

# YOUR EVENT AT THE ASHMOLEAN



ASHMOLEAN  
MUSEUM  
OXFORD



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## INSPIRING MINDS SINCE 1683

From the wonder of the Collections to the dedicated Events Team who will work with you through each stage of planning, the Ashmolean provides a stunning setting for a very special event. The spectacular spaces available for hire offer a diverse range of event venue options for clients; from the contemporary to the classical, all displaying a world-renowned collection that encompasses five millennia of art and history. Your guests will leave inspired.



It was clear from the pre-event comms and on arrival that the Ashmolean is indeed a safe place to attend an event.

Amy

## EVENTS REIMAGINED

Whilst we need to maintain physical distance from each other, we don't have to be unsocial. The Ashmolean offers a range of creative solutions for you to engage your clients and networks. A private view of the exhibition led by an expert as part of your virtual event; a thematic virtual tour of the collection that links to your business theme; a hybrid treasure hunt through the galleries where your guests direct a hunter in the galleries; care-packs delivered to your client's door from the fabulous Museum shops. Our creative Event Team will work with you, and our technology partners, to deliver a unique and memorable experience.



A simply fabulous evening and the thank-yous are pouring in.

Miranda

## ENTERTAINING AT THE ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

The Ashmolean's venue spaces are available for exclusive hire on any day of the week from 17:00. The Museum is also available for breakfast events from 08:30 to 10:00 each morning. All our spaces are fully accessible and the Museum is a COVID-secure accredited venue. Our Event Team can offer expert advice on choosing the right space for your event plans.



## GREEK AND ROMAN SCULPTURE GALLERY



### LEVEL 1

This majestic gallery, built to display the Arundel marbles, is located close to the Ashmolean's imposing entrance. A grand and impressive space which houses the earliest collection of Greek and Roman sculptures and inscriptions in Britain. Perfect for a networking reception, banquet or breakfast meeting before the Museum opens.

**Capacity:** Reception 180, Dinner 150, Presentation 150

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## ATRIUM



### LEVEL -1 AND UPWARDS

This magnificent central space, winning design awards when it opened, extends from the lower ground floor to the full height of the museum. It easily accommodates up to 1000 guests over three floors and provides an unforgettable location for anything from intimate seated dinners to a large reception. The sweeping staircase offers the ideal platform for addressing your guests.

**Capacity:** Reception 1000, Dinner 30



## **SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS AND GUIDED TOURS**

Ensure your event is truly memorable by combining it with exclusive access to the Ashmolean's special temporary exhibitions. Offering your guests a private view of our world-class exhibitions with a guide is a fantastic addition to your event. Gallery highlights and thematic tours can also be arranged to enable your guests to experience expert insight into our permanent Collection.



## DINING ROOM AND ROOF TERRACE



### LEVEL 4

A contemporary space overlooking the impressive Atrium, the Dining Room is ideal for business lunches and dinners, or a company celebration. There is a large terrace from which guests can enjoy views over the Oxford skyline and the lawn provides the perfect space for a pop-up bar in the summer. You could also treat your guests to a private view in the special exhibition galleries, which are just a few steps away.

**Capacity:** Reception 80, Dinner 70, Presentation 60

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## EUROPEAN ART GALLERY

### LEVEL 2

This spacious gallery evokes the richness of a historic art collection in an Italian palace or English country house. Sculptures of marble and bronze, fine furniture, Old Master paintings and imposing portraits are displayed in this stately reception room.

**Capacity:** Reception 100, Presentation 80

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## CAST GALLERY

### LEVEL 1

This elegant and classical gallery houses Britain's largest collection of monumental and sculpture casts. Ideal for an intimate reception and private dining, its understated elegance will certainly impress your guests.

**Capacity:** Reception 50, Dining 30



Working closely with the Ashmolean, they created a wonderful evening that delighted and entertained our guests.

Andy



## HEADLEY LECTURE THEATRE



### LEVEL -1

The Headley Lecture Theatre is a flexible space that comes with inclusive use of the integrated smart lectern, data projector and PA system. Seating is not fixed so may be configured in different layouts: theatre, classroom, cabaret and boardroom. The lecture theatre has its own adjacent breakout space for registration or serving refreshments. Available during the daytime or when the Museum has closed, it is ideal for business meetings and presentations.

Capacity: Reception 100, Theatre 100, Boardroom 35

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## DIRECTOR'S BOARDROOM AND TERRACE

### LEVEL 4

Situated on the top floor of the museum with its own private terrace, the Director's Boardroom is a versatile light-filled space that is available for daytime and evening events. Its central location in the heart of Oxford makes it perfect for bringing people together for a meeting. In the evening, it transforms into an intimate private dining room with a rooftop terrace where you can welcome your guests with reception drinks.

**Capacity:** Standing 25, Board/Classroom 20, Dinner 18

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The staff were spot on, canapés delicious and everything ran super smoothly so thank you very much.

Robert

## VAULTED CAFÉ



### LEVEL -1

The Vaulted Café, with its flagstone flooring, vaulted ceiling arches and booth-style seating alcoves is an informal setting to end the evening with dancing and live bands. Perfect as a stand-alone space for smaller dinner parties or combined with any of our event spaces to relax and have some fun at a company celebration.

Capacity: 200

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## EXCLUSIVE CATERING PARTNER

### CLERKENWELL GREEN EVENTS

Clerkenwell Green Events is the Ashmolean's exclusive catering partner. Created with passion, their food is sustainably sourced, showcasing the best seasonal produce, beautifully designed and provides an extraordinary culinary experience to inspire you and your guests.

The award-winning chefs create specially curated menus to suit all dietary needs – kosher, vegan, halal – together with clever wine pairings, and creative menu and table design.



## ASHMOLEAN A-LIST

### TRUSTED PARTNERS

Over the years we have developed relationships with our trusted partners to support events at the Museum. This means we can offer our clients a curated list of suppliers and creatives who share our values and meet our high standards. Our network of professionals will provide those added extras like photography, lighting and AV, entertainment and floristry.

Familiar with our event spaces they will work with your ideas and bring them to life in the Museum. Your Event Manager can wholeheartedly recommend the right partner for your event.



# HAVE YOU BEEN INSPIRED?



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