Dominating the banks of the river Thames, the Palace of Westminster’s resplendent façade heralds this UNESCO World Heritage site as one of the most iconic (buildings) in the world. Over the centuries the Palace has evolved to become the historical heart of the country, and home of the United Kingdom’s Parliament. This magnificent building offers the ultimate setting for any event.

Designed by the eminent architect Charles Barry (1795 – 1860) in the mid-19th century, the Palace of Westminster contains some of the finest arts and craftsmanship. Our impressive venues are exceptionally versatile and ideal for any occasion, from an intimate dinner or lavish banquet, to a business conference or private wedding. Whether hiring our elaborately decorated dining rooms, our purpose built marquees or our meeting rooms, we have the facilities to suit any event.

Using the skills and experience acquired from hosting glittering State occasions – as well as a variety of other high-profile events - we will ensure your guests are struck by our exemplary service. Our reputation for outstanding events makes the House of Commons the ideal venue for your next event.
Westminster Hall was the traditional venue for coronation banquets: hosting royalty or renowned monarchs. The oldest recorded banquet of this nature was that of King Henry III (undated). The table displayed below shows the history of the hall throughout all the main rooms of the Palace. Its subsequent long-protracted history is evident on such a large scale.

1053 Coronation feast of Queen Eleanor of Castile: 2,278 capons and other poultry.

1138-1139 Westminster Hall completed by King William II (William Rufus). The first recorded feast celebrates Whitsun.

1215 Coronation feast for Queen Catherine of Valois: 14,000 lbs of meat, 500 flitches of bacon, 3,000 pounds of salted provisions: 440 oxen and cows, 2,370 fowls, 400,000 eggs.

1236 Coronation banquet of Richard II: Westminster Hall was the traditional venue for coronation banquets; a large gilded eagle standing on a white marble column, below which a variety of silver trays of food—in even the poorest were allowed to drink from it.

1377 Coronation banquet of James II: Westminster Hall contains a large gilded eagle standing on a white marble column, below which a variety of wine flows all day— even the poorest were allowed to drink from it.

1761 Address by Parliament to the Nation.

1857 The Prime Minister, Arthur Balfour, entertained 132 French Navy Officers' and selected guests in the House of Commons. The luncheon for 500 marked the final event for representatives of a foreign fleet by Parliament.

2010 Address by Nelson Mandela in Westminster Hall.


2013 The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's centenary was celebrated in a cultural evening which was held in Westminster Hall. On 10 May President Barack Obama has given a keynote address in Westminster Hall.

2011 Address in Westminster Hall.

1905 (AUGUST) Coronation banquet of George IV in Westminster Hall, oil painting. The banquet was too expensive, a precedent followed by all his successors. The precedent was altogether in 1830.

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1553 Anna Bolena’s coronation banquet in Westminster Hall: she is offered spice, capons and other poultry which she sends down to her ladies in attendance.

1937 Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother’s lying-in-state. Address by her Majesty Queen Elizabeth on the occasion of her Golden Jubilee.

1996 Address by Nelson Mandela in Westminster Hall

1965 Return of the Cenotaph. The Cenotaph is a memorial to British and Commonwealth soldiers who died in the First World War. It is situated in Parliament Square, London, and was unveiled on 11 November 1920. The Cenotaph is a memorial to British and Commonwealth soldiers who died in the First World War. It is situated in Parliament Square, London, and was unveiled on 11 November 1920. The Cenotaph is a memorial to British and Commonwealth soldiers who died in the First World War. It is situated in Parliament Square, London, and was unveiled on 11 November 1920.
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MEMBERS’ DINING ROOM

The Members’ Dining Room is the largest and most versatile space in the House of Commons. This impressive room is adorned with beautiful flock wallpaper, wooden relief sculptures and fascinating paintings. The ornate Royal coat of Arms sits proudly above the main entrance signifying the connection of the Monarchy to Parliament. This symbolism is also apparent in the first known recorded painting of Parliament, ‘The House of Commons in session,’ by Peter Tillemans c. 1709, where the arms of Queen Anne are shown above the Speaker’s chair.

Once intended as a conference room known as the ‘Painted Chamber’, the Members’ Dining Room now provides the perfect space for corporate presentations, dinners and wedding ceremonies; a splendid room with exquisite detailing that is sure to impress your guests.

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Room Dimensions:
21.8m x 8.0m x 6.05m
(71’5” x 26’4” x 19’8’’)

Area: 181.1m²
Strangers’ Dining Room

The Strangers’ Dining Room was originally a Peers’ Committee room, which was later transformed into a dining facility in approximately 1867, and renamed the Strangers’ Dining Room during the interwar period. When Parliament is in session, the room is used by Members to meet their guests and these visitors are referred to as “Strangers”.

Combined with the intricate wood carvings, the elaborate red flock wallpaper - designed and favoured by Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin (1812-52) - provides an elegant setting for your special occasion. Certainly the Strangers’ Dining room can be used as a reception area (for Members’ dining room bookings), but it is also a versatile space in its own right.

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Room Dimensions: 10.3 x 8.6m x 6.05m (33'7" x 28'2" x 19'8")
Area: 90.8m²
The Pugin Room was renamed in 1978, dedicated to the memory of Augustus Welby Pugin, who directed the interior designs of the Palace. This relaxing space provides an idyllic setting with wonderful views of the Thames, and is the perfect venue for events with a more intimate focus. The large gilt brass and crystal chandelier which commands the room is a piece that was initially commissioned for the 16th Earl of Shrewsbury by Pugin, and was once hung in the Great Dining Room at Alton Towers, Staffordshire. To further commemorate the work of the designers, the shields above the door were painted with the coats of arms of Pugin, Barry, another architect Giles Gilbert Scott, Speaker Thomas and Sir Robert Cooke.
Previously known as the Harcourt Room, The Churchill Dining Room, was initially created when three housekeepers' rooms were combined with part of the Peers lower library corridor. In 1991, the ownership of the room was passed from the Lords to the Commons, and renamed the Churchill Room in honour of the formidable ex-Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965). Two of his paintings and a bronze bust stand proudly in the room to further commemorate this great leader.

Suitable for conferences, dinners or receptions, the Churchill Room benefits from an abundance of natural light, and views of the Thames.

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Room Dimensions: 15.15m x 7.6m x 4.17m (49'7" x 24'9" x 13'7")
Area: 127.9m²
TERRACE PAVILION

The east front of the Palace measures approximately 265m, and is the longest façade of any building in London. Historically the Terrace was popular with Members who took their guests for tea, and has since been developed for a greater variety of entertaining inside the Terrace Pavilion.

A purpose built heated marquee provides an ideal venue for all weather conditions. The panoramic glass doors offer uninterrupted views of the river Thames, and open out onto the terrace; an idyllic setting for a glass of chilled champagne in the summer months, or warm mulled wine in the winter. The oak wooden flooring and drapery offer a perfect tabula rasa for corporate presentations or wedding receptions.

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Room Dimensions: 21.8m x 8.0m (71’5” x 26’4”)
Area: 181.1m²
THAMES PAVILION

Your guests will experience a dramatic sense of occasion as they enter Westminster Hall, and pass through the stunning Central Lobby before arriving at the Thames Pavilion. Situated on the lower ground floor, this newly renovated marquee boasts light wooden flooring, neutral decor and access out onto the Terrace. Early morning light illuminates the space, and this well-proportioned room offers something to accommodate all tastes.

**Room Dimensions:**
11.3m x 5.6m (37’ x 18’3”)  
**Area:** 61.9m²

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**THAMES PAVILION**
Originally part of the Journal Office where daily Votes and Proceedings were compiled, the Terrace dining rooms were created in the early 1900’s as private dining spaces for Members of Parliament, and are still popular today when the House is in session. A recurring decorative feature throughout the building is the Portcullis emblem, a symbol of Parliament, strength and security.

This is incorporated into the design of our individually hand crafted chairs, which are found in all of our event spaces. These well-appointed rooms are decorated with antique wood panelling, and can suit a range of capacities. Ideal for executive boardroom meetings or private dinners, these versatile spaces are also perfect for intimate events.

**Room Dimensions:**
16.25m x 3.5m x 3.85m
(53’3” x 11’4” x 12’6”)

**Area:** 71m²

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**TERRACE DINING ROOM A**
TERRACE DINING ROOM B

**SEATED**
- RECTANGLE 24

**STANDING**
- RECEPTION 45
- CONFERENCE 35
- THEATRE 35
- BOARDROOM 26

**Room Dimensions:**
- 10.5m x 3.5m x 3.85m
- (34’4” x 11’4” x 12’6”)

**Area:** 46.6m²
### Terrace Dining Rooms C&D

#### Room Dimensions:
- 5.25m x 3.5m x 3.85m
- (17'2" x 11'4" x 12'6")

#### Area:
- 22.5m²

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**Note:**
- Seating capacities are approximate and can vary based on table arrangements and room setup.
- Area calculation includes all usable space within the room boundaries.
Steeped in history, the Palace of Westminster provides a unique setting for a wedding celebration. The House of Commons has two venues licensed for Civil Marriages and Civil Partnerships: the Members’ Dining Room, and the Jubilee Room.

Celebrate with up to 150 guests in the grandeur of the Members’ Dining Room overlooking the River Thames, or with up to 60 guests in the beautiful oak panelled Jubilee Room. Both venues are licensed with Westminster Council for civil ceremonies.

Ceremonies can take place between 10:30 and 16:30 on Saturdays and non-sitting Fridays, with the latest booking being 16:00.

Contact Westminster Register Office on 020 7641 7500 once a provisional booking for your ceremony has been made in order to check their availability.

The Register Office accepts provisional bookings and will also allow you to give formal notice of your ceremony up to 12 months before the day.

Please contact our Banqueting and Events team on 020 7219 3090 for further information regarding the catering packages available.
The Houses of Parliament are located in the heart of Westminster in the centre of London (postcode SW1A 0AA), and are well served by all forms of public transport, most of which is wheelchair accessible.

**Arriving by rail**
The nearest stations are Charing Cross, Waterloo and Victoria (15-20 minutes walk).

**Arriving by underground**
Westminster Station (Circle, District and Jubilee lines).

**Arriving by bus**
Numbers: 3, 11, 12, 24, 53, 87, 88, 148, 159, 211, 453, N2, N11, N87, N136, N155, N159 and N381 all stop nearby.

**Accessibility**
We welcome all visitors to Parliament and continue to work to improve accessibility. *All our venues are accessible by wheelchair users.*

**Contact**
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