

COURTAULD GALLERY



Venue Hire





“The Old Masters have never looked so magnificent.”

Adrian Searle, The Guardian



About the Courtauld

Both a Gallery and one of the world's leading centres of academic excellence for art history, conservation, research and curating, the Courtauld works to advance how we see and understand the visual arts.

Our Gallery is home to one of the greatest art collections in the world, located in the magnificent historical setting of Somerset House. Spread across three floors, our remarkable collection includes paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture and decorative arts, ranging from the medieval period to the present day.

Academically, the Courtauld is a specialist university and home to the largest community of art historians and conservators in the UK.

Boasting extraordinary rooms and spaces, the Courtauld offers exceptional opportunities for entertaining in one of the most prestigious buildings in central London. Immerse your guests in an inspirational setting surrounded by art curated with the utmost academic rigour.



Event Spaces

Exceptional entertaining in one of central London's most prestigious buildings



Second Floor

Blavatnik Fine Rooms

The elegantly restored Blavatnik Fine Rooms are a suite of six galleries that span the second floor, displaying highlights from The Courtauld's collection from the Renaissance to the 18th century. Highlights include Botticelli's *The Trinity with Saints*, a dedicated Rubens room, and decorative arts such as ceramics and Islamic metalwork.

The historic, richly decorated interiors were designed by William Chambers for institutions including the Royal Academy, when formerly based at Somerset House and the rooms on this floor have been sumptuously decorated with stunning ceilings, beautiful fireplaces and ornate door handles.

Our Second Floor can host a standing reception for up to 250 guests. Our Rubens and Baroque Room, the Gallery's premier dining space, can accommodate an intimate seated dinner for up to 60.

Capacities

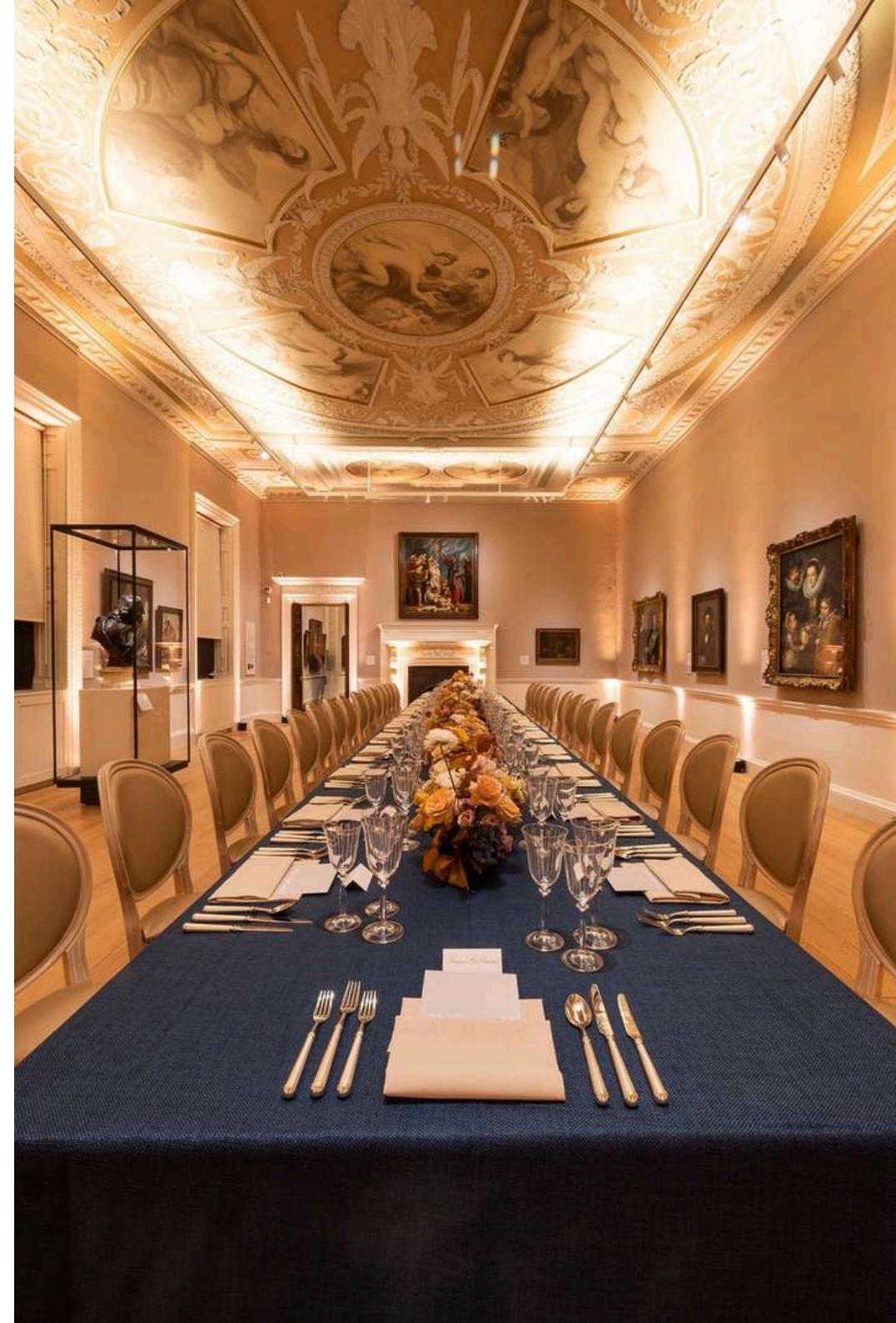
250 reception / 60 dinner

Prices

Breakfasts from £4,500 + VAT

Receptions from £10,500 + VAT

Dinners from £12,500 + VAT





Third Floor

LVMH Great Room | Weston Gallery

Greeting guests as they enter the Third Floor Galleries, the Weston Gallery is a welcoming ante-room featuring works by Degas, Manet and Pissarro and is ideally suited to greet guests with welcome refreshments.

The spectacularly restored LVMH Great Room 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 both Cézanne and Seurat in the UK. London's oldest purpose-built exhibition space and former home of the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition, the LVMH Great Room provides an unforgettable new space for events.

Our special exhibition space, the Denise Coates Exhibition Galleries, is directly adjacent, providing the perfect setting for a reception with private view of a major exhibition.

Capacities

150 reception

Prices

Breakfasts from £4,500 + VAT

Receptions from £10,500 + VAT

Dinners in the LVMH Great Room are limited and prices are available upon request





Courtauld Café

Striking, stylish yet relaxed, the Courtauld Café is our welcoming café and bar located on the ground floor, directly opposite the Gallery entrance.

Serving barista coffee and fresh croissants, this is the perfect option for a light breakfast followed by a private view of the Gallery before it opens to the public.

For more intimate and informal receptions, guests are invited to meet in the cafe for relaxed welcome drinks, before moving into the Gallery for a private tour.

All catering in the Cafe is provided by our in-house caterer, Company of Cooks, who run an ever-changing seasonal menu of nibbles, canapés and beverages.

Capacities

50 reception

Prices

Breakfasts from £1,500 + VAT

Receptions from £3,500 + VAT

Breakfast + Private View available from £3,000 + VAT



Private Views of the Courtauld Collection and special exhibitions



Private tours and Expert Introductions

At the Courtauld, guests can network and enjoy refreshments amidst iconic masterpieces from our world-renowned permanent collection - an experience that sets our venue apart. Elevate your event further by offering your guests exclusive access to other areas of the Collection, including our acclaimed temporary exhibitions.

Our exhibition programme is visually compelling, rooted in academic excellence, and designed to spark fresh perspectives on remarkable works of art. Since reopening in 2021, the Courtauld has delivered a series of celebrated exhibitions, including widely acclaimed 5-star shows on Vincent van Gogh, Edvard Munch, Peter Doig, and Claude Monet. We present three major exhibitions each year, complemented by additional displays and Collection highlights across the seasons. [Read more](#).

Private Views can be added to your venue hire or booked as part of our out-of-hours offer - either in the morning before the Gallery opens or in the evening once doors have closed.

Our expert guides are available on request to provide engaging introductions that offer guests unique insight.

Prices

Private View in the Denise Coates Exhibition Galleries £1,500 + VAT*

Private View in the Katja and Nicolai Tangen 20th Century Gallery £1,000 + VAT*

Courtauld Expert £300 + VAT per hour per expert*

**in conjunction with a venue hire booking only. Out of hours tour pricing is available upon request.*



A spellbinding exhibition programme

★★★★★

“An unprecedented and not-to-be-missed show”

The Times

Van Gogh. Self-Portraits, Feb 2022 - May 2022

★★★★★

“An excellent showcase for the most influential painter of his Generation”

The Independent

Peter Doig, Feb 2023 - May 2023

★★★★★

“Spellbinding”

Evening Standard

Claudette Johnson: Presence, Sep 2023 - Jan 2024

★★★★★

“An extraordinary feat”

The Independent

Monet and London. Views of the Thames, Sep 2024 – Jan 2025

★★★★★

“Dazzling”

The I Paper

Wayne Thiebaud. *American Still Life*, Oct 25 – Jan 2026





Rates and timings

Gallery

Event Type	Timings	Capacity	Price (ex. VAT) from
Reception (two floors)	18.45 – 21.00	up to 300	£18,500
Reception (one floor)	18.45 – 21.00	up to 250	£10,500
Dinner	19.00 – 22.00	up to 60	£12,500
Breakfast	08.30 – 09.45	up to 150	£4,500

Art Café

Reception	18.45 – 21.00	80	£3,000
Breakfast	08.00 – 09.30	80	£1,500

Elevate your event

Private view – special exhibition	Add on	£1,500
Courtauld expert talk	Per hour, pro rata	£300
Overtime	Per hour, pro rata	£1,000
Courtauld shop	For duration of event	£600



Approved suppliers

Catering

Caper and Berry	020 7940 3761	events@caperandberry.co.uk
Blue Strawberry	020 7733 3151	hello@bluestrawberry.co.uk
Alison Price & Co	020 7840 7640	enquiries@alisonprice.co.uk
Bubble Food	020 7703 2653	info@bubblefood.com
By Word of Mouth Ltd	020 8871 9566	events@bywordofmouth.co.uk
Jimmy Garcia Catering Limited	020 7998 3676	events@jimmygarciacatering.com
Lettice Events	020 7820 1161	events@letticeevents.com
Rocket Food Ltd	020 7622 2320	parties@rocketfood.com
Zafferano Catering	020 8905 9120	info@zafferano.co.uk

Entertainment

Sternberg Clarke Limited	020 8877 1102	sales@sternbergclarke.co.uk
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Floristry

Lavender Green Flowers	020 7127 5303	info@lavendergreen.co.uk
Pinstripes and Peonies Ltd	020 7720 1245	flowers@pinstripesandpeonies.com
Veevers Carter	020 7237 8800	info@veeverscarter.com

Production

Event Concept	020 7740 3988	info@eventconcept.com
Focus Lighting and Productions	020 8452 9221	info@focus.productions
RG Jones	020 8971 3100	events@rgjones.co.uk
Velvet Entertainment	020 8947 8245	info@velvetentertainment.net
Wise Productions	020 8991 6922	events@wiseproductions.co.uk

When the doors close at 6pm, it is time to transform the Gallery for your event. From sumptuous catering to immersive entertainment, choose from a diverse range of expert suppliers.

Corporate Membership

The Courtauld offers its Corporate Members a unique opportunity to connect with a world-leading arts organisation of academic and curatorial excellence. Corporate Members receive a myriad of venue hire benefits, including complimentary events and 20% discount of venue hire fees.

Prices start from £10k + VAT per annum.

For more information, please contact Beattrys John by email on beattrys.john@courtauld.ac.uk or by calling 020 8138 4813.



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To discuss holding your event at the Courtauld, please contact the Events and Engagement team for further information.

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