

V&A South Kensington

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# CORPORATE EVENTS BROCHURE



# THE V&A

The V&A is a family of museums dedicated to the power of creativity: we champion design and culture knowledge. V&A South Kensington 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.

Hiring a V&A Museum for an event is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate your support for the arts, associate with one of the most recognisable and admired international brands, and enable us to remain a vital part of public life and heritage.

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

The V&A is now a multi-site Museum made up of V&A South Kensington, Young Y&A, V&A East Storehouse and V&A East Museum. For event brochures and details of our family of sites, please contact the V&A Events team.

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# 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

Evening receptions from £15,000 + VAT

Dinners from £19,000 + VAT





# JOHN MADEJSKI GARDEN

The John Madejski Garden is one of the most elegant outdoor spaces 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

Evening receptions from £15,000 + VAT





# 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

Evening receptions from £15,000 + VAT

Dinners from £19,000 + VAT



# 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.

## Special features

Gallery comes with in-house lighting and space for a stage, even at maximum capacity.

## Capacities

400 standing / 400 seated

## Prices

Evening receptions from £17,000 + VAT

Dinners from £21,000 + VAT





# 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

Evening receptions from £15,000 + VAT

Dinners from £19,000 + VAT



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# 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

Evening receptions from £15,000 + VAT

Dinners from £19,000 + VAT



# 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 breakfasts in close proximity to the exhibition spaces.

## Capacities

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

## Prices

Breakfasts from £5,000 + VAT

Breakfasts with exhibition view from £7,000 + VAT

*Catering in the Gamble Room is provided exclusively by our in-house caterers, Benugo.*



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# EXHIBITIONS AND GALLERIES

From Cartier's jewels to the opulence of Marie Antoinette's Style, 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 with 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; 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. 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](http://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.



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, entertainment and auction technology.

## Catering

### Alexander & Björck

020 3457 1700  
parties@alexanderandbjorck.com  
www.alexanderandbjorck.com

### Alison Price

020 7840 7640  
enquiries@alisonprice.co.uk  
www.alisonprice.co.uk

### Ben Tenenblat Kosher Catering

020 8205 0463  
info@ben-tenenblat.com  
www.ben-tenenblat.com

### Blue Strawberry

020 7733 3151  
hello@bluestrawberry-tabletalk.co.uk  
www.bluestrawberry.co.uk

### By Word of Mouth Ltd

020 8871 9566  
events@bywordofmouth.co.uk  
www.bywordofmouth.co.uk

### Caper And Berry

0207 940 3761  
events@caperandberry.co.uk  
www.caperandberry.co.uk

### Laguna

**South Asian Catering**  
020 8579 9992  
info@lagunarestaurant.com  
www.lagunarestaurant.com

### Jimmy Garcia

020 7998 3676  
events@jimmygarciacatering.com  
www.jimmygarciacatering.com

### Last Supper Ltd

020 7378 0101  
info@lastsupperltd.co.uk  
www.lastsupperltd.co.uk

### Lettice Events

020 7820 1161  
events@letticevents.com  
www.letticevents.com

### Moving Venue

020 8691 6661  
greatfood@movingvenue.com  
www.movingvenue.com

### Rhubarb

020 8812 3200  
hello@rhubarb.co.uk  
www.rhubarb.net

### Rocket

020 7622 2320  
parties@rocketfood.net  
www.rocketfood.net

### The Drunken Jockeys Bar and Cocktail Services

020 3007 9209  
enquiries@thedrunkenjockeys.co.uk  
www.thedrunkenjockeys.co.uk

### Zafferano

020 8905 9120  
info@zafferano.co.uk  
www.zafferano.co.uk

## Production & Lighting

### Bespoke Events London

020 8961 1510  
studio@bespoke-london.co.uk  
www.bespoke-london.co.uk

### Event Concept

020 7740 3988  
info@eventconcept.co.uk  
www.eventconcept.co.uk

### Focus Productions

020 8542 9221  
info@focus.productions  
https://focus.productions

### White Light Limited

020 8254 4800  
production@whitelight.ltd.uk  
www.whitelight.ltd.uk

### Wise Productions

020 8991 6922  
events@wiseproductions.co.uk  
www.wiseproductions.co.uk

## Flowers

### Fiona Fleur

077 2799 9232  
studio@fionafleur.com  
www.fionafleur.com

### Flower & Press

077 6049 1234  
info@flowerandpress.com  
flowerandpress.com

### Larry Walshe Studios

020 8540 5305  
thestudio@larrywalshe.com  
www.larrywalshe.com

### Lavender Green Flowers

020 7127 5303  
info@lavendergreen.co.uk  
www.lavendergreen.co.uk

### Pinstripes & Peonies

020 7720 1245  
flowers@pinstripesandpeonies.com  
www.pinstripesandpeonies.com

### Shane Connolly & Company

020 8964 4398  
events@shaneconnolly.co.uk  
www.shaneconnolly.co.uk

### Simon J Lycett Ltd

020 7277 3322  
enquiries@simonlycett.co.uk  
www.simonlycett.co.uk

### Veevers Carter

020 7237 8800  
info@veeverscarter.com  
www.veeverscarter.com

## Entertainment

### ALR Music

020 3732 0232  
info@alrmusic.co.uk  
www.alrmusic.co.uk

### Euphonica

020 3397 9018  
hello@euphonica.com  
www.euphonica.com

### Prelude

020 8660 6647  
sales@preludeentertainment.co.uk  
www.preludeentertainment.co.uk

### Sternberg Clarke

020 8877 1102  
sales@sternbergclarke.co.uk  
www.sternbergclarke.co.uk

### Velvet Entertainment

020 8947 8245  
info@velvetentertainment.net  
www.velvetentertainment.net

## Sound Only

### Dobson Sound

020 8545 0202  
enquiries@dobsonsound.co.uk  
www.dobsonsound.co.uk

## Auction Technology

### Givergy Events

020 7524 7813  
john@givergy-events.co.uk  
www.givergy-events.co.uk

### Emma Live

020 4534 1769  
hello@emma-live.com  
www.emma-live.com

# FAQ'S

## 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 working 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?

Breakfast hires are from 08:00 – 10:00 before the Museum opens and evening hires are from 18.45. 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 £3,000 + VAT per hour, you can extend the finish time of your event until 02:00 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 hire other nights of the week at V&A South Kensington and we also do have Friday availability at some of our other V&A museum sites.

## Can we provisionally hold a date?

You can hold up to two dates for your event, free of charge and with no obligation. We do ask that you come and see the Museum in person, then we will ask for a confirmation by a certain date. Please be in touch if you would like to check availability and arrange a visit. As we are dry hire, the venue hire fee is only a part of your booking: before confirming your booking, we recommend contacting our Approved Suppliers for indicative costings of all other event services associated.

## 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 V&A South Kensington, please do contact the Corporate and Private Events team for further information about hosting your event here or at any of our family of Museums.

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