

**SOMERSET  
HOUSE**

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## Somerset House

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Somerset House Trust was established in 1997 to maintain one of London's most iconic 18<sup>th</sup> century buildings and to create a centre for contemporary culture. The magnificent Edmond J. Safra Fountain Court at the heart of this great architectural masterpiece. Somerset House is today a leading cultural destination with a distinctive programme of outdoor concerts, cinema, skating and critically renowned exhibitions, including *Isabella Blow: Fashion Galore!* and *Daydreaming With Stanley Kubrick*. We are an inspirational home for artists and creative enterprise, with more than 120 creative organisations based at Somerset House. Last year we welcomed 3.2 millions visitors.



## P o r t i c o R o o m s

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Located on the first floor, The Portico Rooms are a spacious and versatile suite of rooms offering a contemporary location for both daytime and evening events. With original features, natural light and uninterrupted views across the River Thames, the Portico Rooms offer a stylish and versatile backdrop which can be tailored to each client's brief. Whether you prefer to watch the sunset across the River Thames from the South-facing balcony, or marvel at our sensational fountains from the North-facing balcony, The Portico Rooms are a truly stunning venue for your event.

**Capacities:**

200 reception

80 dinner

100 theatre



## N a v y B o a r d R o o m s

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Steeped in history dating back to the 18th Century, the Navy Board Rooms are an impressive suite of rooms with a distinctive sense of charm and heritage perfect for receptions, intimate dinners or as an addition to the Portico Rooms. Climbing the grand, sweeping Nelson Staircase is an experience in itself, as each flight is a one-off architectural work of art. Entering into the main space, marble fireplaces and wooden floors create a grand atmosphere with large bay windows offering views across the River Thames

**Capacities:**

100 reception

50 dinner

60 theatre



## Seamen's Hall

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Seamen's Hall is a neo-classical space on the ground floor of the South Wing. Entered via central doors from our stunning Edmond J. Safra Fountain Court, the hall leads directly out onto our exclusive River Terrace, offering panoramic views of the Thames and surrounding iconic landmarks. With original period features including black and white marble flooring, it offers an air of expansive elegance for evening receptions and dinners. Guests can take advantage of the al fresco entertainment, wandering onto the River Terrace to drink in the views of the River Thames and surrounding iconic landmarks.

**Capacities:**  
200 reception  
100 dinner



## R i v e r T e r r a c e

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With panoramic views across the River Thames, the River Terrace is a glamorous choice for an evening event. Guests can marvel at the façade of Somerset House on one side, while taking in the glorious views of London that this space offers. With capacity for up to 500 standing for an alfresco evening reception, it is one of our larger venues and popular during the summer months. Also included in the hire is Seamen's Hall – a stunning wet weather option with a capacity of up to 200, transforming it into an unforgettable event space in an unparalleled setting.

**Capacities:**

200 reception (Seamen's Hall wet weather option)

500 reception (Al Fresco)



## S c r e e n i n g R o o m

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With fixed seating for 60 guests, the Screening Room offers an ideal space for presentations and lectures. Comprehensive technology and the assured guidance of a trained technician are available, enabling you to sit back and let your day run smoothly and efficiently in the quiet simplicity of this stylish space. A blank canvas, clients can freely brand and personalise the Screening Room as they wish. For a breath of fresh air, step outside and enjoy the nearby Embankment Galleries which host some of our major exhibitions.

**Capacity:**  
60 theatre



## T h e E d m o n d J . S a f r a F o u n t a i n C o u r t

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Located off the Strand in the heart of London, The Edmond J. Safra Fountain Court is centred around our iconic fountains and surrounded on all sides by glorious 19th century buildings. Popular with the public throughout the year, the courtyard hosts some of the city's best-loved events such as the Summer Series, Film4 Summer Screen and Skate. This exclusive space is also available for bespoke evening events.

### **Capacity**

550 dinner-dance (within bespoke marquee)

1,500 reception





## L i g h t w e l l s a n d D e a d h o u s e

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If you are looking to take your event beyond the ordinary, this unique subterranean space, rich in atmosphere and character, is the ideal location. Descending the stairs from the Edmond J.Safra Fountain Court, you will discover the unique architecture and unexpected hidden depths of the Lightwells and Deadhouse. With secret nooks and crannies, this fascinating space is perfect for creative and surprising events with an edge and a firm favourite with film location managers.

**Capacity:**  
200 reception



## A c c r e d i t e d s u p p l i e r s a t S o m e r s e t H o u s e

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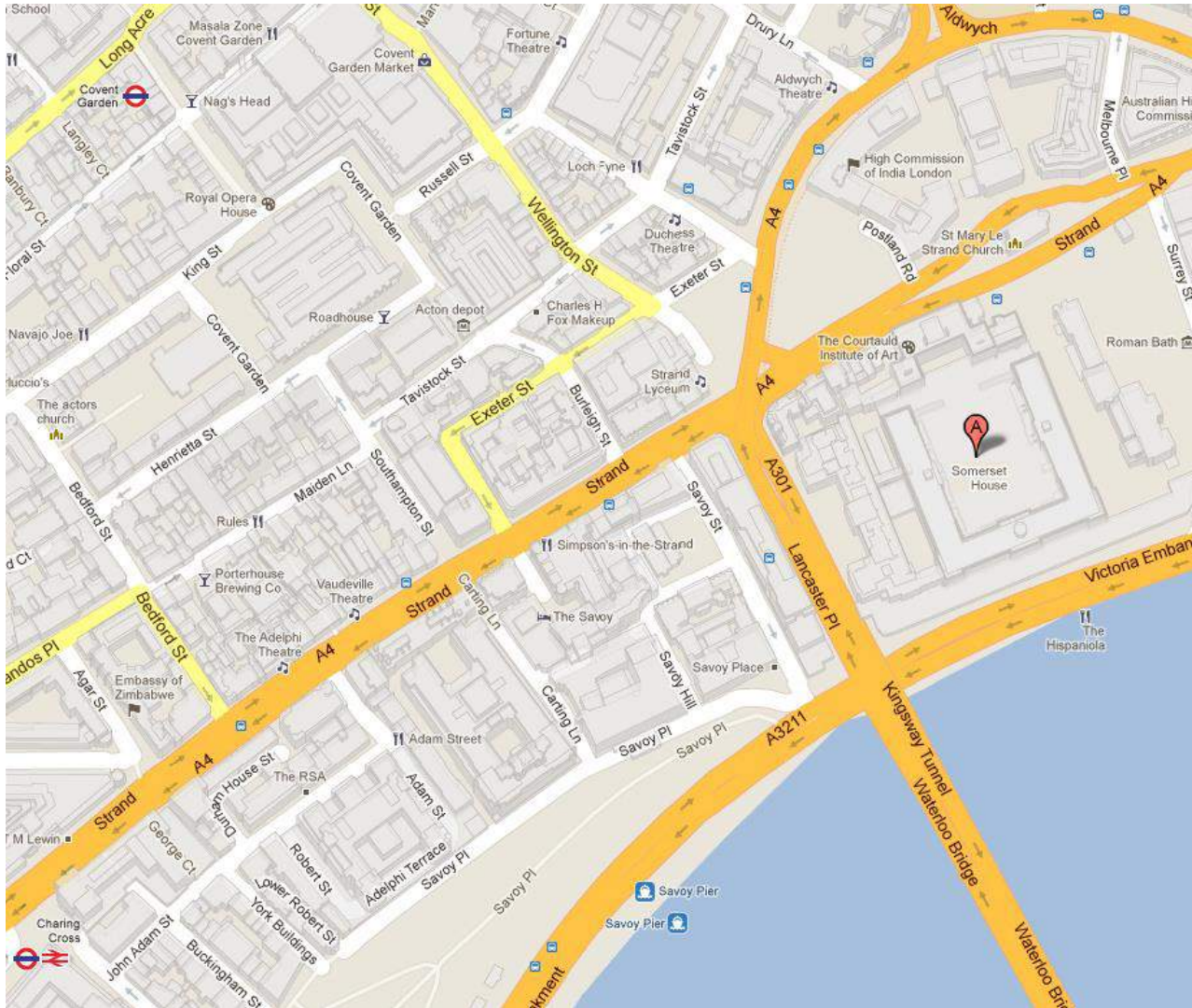
To create your bespoke event at Somerset House, we request that you use our approved suppliers to provide aspects such as; catering, flowers, entertainment and production. The complete list of suppliers can be found on our website:

<https://www.somerset-house.org.uk/venue-hire>

We ask clients to use our accredited suppliers as each has been selected for their high level of expertise, quality of production and health and safety adherence. These suppliers are suitable for a wide range of budgets. Please feel free to contact them directly, or do call us to discuss your requirements if you'd like us to request a bespoke quote on your behalf. If you'd like to contact them directly but are unfamiliar with some of them we'd be delighted to advise on their style and pricing structures.



## How to find us



### Rail

The nearest mainline rail stations are Charing Cross, Waterloo and Blackfriars.

### Tube

The nearest underground stations are Temple, Covent Garden, Charing Cross and Embankment.

### Buses

Buses servicing the Strand include numbers 6, 9, 11, 13, 15, 23, 77a, 91 and 176,

### River Bus Service

The River Bus Service can be taken to Embankment and Savoy piers.

### Pedestrian access

Pedestrian access to Somerset House is available from Victoria Embankment, Waterloo Bridge, or from the Strand.

For more information  
[www.somersethouse.org.uk](http://www.somersethouse.org.uk)

## C o n t a c t

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Revenue generated by corporate and private events enables Somerset House Trust to conserve and maintain our buildings to the highest standards and develop the site as a public space and centre of excellence for culture and the arts.

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