



GARDEN MUSEUM

VENUE HIRE WEDDINGS

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Pressed Flowers, 1918

The celebration of love is our primary ambition when we hire our venue.

Donated to the Museum by their grandchildren, these pressed flowers were collected by George Marr, a soldier on the Balkan Front during the First World War. He then pressed them and presented them as a gift to his fiancée on his return.





THE GARDEN MUSEUM

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Situated on the banks of the River Thames, opposite the Houses of Parliament, the Garden Museum is dedicated to the art, history and design of gardens and is available for wedding receptions and many other private celebrations.

From initial site visit up until the day of the event itself, our expert team are on hand to offer advice, inspiration and practical ideas for making your celebration with us a unique and memorable experience. Whether it's the more traditional Nave with its medieval tower or the brand new Sackler Garden extension designed around a garden oasis, the Garden Museum has a space for all types of events.





THE NAVE

The main space for events and entertaining is the Nave which can accommodate up to 200 for a standing event or 120 people for a seated dinner at round tables. With its soaring pillars, large vaulted ceilings, beautiful stained glass windows and the marriage of traditional and contemporary architectural installations, the Nave is a perfect area to host your wedding breakfast followed by dancing or evening entertainment. Hire of the space includes a PA system for speeches, the event management team for the day and the option to add event lighting.

Hire of the Nave also includes the Sackler Garden for pre-dinner receptions.

Overview

Standing: 200
Seated dinner: 120
Floor area: 227m²
AV: PA system for speeches



THE SACKLER GARDEN

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The Sackler Garden extension houses the creation of award-winning garden designer Dan Pearson. The planting – inspired by the long history of plant hunters and collectors – perfectly complements the traditional architecture of the main church and the stunning new contemporary cloister crafted from bronze and glass.

Providing sought-after outdoor space, the Sackler Garden is perfect for pre-dinner receptions for up to 120 or smaller exclusive dinners for up to 30.

Hire of the space can be in conjunction with the Nave or as a standalone space.

Overview

Standing: 120

Seated dinner: 30

Floor area: 175m²

AV: music playback





PLANNING YOUR WEDDING

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We understand that you want your wedding to be unique and we encourage every couple to use the venue in a way that makes their celebration as special as possible.

Note

Guest departure time can be extended to 1am for an additional fee.

We find that the schedule below works well for many couples and hirers. It's designed to ensure that you make the most of your day and the stunning venue around you.

- Suppliers access site and commence set-up.
- Guests arrive for celebration drinks, canapés or bowl food in the Sackler Garden.
- Guest move through to the Nave for dinner and speeches.
- Guests move back out to the Sackler Garden for dessert and coffee.
- Venue and suppliers reset the Nave for the evening celebration.
- Guests re-enter the Nave for dancing, entertainment and the evening bar.
- Music ends and the bar closes at 11.30pm.
- Guests depart at midnight.
- Suppliers depart.

SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Is the Garden Museum licensed for ceremonies?

The Museum isn't licensed for ceremonies but we can suggest a number of venues in the area.

Can we use our own suppliers?

As a Grade II* listed space we have to ensure that all our suppliers go through a vetting process and know how to work in the building so we ask that you choose from our list which can be seen on our website.

Can we supply our own drinks?

You are welcome to provide your own drinks. We don't charge a corkage fee but your chosen caterer may charge an amount to chill, deliver and serve the drinks.

How do we confirm our booking?

To confirm your booking we ask you to sign a copy of our venue hire contract and pay a 50% deposit. The balance amount is due 28 days before your event.

Can we serve red wine?

Due to the listed nature of the building we only allow red wine and other dark coloured drinks to be served with a seated dinner.

Can deliveries be made prior to the day?

As a building open to the public we ask that all deliveries take place during the agreed hire period. Your chosen caterer may be able to accept some items and then bring them to the venue on the day.

Can we have candles?

Due to the sensitive nature of the building and collection we don't allow any naked flames. Battery operated candles are fine to use.

Are we allowed confetti?

We ask that only paper or degradable confetti is used, rather than real petals or rice.

Do you have parking?

As a Zone 1 venue we don't have parking but there is a pay-and-display car park in the Novotel opposite the Museum.





OUR SUPPLIERS

The Museum works with some of the best of London's event suppliers. These teams are able to offer event solutions that highlight and complement the unique nature of the venue's spaces and the collection that it holds. These suppliers will work with you to create an amazing experience for you and your guests. A full list can be seen online at the Garden Museum website.

Caterers

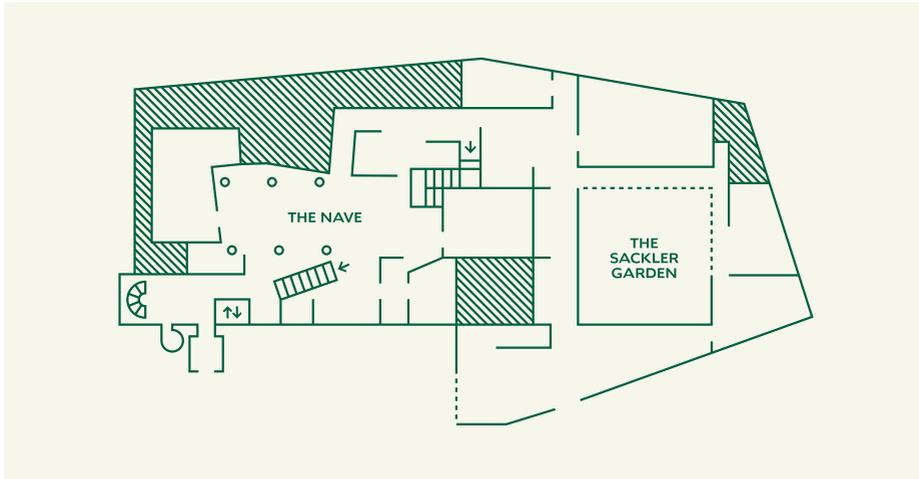
Our catering suppliers are based within Greater London and can provide options for food and beverage whilst also helping you design colour schemes and layouts for linen, glassware and furniture. Each of our caterers has worked closely with us to develop menus that respond to the theme of gardens, focusing on the best seasonal ingredients.

Florists

As a museum of garden history, focussing on flowers is one of the best ways to decorate the venue or your tables. Our florists help to ease that process and offer advice and options for the design of your floral arrangements, bringing the world of flowers and gardening from the outside and recreating it as a focal point for your event.

Production

Our production suppliers can offer exciting solutions for your celebration with the change in style from daytime to evening. Providing sound and lighting elements, our suppliers are experts at knowing how to make the venue look the best it can be.



Directions

We are a ten minute walk from Vauxhall, Waterloo and Lambeth North underground stations. Vauxhall and Waterloo are served by mainline overland trains.

The Museum is also served by bus numbers: 3, 77, 344, 507 and C10

Lambeth Palace Road
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Contact Us

The Garden Museum's venue hire team is ready to assist with your enquiry or booking. To find out more about us, book a site visit or talk through the different options for your event then please contact:

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IMAGE CREDITS

- Benedict Johnson (P4 middle left; P5 top, middle left, bottom; P8 left)
- Food Design by Ginger Jar (P14)
- Miracle Moments (P4 top, middle right, bottom right; P7; P9)
- Picnic Productions (P2; P6; P13)
- Sin Bozkurt (P4 bottom left; P5 middle right; P8 right)
- Stuart Parkes (P10)