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The Design Museum, the world’s leading museum devoted to architecture and design, which has hosted leading brand and fashion events for decades, is now exclusively available for a limited number of wedding ceremonies and celebrations a year.

Located in a landmark grade II listed modernist building in the heart of Holland Park, Kensington, the Design Museum offers five unique and memorable spaces for marriages, civil partnerships and celebrations.

To find out more, please contact the events team. They will guide you through the space options, timings, fees, approved suppliers and availability.

The museum is a registered charity governed by a board of trustees. By hosting your celebration at the Design Museum, you are contributing to the museum’s vision of helping everyone understand the value of design.
the Atrium

The Atrium is the museum’s largest space, holding up to 750 guests across three open levels. It can be hired for wedding ceremonies, drinks receptions and dinner dances.

It is a bright and dramatic space, with balconies offering open views of the museum and its original, hyperbolic paraboloid roof.

It acts as a blank canvas that you can transform into your vision by working with our trusted, approved suppliers.

As this space is open to the public during the day, ceremonies can start from 19:00, or you can use another room for an earlier ceremony and the Atrium for dinner and dancing.

Hire of the Atrium includes use of the Plaza for early evening drinks until 20:30.

Capacity
200 ceremony
750 standing reception
150 dinner dance

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the Helene and Johannes Huth Gallery

The Helene and Johannes Huth Gallery is on the second floor of the museum with incredible views over Holland Park.

It is a sleek and versatile space with retractable walls and the option of all day hire, ideal for day-time ceremonies or set ups that require additional time to set up.

Capacity
200 ceremony
100 ceremony, reception and lunch
220 standing reception
200 seated lunch/ dinner
the Sachs Family Park Room

The Sachs Family Park Room is located on the third floor of the Museum. With full length windows and impressive views of Holland Park, it glows in natural light.

This room can be used for medium sized ceremonies and celebrations, or in conjunction with the Atrium for a larger evening reception.

Capacity
100 ceremony
50 ceremony, reception and lunch
120 standing reception
100 seated lunch/ dinner
the Chumsri and Luqman Lounge

Designed by Universal Design Studio, the Chumsri and Luqman Lounge features a polished pewter bar, mirrored walls, Barber Osgerby designed furniture and a unique collection of Philip Sayer photographs featuring 30 legendary designers.

It is ideal for smaller day time ceremonies and celebrations and can also be hired as a private room in addition to the other spaces.

**Capacity**
- 20 ceremony
- 20 ceremony, reception and lunch
- 45 standing reception
- 32 dinner
the Plaza

The Design Museum has recently launched its new outside space, the Plaza, offering beautiful views of one of London’s most loved green spaces, Holland Park, making it the perfect setting for early evening drinks.

Capacity
100 standing

The Plaza can only be hired until 20:30 and is not available for civil marriage or partnership ceremonies.
options

To help you get a feel for the day, we have created three options that we find work well for wedding couples. Please contact our Events Team to discuss the options and they will put a quote together especially for you.

Option 1, Ceremony and Drinks Reception (up to 100 guests)
Example timings:
09:00 Supplier access to set up
11:30* Couple, bridal party and registrar arrive
12:00 Guests arrive for ceremony
12:30 Ceremony starts
13:00 Drinks and canapés (or lunch) served
    Photos in designated museum areas
14:30 Event ends
* Three-hour bookings any time within the hours of 11:00 and 17:00 (latest starting at 14:00)

Hire fee:
Up to 20 guests: £3,000 plus vat (Chumsri and Luqman Lounge)
Up to 100 guests: £6,000 plus vat (Helene and Johannes Huth Gallery)

Option 2, Reception and Dinner Dance (up to 150 guests)
Example timings:
12:00 Supplier access to set up
17:00 Couple and guests arrive
    Drinks and canapés served in the Helene and Johannes Huth Gallery
    Photos in designated museum areas
19:00 Call to dinner in the Atrium
20:30 Speeches and cake cutting
21:00 First dance in the Atrium
23:30 Bar closes and music ends
00:00 Event ends

Hire fee: £14,000 plus vat
Option 3, Ceremony, Reception and Dinner Dance (up to 150 guests)

Example timings:
12:00 Supplier access to set up
16:00 Couple, bridal party and registrar arrive
16:30 Guests arrive for ceremony in the Helene and Johannes Huth Gallery
17:00 Ceremony starts
17:30 Drinks and canapés served
   Photos in designated museum areas
19:00 Call to dinner in the Atrium
20:30 Speeches and cake cutting
21:00 First dance in the Atrium
23:30 Bar closes and music ends
00:00 Event ends

Hire fee: £15,000 plus vat

All prices are subject to vat.
Guest timings are approximate and depend on the amount of setup required.
Set up in the Atrium is from 18:00.
Hire fees are for the spaces only, please see FAQs for what is included.
Bookings are subject to the Design Museum’s T&Cs, available from the Events Team.
frequently asked questions

Is the Museum licenced for marriages and civil partnership ceremonies?
All of the spaces listed are licenced for marriages and civil partnership ceremonies. We will connect you with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea to book your registrar (their contact details can be found on p15). Please note, this is a separate cost to the venue hire fee.

What is included in the venue hire fee?
The hire fee includes exclusive use of your chosen event spaces, a venue hire manager, security staff, cleaning staff and an onsite electrician. Other costs to consider are planner, catering, production (for lighting, audio visual and dance floor), flowers and entertainment from the approved list.

Do we have to use a wedding planner?
You must have a planner on the day itself. This is so that you can focus on enjoying the day, while your experienced planner oversees the coordination. All of our approved planners offer full planning services or lead in/on the day support.

Can we use our own suppliers?
Due to the nature of the building and short set up times, you must work with our approved list of suppliers. This ensures the Museum is protected and you receive the highest, most knowledgeable service from suppliers who know the Museum inside out and are best placed to bring your vision to life.

Can we supply our own drinks?
You are welcome to provide your own drinks. We don’t charge a corkage fee but your supplier will charge an amount to chill, deliver, hire glasses and serve the drink.

Can we dance in the museum?
You are welcome to dance but there needs to be a dance floor. This can be arranged through one of our approved production companies.

Are there any restrictions in the museum?
As a listed building, fireworks, sparklers, confetti, helium balloons, naked flames and dry ice are not permitted in the museum or garden. Due to the floors and collection, red wine can only be served at seated dinners.

Do we have to end at midnight?
The end time can be extended until 01:00, subject to licence availability and at an additional £2,000 plus vat.
approved suppliers

The Design Museum’s suppliers are carefully selected. They are all experienced at working within the listed building and to the relevant set up and pack down times, therefore we ask that all your suppliers are chosen from this list.

Please contact us if you would like to discuss the list in more detail.

planning

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Please contact our dedicated events team to find out more about holding your wedding or celebration at the Design Museum.

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To book your registrar, please contact:
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