

WEDDINGS & CIVIL CEREMONIES



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Dulwich Picture Gallery

Dulwich Picture Gallery, situated at the heart of Dulwich Village, offers an exclusive setting for your special day. Founded in 1811, the unique building - designed by Sir John Soane - was the first purpose-built public art Gallery in the world.

Displaying one of the finest collections of Old Masters in the world, your guests will be surrounded by some of the greatest names in Baroque painting, such as Rembrandt, Rubens, Canaletto, Murillo and Veronese.

This prestigious venue with both indoor and outdoor options, offers flexible event spaces for your civil ceremony, drinks reception, wedding breakfast and dancing.

Talk to us about your bespoke requirements or look at our ceremony packages and list of approved suppliers at the back of this brochure.

All money generated through venue hire goes towards the conservation and care of the gallery and the development of our leading education and exhibition programmes.

Contact the events team for more information:
events@dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk





Soane Gallery

Sir John Soane's design for Dulwich Picture Gallery has inspired gallery architecture world-wide. This suite of eight perfectly proportioned rooms interlink to form a stunning enfilade.

Famous for its rich red walls and natural lighting, the Old Master paintings are densely hung to recall the Gallery's Victorian splendour.

Choose the Soane Gallery for your wedding breakfast or a drinks reception. The Soane Gallery is also licenced for civil ceremonies upon special agreement at 6pm Tuesday-Saturday, or throughout the day on a Monday when the Gallery is closed to the public.



Soane Gallery Capacities

Civil ceremony – up to 150 guests

Standing reception – up to 250 guests

Seated wedding breakfast – up to 120 guests





Linbury Room

The Linbury Room offers a contemporary setting. Surrounded by sleek blank walls, this flexible space is perfect for your civil ceremony and/or first dance.

The room can be transformed into your own unique venue with personalised decor and floral arrangements.



Linbury Room Capacities

Ceremony or dancing after dinner – up to 120 guests
Seated wedding breakfast – up to 50 guests





Gallery Café

Overlooking the Gallery's picturesque gardens, the Gallery Café is a perfect space for evening events in a more contemporary setting. Ideal for smaller wedding breakfasts for up to 50 guests, including use of the Gallery terrace and gardens.

The Gallery Café is exclusively catered by Bovingdons and is only available for guest access from 6pm.



Gallery Café Capacities

Standing drinks reception – up to 80 guests
Seated wedding breakfast – up to 50 guests



Approved Suppliers

Our approved suppliers offer a wealth of experience and represent the highest standards of service, creativity and delivery.

Approved Caterers

Bovingdons

<https://bovingdons.co.uk>
020 8874 8032
jade@bovingdons.co.uk

Blue Strawberry / Table Talk

bluestrawberry-tabletalk.co.uk
020 7733 3151
hannah@bluestrawberry.co.uk



Bubble Food

bubblefood.com
020 7703 2653
kathryn@bubblefood.com

Food Show Events

foodshowltd.com
020 7793 1877
enquiries@foodshowltd.com

Flavourology

www.flavourology.co.uk/event-catering
020 3719 0553
events@flavourology.co.uk

Social Pantry

www.socialpantry.co.uk
020 8871 1949
eliza@socialpantry.co.uk

Suzanne James

suzannejames.co.uk
020 8693 6331
info@suzannejames.co.uk

With Fire

<https://www.withfire.co.uk>
078 255 33440
info@withfire.co.uk



Approved Florists

Floral Evolution

floral-evolution.com
07742 013292
floralevolutionflowers@gmail.com

The Fresh Flower Company

freshflower.co.uk
020 8693 6088
studio@freshflower.co.uk

Lavender Green Flowers

lavendergreen.co.uk
020 7127 5305
info@lavendergreen.co.uk

Pinstripes and Peonies

pinstripesandpeonies.com
020 7720 1245
flowers@pinstripesandpeonies.com

Approved Lighting & Sound Companies

DJ For Me Events Ltd

www.djforme.co.uk
07727 228 554
john@djforme.co.uk

Event Concept

eventconcept.co.uk
020 7064 3506
amber.worrall@eventconcept.co.uk

Storm

www.stormltd.co.uk
014 8375 7211
hirestormltd.co.uk

White Light

www.VenuesWL.com
020 8254 4870
Events@whitelight.ltd.uk



Approved Entertainment Providers

DJ For Me Events Ltd

www.djforme.co.uk
07727 228 554
john@djforme.co.uk

Liquid Strings

liquidstrings.com
020 88472012
hello@liquidstrings.com

Sternberg Clarke

sternbergclarke.co.uk
020 8877 1102
sales@sternbergclarke.co.uk



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Frequently Asked Questions

What is included in the venue hire?

- Exclusive use of the venue for your wedding after 5pm (non-exclusive before 5pm due to public opening hours)
- Set-up time for caterers and other suppliers
- Operational support from the Commercial Events Manager or Head of Commercial
- Free use of the PA system and wireless microphone when hiring the Soane Gallery or Linbury Room.



Can we get married in the Chapel next to Dulwich Picture Gallery?

Christ's Chapel is independent of the Gallery and comes under Church of England regulations. You would, therefore, need to contact the Parish Office directly on 020 8693 1524 or parishoffice@stbarnabasdulwich.org to discuss availability and eligibility. Do ask our Event Manager for a full list of other local churches.

Can we bring our own suppliers?

As a listed building with priceless works of art on display as well as short set-up time in our Gallery and Grounds, we ask you to work with our approved list of suppliers for catering, marquee hire, furniture, lighting, AV equipment, flowers and entertainment. They are well respected and flexible suppliers who go through a rigorous approval process and therefore know the Gallery and our staff well. They would be happy to quote for your wedding day.

Can we supply our own drinks?

You are welcome to provide your own drinks. This would need to be arranged directly with your chosen caterer, who may charge a corkage fee in order to chill, deliver and serve the drinks. Feel free to discuss as part of your catering quotation.

Are there restrictions on catering in the Gallery?

We are not able to accommodate buffet style catering in the Soane Gallery, though this can take place in the Cafe or in a marquee. Red wine and dark coloured drinks are not permitted in the Soane Gallery however can be served in all other areas. In addition, any foods that are liable to stain are not permitted. These include saffron, beetroot, red berries and turmeric etc.

Can children dine in the Gallery?

Yes, if always supervised by adults and the elegant surroundings of the gallery are respected. Alternatively, a space such as the Gallery Keepers Cottage may be provided as a potential crèche if you were to provide a registered crèche company to supervise.





Please note that flash photography is not permitted inside the Soane Gallery.

Who do I need to contact to book registrars for a civil ceremony at the Gallery?

Dulwich Picture Gallery belongs to the Borough of Southwark. Please contact Southwark Council Registrar's Office on 020 7525 7651 or email registrars@southwark.gov.uk to book your registrars to conduct your ceremony. Popular dates and times do get booked up well in advance so do contact them as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Please note that Southwark Council are only able to arrange ceremonies up until 6pm, Monday – Saturday, or up until 1pm on a Sunday or Bank Holiday. Do also remember that as well as booking a registrar for your ceremony in the borough in which you are to marry, you will also need to give notice of your marriage with the council where you reside. You can give notice up to a year in advance of your wedding date, but no later than one month before.

Can my wedding go on later than 11pm?

Our usual licence allows for music and bar service until 23.00 with all guests departed within 45 minutes. We are able to extend our licence for indoor events by one hour, to allow music and bar service until midnight. This is available on request and has an additional charge of £1,000 + vat. Please note, any potential outdoor event extensions would be subject to Southwark Council approval and the terms and conditions of your event and can only be granted a maximum of 15 times a year. We cannot extend our licence for any weddings in the Meadow and events in that area need to conclude by 21:00 in consideration of our neighbours.

Are fireworks and candles allowed?

Fireworks are not permitted at Dulwich Picture Gallery. Flames and candles are not allowed in any of our spaces, but LED Candles offer a great alternative to real flame.

Can we use the Gallery for our wedding photos?

The Bride and Groom are welcome to use the Gallery for photos in the evening. We will discuss the options with you and your photographer ahead of the day.



Is confetti allowed?

No type of confetti is permitted, either internally or externally at the gallery. This extends to rice, paper, petals and biodegradable confetti.

Are there restrictions regarding decoration?

Due to the heritage listing of our venue, nothing may be affixed to any surface of the Soane Gallery, either internally or externally. Freestanding decorations can be considered in the Gallery however must be positioned at least 1 metre or falling distance, from any artwork. All positions must be agreed in advance with the Event Manager.

Can we provisionally hold a date?

You can hold a date in our diary, free of charge and with no obligation. If you are holding a date we ask you to come and see the Gallery in person and we will ask for a decision within two weeks. Please get in touch if you would like to check availability and book a visit with our Event Manager.

How do we confirm our booking?

To confirm your booking we will need to invoice for 50% of your total venue hire as a deposit. We will also send a venue contract with our full terms and conditions that will need to be signed and returned. Upon receipt of your deposit and signed contract your wedding will be confirmed and the date will be secured in our diary.





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