



SOMERSET
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WEDDINGS AT SOMERSET HOUSE

Exclusive packages for up to 15-30 guests

Available until 31st August 2021



Built on historic foundations at the very heart of the capital, Somerset House is home to the UK's largest creative community and one of the city's best loved public spaces.

Run as a charity by Somerset House Trust, all event hire income directly contributes to the venue's cultural public programme, education and outreach work and helps maintain the Grade I listed site for over 3 million visitors to enjoy annually - you can be confident that your event will be directly supporting an organisation offering immense value to an audience that goes far beyond your guests.

The grandeur and heritage of Somerset House's diverse venue, coupled with the expertise of the Events team, offer an unrivalled location for unforgettable events.

PORTICO ROOMS

Located on the first floor of the South Wing, the [Portico Rooms](#) are a spacious and versatile suite of rooms offering a contemporary and elegant location for your ceremony.

With original features, natural daylight and uninterrupted views of the London skyline, the Portico Rooms offer a stylish and versatile backdrop.

Included in the hire are two private balconies, which offers uninterrupted views of our famous Courtyard on one side and the River Thames on the other, providing a truly stunning setting for exclusive photography.

Morning Ceremony

Access from 10:00-12:00

Venue Hire Fee: £2,500+VAT

Afternoon Ceremony

Access from 14:00 - 16:00

Venue Hire Fee: £2,500+VAT



NAVY BOARD ROOMS

Steeped in history and dating back to the 18th century, the [Navy Board Rooms](#) are an impressive suite of rooms with a distinctive sense of charm and heritage.

Climbing the grand, sweeping Nelson Staircase is an experience in itself, as each flight is a one-off architectural work of art. Entering the main space, marble fireplaces and wooden floors create a grand atmosphere, with large sash windows offering panoramic views across the River Thames.

Originally home to the Navy Board, overseeing British naval affairs around the globe, the Navy Board Rooms are now a hugely popular venue. The interconnecting rooms offer wonderful natural light, original features and great flexibility.

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The logo for Somerset House, featuring the words "SOMERSET HOUSE" in a bold, sans-serif font. The text is white and is set against a dark, semi-transparent background that is shaped like a white flag or banner pointing towards the top right.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

One of the fantastic benefits of having your wedding at Somerset House is the opportunity to have photographs in our famous Edmond J Safra Fountain Court with its dancing fountains (seasonal).

Included in your hire is a 45 minute slot, following the ceremony, for photographs in our iconic Courtyard. The perfect backdrop for your day.

Please note that as an arts and culture centre open to the public, we cannot confirm what might be happening in the Courtyard or around the rest of the public areas at Somerset House at that time. We have a very exciting and constantly expanding public programme, which sees lots of different installations, exhibitions, artwork and public events all over the site. It's a huge part of what makes us Somerset House. There are also occasions where essential works need to take place on the building and these instances are out of our control.

We Recommend:

The logo for Matt Chung Photography, featuring the name "MATTCHUNG" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with "Photography" written in a red, cursive script below it.

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ADD A SIT-DOWN RECEPTION

Available as an add-on for the Afternoon Ceremony only.

Currently available for up to 15-30 guests.

Please note that this option is subject to government guidelines at the time of your event.

Option 1: Portico Rooms

While you and your guests are taking your photos in the beautiful Edmond J Safra Fountain Court, and enjoying a drink on our River Terrace, our suppliers can transform this space into the perfect sit down dinner.

Venue hire: additional £7,000+VAT.

This extends your guest access to 22:00, venue clear by suppliers by 23:00.

Includes a private area of our River Terrace between 16:00 – 17:30

Option 2: Seamen's Hall

If you would like to host your sit down reception in a different space at Somerset House then the Seamen's Hall, located on the ground floor of our South Wing, with marble floors, imposing Corinthian columns and huge windows, would be the perfect option. Entered via central doors from our stunning Edmond J. Safra Fountain Court, the Seamen's Hall leads directly out onto our exclusive River Terrace, a section of which is included in the hire, offering panoramic views of the Thames and surrounding iconic London landmarks.

Venue Hire: additional £8,000 + VAT.

This will give suppliers access from 18:00, guests from 18:30-22:00 and venue clear by 23:00.

Includes a private area our River Terrace between 16:00 – 18:30



SIT-DOWN RECEPTION ONLY

If your ceremony is already booked then this is the perfect option for your celebration.

Currently available for up to 15-30 guests.

Please note that this option is subject to government guidelines at the time of your event.

Option 1: Portico Rooms

Located on the first floor of the South Wing, the Portico Rooms are a spacious and versatile suite of rooms offering a contemporary and elegant location for evening events. With original features and uninterrupted views of the London skyline, the Portico Rooms offer a stylish and versatile backdrop for your sit down reception.

Venue hire: £8,000+VAT.

This will give suppliers access from 17:30, guests from 18:30-22:00 and venue clear by 23:00.

Option 2: Seamen's Hall

Located on the ground floor of the South Wing, the Seamen's Hall has marble floors, imposing Corinthian columns and huge windows, making it the perfect space for evening gatherings. Entered via central doors from our stunning Edmond J. Safra Fountain Court, the hall leads directly out onto our exclusive River Terrace, a section of which is included in the hire, offering panoramic views of the Thames and surrounding iconic London landmarks. With original period features including black and white marble flooring, it offers an air of expansive elegance, lending itself beautifully as an evening venue.

Venue Hire: £9,000+ VAT.

This will give suppliers access from 18:00, guests from 18:30-22:00 and venue clear by 23:00.



HIRE DETAILS



Packages are currently available for up to 15-30 guests only.

Please note that capacities are subject to government guidelines and the social distancing requirements at the time of your event.

Licensing:

Both the Portico Rooms and Navy Board Rooms are licensed for civil ceremonies. A registrar is an additional fee and must be booked directly via the [City of Westminster](#). Costs start from £701.

Venue Hire Fee:

Included within this fee is an Event Manager, pre and post event cleaning, 15-30 chairs for the ceremony event set-up.

Accredited Suppliers:

Catering, AV, production and all other requirements, including furniture, are in addition to the venue quote. Please note that you are required to use Somerset House's accredited suppliers only, for all aspects of your event. You can view our list [here](#). If you would like us to gather some initial quotes on your behalf then please do let us know.

Refundable Security Deposit:

A refundable security deposit of £1,500 is required for all bookings. This will be invoiced separately to the Hire Fee. This deposit is fully refundable up to 30 days after the event, subject to no damage having been caused to the building or overrunning of the contracted timings.

Public Liability Insurance:

Somerset House require all clients to have £10 million public liability insurance.

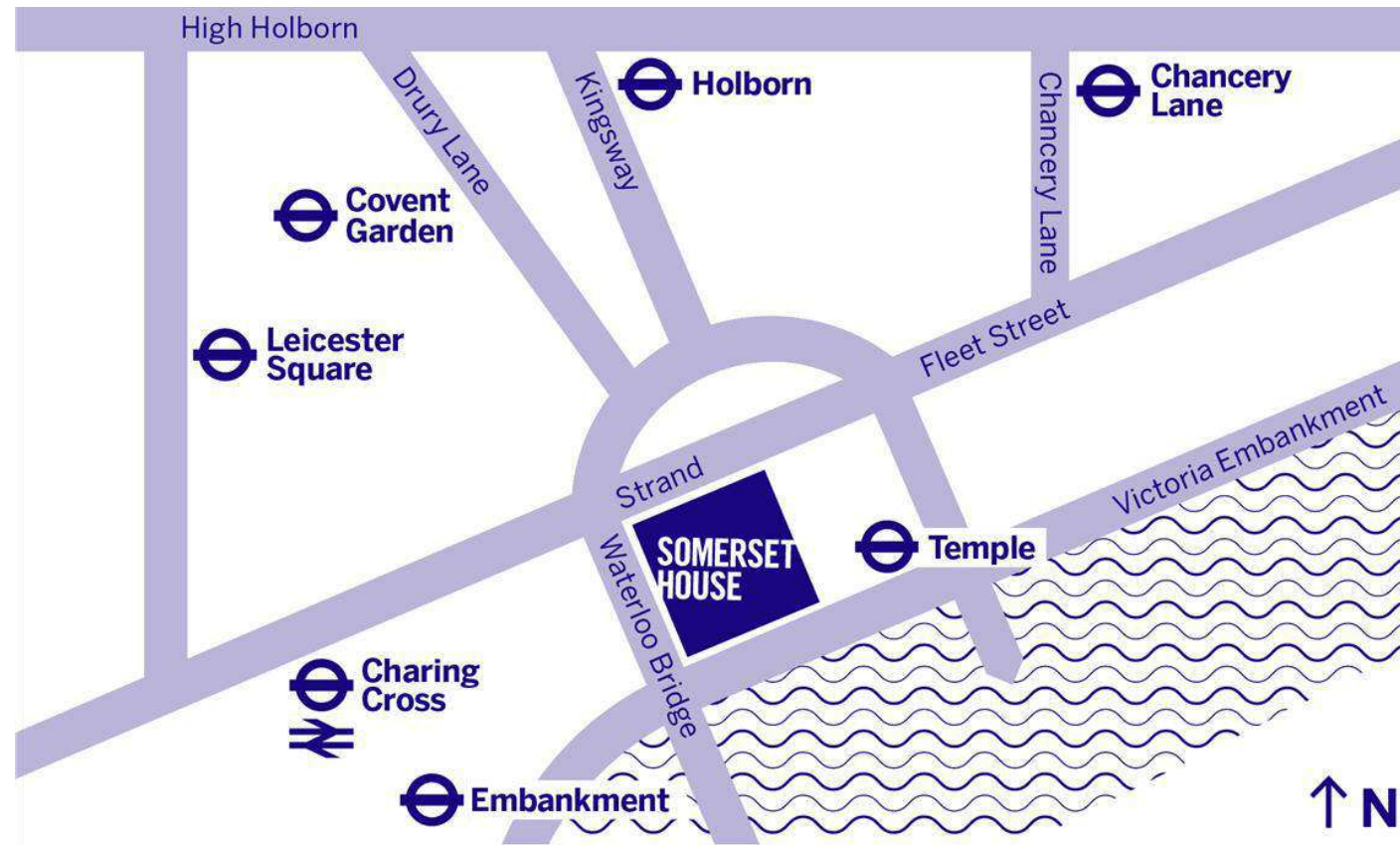
North Wing Maintenance Works:

Hoarding and scaffolding will be situated on the external façade of the North Wing during your event date. Please ask the team for further information.

COVID-19:

We are following the official Working Safely during Covid-19 Government guidance to make sure the whole building is Covid secure for all staff and visitors. This is an ongoing process and will be updated as government advice changes. All guests are required to follow Somerset House's [guidelines](#)

OUR LOCATION



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How to find us

Somerset House
Strand, London WC2R 1LA

By London Underground

Nearest stations

Temple (Circle & District lines; 250m, 5 mins)
Covent Garden (Piccadilly line; 650m, 8 mins)
Charing Cross (Bakerloo & Northern lines; 700m, 10 mins)
Embankment (Circle & District lines; 700m, 10 mins)
Waterloo (Bakerloo, Waterloo & City, Jubilee & Northern lines; 800m, 11 mins)

By Rail

Nearest stations

Charing Cross (700m, 10 mins)
Blackfriars (1km, 13 mins)
Waterloo (1km, 13 mins)

By Bus

Buses 1, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 15, 23, 26, 59, 68, 76, 87, 91, 139,
168, 171, 172, 176, 188, 243, 341, 521, RV1 and X68
all pass along the Strand and/or Aldwych, stopping within 100-200 metres of
Somerset House

By River

River bus services RB1, RB2 and RB6 all stop at Embankment Pier, roughly 600
metres from Somerset House