



SOCIETY OF
ANTIQUARIES
OF LONDON

Venue Hire



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The Society of Antiquaries of London, founded in 1707, is Britain's oldest heritage organisation and has been the vanguard of investigating, collecting, recording and preserving British History for over 300 years.

The Society's prestigious apartments at Burlington House offer you a space rich in history and atmosphere, surrounded by historical objects and paintings that have been seen in museums and galleries around the world, providing a calm and glorious space in the hustle and bustle of Central London.

An event at the Society of Antiquaries will add a sense of splendour and refinement to your proceedings, whether you hire the apartments for a lecture, seminar, conference, product launch or press announcement. We can even be used for photoshoot and filming backdrops. We can guarantee an unforgettable experience in a unique and exclusive setting for any formal, charitable, or private event.

Situated in Mayfair, central London, we are conveniently located close to Piccadilly Circus, Oxford Circus, Green Park and Bond Street for the Elizabeth Line, and are an easy distance to several national rail stations.

THE CONFERENCE SUITE

The entire ground floor of our premises can be hired exclusively for events, or by room for smaller meetings. Hiring the whole ground floor, which consists of the Entrance Hall, Council Room and Meeting Room, is known as the Conference Suite.

THE ENTRANCE HALL

The Entrance Hall's grand interior is an ideal setting for receptions and formal hospitality events.

The Hall can also be used as a registration area, exhibition space, point of sale for merchandise, or general overflow facility when hired in conjunction with the Meeting Room or the Council Room.

The Entrance Hall is 70m² and can accommodate 60 people on its own. However, it is usually hired as part of the Conference Suite or in conjunction with the Council Room with a combined capacity of approximately 100 people.

"The Society of Antiquaries is one of my favourite places for a party. It has character, distinction and charm ... and isn't remotely corporate."

Dame Mary Beard FSA



Entrance Hall



Meeting Room

THE MEETING ROOM

The Meeting Room is a space where you will be surrounded by striking medieval and Tudor royal portraits adorning the walls, which would have been familiar to our 19th-century Fellows.

This room boasts state-of-the-art presentation facilities, with a computer at the lectern linked with the projector screen. Our supportive AV operators will provide guidance and assist with the set up and operation of equipment, as well as filming and recording options.

The Meeting Room is 110m² and can accommodate 105 people seated. Various setting arrangements, e.g. standing receptions, for 120 are also available.

“The Society of Antiquaries is one of my favourite venues in London: centrally located with beautiful facilities, steeped in history and impeccably run.”

Loyd Grossman, Author, Broadcaster, Art & Heritage Campaigner



Council Room

THE COUNCIL ROOM

The Council Room offers a welcoming space surrounded by an historic library and adorned with royal portraits. It is a perfect setting for business, breakfast or boardroom meetings; conference dining; receptions; product launches; media events and exhibitions. The room can be used on its own, or for serving refreshments when hired as a part of the 'Conference Suite' with the Meeting Room and the Entrance Hall.

The Council Room is 39m². It can accommodate 18 people for a sit-down meeting and 40 people as a reception area.

"We at The British Art Journal have always been delighted by the welcoming, resourceful and thoughtful help of everyone at the Society of Antiquaries. In particular, our annual book award of the William MB Berger Prize for British Art History has gone exceptionally well, considering that dealing with the guests is like herding cats, only worse."

Robin Simon FSA, Editor, The British Art Journal



Library

THE LIBRARY

The Library is a beautiful room consisting of a main floor and several galleries. It is adorned with marbled columns and receives a golden flood of natural light from the courtyard. It can be used for filming and may be considered for other events under special circumstances.

HIRING OUR SPACES FOR FILMING & PHOTOGRAPHY

We are happy to accommodate a wide variety of film and photography projects throughout our apartments, including the Conference Suite, Fellows' Room, Library and other areas. We have extensive experience in facilitating production projects on-site and supporting cast, crew, and guests to ensure the safety of all the people, objects, and property concerned.

“For several decades ArtWatch UK has held events (annual meetings, receptions, conferences and our Prof. James Beck Memorial Lectures) at the Society. Without exception, every occasion proved a delightful experience for participants and audiences alike - and our organisers have at all times greatly appreciated the warm and helpful professionalism of all members of the Society.”

Michael Daley, Director, ArtWatch UK



Wheeler Room

WHEELER ROOM

The Wheeler Room is located on the opposite side of the Burlington House courtyard from the main Society apartments.

It is quiet and secluded - an ideal venue for small meetings and working lunches. The Society can provide a 50-inch plasma screen for displaying presentation media to guests. The Wheeler Room is 38m² and can comfortably seat 18 people.

FELLOWS' ROOM

The Fellows' Room is intimate and secluded, with lots of natural light from windows overlooking the courtyard. It contains stylish work areas and a museum exhibition that highlights small objects from the Society's impressive collection. It can be used for filming and may be considered for other events under special circumstances.

ON-SITE TECHNOLOGY

We can supply AV support to assist with the setup, operation and removal of equipment for your event.

We can also arrange vehicle access and limited car parking.



Library

REFRESHMENTS & LIGHT LUNCHES

These can be provided for any event to suit your unique requirements.

RECEPTION & SPECIAL EVENT CATERING

We are able to provide catering (refreshments, light lunches, party foods, alcohol, soft drinks) for your special event. We are happy to discuss what best suits your individual requirements for your venue hire with us.

Our dedicated events team work closely with a carefully selected list of recommended suppliers including caterers and event companies, who can help you to create a memorable virtual, hybrid or in-person event.



Staircase to Library

AT YOUR SERVICE

We would be delighted to discuss your event and venue requirements and show you around the Society's home at Burlington House. Please call us for current rates on 020 7479 7080 or send an email to admin@sal.org.uk.

AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

If you're interested in the Society for more than just your venue hire, why not consider joining us as an Affiliate Member and for as little as £5 per month, you'll have access to our stunning Burlington House location, with the opportunity to explore and use the largest antiquarian library in the world.

Find out more on our website at www.sal.org.uk/affiliatemembership.



Learning Barn at Kelmscott Manor

KELMSCOTT MANOR

Kelmscott Manor, the Cotswolds retreat of William Morris, which he described as a *“Heaven on Earth”*, is the perfect place for your countryside venue hire experience.

Our purpose built thatched Learning Barn has state of the art technology, including a Smartboard, which can be used as a whiteboard, computer, or for video conferencing (with both Teams and Zoom capability). The barn can seat up to 30 people conference style.

Offering unspoilt views across the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside, Kelmscott is the perfect location for team away days.

Please contact us for more information on venue hire opportunities at Kelmscott Manor on 01367 252 486 or email admin@kelmscottmanor.org.uk.

“The Kelmscott Learning Barn provided an ideal, comfortable, warm and light space for our February Board meeting. Its location suited out trustees drawn from various parts of the country.”

Norman Hudson OBE, Chairman, Historic Houses Foundation

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