

**SOMERSET
HOUSE**

The Courtauld



ENJOY A PRIVATE VIEW RECEPTION AND DINNER AT
THE COURTAULD & SOMERSET HOUSE

THE COURTAULD

Home to one of the greatest art collections in the UK and located in the historical setting of Somerset House, venue hire at The Courtauld provides the unique opportunity to host your guests amongst iconic works by Manet, Degas, Monet, Van Gogh, Gauguin, and Cézanne, amongst other remarkable works from the middle ages to the present day.

Elevate your event with exclusive access to one of The Courtauld's special temporary [exhibitions](#).

View The Courtauld Gallery with a virtual tour [here](#).

SOMERSET HOUSE

Built on historic foundations at the very heart of the capital, Somerset House is London's working arts centre, home to the UK's largest creative community and one of the city's best loved public spaces.

Run as a charity by Somerset House Trust, all event hire income directly contributes to the venue's cultural public programme, education and outreach work and helps maintain the Grade I listed site for over three million visitors to enjoy annually - you can be confident that your event will be directly supporting an organisation offering immense value to an audience that goes far beyond your attendees. Download our full Venue Hire Brochure [here](#).

The grandeur and heritage of these diverse venues, coupled with the expertise of our Events teams, offer an unrivalled location for your next event.



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PRE-DINNER RECEPTION

Commence your special evening with drinks, canapés, and private viewing of exceptional artwork at The Courtauld Gallery. Immerse your guests amongst one of the greatest art collections in the UK, choose from one of the following spaces:

LVMH Great Room, third floor

The Courtauld's breath-taking top floor is the home of masterpieces from The Courtauld's world-renowned Collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings. Highlights include Manet's *A Bar at the Folies-Bergère* (1882), Van Gogh's *Self-Portrait with Bandaged Ear* (1889), and the most significant collection of works by Cézanne in the UK. The LVMH Great Room is London's oldest purpose-built exhibition space and was the former home of the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition.

The third floor is also home to the Denise Coates Exhibition Galleries, providing the perfect setting for a reception with private view of a major exhibition. Explore The Courtauld's exhibition program [here](#).

Blavatnik Fine Rooms, second floor

These six elegantly restored rooms showcase works from the Renaissance through to the 18th Century. The architect of Somerset House, William Chambers, was a founding member of the Royal Academy and made sure its rooms on this floor were sumptuously decorated with stunning ceilings, beautiful fireplaces and ornate door handles.

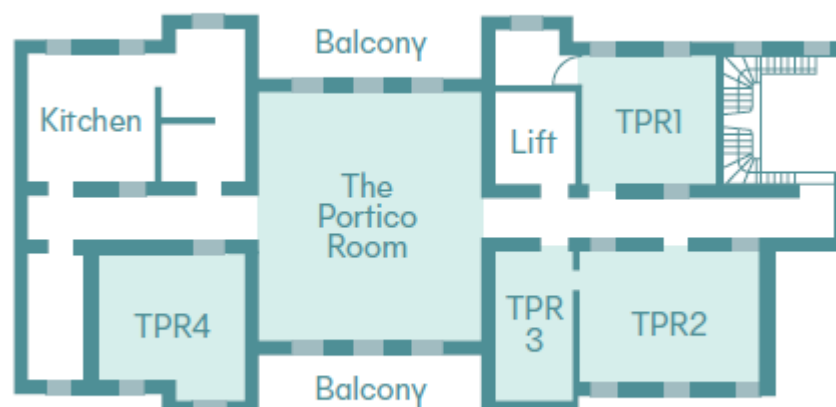
DINNER IN THE PORTICO ROOMS

Following your private view reception, guests will walk across the iconic Edmond J Safra Fountain Court to the Portico Rooms.

Located on the first floor of the South Wing, with original features, natural daylight and uninterrupted views of the London skyline the Portico Rooms are a spacious and elegant setting. This network of 18th century spaces can be adapted and tailored to any event brief.

Included in the hire are two private balconies. Whether you prefer to watch the sunset across the River Thames from the south facing balcony or marvel at our sensational fountains and The Courtauld from the north facing balcony, the Portico Rooms are a truly stunning venue for any event.

View a 360 Virtual Tour of the Portico Rooms [here](#).



YOUR EXCLUSIVE HIRE

Available for up to 100 guests
Venue Hire Fee: £14,000+VAT

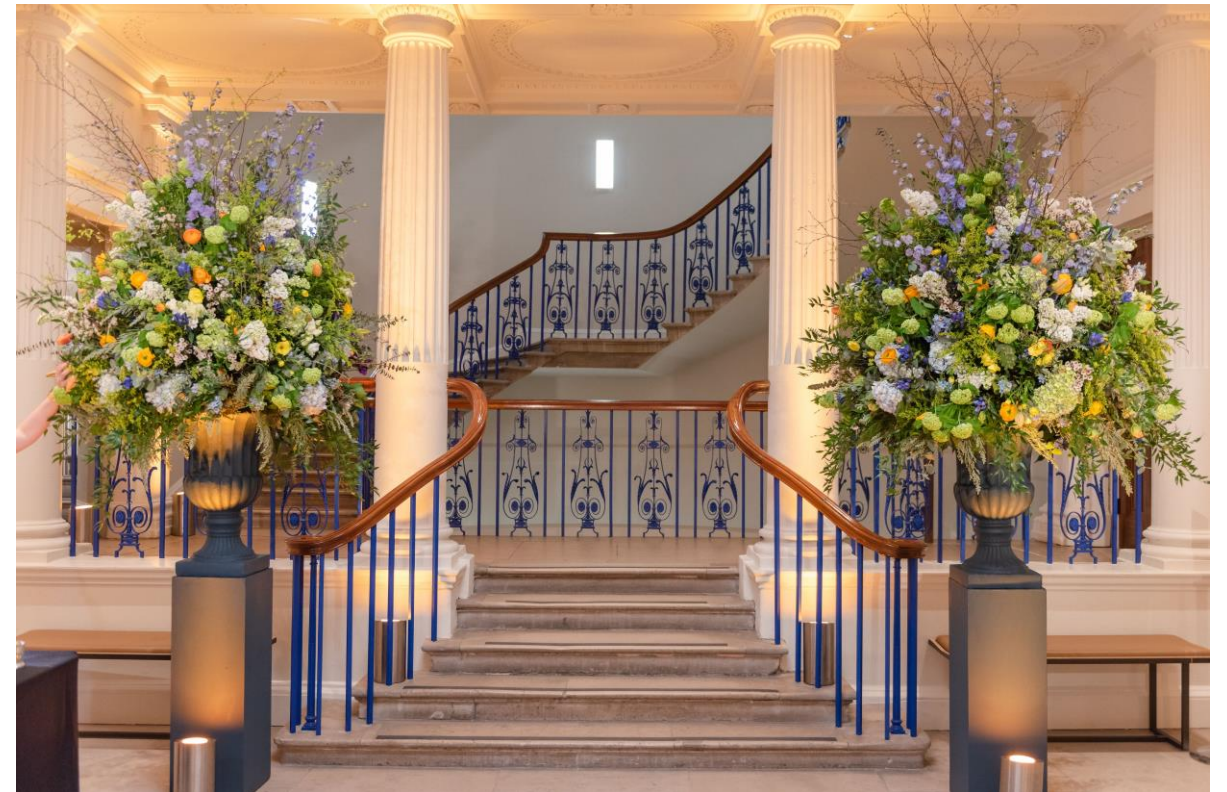
This includes:

- Supplier access to Somerset House: 17:30
- Supplier access to The Courtauld: 18:00
- Guest access to The Courtauld: from 18:45
- Private View* and Reception: 18:45 – 20:00
- Dinner in the Portico Rooms: from 20:00
- Guests depart by: 22:30
- Venue clear by suppliers: 23:30

Catering, AV, production and all other requirements, including furniture, are separate to the venue hire quote and can be provided by one of our accredited suppliers.

Additional guest hours past 22:30 are possible at an additional cost of £1,000+VAT per hour. Our late license is currently till 01:00. Late night licenses are subject to approval and available on request

** either special exhibition or the permanent collection*



APPROVED SUPPLIERS

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Catering, AV, production and all other requirements, including furniture, are separate to the venue hire quote and can be provided by one of our accredited suppliers. Please note that we do not allow any non-accredited suppliers to work onsite. If you would like us to gather some initial quotes on your behalf, then please do send a full brief of your requirements for the event.

CATERING



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FLORISTS

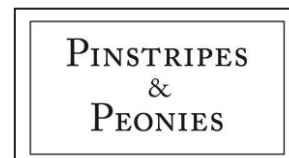
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OUR LOCATION

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BY LONDON UNDERGROUND

Nearest stations

Temple (Circle & District lines; 250m, 5 min)
Covent Garden (Piccadilly line; 650m, 8min)
Charing Cross (Bakerloo & Northern lines; 700m, 10min)
Embankment (Circle & District lines; 700m, 10min)
Waterloo (Bakerloo, Waterloo & City, Jubilee & Northern lines; 800m, 11min)

BY RAIL

Nearest stations

Charing Cross (700m, 10min)
Blackfriars (1km, 13min)
Waterloo (1km, 13min)

BY RIVER

River Bus Services RB1, RB2 and RB6 all stop at Embankment Pier, roughly 600 metres from Somerset House.

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