



Christmas Parties

at the Natural History Museum 2018



An iconic venue

The Natural History Museum has an incredible range of venues for Christmas parties, however large or small your event. Enjoy exclusive pre-dinner drinks receptions in our galleries or let us design a unique experience for your party.

Our expert team will help you to choose the perfect space for your Christmas party, whether you are looking for an event with maximum impact or a more intimate celebration.

The newly refurbished Hintze Hall at the centre of the Museum is the largest space for entertaining,

hosting dinner dances for 450 guests and dinners up to 650. The venue will hold over 1,000 people for a drinks reception with food stations or canapés and bowl food.

The Earth Hall with a capacity of 200 guests for dinner or 400 for a reception offers a specially designed, fully inclusive package. You can also choose to book the Earth Hall and arrange your own choice of caterers and entertainment from our comprehensive list of partners.

Take over the Museum with up to 3,000 guests.



Hintze Hall

The unforgettable and world-famous Hintze Hall provides a stunning backdrop to any Christmas party, with its grand entrance leading to soaring Romanesque arches, a magnificent stone staircase and new dramatic exhibits.

The centrepiece to the space is a blue whale skeleton suspended from the ceiling complemented by a fascinating range of new specimens in the bays to the sides of the room.

As night falls, the exterior of the venue will be illuminated, creating an atmospheric entrance and a sense of intrigue for what awaits within. As guests arrive they will pass through the magnificent entrance archway, into one of the beautiful galleries ~ Fossil Way or Dinosaur Way.

After arrival drinks, the awe-inspiring Hintze Hall will be revealed. Guests will then be treated to wonderful catering from one of our many accredited caterers and then dance the night away in the Museum to a band or DJ.





Hintze Hall

Capacity

Dinner dance: 450

Dinner: 650

Reception: 1,200

Venue hire charge

£23,700 (vat exempt)

Earth Hall

The Earth Hall is entered through a grand entrance on Exhibition Road, with guests greeted by the amazing dinosaur specimen, the most intact Stegosaurus fossil skeleton ever found. The celestial map adorning the Earth Hall's walls and the giant Earth sculpture above provide a dramatic backdrop for a seasonal celebration.





Earth Hall

Capacity

Dinner dance: 200

Dinner: 200

Reception: 400

Venue hire charge

dry hire costs are variable. Packages start from £77 + vat per guest

Earth Hall

Option 1 – all inclusive package:

The Museum is offering the opportunity to choose from an all inclusive package, to take all the stress out of organising your event.

- Venue from 7pm-12am
- Arrival Prosecco
- Choice of three course dinner or canapé and bowl food menu provided by our catering partner The Recipe
- Unlimited wine, beer and soft drinks throughout
- Full production including lighting and DJ
- Cloakroom
- Full event management
- Option to upgrade menus and extend hours at an additional charge



Option 2 – venue hire:

Hire the whole Earth Hall for your celebration, with our accredited suppliers on hand to cater your event and transform the space for you! During your event your guests will have the chance to ascend the escalator that transports them through the centre of the Earth into the surrounding geological galleries, for an additional fee.



Earth Hall

Example dinner menu

Baked salmon and sole with pickled fennel, cucumber and chive cream sauce

Rolled saffron, baked celeriac & truffled mushroom roulade (V)

Roast chicken with herb butter, bubble and squeak, rosemary jus

Honey & herb marinated Quorn breast, bubble and squeak, rosemary jus (V)

Treacle tart, vanilla cream, smoked whiskey caramel

A full range of options are available on request

Example canapé and bowl food menu

To include 4 canapés and 4 bowl food items per person (including one dessert bowl)

Canapés

Ballotine of guinea fowl, wild mushrooms, truffle oil

Beef satay, peanut crumble

Salmon, mooli, cauliflower puree and caviar

Bubble & squeak croquette, sage mayo (V)

Bowl food

Slow cooked beef shin, mash, red wine jus

Smoked haddock, quails egg, crushed potato

Sweet potato and coconut curry, rice with crispy shallots (V)

Spiced apple & pear crumble

A full range of options are available on request

Additional spaces for hire

The Natural History Museum isn't just renowned for large parties – we also have a number of more intimate spaces within the galleries, for groups of up to 40, including the Images of Nature Gallery and Earth's Treasury. For smaller groups we can also offer private talks and tours.

Enhance your event

To make your event more special we can provide additional spaces for arrival drinks, with private viewings of other exhibitions including the highly-popular Wildlife Photographer of the Year Gallery. The Museum also has larger, more contemporary spaces, including the Darwin Centre, with its steel struts and reflective glass, which provides space for 150 guests for a dinner.



Capacity

Darwin Centre dinner: 150

Darwin Centre reception: 350

Images of Nature gallery dinner: 80

Images of Nature gallery reception: 150

Wildlife Photographer of the Year
& Fossil Way reception: 400

Whole Museum reception: 3,000

Why host your event at the Natural History Museum?

The dedicated events team has a wealth of experience hosting prestigious dinners and receptions, and many of our clients come back to us every year.

By hiring the Museum you are contributing to maintaining this historic venue and funding ongoing scientific research. We have won a range of accolades for our environmentally friendly practices and consider our impact in everything we do.

Testimonials

“The event was a huge success and so many people have told us it was our best New Look Christmas party yet. All the waiting and security staff were very attentive, music was perfect, food was delicious and the place looked spectacular!”

A.A, New Look Christmas party for 1,200 guests in Hintze Hall

“I just wanted to say a HUGE thank you to you all for all you did to make the Gala Dinner for EACH such a success. We have had nothing but positive feedback and it is testament to your enthusiasm and professionalism of you all, and your teams.”

Debbie-Lee Pinching, Special Relationships and Events Manager, East Anglia Children’s Hospital, dinner for 360



Contact

We would love the opportunity to talk to you about your next event.

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