Christmas Parties
at the Natural History Museum 2019
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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.
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| Venue hire charge | £24,500 (vat exempt) |

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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.
Capacity

Dinner dance: 200
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Reception: 400

Venue hire charge

Dry hire costs are variable. Packages start from £60 + VAT per person
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

**Starter**
Pine needle cured trout, tangerine & fennel salad
Salt baked carrots, goats cheese, honeycomb pickled fennel (V)

**Main**
Roast turkey breast, bread sauce croquette, spiced pumpkin puree apricot & cranberry stuffing, honeyed parsnips
Butternut squash & chestnut mushroom wellington, spiced pumpkin puree, honeyed parsnips (V)

**Dessert**
Yule log, frosted berries whipped cream

A full range of options are available on request

Example canapé and bowl food menu

**Canapés**
Confit pork belly, honey & mustard
Lamb fillet, smoked yoghurt, pea puree
Smoked haddock kedgeree cake, Thai asparagus, quails egg
Toasted brioche, goats cheese, pear puree, truffle honey (V)

**Bowl food**
Grilled sausage, mash potatoes, red onion jam
Red Mullet, saffron mash, sauce vierge
Pea & truffle pecorino risotto (V)
Sticky toffee pudding, caramel sauce, clotted cream

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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.

Support

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Accredited Suppliers

Suppliers

The Museum has a range of event suppliers who are accredited to provide services for every element of your event. Each supplier has been specially selected for their quality and to suit a range of budgets.

The Venue Hire team are on hand to help you choose the suppliers who is best for you.

Testimonials

“The event ran amazingly well with all the different suppliers on board. Our guests were amazed by the venue and how fantastic the evening ran. Many a comment on it not being your average black tie charity do! Thank you so much to all involved, I couldn’t be more grateful.”

Eight Wealth Management, Dinner Dance for 200 people in Hintze Hall, May 2018

“The team of people were all incredibly and worked so well together. Nothing slipped, nothing was missed and no request was too small. We would definitely work with all of these suppliers again!”

Ares Management, Dinner for 200 in Hintze Hall, May 2018

“Perfect venue for sure. Everyone was super impressed not sure how we’ll ever top this venue at a new Christmas party.”

Ebury Partners, Earth Hall Christmas Party for 150 people, December 2018

“This was the most professional service we have ever had! Everything was above all expectations!!”

Interblock, Awards Gala for 350 in Earth Hall, February 2019
Contact

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