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Welcome to London

Host your meeting or incentive programme with a breath of fresh air.

London is the world’s first National Park City, with 33% of its area dedicated to green space. Find 151 registered parks and gardens, eight Royal Parks and four UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the city.

Discover venues and hotels with plenty of open-air space that provide safety, ventilation and allow your guests to feel comfortable while networking.

Whether it’s a drinks reception, team building or evening awards, these outdoor spaces are bound to leave a lasting impression on your guests.

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With the London Convention Bureau for more information on outdoor spaces in London.

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DoubleTree by Hilton London - Docklands Riverside

About:

The open-air terrace, located on the riverside, has multiple freestanding parasols and access into the meeting room in case there is a need for an alternative weather option.

Capacity:

• 300 guests for reception.
Hilton London Wembley

About:

Capacity:
• 15 guests with social distancing.
Hilton Tower Bridge

About:
Enjoy fabulous views on the 9th floor terrace – perfect for a summer drinks reception or private lunch.

Capacity:
- 40 guests for standing reception
- 20 guests with social distancing
InterContinental London – The O2

About:
Located on the vibrant Greenwich Peninsula, the multi-functional space can be used for many types of events including concerts and BBQs.

Capacity:
- 200 guests depending on setting.
JW Marriott Grosvenor House London

About:

Whether enjoying warm Summer days or the cool Autumn season with cozy rugs, you will find that the JW Steakhouse Terrace is a magical space on Park Lane to reflect and refresh.

Capacity:

• 20 guests for reception and same for a coffee break.
Mandarin Oriental
Hyde Park, London

About:
The ballroom of the recently renovated Mandarin Oriental features a terrace and lawn overlooking Hyde Park. A second meeting space, the Loggia, comes with a balcony.

Capacity:
- The ballroom can accommodate a reception of 400.
- The Loggia can accommodate a reception of 70.
Novotel London West

About:

Cognac Terrace, attached to the Cognac Suite has a built-in bar perfect for any social gatherings.

Capacity:

- Cognac Terrace: max 50 delegates standing and can be privatised.
- Lounge Bar Terrace: not privatised but is an additional outdoor space that can be offered.
The Berkeley

About:
Visit this alfresco terrace and find a spacious and comfortable spot for intimate gatherings.

Capacity:
- 50 guests for standing.
The Biltmore Mayfair

About:
The Biltmore Mayfair has a very beautiful terrace, a relaxed and intimate space to enjoy alfresco drinking and dining.

Capacity:
- 40 guests for lunch or dinner.
- 60 guests for reception.
The Langham London

About:

The south-facing Courtyard Garden is one of the oldest private garden sites in the West End, dating back to the mid-eighteenth century, and plays host to drinks reception or dinner.

Capacity:

- 200 guests for drinks reception.
- 150 guests for seated lunch or dinner without social distancing.
- 90 guests for standing reception.
- 70 guests for seated events with social distancing.
The May Fair

About:
The May Fair is no ordinary meeting space. A glamorous heritage is captured in the retro chic art deco furnishings.

The May Fair Terrace is a covered, open-air enclave where a plasma screen and built-in speakers can be used for presentations.

Capacity:

• 50 guests for reception.
• 30 guests for theatre style.
• 20 guests for boardroom.
• 24 guests for classroom or cabaret.
Radisson Blu Edwardian, New Providence Wharf

About:
Just off Canary Wharf, find a terrace in front of the hotel that leads down to the river. It has stunning views of The O2 and the Thames.

Capacity:
- Up to 50 guests for reception.
- 20 guests seated.
Rosewood London

About:
Set near Covent Garden, Rosewood London is an ideal base for experiencing the British capital. The Summer Terrance and private courtyard can cater to all your event needs.

Capacity:
• 35 guests for banquet.
• 60 guests reception pre-COVID.
Sea Containers London

About:
Perched atop of Sea Containers London, find this elegant roof top playground with an outside terrace. Usually DJs and live bands kick off as the sun goes down.

Capacity:
• 300 guests for receptions and parties.
Sheraton Grand London Park Lane

About:

Mercante and Smith & Whistle at Sheraton Grand London Park Lane are the perfect spaces for bringing people together in the heart of Mayfair.

Capacity:

- Mercante: 40 guests inside and 20 outside. Can be sold to private party.
- Smith & Whistle: 60 guests standing inside and 20 outside. Can be sold to private party.
Barbican

About:

The Barbican Conservatory does a great job bringing the outside in with more than 1,500 species of plants and trees, all protected by a glass roof. It’s suitable for all weather conditions.

Capacity:

- 100 delegates for a standing fork buffet or 150 guests for a drinks reception (reduced to 25-35 on social distancing protocols).
- Can be extended to include the Garden Room which provides space for 100 to 150 pax more (45 on social distancing capacities).
BMA House

About:

The Courtyard:
At the very heart of BMA House is the venue’s largest outdoor space.

The Garden:
Surrounded by lush greenery selected for their medicinal significance, the botanical garden at BMA House is a beautiful setting for parties and receptions.

Capacity:

- The Courtyard: maximum capacity is 320 for a standing reception.
- The Garden: maximum capacity is 90 for a standing reception.
Cutty Sark

About:
Built in 1869 to carry tea back from China, this monument to the glory days of sail travelled the world and survived the high seas. The ship boasts a spectacular riverside setting with sweeping views across the Thames.

With exclusive access to the whole ship, your guests can explore all three decks as they make their way to the main deck.

Capacity:
• 100 guests for a standing reception.
De Vere Devonport House

About:

The De Vere Devonport House features an expansive lawn.

Capacity:

- The lawn can fit up to 150 guests.
**De Vere Grand Connaught Rooms**

**About:**

The Grand Connaught Rooms is an ornate Grade II* listed property and great for large events.

**Capacity:**

- The Penthouse Suite can accommodate up to 70 guests.

*Venue is currently under refurbishment.
ExCeL London

About:
ExCeL is London’s largest conference and exhibition centre, offering two outdoor spaces available for privatisation with access to power and water.

Capacity:
- The East Carpark and Royal Victoria Square can be modeled based on approximately 1.5 metres squared per person.
- Royal Victoria Square has 25,000 sq ft (2,500 metres squared) of grass space.
- East Carpark has 80,000 sq ft (8,000 metres squared).
etc.venues Victoria

About:

etc.venues Victoria is a conference and events space conveniently located in central London with a secret garden oasis.

Capacity:

• Can accommodate two separate meetings for up to 20 delegates each.
Hampton Court Palace

About:
Hampton Court Palace, the former home to both Henry VII and William III, is just 40 minutes away from the centre of London. The gardens include 60 acres of spectacular formal gardens and 750 acres of parkland, with the world’s oldest puzzle maze, a record-breaking grape vine, three National Plant Collections and a variety of wildlife, including the descendants of Henry VIII’s deer herd.

Capacity:
- Privy Garden & Orangery: dine alfresco with 270 guests or host a drinks reception for 1000 guests. *Evening availability only
- Garden Room Walled Garden: host up to 300 guests for a reception. *Day and evening availability
Hampton Court Palace

**Capacity:**

Little Banqueting House:

This space was built for William II and is a perfect picnic spot or reception for up to 60 guests. *Day and evening availability

20th Century Garden:

Previously known as the Apprentice Garden, the 20th Century Garden was used to train apprentices on how to nurture trees and shrubs. Today, it’s great for large marquees, large drinks receptions and festival-themed events for up to 350 guests. *Day and evening availability
Kensington Palace

About:
Kensington Palace has been an elegant retreat for the British Royal family for over three centuries. The gardens now echo 18th-century designs with the landscaped east front, sunken gardens and cradle walk.

Host your reception whilst marvelling at the beauty of the sunken garden, now a memorial to Princess Diana.

Capacity:
- Pavilion Terrace, Sunken Garden and Cradle Walk: up to 150 guests. *Evening availability only
Magazine London

About:
Magazine London is a new destination for the capital, providing an unrivalled landscape for events across 19,000 sq ft of indoor and outdoor space. Surrounded by panoramic views of Canary Wharf skyline, the venue offers access to an abundance of river-facing outdoor space, encapsulating a flexible and inspiring environment for large-scale, open-air events.

Capacity:
• The Showground and The Pylon offer a combined standing capacity of up to 7,000 guests (subject to seating, production and activity).
Natural History Museum

About:

The Darwin Centre courtyard at the Natural History Museum is available in the evening once the museum closes to the public at 6pm.

Capacity:

- Standing capacity is 500.
Printworks London

About:
This cultural destination comprises more than 10,000 sq m of vast, industrial event space and a further 998 sq m across the venue’s outdoor Container Yard. This open-air space is enclosed by large, black shipping containers, providing the ultimate urban backdrop for outdoor events.

Capacity:
• Overall capacity of 6,000 attendees.
• Accommodating an outdoor capacity of up to 1,000 guests in Container Yard.
Queen Elizabeth II Centre

About:

The QEII Centre is the largest conference and exhibition space in central London with a capacity of up to 2,500 attendees.

Capacity:

- The forecourt and lawn can host events for up to 250-300 guests.
Royal Museums Greenwich

About:
Set in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Maritime Greenwich, the grounds of Royal Museums Greenwich offer several spaces divided into seven separate lawns. Here you’ll find the National Maritime Museum, Cutty Sark, Royal Observatory and The Queen's House.

Capacity:
- Ranges upwards to 2,400 guests across all lawns, with smaller parties of 50-200 taking over a single lawn for an afternoon picnic.
Royal Museums Greenwich

About:

The Colonnade running east or west from either side of the Queen’s House offers a sheltered breezeway ideal for hosting smaller events, including receptions and outdoor wedding blessings. Sitting between the north and south lawns, this raised stone walkway provides spectacular views over Greenwich Park and Canary Wharf in an airy, covered space.

Capacity:

- 25 to 50 guests on one side of the Colonnade.
Royal Museums Greenwich

About:
The Meridian Courtyard at the Royal Observatory Greenwich is a private cobbled yard at the top of Greenwich Park overlooking London. This exclusive open-air space is ideal for summer evening receptions.

Capacity:
• 60 guests and is hired together with Flamsteed House.
Royal Museums Greenwich

About:

The Astronomy Centre Courtyard sits outside the Peter Harrison Planetarium foyer and showroom. Typically hired together with indoor event space at the Planetarium, it offers a private, recessed terrace.

Capacity:

- 80 guests.
Science Museum

About:
In the Science Museum, The Smith Centre was constructed in 1890 and features an open-plan courtyard area. It can be enjoyed in conjunction with the daytime hire of the salon.

Capacity:
• Normally available for small meeting rooms for up to 20 guests, to an ample-sized salon accommodating 200 guests for a canapé reception.
Shoreditch Gardens

About:
Open from May to July 2021, Shoreditch Gardens is a private hidden oasis, located on the lawns of the Museum of the Home in east London.

Capacity:
• Between 200 to 800 guests can fit comfortably on the lawn that’s 1.5 times the size of an Olympic swimming pool.
Southwark Cathedral

About:

The Millennium Courtyard of Southwark Cathedral overlooks the Thames and the City of London.

The Churchyard at Southwark Cathedral faces the bustling Borough Market.

Capacity:

• The Millennium Courtyard can accommodate 400 to 500 guests depending on the layout.

• The Churchyard can fit 700 to 800 guests depending on the layout.
Spencer House

About:
Spencer House was Princess Diana’s family home and has since become a magnificent setting for meetings and events. The terrace may be used in conjunction with the State Rooms for summer receptions.

While not possible for delegates to access the lawn, it does provide an ideal setting for musicians or any kind of entertainment.

Capacity:
• 250 for a standing reception.
The Drumsheds

About:

The Drumsheds is a new venue for London consisting of four colossal warehouses and 10 acres of outdoor space. Set away from residential areas, The Drumsheds offers fewer restrictions and a late license for events to run longer and later.

Capacity:

- Up to 10,000 attendees.
Tobacco Dock

About:
Tobacco Dock’s main outdoor space is the rooftop bar, Skylight. Making a great use of space, it’s perched atop a disused car park and has a 360-degree view of the London skyline. There are two additional spaces.

Capacity:
• Comprised of 3 levels, maximum capacity allowing for social distancing is 306 guests.
Twickenham Stadium

About:
Guests can get a real glimpse into the sheer size of Twickenham Stadium as they step out of the Players Tunnel onto pitch-side, surrounded by 82,000 seats. The Patch sits within the West Stand overlooking the stadium and offers a large expanse of pristine grass for a range of different activities and catering.

Capacity:
- Pitch-side: 1200 guests.
- The Patch: 300 guests.
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