you must work with our approved list of suppliers for catering, production, flowers and entertainment.

Catering

Alexander & Björck
020 3457 1700
parties@alexanderandbjorck.com
www.alexanderandbjorck.com

Alison Price
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Lettice Events
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Moving Venue
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www.preeticatering.co.uk

Ragasaan
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Rhubarb
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www.rhubarb.net

Rocket
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parties@rocketfood.net
www.rocketfood.net

Zafferano
020 8905 9120
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Production & Lighting

Bespoke Events London
020 8961 1510
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Event Concept
020 7740 3988
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www.eventconcept.co.uk

Focus Productions
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info@focus.productions
https://focus.productions

White Light Limited
020 8254 4800
production@whitelight.ltd.uk
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Wise Productions
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Flowers

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Larry Walshe Studios
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www.larrywalshe.com

Lavender Green Flowers
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Pinstripes & Peonies
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Shane Connolly & Company
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Simon J Lycett Ltd
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Veevers Carter
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www.veeverscarter.com

Wild At Heart
020 7229 1174
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Entertainment

Euphonica
020 3397 9018
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www.euphonica.com

Prelude
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www.preludeentertainment.co.uk

Sternberg Clarke
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Delta Live
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Auction Technology

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www.givergy-events.co.uk

FAQs

What is included in the venue hire fee?

The venue hire fee includes exclusive use of the agreed event areas, a dedicated Event Manager who will be with you through every stage of planning, security staff, cleaning staff, an electrician, and basic lighting in the John Madejski Garden and Raphael Court. The Lydia & Manfred Gorvy Lecture Theatre comes equipped with basic AV equipment.

Can we use our own suppliers?

As a Grade I listed building, with priceless objects on display, we require our clients to choose from our exclusive list of Approved Suppliers for catering, production, entertainment, auction, and floristry. Furthermore, due to the short set up time, it is in your interest to be in the hands of trusted companies who know the venue well.

Are there conservation regulations for spaces?

Due to the delicate nature of the building, there are conservation regulations in place in many of our galleries. Dancing, as well as dark/strong coloured food and drink, is only permitted in the Dome space or at a seated dinner. No fire, fireworks, dry ice, glitter, animals (except registered worker animals), helium balloons, paint, henna, ink, or hairspray are permitted anywhere on site.

Can we hire multiple spaces?

Yes, subject to availability, for larger events it is certainly possible to hire multiple spaces around the Museum to provide your guests with a true journey through the V&A.

What are your standard hire times?

The standard hire period for dinners is from 18.45 – 23:00. Please be aware that set up begins once the Museum has closed to the public at 17.45.

What if I want my event to finish later?

This is certainly possible. For an additional fee of £2,000 + VAT per hour, you can extend the finish time of your event until 2.00am at the latest. Late finishes are subject to availability.

Are there any days that are not available for venue hire?

Yes – as we are open late on Fridays, unfortunately we are not able to offer these evenings for venue hire. We are available for every other evening in the week.

Can we provisionally hold a date?

You can hold up to two dates for your event, free of charge and with no obligation. If you are holding any dates, we do ask that you come and see the Museum in person, then we will ask for a decision by a certain date. Please be in touch if you would like to check availability and arrange a visit.

How do we confirm our booking?

Following a show round, to confirm your booking we ask you to sign a copy of our venue hire contract (available on request) and pay 50% deposit.

Contact

We would love to talk to you about holding your event at the Victoria and Albert Museum, please do contact the Corporate and Private Events team for further information.

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