

your day.
your way.

Weddings at M Shed





## congratulations!

A huge congratulations on your recent engagement from us all at M Shed.

Wedding planning can be the most exciting, yet stressful time for you both and we want to ensure that we can take some of that stress away from you. This is a time that you should be enjoying together planning your future. We hope to have put together a guide to 'all you need to know about weddings at M Shed' to help you through each step of the planning process.

A dedicated Event Coordinator will be with you every step of the way and will be here to help and guide you plan your big day.

We look forward to welcoming your friends and family to celebrate your marriage at M Shed.

### the venue

#### The History

M Shed is a world-class cultural landmark set on the harbour side in the heart of Bristol. Formally a 1950's transit shed of the same name, the building and infamous cranes that you still see at the Museum today were used to load and unload ships & railway wagons delivering precious cargo into the City.

#### Now

Now a fully licensed wedding venue, we have the perfect backdrop for your upcoming celebrations. With panoramic views across the harbour side and city you can say your I Do's in style.

We understand that this is your big day and that you have your own ideas of how you want to celebrate your marriage. Our flexible and versatile event space alongside our array of menus, drinks packages and decor ideas allow you to d Your Day, Your Way.

#### What is included in the venue hire?

- Access to the room from 10.00am on the day for those final touches.
   Alternatively, we are more than happy to set up for you.
- Ceremony room hire
- A special entrance to your wedding breakfast (more information if you read on!)
- Tables, banqueting chairs, liner & napkins
- Cutlery, crockery & glassware
- Private bar facilities until 1am
- Exclusive use of the roof terrace
- Share a private moment in the museum once it has closed to the public, just the happy couple and your photographer.



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#### Come and see us!

We want you to love M Shed as much as we do so we invite you both in to see us. Let us show you around the event space and talk you through all of the exciting options available for your wedding day.





#### Check your date.

Have a think about a time of year that you want to get married. Do you prefer the longer summer evenings or would you like a cosier affair as the nights get darker? Is it important that you get married on a Saturday? When you have the answers let us know and we will offer you all of the availability that we have. You can then choose the special date and we will put it on hold for you.

#### Book your Registrar.

Now that you have your venue and your date you need to book your Registrar. Contact Bristol City Council to check that they are available on the same date. They will advise of the process and costs to do so.



You have done the hard part. You have your ceremony and your venue booked. Take some time out to enjoy your engagement, pop some Champagne and enjoy planning the rest of your special day.





### Confirm your Wedding at M Shed.

Date available. Tick.
Registrar booked. Tick. Now it is time for us to send you a contract for the date of your wedding. We will ask you for an idea of numbers and what you want to eat & drink so it is worth having a think about these things beforehand. We will also ask you for a deposit to secure your date with us.



# make your entrance.

Are you looking for something that will make your day stand out? Something that none of your friends and family will have done before? Look no further.

Usually, after everyone has been seated for the wedding breakfast the happy couple will enter, on foot, into the room to the cheers and applause of your guests. Not at M Shed.

Be announced into your Wedding Breakfast whilst you are being crane lifted by the infamous M Shed cranes. Take in those views from the air and wave to your guests who will be on the edge of their seats to get a glimpse of you.

This will be an experience never to forget and a fabulous photo opportunity to capture the special moment.

\*Subject to weather conditions and can only be done at certain times of the day. Speak to your Events Coordinator for more details.



## feeling hungry?

At M Shed there is no set way to cater for your wedding. We provide you with the options, you choose.

#### Canapés

Once your ceremony has finished and you have officially been announced as a married couple it will be time for you to go off and have some photos taken. Why not offer your guests something to nibble on whilst they all talk about how beautiful you both looked.

#### **Wedding Breakfast**

We offer a traditional 3 course sit down meal which is lovingly prepared by our highly skilled team of chefs using locally sourced ingredients. If, however, you fancy something a little bit different take a look at our street food buffet menu or afternoon tea menu. Please ask for menus.

#### **Allergies**

Our kitchens work with a large number of ingredients on a daily basis and therefore it is important that you capture any allergies and the severity that your guests may have. We will ask for you to provide us with their name and where they are sat on the table plan to ensure that we can serve them something that suits their requirements.

#### **Evening Offering**

Something to soak up the wine from lunch or to refuel after dancing to your band or DJ? You might want to provide your guests with something to eat in the evening, especially if you have invited extra guests to celebrate with you later in the day. We have hot & cold options available

#### **Everyone loves cheese**

Why not add a cheese board for your fellow cheese lovers? This can be served at a time of your choice but you know it will always go down well with your guests.

#### Sustainability

M Shed has achieved silver accreditation from the Soil Association's Food for Life Served Here Award, a prestigious food quality award which is raising the standards of food quality, provenance and sustainability. We are committed to using at least 5% organic ingredients, using a selection of ingredients produced locally or in the UK, and making healthy eating the easy option.

# feeling thirsty?

For the duration of your day (with exception to the ceremony) we offer you and your guests access to a private, fully licensed bar. We serve locally sourced lagers & ales alongside a selection of wines & spirits.

Add on one of our drinks packages offering your guests a drink on you!

#### Soft Drinks Package

A glass of orange juice on arrival

A glass of Elderflower presse with your wedding breakfast

Fentimans Rose Lemonade for the toast

#### Package 1

- A glass of sparkling wine on arriva
- A glass of wine with your wedding breakfast
- A glass of sparkling wine for the toast

#### Package 2

- A glass of sparkling wine or Pimms on arrival
- Two glasses of wine with your wedding breakfas
- A glass of sparkling wine for the toast

#### Package 3

- A gin & tonic or bottled beer on arriva
- Half a bottle of wine with your wedding breakfas:
- A glass of sparkling wine for the toast

#### Feel fancy?

Upgrade the sparkling wine to Prosecc or Champagne for the toast

#### For the locals

Are you from Bristol and want to show your guest some local drinks? Upgrade to locally crafted peverages. See price insert for prices & details.

# those extra touches.

From your arrival to M Shed on the day until those final moments as you say goodbye to your guests we have it covered. Here are some more ideas to consider for your day.

#### **Room Decor**

M Shed is a blank canvas for you to theme as you wish. Anything from chair covers to Chivari chairs. From LOVE letters to flower walls. Speak to your Events Coordinator and see our price list for more details.

If you are arranging your own decor please do speak to your Events Coordinator to ensure that what you are planning is suitable for the room.

#### Music

The registrar will ask for you to pick some songs for your Ceremony. Your entrance music, a song to play as you sign the register (although we recommend that you pick 2 songs) and a song to play as you leave as a married couple. We ask that you nominate a member of your wedding party to come and press play.

Also consider making a playlist to play in the background during your wedding breakfast and your first dance song

#### **Speeches**

Have a think about how many speeches you want and when you want them to happen. We can provide those speaking with a microphone to ensure that those embarrassing stories are heard by everyone.

#### Cake

Suppliers can deliver cakes to the venue on the morning of your wedding. To comply with our food regulations and to assist with providing information to guests with allergies on the evening, we do ask that whoever is supplying the cake send through a full list of ingredients approximately 2 weeks out from the day along with a signed waiver form.

#### Band or DJ

We work with a local DJ company on a regular basis and we highly recommend them to you. Please ask your Events Coordinator for a quote. Alternatively, you are welcome to bring your own band or DJ, they will just need to provide us with their PAT certificates and Public Liability Insurance Certificates

#### Photo booth

Capture the moments that your photographer can't with a photo booth for your evening party. Enjoy looking through the photos of your guests the next day, laughing at those funny faces that they would probably prefer to forget! Speak to your Events Coordinator for a quote.

#### Accommodation

We don't have any accommodation at M Shed but being in the city centre we have lots of surrounding hotels that can put your guests up for the night.

#### **Candles**

We are unable to allow real candles in the venue, however, there are now some great options out there for battery operated candles that look as good as the real thing.

#### **Everything Else**

If we haven't covered the answers to some of your questions then we are just a phone call away. Please do not hesitate to contact your Events Coordinator if you have a question or need to know some more information. We are here to help.







### Contact us

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We're located on the harbour side in the heart of the city centre

