

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM
OXFORD

CHRISTMAS IN THE GALLERIES

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



WHY THE ASHMOLEAN

Located in the heart of Oxford, the Ashmolean is Britain's first public museum. Our galleries offer a setting shaped by art, architecture and objects that span cultures and centuries.

Since our founding in 1683, we have been a gathering place for stories, ideas, and unforgettable experiences.

Whether you're looking for maximum impact or a more intimate celebration, our expert team will help you create the perfect festive party.

A range of festive packages is available, with pricing tailored to your event and guest numbers.





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RAISE A GLASS IN THE ASHMOLEAN ATRIUM

Guests gather beneath the statue of Apollo for drinks and canapés before dinner, settling into the Museum as the day draws to a close and the galleries take on a different character.

The Atrium comfortably accommodates up to 150 guests for a reception and provides a natural setting for welcome remarks before moving through to dinner.

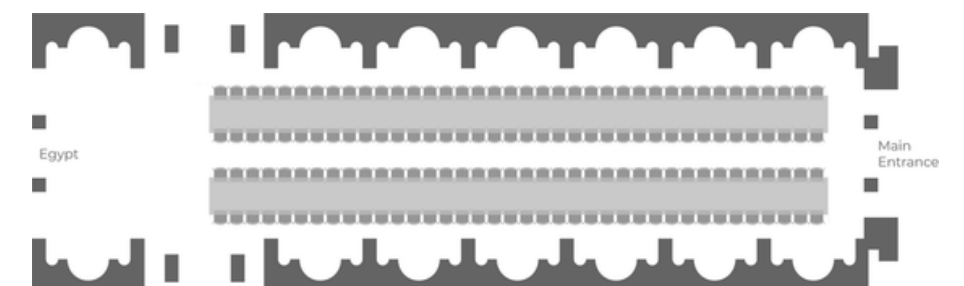
The scale of the space, combined with views into adjoining galleries, creates an immediate sense of occasion.



DINNER IN THE GREEK & ROMAN SCULPTURE GALLERY

Dine shoulder to shoulder with the Arundel marbles, an impressive collection of classical sculptures housed in our Greek and Roman Sculpture Gallery. Flagged by striking columns, this magnificent space is an impactful backdrop for entertaining clients, celebrating achievements and toasting company wins.

The Gallery accommodates up to 150 guests for dinner, with long or round table layouts available.





CATERING

Catering in the Galleries is delivered by our exclusive partner, **Oxford Fine Dining**.

Festive menus are developed in response to your brief, drawing on seasonal produce and delivered by experienced teams familiar with working within a museum environment.

From reception canapés to seated dinners, service is coordinated closely with the Museum to ensure a smooth and considered evening.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

- 18.30** Guests arrive for drinks reception in the Atrium
- 19.15** Call to dine
- 19.30** Guests move via the Atrium stairs to the Greek & Roman Sculpture Gallery
- 19.45** Dinner service begins
- 21.30** Dinner service concludes
- 21.45** After party begins in the Vaults
- 23.30** Last orders
- 00.00** Carriages



AFTER PARTY

Move your party downstairs to the Vaults to continue your celebrations with dancing and bar options.

For Christmas events including an after-party, we are pleased to include a DJ and event lighting at no additional cost.

AFTER PARTY ADD-ON

Dancing and late bar in the Ashmolean Vaults
Until 12am (last orders at 11.30pm)



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BOOK YOUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

December dates are limited and early booking is recommended.
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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