

The background of the entire image is a photograph of an outdoor event on a terrace. In the foreground, a man in a grey suit is seen from the back, holding a smartphone up to take a photo. To his right, three women are standing and smiling. The woman on the left wears a rainbow-striped t-shirt and sunglasses. The woman in the middle wears a white top, blue pleated skirt, and large sunglasses. The woman on the right wears a blue and white striped dress and a large yellow flower in her hair. They are all holding glasses of champagne or wine. In the background, other people are visible, and the iconic white stone facade of Somerset House is partially seen. Large white speakers are mounted on stands to the right.

**SOMERSET
HOUSE** step inside think outside

RIVER TERRACE & TERRACE BAR

EXCLUSIVE USE - JUNE 2023

Set against the backdrop of Somerset House's iconic façade and with breathtaking views across the Thames, the River Terrace is one of our most exclusive spaces - the perfect location to host your summer event.

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ABOUT SOMERSET HOUSE

As the home of cultural innovators, Somerset House connects creativity and the arts with wider society. It brings worlds together to intensify creativity and multiply opportunity, driving artistic and social innovation at once.

The platform for our work is a historic building at the heart of London with a long history of public service and counter perspective. It has always been open to the world, and this spirit of constant curiosity remains at its heart. Today, as host to the UK's largest creative community working globally across art, technology, business and social enterprise, it continually draws fresh ideas and new talent in. Somerset House invite everyone to 'Step Inside, Think Outside', regardless of age, stage or background.

Run as a charity by the Somerset House Trust, all event hire income directly contributes to our diverse cultural programme, our pioneering engagement & skills work, our support of emerging artists and helps us maintain our historic Grade I listed site. You can be confident that your event will directly support an organisation offering immense value to an audience that goes far beyond your attendees.

Download our Venue Hire Brochure [here](#).

LONDON DESIGN BIENNALE 2023

London Design Biennale is a global stage, featuring world leading design innovation, creativity and research from participants across the world. The Biennale champions the importance and universal relevance of design, in contemporary life and culture.

As part of London Design Biennale 2023 there will be a bespoke installation featured on the River Terrace, further enhancing this event space.

Please speak to the team to find out more and to discover how you can incorporate exhibition access, talks and private tours of the London Design Biennale into your event with us.



LONDON DESIGN BIENNALE



RIVER TERRACE

Set against the backdrop of Somerset House's iconic 18th century façade and with sweeping views across the Thames, the River Terrace is one of our most exclusive spaces and the perfect location for a standing reception.

The River Terrace is a glamorous alfresco London setting for entertaining guests in the warmer months. Throughout June 2023, the Terrace Bar is also included in your hire, providing a wet weather option, with a capacity of up to 250 people.

Perfect for summer parties, invite guests to a private barbecue expertly planned by one of our caterers, or simply enjoy a drinks reception whilst the London landmarks light up your event.

EXCLUSIVE CATERING PACKAGES

In the addition to your Venue Hire Fee, please select one of the catering options, outlined overleaf, to complete your inclusive summer package.

YOUR EVENT

Exclusive hire of both the River Terrace and Terrace Bar combined.

As part of London Design Biennale 2023 there will be a bespoke installation featured within your hired event space. The exact details of this installation is still TBC – please speak to the team to find out more.

Event Date: June 2023

Guest Numbers: based on a minimum of 200, maximum of 550

Event Timings:

- Supplier access to River Terrace and back of house: 16.00
- Guest arrival from: 18.45
- Guests departed by: 22.00 (*additional hours available*)
- Venue clear by: 23.30

Venue Hire Fee: £14,500 + VAT

To extend guest access past 22.00, there is an additional cost of £1,500 + VAT for the first hour, then £1,000 + VAT per hour thereafter.

Option 1: Canapé & Bowl Food Reception

Includes exclusive use of the Terrace Bar

Prosecco on arrival

Cocktail hour

Unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks

Mimosa station

4 canapés

3 bowls

Selection of flatbreads

Selection of tapas plates

200-350 guests £134+VAT per person

350+ guests £115+VAT per person

Based on Event Timings 6.45pm-10pm

(Bar closing 9.30pm)

Add an additional hour for £15+VAT per person

For more information please get in touch:

(0) 20 7845 4651

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Sample Menu

Canapés

Young pecorino, serrano, honey, mustard
and soft blue (GF)

Sustainable beef, fermented soya miso,
furikake, kimchi and crispy seaweed

Tiger prawn, pea pure and summer gazpacho
(GF)(DF)

Hand dived scallop, curried cauliflower cream,
cauli cous-cous and crispy parma (GF)

Pea and watercress panna cotta,
black olive soil, and crème gel (GF)
(V)

Grilled zucchini and asparagus tip,
caperberries (GF) (Vg)



Bowls

Spring herdwick lamb, smoked sweet bread,
pea, mint and artichoke foam (GF)

Malt glazed pork cheeks, cauliflower
cream, grilled chicory, tarragon (GF)

Cornish crab cake, pickled fennel, avocado
hummus and crispy parma (DF)

Clay oven roasted Scottish salmon, pilau rice,
cucumber and mint yogurt (GF)

Wye valley asparagus, Cornish
earlies, rapeseed oil, almonds
(VG)

Black truffle and wild mushroom macaroni
cheese (GF) (V)



Option 2: BBQ Reception

Includes exclusive use of the Terrace Bar

Prosecco on arrival

Cocktail hour

Unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks

Mimosa station

Live BBQ stations with salad bar

‘Edible Garden’ crudites with edible soil

and summer chutney

Selection of flatbreads

200-350 guests £149+VAT per person

350+ guests £130+VAT per person

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Sample Menu

Choose 3

British beef burger with crispy onion and mature cheddar cheese and tomato relish in toasted brioche bun

BBQ grilled chorizo sausage, caramelised red onion

Spinach and chickpea burger with onion and tomato chutney in toasted bun

Grilled halloumi and summer vegetable pesto skewers

Choose 3

Roast aubergine, sorrel yoghurt and pickled radish

Chargrilled zucchini, red chard, samphire and pecorino

Butternut squash, roasted red onions and tahini dressing

Summer slaw



Enhancements



Food Stations

From £12.50+VAT per person, per station

Spanish Tapas

- Meatball in paprika and olive sauce basil infusion (GF)
- Grilled chorizo sausage, salsa espanola (GF)
- Patatas bravas (GF) (V)
- Chicken and chorizo paella, fresh herb dressing (GF)

Mexican Kitchen

- BBQ pulled pork taco, chimichurri
- Shredded chicken taco
- Jackfruit and salsa roja (V)
- Crispy breaded fish taco
- All tacos served with salsa, guacamole and sour cream

British Coast

- Scottish salmon gravlax
- Smoked mackerel pate, toasted sourdough
- Tuna tartare and avocado puree
- Poached salmon with chilli and lime sour cream
- All served with baby leaf salad toasted sourdough and dressings

Chow Patty Counter (V)

- Samosa chat blast
- Bhel puri chat
- Papdi aloo chat
- Bhaji masala chat

Dessert Counter

- Summer berries and crème fraiche
- Lemon meringue pie
- Lavender and cream cheese



Cheese and Charcuterie

From £10.50+VAT per person

Dessert Canapés

£3.50+VAT per person, per item

Cocktail Bar

From £23.95+VAT per person

Includes additional bar, 2 x bespoke cocktails and a non-alcoholic option.

Spirits Package

from £9+VAT per person, per hour

Prosecco Upgrade

£19+VAT per person, for prosecco to be served all night

Champagne Upgrade

£29+VAT per person, for champagne to be served all night

Gin Bar

From £9+VAT per person, per hour

HIRE DETAILS

ACCREDITED SUPPLIERS

Included within this fee is event security, an Event Manager, a dedicated operations manager and pre and post event cleaning.

AV, production and all other requirements, including furniture, are separate to the venue hire quote and can be provided by one of our accredited suppliers - details of which can be found [here](#).

Please note that as Somerset House is a Grade 1 listed building, we do not allow any non-accredited suppliers to work onsite. If you would like us to gather some initial quotes on your behalf, then please do send a full brief of your requirements for the event.

REFUNDABLE SECURITY DEPOSIT

A refundable security deposit is required for all bookings. The amount of deposit owed is calculated on the length of hire period and will be invoiced separately from 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.

WI-FI

Complimentary browsing Wi-Fi of 15Mbps is included within your hire. Upgrades are available at an additional cost.

SITE ACTIVITY

As an arts and culture centre open to the public, 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 is a huge part of what makes us Somerset House.

Over June 2023 we will be hosting London Design Biennale, a public exhibition across the site at Somerset House. London Design Biennale is a global stage, featuring world leading design innovation, creativity and research from participants across the world. The Biennale champions the importance and universal relevance of design, in contemporary life and culture. Find out more [here](#).

OPT-IN TO SUPPORT THE YOUNG TALENT FUND

Somerset House's Young Talent Fund supports the next generation of early career creatives and artists to fulfil their potential, by providing financial relief to resident artists and opportunities to under-represented young people aged 18-25.

Since the emergence of the pandemic, the Young Talent Fund has become critical in allowing us to break down barriers and tackle inequality. The fund directly supports Upgrade Yourself, offering digital training, networking, upskilling, and a pioneering London Living Wage paid industry placement scheme for young people; and Somerset House's Studios', providing the space and conditions in which over a hundred pioneering interdisciplinary artists can thrive.

If you would like to support this fund by making a donation please speak to a member of our team. Your support will help to secure a future for our creative community for many years to come. Thank you.

WHAT IS SOMERSET HOUSE?

Our Building

Over **500,000**
SQ FT
of Grade I listed architecture

Our Visitors

OVER
2.6 MILLION
VISITORS

Our Residents

Creative Enterprise
450+
resident organisation

2,500+
People working
in the creative
industries

Artists & Makers
400+

Somerset House
Studios artists and
Makerversity
members

Our Neighbours

THE
COURTAULD and
KING'S
COLLEGE LONDON

Our People

100 **100+**
Staff Volunteers

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

We are committed to building a diverse and inclusive community reflecting the diversity of our society. A community where everyone feels valued, where their contribution matters and where they can reach their full potential, irrespective of their background, identity or circumstances. We aim to ensure the diversity of all our staff reflects our society as fully as possible. Similarly, we aim to be home to a resident community of artists and enterprises from an equally diverse range of situations, backgrounds, and disciplines. Ongoing initiatives include running the Black Business Incubator.

ANTI-RACISM

Somerset House is committed to being actively anti-racist and publicly releases updates on the actions it is taking in relation to its Anti-Racism Pledge every six months. We recognise that this is a journey. We have divided our focus into 5 key areas: History, Community, Workforce & Recruitment, Language and Procedures & Policy. A comprehensive list of our current actions can be found [here](#).

SUSTAINABILITY

We are actively responding to environmental issues, and aim to be cultural leaders in championing sustainability, both through the practical management of our Grade I listed historical site and thematically as part of our year round cultural programme. A combined cooling, heating and power plant generates over 50% of all electricity used on-site. The heat generated by this process then goes to warm the building during winter and cool it in summer, dramatically reducing our CO2 emissions. By working together with visitors and the 2500+ resident creative community, we are committed to collectively reducing our impact on the planet. You can download our sustainability booklet, featuring top tips on how to host a sustainable event at Somerset House, [here](#).

LONDON LIVING WAGE EMPLOYER

Somerset House is proud to be an accredited Living Wage payer. We pay all of our staff and sub-contractors the London Living Wage.





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View our virtual tours: [360 Footage of Somerset House Event Spaces](#)

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OUR LOCATION

Somerset House, Strand, London WC2R 1LA

BY LONDON UNDERGROUND

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

Charing Cross (700m, 10 mins)

Blackfriars (1km, 13 mins)

Waterloo (1km, 13 mins)

BY RIVER

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