ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM
OXFORD

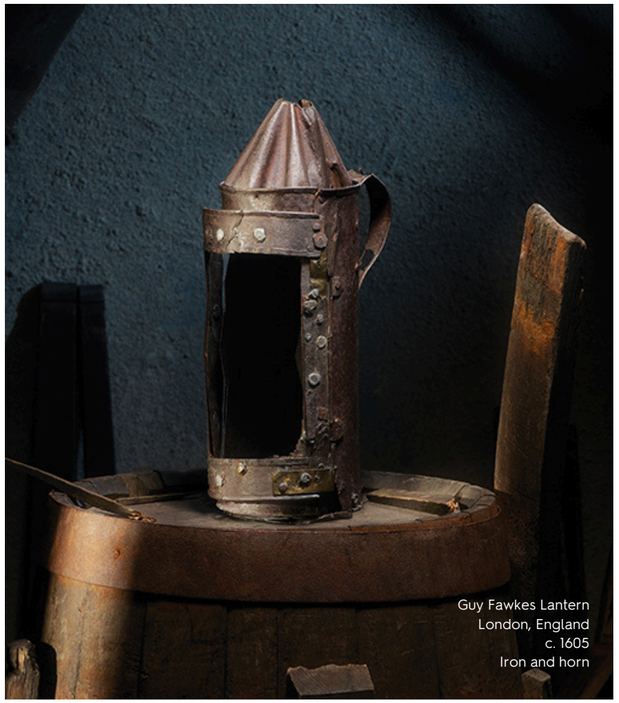
TOURS & ACTIVITIES

The Ashmolean has been sharing stories since 1683.
Let us help you tell yours.

TOURS & EXPERIENCES

With over half a million years of human history under one roof, the Ashmolean offers more than a backdrop for your event.

Add a curator-led introduction or a private highlights tour to the evening, and give your guests a memorable experience that brings our world-class collections to life.



Guy Fawkes Lantern
London, England
c. 1605
Iron and horn

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TOURS

Depending on your guest numbers and spaces hired we offer a range of tours that suit both seasoned and new visitors.

HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

A perfect introduction to the Museum. The Highlights tour will talk you through the Ashmolean's most treasured objects and artworks, from the Alfred Jewel to Guy Fawkes' Lantern.

LEADERSHIP

Exploring powerful examples of leadership across cultures and time within our collection. From the commanding presence of Samurai armour to the symbolism of the Alfred Jewel, Renaissance masterpieces, and religious icons, discover how leadership has been expressed and remembered throughout history.

CHANGEMAKERS

Explore how change has reshaped art, culture, and history, and consider how our collections transform both our understanding and the world around us. On the tour, you'll uncover artistic, social, and religious transformations through key objects in our collection. Reflect on how different cultures and periods of history have been shaped and transformed by change.

Capacity: 20 people per tour guide, up to a maximum of 4 groups

MURDER IN THE MUSEUM NIGHTS

Team up with fellow guests to unravel a murder, guided by those who seem to know more than they should...

Our Murder in the Museum add-ons are an exciting and different way to explore our collection.

With clues hidden in galleries and actors helping you build a case, it's a team building offering with a difference. Working with partners Dead Herring, we've crafted a mystery for your guests to solve, completely unique to the Ashmolean.

You can do the activity on it's own or follow it with drinks or dinner on the Rooftop.

Capacity: Max 40 people



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SLOW ART TOURS

How long would you normally spend standing in front of a painting?

‘Slow Art’ was created to encourage us all to look at art for a little longer, in the hope that we not only see more, but also get to know the works in greater detail. Exploring artworks more slowly can help us to form more stories, feelings, and opinions, about the works.

This activity is a wonderful mindful or wellbeing focused event for smaller groups.

Capacity: 10 per guide/group, max 3 groups

Jerusalem
Edward Lear (1812 - 1888)
1865, Oil on canvas

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CATERING

Located at the top of the world's oldest museum, the Ashmolean Rooftop Restaurant features floor-to-ceiling glass windows that open onto a spacious terrace with views of the historic Randolph Hotel and Oxford skyline.

Add a glass of 2019 Preamble No.2 form local vineyard Hundred Hills to an indulgent selection of charcuterie platters filled with high quality cured meats, cheeses, olives, bread and more.

Catering is provided by our in house caterers Benugo.





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HOST YOUR EVENT AT THE ASHMOLEAN

Our spaces are available throughout the year for a range of events. Contact our Events team to check availability and begin planning your event.

We aim to respond to all enquiries within one working day.

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