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New venues

London's unrivalled range of venues makes it one of the best destinations to host an event.



TRAFALGAR SQUARE

National Gallery Garden and Jubilee Walk

TThe National Gallery is one of the most visited and best loved art galleries in the world, housing works by artists including Van Gogh and Titian. Adding to the great range of event spaces on offer, these two new outdoor areas will be ideal for drinks receptions in the sunnier days of summer, with the garden providing a peaceful oasis away from the hustle and bustle of city life.





GREENWICH Magazine London

Magazine London is a new event space for the capital. This purpose-built, 24,179 sq m destination is the largest of its kind in London, offering a striking blank canvas for culture and commerce; it is a unique opportunity for brands and businesses to interact with global and local audiences. The venue is defined by simple architectural form, offering clean and functional spaces that provide a means for large-scale creative expression.

Magazine London boasts a versatile interior space for up to 3,000 people and can extend to accommodate a further 7,000 people across the venue's outdoor showground.

Located in the heart of Greenwich Peninsula, with breath-taking views of Canary Wharf, the venue is easily accessible by the Underground, road and river.

CITY OF LONDON

etc. venues 133 Houndsditch

etc.venues 133 Houndsditch is London's newest conference, exhibition and event venue, fantastically located minutes away from Liverpool St and Bank stations, with the largest room seating 700 theatre style or 500 cabaret. The Enterprise Suite boasts a generous ceiling height and natural daylight with the latest built-in audio visual technology. The adjacent open plan galleria offers over 15,000 sqf of flexible exhibition & event space and additional 7 breakout rooms for 100 delegates each – all conveniently situated on one floor, along with multiple media walls for digital signage opportunities, high speed fibre connectivity and cutting edge AV.





The new etc.venues 133 Houndsditch offers 33,000 sq ft of event space across one easy-to-use floor and our largest room for 700 theatre or 500 cabaret.

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etc. venues Chancerv Lane A vibrant 28,000 sqft space, mixing contemporary workspace designs with an urban street feel. The venue will feature built-in AV. bespoke all-day service, artistic flair and architectural guirks across 28 purpose-built rooms and spacious collaborative areas. Designed to inspire professionals to interact. learn and get creative in a more stimulating and inclusive setting, the new space will feature a vast collaborative lounge and formal and informal zones to work, rest and play.

LONDON BRIDGE Science Gallery London

The Science Gallery London opened in September 2019. It aims to connect art, science and health, bringing together researchers, artists, students and the local community. Set over three floors, the venue features several cafes, courtyards, a terrace and a theatre, making it fit for a variety of events. The venue can accommodate up to 750 delegates and has an in-house chef brigade to cater to your every need.





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Elegant entertaining and blockbuster exhibitions, the Royal Academy of Arts is the oldest fine arts institution in the country. Located in the heart of London, is a place where art is made, exhibited and debated. An iconic setting for parties, dinners, wedding receptions and corporate events.

MAYFAIR The New Royal Academy of Arts

Celebrate the London institution's 250th anniversary by visiting its new extension. Designed by acclaimed architect Sir David Chipperfield, the two-acre site links the Grade II-listed Burlington House with Burlington Gardens for the first time. The £50m extension creates new exhibition and display spaces, allowing many artworks to be brought out of storage. Key features of the new site include a double-height lecture theatre with more than 260 seats, a new learning center and a bridge connecting the House and Gardens.

SHOREDITCH

Fotografiska London Immerse your delegates in the world of photography with Fotografiska London, due to open in 2019. Fotografiska, a museum of photography originally based in Stockholm, is expending to London with a site in Whitechapel, which aims to educate visitors about photography, both established and up-and-coming. The new London museum is expected to feature a food offering, educational facilities, art-oriented shops and event spaces.

SOUTHBANK

Following more than two years of extensive restoration, the Hayward Gallery, the Queen Elizabeth Hall and the Purcell Room reopened in 2018.

Hayward Gallery

The refurbishment of the Hayward Gallery's 66 iconic pyramid roof lights has contributed to the creation of bright and inviting spaces. For the first time in the Gallery's 50-year history, it is now available for event hire, allowing guests to experience the works of adventurous and influential contemporary artists from around the world.

Queen Elizabeth Hall & Purcell Room

The restoration of the building has focused on both auditoria, the foyer and back of house facilities. Throughout the building, restored wood and brushed concrete contribute to the brutalist aesthetic, while in the foyer, newly installed glass panelling bathes the spacious area with natural light and showcase stunning river views. The space can hold up to 900 delegates.

Southbank is London's cultural district, home to national centres for arts, film and performance, as well as The London Eye! Right by the Thames, in the very heart of the capital.





BATTERSEA

Battersea Power Station

This iconic Grade II*-listed building and its surrounding area are being brought back to life as one of the most exciting developments in London. The new complex, which has already welcome a number of openings, features a mix of residential spaces, shops, restaurants and bars. London's first art'otel is expected to open in the Station in 2022. Battersea Power Station will also benefit from two new Tube stations in the Nine Elms area which are due to open in 2020.





Battersea Power Station offers several spaces for hire, including The Venue at Battersea Power Station which boasts 50,000 sq ft of flexible space.

VARIOUS LOCATIONS Venus Clipper

London's newest passenger ferry sailed into service earlier this year. High-speed catamaran Venus Clipper becomes the 19th vessel in MBNA Thames Clippers' fleet.

The 220 capacity boat represents a £4 million investment for London's River Bus operator. By adding flexibility across its busy network of routes, Venus Clipper is expected to help transport an extra 300,000 commuters and visitors across the 25 km river network every year while also boosting the operator's charter offering. The new boat features over 70 tabled seats, making it more adaptable for commuters and specialist charters alike.

SOUTHBANK

The Deck at National Theatre

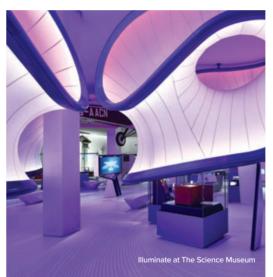
The Deck, located on the roof of the National Theatre, has now reopened. Take advantage of the venue's interior and exterior spaces, both offering uninterrupted views over the city and across the Thames, to organise an event your delegates won't forget. Events at The Deck get access to the National Theatre's scenic artists, making it easy to transform the space to fit any aesthetic requirements, and the venue also offers on-site catering. The Deck can host events for up to 170 guests.

CANADA WATER

Dock X London

Available for a limited time only, Dock X London is a large-scale, modern warehouse space with all the comforts of a more conventional venue. Flooded with natural daylight and situated on the water's edge in SE16, this versatile space is 34,100 sq. ft. and lends itself perfectly to car launches, conferences, set space, brand activations and awards dinners or ceremonies. Only two minutes' walk from Canada Water station, this multi-use drive-in venue is highly brandable and boasts smart, sleek facilities including office space, a large area for prep or green rooms and a private parking area for deliveries.

The venue can comfortably accommodate up to 1,500 people.



SOUTH KENSINGTON

Illuminate at The Science Museum

Host your event in one of London's most famous museums with Illuminate. Located on levels 4 and 5 of the Science Museum, Illuminate opened in February 2019. The space, which is available for hire both during the day and the evening, offers a bright setting, thanks to its panoramic window of level 5, and has a capacity of up to 450. The Science Museum provides planners with bespoke packages thanks to its collaboration with Movie Venue and White Light, the catering and AV partners.





TOTTENHAM

Tottenham Hotspur New Stadium

Tottenham Hotspur is one of the most famous football teams in the world. Discover its new stadium, which is also a home to the NFL in the UK. With more than 62,000 seats, it is a grand addition to London's stadia and has plenty to offer to event planners. Fit for small and large-scale events with a capacity of up to 1,500, you're sure to impress your delegates with an event overlooking the pitch. KINGS CROSS Focus On... King's Cross for Events

King's Cross is one of the largest and most successful regeneration projects in London. This new cultural hub for the capital also makes for an exciting setting for events, festivals and performances. The neighbourhood offers a range of inspiring spaces capable of hosting events of all sizes and, thanks to its numerous transport links, including international rail, is very easily accessible.

The Crossing

An open-plan space spanning Central Saint Martins and the Granary Building, this space is a striking backdrop for fashion shows, award ceremonies, exhibitions and art installations. Glass walls at both ends flood The Crossing in natural daylight.

King's Boulevard

This high footfall route is a striking avenue linking the northern and southern parts of King's Cross, and is already home to KERB, one of London's most popular street food markets. As the main route to Granary Square, King's Boulevard is an ideal space to use in conjunction with large scale events on the square.

Battle Bridge Place

One of the highest footfall areas on the site, Battle Bridge Place is an ideal space for small events, pop-up installations and experiential activities. The open nature of this space provides great flexibility, and guests can enjoy the stunning backdrop of the multi-award-winning buildings of King's Cross and St Pancras stations.



Canalside Steps

These south-facing steps sweep down to Regent's Canal from Granary Square. A natural theatre, this space is ideal for outdoor arts, music recitals and cinema screenings, and can accommodate approximately 200 people. The connection to the canal path makes it an ideal stop-off point for canal boats, bringing a unique opportunity to incorporate the canal network into your event.

Granary Square

Set against the fantastic backdrop of the Granary Building, Granary Square is the epicentre of King's Cross. It is also one of the largest urban spaces of its kind in Europe. The square holds up to 4,000 people and features dramatic choreographed fountains comprising 1,080 individually lit water jets. This unique feature can be incorporated into events, or it can be covered to enable the square to hold its maximum capacity.

West Handyside Canopy

This unusual outdoor covered space is suitable for hosting all sorts of events, from destination attractions and art installations, to corporate events, brand showcases and more. Its location makes it a natural extension to large-scale events taking place on Granary Square. With a capacity of 1,000, it is one of the largest event spaces on the site and one of the most versatile.

Outdoor sport area

This area is perfect for a wide range of sporting and non-sporting events. It can also be used as part of larger-scale events, with several activities running in different spaces around the development. Floodlighting extends use into the evening and all-weather surfacing means you can use the pitch for activities, whatever the weather.





New hotels



From global hotel chains, luxurious five star hotels and budget conscious value brands to independent boutique properties, London's wealth of accommodation constantly evolves.



BLOOMSBURY

The Academy

After an extensive refurbishment, YTL Hotels recently reopened The Academy, a collection of five townhouses, and a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World collection. The hotel has 50 guest rooms and includes several food and drink options, including The Courtyard, where guests can sample the hotel's afternoon tea. The Refectory, where breakfast is served, can accommodate informal meetings and small gatherings.

WHITE CITY White City House

Private members' club Soho House has turned the old BBC headquarters in White City into its latest club and hotel in London. The property's 45 bedrooms, just like the hotel's two restaurants, are accessible to nonmembers, while the club's gym can be used by members and hotel guests. The three screening rooms at the White City House's cinema, Electric, are also available to non-members for private hire.





With more than 465 sq m of event space across seven meeting rooms, Lincoln Plaza London is perfect for all manner of business or social gatherings. The hotel is operated under Curio: A collection by Hilton brand.

LEICESTER SQUARE

The Londoner

Edwardian Hotels London is transforming the London Hospitality sector with the opening of the world's first Super Boutique hotel, The Londoner, in Spring 2020. Located in London's legendary Leicester Square, this 15 storey hotel is boutique in feeling, yet staggering in scale.

With 350 luxury bedrooms, six concept eateries and a variety of bespoke event and meeting spaces - including a state-of-the-art ballroom accommodating up to 864 guests alongside a spa and wellness centre and two Odeon cinemas, this hotel promises exceptional customer service and class.

CANARY WHARF Lincoln Plaza London

Lincoln Plaza London is more than just a place to stay; it is a complete lifestyle experience that combines accessible luxury with a unique feel-good factor. Created by RPW Design, a world leader in hospitality interiors, Lincoln Plaza London's 129 guest rooms are the very pinnacle of comfort and style. From the bespoke shelving units made of blackened steel and antique brass though to the marble rainfall showers, all elements work together to create a feeling of relaxed, accessible richness.



The Dixon

Ideally located to explore the Bankside and South Bank areas of London, The Dixon is a new boutique hotel opened in late 2018. Located in the former Tower Bridge Magistrates Court, this Grade II-listed building contains 193 rooms and suites, a bar and a restaurant. he property also include two event rooms suitable for small events, while nearby Tate Modern and Borough Market would make a great addition to a social programme.

STRATFORD

Stratford Hotel London

Set across the first six floors, The Stratford is a 145-room design hotel with interiors by Space Copenhagen, the design duo behind the legendary NOMA. The rooms feature serene pastel tones, natural timbers and elegant stone bathrooms fusing Scandinavian style with old-world opulence. From the magnificent triple-height lobby and 10-meter fireplace to the dynamic all-day brasserie and six-storey central atrium, The Stratford is a hotel that does things differently.



MARBLE ARCH

Hard Rock Hotel London

In spring 2019, London's first Hard Rock Hotel opened at the site of the Cumberland Hotel. A stone's throw from Oxford Street, the hotel compromises of 900 rooms and suites and, of course, a Hard Rock Café, as well as two bars. As with all Hard Rock properties, the London hotel showcases its memorabilia collection, paying tributes to celebrities such as Jimi Hendrix, Diana Ross and Stevie Wonder.





MAYFAIR Biltmore London

The Biltmore, Mayfair will be the first European hotel to join Hilton's New Luxury Collection – LXR Hotels & Resorts. The hotel, located in the heart of Mayfair on exclusive Grosvenor Square, has undergone a multi-million-pound redevelopment following its closure in June 2018. Designed by Goddard Littlefair, the hotel will offer 257 luxuriously appointed guest rooms, many with views over Grosvenor Square, as well as 51 highly-curated and beautifully designed suites, which will reflect the property's origin as a sophisticated and elegant London private residence. Moments from Bond Street's exclusive retailers, the green spaces of Hyde Park and London's famous landmarks, Grosvenor Square has a rich history housing the capital's aristocracy since the early eighteenth century.

BANKSIDE

Bankside Hotel

Opened in October 2018, Bankside is another hotel launching in the South Bank. In a six-storey glass structure within the One Blackfriars development, Bankside Hotel offers a sleek and modern hub close to Blackfriars Bridge. The hotel has a focus on arts and crafts, with a curated arts collection displayed across the 161 rooms and communal areas, and it also features a space permanently dedicated to crafts. For planners, the hotel offers four spaces for hire, including three meetings rooms, two of which can be combined, and the White Box, a 196 sqm space able to hold 180 quests.

TOWER OF LONDON Blue Orchid Collection

New to 2019, a collection of four-star boutique hotels and five-star serviced apartments in the heart of London, the Blue Orchid Collection serves the most discerning guest with modern amenities, prime locations, unique venue spaces and exquisite views over the vibrant London city and its historic landmarks.

The group benefits from a variety of impressive meeting rooms all featuring state of the art technology, flexible spaces and natural daylight. Included in the selection are an elegant, period Chapel and roof top bar boasting breath-taking views over the Tower of London.















Embassy Gardens development Normally we will tell you about the

Soutine

relaxed café and bar seating leading

Bob Bob Cité

Bob Bob Ricard, famed for its 'press for champagne' buttons on the

Nathan Outlaw At The Goring

The Goring in London's summer 2019. The new restaurant will have a heavy tilt towards Cornish produce. "Some of the best seafood in the world comes from the pristine waters around Cornwall" savs CEO Jeremy Goring. "We're looking forward to In Nathan Outlaw, The Goring has found the perfect chef to create simple seafood dishes of showcase the best of Cornish

Caviar Kaspia

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events for up to 50, with a private

Allegra

bar and rich, stained oak furniture. The unique garden terrace. pine tree canopies and a huge grill

Arboretum

Team building and incentives

From historical to the modern, from creative to sports, from breakfast with a view to dining in the dark, London has all the incentive ideas you desire! A selection of the new:



STRATFORD Take to the track at London Stadium

Follow in the footsteps of the world's best athletes with this energising team activity. The London Stadium, now home to West Ham United Football Club, offers packages which include your chosen team build activity, use of the community track (where the athletes warmed up during the IAAF World Championships), food and refreshments.



VARIOUS LOCATIONS Afternoon tea bus London tour

Eat your way around town with the B Bakery Afternoon Tea Bus London Tour. Sample finger sandwiches, cakes, pastries and traditional scones while driving past Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and more, all from the comfort of your own private double-decker bus.

PICCADILLY CIRCUS Body Worlds - London Museum Experience

Visit London's newest top tourist attraction described by many as "mind-blowing" "unforgettable" even "life-changing". Discover the beauty beneath your skin at BODY WORLDS London, a unique fusion of science, art and health education. Over 200 jaw-dropping exhibits of real human bodies tell the story of life, in the heart of the West End at 1 Piccadilly Circus. A museum experience for all ages!

TOWER OF LONDON Secrets of the Tower Tour

Explore the colourful history of the Tower of London with this VIP backstage tour. This exclusive hour-long visit takes you behind-thescenes at one of London's four UNESCO World Heritage sites, giving you access to areas normally hidden from the public, and revealing the Tower's many secrets. The route, though shrouded in mystery, takes you to buildings such as the Queens House, St Thomas More Crypt, Chapel Royal and the cells of some of the Tower's famous prisoners.

VARIOUS LOCATIONS Bustronome

Bustronome is a unique concept to London. Discover the most beautiful views of London while enjoying the best of its gastronomy, whatever the weather!





Up to 38 diners can be seated on the top deck of each of our custom-built double-deckers with 360-degree views of London's top attractions. Use audio pens to touch landmarks on map menus and learn unknown facts. The experience is a great way to get to know London. Bustronome is the ideal venue for something a bit different when it comes to corporate meetings, incentives and special events.

CREATE AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE TO SURPRISE & DELIGHT DELEGATES!

Principal. London DMC offers you 25 years of experience, flourishing over the years as a creative, solutions lead DMC for not only London, but throughout the UK.

The following case study highlights how Principal can help you create unique and memorable experiences that surprise and delight at every turn!

The Brief:

A well-known U.S. software company enlisted our help to create an immersive gala spectacular in one of London's most iconic venues – Tobacco Dock. Catering for 3,000 discerning international delegates, it was time to pull out all the stops to transform Tobacco Dock into a true 'Vintage Circus'!

The Solution:

Our client's brief emphasized the importance of creating networking opportunities, but with a creative twist. Transforming a Grade 1 listed building into a fully immersive Circus experience is no mean feat. From a design perspective, we focussed on integrating corporate branding with striking graphic installations, circus style draping and props to enhance the look and feel of every experience. As a venue with many areas, we utilised every space for different activations while a central hub and surrounding rooms offered engaging environments to interact with. In 'The Void' we created the 'Circus of Senses', using experimental food and beverage activations to encourage conversation and networking. In the 'Acoustic Saloon' guests enjoyed live acoustic acts, surrounded by interesting visual props. Fun and games were had within a Vintage Games alley or, even better, a full dodgems installation for guests to entertain themselves! In the 'Circus Main Stage', we featured headline bands and acts, while the 'Big Top' housed lounge furniture and stages for a variety of contemporary circus performers, including tap dancers, mirror men, illusionists and more! The highlight of the

evening was a choreographed 'Greatest Showman' performance that offered the perfect climax, paving the way for the delegates to continue to dance well into the night!

The Verdict:

From arrival to departure, guests were fully immersed in the 'Vintage Circus' theme. With wandering acts, branded giveaways and festival food, the whole event was a resounding success with the client and their delegates citing it as their best event yet!







London news

ELIZABETH LINE (CROSSRAIL)

The Elizabeth line is part of Crossrail, one of the most significant infrastructure projects ever undertaken in Europe. From cutting journey times to easing congestion and offering better connections, the Elizabeth line is set to provide easier, quicker and more direct travel opportunities throughout the capital.

A projected 200 million passengers will travel on the Elizabeth line annually. The line will increase central London's rail capacity by 10%, facilitating more direct journeys and better interchanges. With capacity for 1,500 passengers per train, the Elizabeth line will make travelling on London's transport network easier and less crowded.

The Elizabeth line will stop at 41 accessible stations, starting from Reading, Heathrow and Paddington in the west, through central London, and across to Shenfield and Abbey Wood in the east.

With the new line, London will have some of the most accessible events venues in the world. Delegates

travelling from Heathrow will be able to get to London's West End in 28 minutes, the City of London in 34 minutes and ExCeL London and The O2 in 44 minutes.

Ten new stations will open, while another 30 are getting upgraded as part of the project, including Paddington, Bond Street, Tottenham Court Road and Farringdon. Multiple entrances and ticket halls, more space below ground and straightforward access to the rest of the transport network will make travelling with groups an even easier experience.

RIVER CONNECTIVITY CONTINUES TO GROW

A new pier is on schedule to open in 2019 in the Royal Docks.

Delivered by Ballymore and Oxley to serve residents of their Royal Wharf development, Royal Wharf Pier will be served by London's River Bus, MBNA Thames Clippers. Royal Wharf Pier will be a short transfer or walk to ExCeL London, and is even a viable transport option for London City Airport, with improved linkages being explored.





