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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.

We hold over two million objects - from fashion and jewellery to ceramics, sculpture and digital design - and house 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 the V&A 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. By choosing to host your event with us, you are enable us to maintain and enhance the Museum's leadership in the fields of art and design, and ensure that it remains a vital part of our public life and heritage.

A treasure house with 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, for events large or small. From sunny summer soirees to dazzling Christmas parties, glamourous charity fundraisers to simple networking events, the V&A has a space to suit every occasion.

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# The Dome

The Dome, with its soaring ceiling, classical architecture and marble floors, complemented by Dale Chihuly's extraordinary central glass sculpture, 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 £11,000 + VAT Dinners from £13,000 + 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 water jets between steps, which are illuminated at night.

**Special features:** Beautifully lit in the evening. Features a pond and plenty of space for seating. Indoor space included in hire as wet weather contingency

Capacities: 600 standing

Prices Receptions from £11,000 + 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, an intimate dinner on a long table offers a luxury dining experience like no other.

**Special features:** Gallery comes with inhouse lighting and space for 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 £13,000 + VAT Dinners from £15,500 + VAT



## The Dorothy and Michael Hintze Sculpture Galleries

Mingle amongst some of the V&A's priceless pieces of sculpture in the stunning Dorothy and Michael Hintze Sculpture Galleries. Here, the setting in one of the world's finest museums of art and design is unmistakable.

**Special features:** Leads onto Garden, Ideally situated for exhibition Private Views

Capacities: 250 standing / 100 seated

Prices Receptions from £11,000 + VAT Dinners from £13,000 + VAT



# **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 al 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 views of casts of iconic works of sculpture, such as Michelangelo's David and Trajan's Column, an unforgettable backdrop to an intimate dinner.

Special features: Ideal for smaller dinners

**Capacities:** 150 standing / 70 seated

Prices Receptions from £11,000 + VAT Dinners from £13,000 + VAT





### The Edwin and Susan Davies Paintings Galleries

A suite of galleries displaying 200 works from the V&A's extensive paintings collection is located on the second floor of the Museum, in close proximity to many enchanting permanent gallery spaces

**Special features:** The collection includes paintings by Constable, Turner and Gainsborough, and famous works by Blake, Landseer and Millais.

Capacities: 200 standing / 70 seated

Prices Receptions from £11,000 + VAT Dinners from £13,000 + VAT

### The Lydia and Manfred Gorvy Lecture Theatre

A state of the art Victorian Lecture theatre, restored to the highest level, with a stage

situated beneath an ornate cupola and images of great artists of the past adorning the walls. Special features: In house AV and lighting Capacities: 300 seated theatre style Prices Presentation followed by reception in a nearby gallery from £11,000 + VAT



### **The Fashion Gallery**

The Fashion Galleries host 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, and 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 / seated - ask a member of our team

Prices Receptions from £11,000 + VAT Dinners from £13,000 + VAT

### 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 / standing - ask a member of our team

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Prices Breakfasts from £4,000 + VAT Reception from £11,000 + VAT Dinners from £13,000 + VAT

# **Exhibitions and Galleries**

From ancient Chinese ceramics to Alexander McQueen evening dresses, take an incredible journey through 5000 years of human creativity explored within our permanent collections, home to some of the greatest treasures in the country. Or offer your guests the hottest ticket in town with a private view of one of our critically acclaimed temporary exhibitions, away from the hustle and bustle of the daytime crowds.

Hosting your event at the V&A means you can add a gallery or exhibition of your choice onto your event, ensuring an unforgettable experience for your guests. Our creative and visually stimulating exhibitions can even serve as inspiration for your event theme, with catering, entertainment and décor ideas aplenty.











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 tours (up to a certain number).

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 https://www.vam.ac.uk/whatson

### **Corporate Partnerships**

Corporate Membership at the V&A is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate your support for the arts and to 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 enhance the V&A's leadership in the fields of art and design and ensure that they remain a vital part of our public life and heritage.

From private tours of virtual talks with a member from our curatorial department around our exhibitions and collections, to invitations to our exclusive private views and unparalleled access to exclusive V&A digital content, we offer unforgettable experiences for your employees and clients.

Our Corporate Patrons can access some of the most lucrative benefits we can offer – from complimentary and discounted event hire, exclusive invitations to our exhibition opening parties and events, and unlimited complimentary access to all our ticketed exhibitions.





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

**Corporate Partnerships Manager** 

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

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

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

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CAPER AND BERRY 01483 427521 events@caperandberry.co.uk www.caperandberry.co.uk

**CLERKENWELL GREEN** 020 7729 4072 hello@clerkenwellgreen.com www.clerkenwellgreen.com

FOOD SHOW LIMITED 020 7793 1877 enquiries@foodshowltd.com www.foodshowltd.com

JACKSON GILMOUR 020 8665 1855 francis@jacksongilmour.com www.jacksongilmour.com

LAST SUPPER LTD 020 7378 0101 info@lastsupperltd.co.uk www.lastsupperltd.co.uk

**MOVING VENUE** 020 8691 6661 greatfood@movingvenue.com www.movingvenue.com

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

**ROCKET FOOD LIMITED** 020 7622 2320 parties@rocketfood.net www.rocketfood.net

THE RECIPE 020 7033 4280 hello@the-recipe.co.uk www.the-recipe.co.uk

**URBAN CAPRICE** 020 7286 1700 events@urbancaprice.co.uk www.urbancaprice.co.uk

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

LAGUNA 020 8579 9992 info@lagunarestaurant.com www.lagunarestaurant.com

TONY PAGE 020 8830 4000 events@tonypage.com www.tonypage.com

**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.ecprivate.co.uk

FOCUS LIGHTING & PRODUCTIONS VELVET ENTERTAINMENT LTD 020 8542 9221 info@focuslighting.co.uk www.focuslighting.co.uk

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

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

WILD AT HEART 020 7229 1174 events@wildatheart.com www.wildatheart.com

#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

**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

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

#### SOUND

DOBSON SOUND PRODUCTIONS 020 8545 0202 enquiries@dobsonsound.co.uk www.dobsonsound.co.uk

**DELTA LIVE** 020 8339 3800 enquiries@deltalive.com www.deltalive.com

#### AUCTION TECHNOLOGY

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

### FAOS

#### 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 Gallery. The 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 do ask that you choose from our exclusive list of approved suppliers for catering, production, entertainment, furniture, 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.

#### Will there be anyone else in the building?

We offer exclusive hire of our venue, so when you hold your event, you can be sure that your guests will be the only external people allowed access to the building.

#### 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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