

CELEBRATE THE FESTIVE
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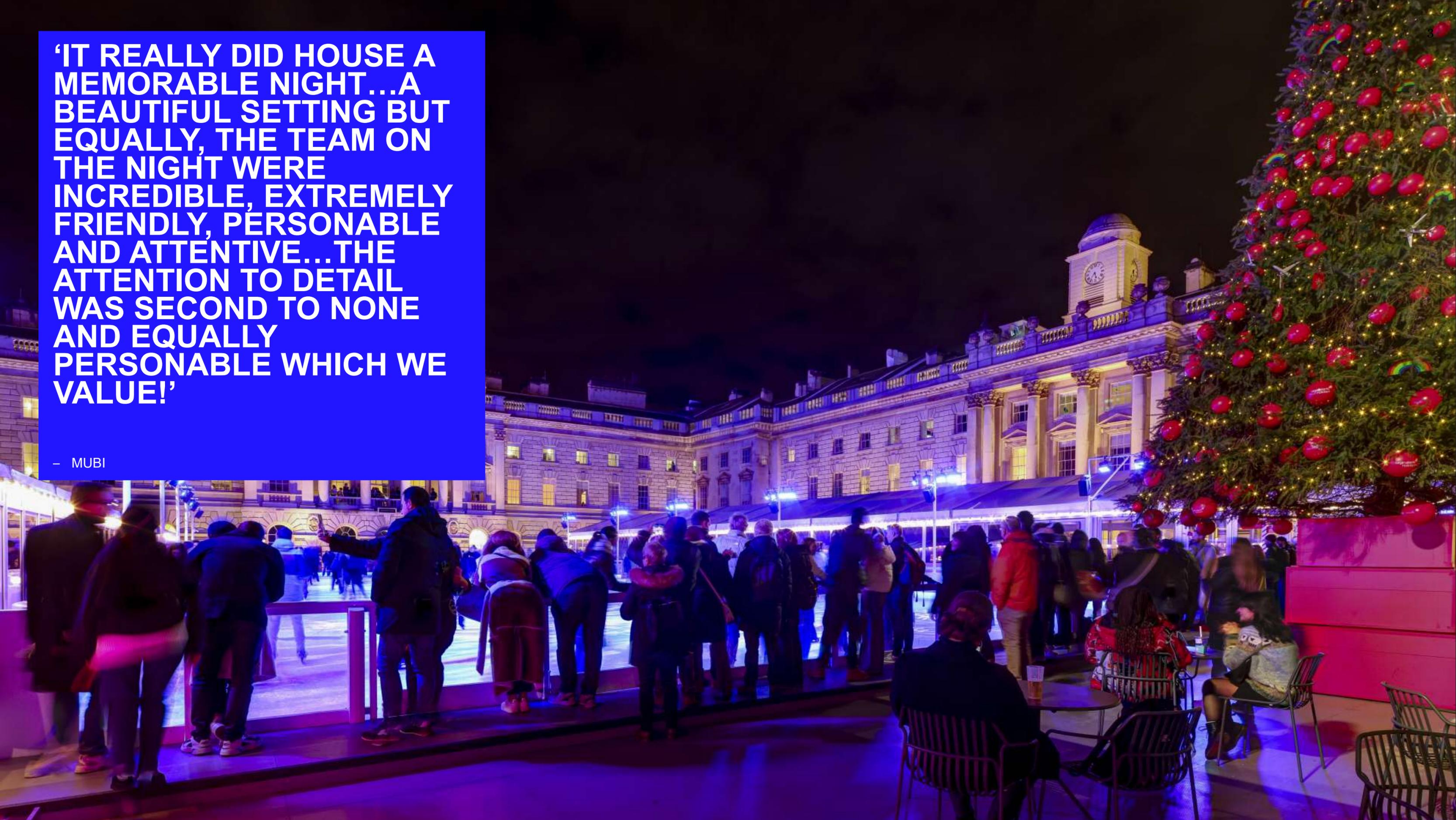
SOMERSET
HOUSE

A photograph of a bar interior with a warm, red-toned lighting. In the background, a bartender is visible behind a bar counter. The bar is filled with various glasses, including wine and cocktail glasses, and bottles. A large, white, bold text overlay is centered in the image, reading "HOME OF CULTURAL INNOVATORS".

HOME OF CULTURAL INNOVATORS

‘IT REALLY DID HOUSE A MEMORABLE NIGHT...A BEAUTIFUL SETTING BUT EQUALLY, THE TEAM ON THE NIGHT WERE INCREDIBLE, EXTREMELY FRIENDLY, PERSONABLE AND ATTENTIVE...THE ATTENTION TO DETAIL WAS SECOND TO NONE AND EQUALLY PERSONABLE WHICH WE VALUE!’

– MUBI

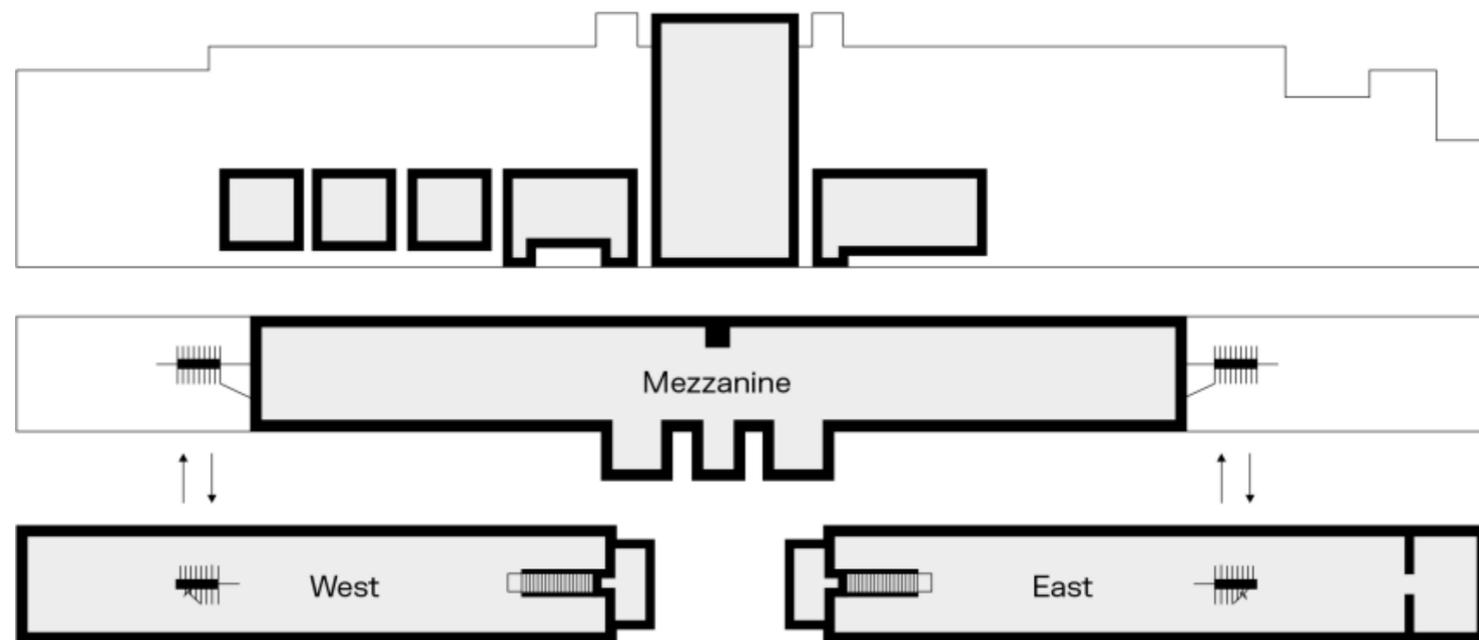


THE EMBANKMENT GALLERIES

The Embankment Galleries offer a striking contemporary backdrop for unforgettable festive celebrations. Located across the lower ground floor and mezzanine of the South Wing, this dynamic space blends dramatic steel-and-glass staircases, elegant hardstone flooring and bold feature walls to create a truly versatile blank canvas, that can be transformed effortlessly to bring your festive vision to life.

For 2026, we are delighted to partner with **KERB Events** and **Velvet Living** to deliver an exclusive festive reception experience, combining exceptional food, inspired styling and a vibrant seasonal atmosphere.

As an independent charity, every event held at Somerset House directly supports our cultural programme, pioneering outreach work and the conservation of our Grade I listed building. Celebrate the season in style while contributing to a place where creativity flourishes.



YOUR FESTIVE CELEBRATION

INCLUDES:

- Exclusive guest access to the Embankment Galleries from 18:30 - 23:00.
- Prosecco and festive mocktail reception
- 3 medium KERB Events street food items per person (tray service)
- An unlimited drinks package to include beer, wine, prosecco and soft drinks. Inclusive of a range of low and no alcohol options (19:00 – 22:30)
- Complimentary mince-pies
- All bar units, bar staff and bar equipment
- A fully staffed and managed cloakroom
- A host to meet and greet guests, on request
- Full event management, dedicated event security and an Operations Manager on the day of your event
- Pre and post event cleaning of the event space
- Standard browsing Wi-Fi of up to 15MBPs
- Taste of KERB experience for up to two people, on request

300– 499 Guests £125 + VAT per person

500 – 699 Guests £120 + VAT per person

700+ Guests £115 + VAT per person

Production packages are an additional cost to the above (see page 9)

Should you wish to extend guest access, this is an additional cost of **£22 + VAT per person, per hour**. Our late license is currently till 01:00. Later licenses are subject to approval / available on request.



kerb events

KERB represents 150+ of the UK's best street food traders, each one handpicked. Their team are experts at delivering seamless event catering and bars at venues large and small. Positive impact is at the heart of what they do, so your event can taste good *and* do good.

YOUR STANDARD CATERING PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Prosecco and festive mocktail reception
- 3 medium items of savoury street food per person provided by a selection of up to three savoury street food traders
- An unlimited drinks package to include beer, wine, prosecco and soft drinks. Inclusive of a range of low and no options (19:00 – 22:30)
- Mince-pies available at the bar

STREET FOOD OPTIONS

The number of traders included in your package are based on your guest numbers:

- 300-449 – 2 traders
- 450-649 – 3 traders
- 650 – 799 – 4 traders
- 800+ - 5 traders

BESPOKE SERVICE

KERB's pre-event services include sourcing traders from their 70+ members, collating and curating menus, managing all dietary requirements and allergen procedures.

UPGRADE YOUR CATERING PACKAGE

- Add on x2 canapes per person £12 + VAT
- Add x4 canapes per person £22 + VAT
- Add x1 late night snack per person £10 + VAT
- Add spirit and mixer package £12 + VAT pp
- Add a tray served sweet option £7.50 + VAT pp (*minimum booking fee of £1,500 + VAT required for this option*)



AMANI KITCHEN

Mouthwatering Dishes from Arabia and Persia brought to you by BSF award winning business.

Pomegranate & Chestnut Fesenjan

A luxurious Persian stew of lamb shoulder, braised with ground walnuts, chestnuts, and pomegranate molasses served on a bed of saffron rice— rich, sweet, and tangy for a winter feast.

Jeweled Yorkshire Pudding

A golden Yorkshire pudding filled with Persian-inspired saffron chicken with barberries, pistachios, and pomegranate seeds, finished with a touch of mint — blending British tradition with Iraqi–Persian festive flavors.

Persian–Iraqi Mushroom Wellington

A Middle Eastern riff on the British classic: flaky pastry pockets filled with mushrooms, herbs,vegan meatballs and saffron-infused rice.



BIAN DANG

It's Taiwanese, not a fusion of Thai and Japanese.

CHRISTMAS BAO

- Winter white soft steamed Taiwanese sandwich buns stuffed with festive pickles, fresh coriander and an accompanying sauce. Choice of the following:
- Pigs in a Snow Blanket - Roasted aromatic braised Pork belly (DF)
- Mrs.Claus Chicken - Spring onion, chili and garlic tossed Taiwanese fried chicken (H) (DF)
- Rudolf's Foraged Aubergine - Sweet black vinegar inspired aubergine - (VG) (DF)

Accompaniments: Chilli oil

Each serving to be accompanied with vegan prawn crackers



MOTHER FLIPPER

Recognised as one of the best in the London game, Flippin' burgers since 2012.

Baked Buns onion brioche bun glazed with butter, sesame seeds, parsley, filled with the below:

- **Brisket Bun** - pulled brisket, Swiss cheese, peppercorn mayo, peashoots
- **Kimchi BBQ Pork Bun** - pulled pork shoulder, gochujang glaze, smoked cheddar, kimchi
- **Cauliflower Cheese Bun** - cauliflower cheese, peppercorn mayo, peashoots
- **Roast Turkey Bun** - wafer sliced roast turkey, Brie, sage & onion stuffing, cranberry sauce, peashoots



SAMPLE MENUS

DEENEY'S

Epic street food, premium ingredients. Perfect for parties and good times!

The Menu

Festive Toastie (H on request)

Roast Turkey, stuffing, pickled red cabbage, brie, cranberry, & sage butter.

Vegan Festive Toastie (VG)(DF)

Roast Chick'n, stuffing, pickled red cabbage, cranberry, vegan cheese, & sage butter.

All served with gravy for dipping.



KOMEX KITCHEN

The Korean BBQ Taqueria!

Winter Tacos

Each dish is served with freshly baked white corn tortillas and a filled with great selection of meat, fish & veg using fresh seasonal British produce:

- **Slow-Cooked Spiced Lamb**- slow-cooked lamb with gochujang glaze topped with pickled red cabbage and sesame seeds
- **BBQ Chicken BBQ** - chicken thigh braised in soy, garlic, and ginger served with carmalised kimchi and spring onion.
- **Miso-Grilled Mackerel** - marinated in miso and garlic topped with beetroot slaw and micro rocket
- **Spiced Sprouts and Squash (Vg)** - shredded brussel sprouts cooked in gochugaru (Korean chili flakes) served with butternut squash remoulade topped with a drizzle of gochujang mayo and spring onion

Sauces: Miso-burnt sauce | Chipotle mayo | Mango Hot Sauce



UTTER WAFFLE

Award winning, life changing waffles...no, really!

The Menu

- **Boxing Day** - Mozzarella, and chargrilled turkey stuffed waffle, topped with rocket, Bombay mayo, crushed poppadoms, and pickled chilli. (GF)
- **Brie Mine** - Brie and bacon stuffed waffle, topped with rocket, cranberry mayo, candied walnuts, and parmesan. (GF)
- **Veggie or vegan options available, just ask! (GF, H, VE or VG/DF)**

Cold Menu Option

Crispy crostini, duck liver pate, spiced winter chutney, rocket, cornichons and crumbed walnuts.



PRODUCTION PACKAGES

Provided by velvet living



PACKAGE 1 = 300-500 guests £15,500 + vat

INCLUDES:

- Free standing step and repeat / branded wall with bespoke branding – the ideal photo moment
- Wireless uplighting (on controller to add a more dynamic edge if desired)
- PA for background music
- Resident DJ and DJ PA system (including stylish booth of choice)
- Dynamic dancefloor lighting
- Soft, stylish modular seating
- Wireless lamps - offering additional ambient lighting to the seating areas
- High tables and stools for informal guest seating
- All staffing, install, operations, breakdown, delivery and collections costs included

PACKAGE 2 = 500-800+ GUESTS £25,000 + VAT

INCLUDES:

- ALL elements from Package 1 + the additions listed below
- Additional lounge seating, including two U-shaped seating pods for the gallery alcoves
- Additional free standing step and repeat / branded wall with bespoke branding
- In-house party band (6-piece)
- Additional high tables and stools
- Additional uplighting

The packages have been created to comfortably accommodate the appropriate guest numbers throughout the gallery spaces. Items are supplied as shown or with the closest available alternatives. Performers and furnishings are subject to availability. Pricing may vary based on the selected artist and specific event dates.

UPGRADES / ADD-ONS AVAILABLE

These proposed package offers are starting guidelines based on the key elements we would suggest to ensure your event is covered in the most impactful, but cost-efficient way.

However, these offers are all completely adaptable. For a more tailored experience, feel free to discuss your needs with us over **the phone or via videocall. we're here to craft the perfect solution for your event.**

Velvet Living offers a wide range of additional products and services, which can be seamlessly integrated with any of the packages or provided independently. Labour and transport costs are calculated based on your specific requirements to ensure the best pricing.

UPGRADE OPTIONS INCLUDE:

- [Mobile bars, serving stations poseur tables & stools](#)
- [Lounge furniture & accessories](#)
- [Lighting to bars & serving stations](#)
- [Battery table lamps](#)
- [Pin spotting to table centres](#)
- [Staging & dance floors](#)
- [Exterior lighting](#)
- [Dance floor & intelligent lighting upgrades](#)
- [Draping](#)
- [Video screens](#)
- [DJs & entertainment acts](#)

CONTACT

Discuss your event in more detail with a member of our team, who can provide additional support and advice:

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ENHANCE THE EXPERIENCE WITH SKATE



Somerset House

Hailed as one of the capital's favourite winter experiences, Skate at Somerset House heralds the start of the festive period.

In conjunction with your party in the Embankment Galleries, you can add skate tickets or exclusively hire the rink for your guests.

ADD TICKETS - £28 +VAT PER PERSON

- Book large group sessions (non-exclusive) for up to 80 guests
- Sessions start on the hour and run for 45 minutes
- Skate boot hire included

ADD AN EXCLUSIVE SESSION - £8,500 +VAT

- Private session on the rink for up to 250 guests (minimum of 120 guests required)
- Skate boot hire included
- Multiple / back-to-back exclusive sessions available, subject to approval

All options listed above are only available in association with a venue hire and are subject to availability.

Availability is limited after general on-sale.

YOUR BOOKING



Somerset House

ACCREDITED SUPPLIERS

Additional requirements outside of the package must 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 additional quotes on your behalf, do let us know.

BOOKING DETAILS

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.

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

OUR SITE

As an arts and culture centre open to the public, we cannot always confirm what might be happening 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 is 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.

GET IN TOUCH



Somerset House

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FIND

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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

