AN INVITATION

BY KIND PERMISSION OF THE SPEAKER...

One of most iconic buildings in the world, the Palace of Westminster and its fascinating collection of national treasures provide a unique perspective on the events that have shaped modern Britain.

Over the centuries the Palace has evolved to become the historical heart of the country and home to the United Kingdom’s Parliament. This magnificent building offers the ultimate setting for your event.

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

Using the skills and experience acquired from hosting glittering state occasions 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 occasion.
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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.
ROOM DIMENSIONS:
21.8 x 8.0m x 6.05m
(71'5" x 26'4" x 19'8")
AREA: 181.1m²

SEATED
Rectangle: 170
Rounds: 130

STANDING
Reception: 200

CONFERENCE
Theatre: 170

“We had a fabulous evening, our guests enjoyed the House, the speakers and also the catering and dining facilities. The staff were fantastic so a special thank you to them.”
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 referred to as “Strangers” across Parliament.

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. 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.
ROOM DIMENSIONS:
10.3 x 8.3m x 6.05m
(33’7” x 28’2” x 19’8”)
AREA: 90.8m²

SEATED
Rectangle 60
Rounds 40

STANDING
Reception 100

CONFERENCE
Theatre 64

“Thank you and all the team at the House of Commons who worked impeccably on the night and made everything run so smoothly for us. All of our guests had a fantastic evening and have been inundating us with praise and thank you emails ever since.”
The Pugin Room is dedicated to the memory of Augustus Pugin, who directed the interior design of the Palace. This relaxing space provides an idyllic setting for events with a more intimate focus with views over the River Thames.

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.
“Everything looked absolutely beautiful, the staff were just fantastic – so friendly and very professional – and a good time was had by all.”
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 marquee boasts light wooden flooring, neutral décor 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:
8.3m x 6.9m x 6.05m
(27’2” x 22’6” x 19’8”)
AREA: 57.9m²

CONFERENCE
Theatre: 35

STANDING
Reception: 60

“Everyone was hugely complimentary about the whole evening and the professionalism of the team. The bar, dining room and kitchen were a huge part of that.”
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 Pavilion 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.
ROOM DIMENSIONS:
28.5 x 5.65m x 6.05m
(93'6" x 18'6" x 19'8")
AREA: 161m²

STANDING
Reception 200
CONFERENCE
Theatre 100

“Thank you to the team who looked after us on the night. They were first rate in their service and superb at customer care and very friendly in the right way. One of the best approaches and services we have had for some time.”
The Churchill Dining Room was initially three housekeeper rooms, these were combines with a section 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 if the formidable ex-Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965). One 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.
ROOM DIMENSIONS:
15.15m x 7.6m x 4.17m
(49'7" x 24'9" x 13'7")
AREA: 127.9m²

STANDING
Reception: 100

SEATED
Rectangle: 100
Rounds: 70

CONFERENCE
Theatre: 70

“Many thanks for your help in the build up to our event. There has been some wonderful feedback and it has certainly been considered a very successful event in a special location.”
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.
ROOM DIMENSIONS:
16.25m x 3.5m x 3.85m
(53'3" x 11'4" x 12'6")
AREA: 71m²

STANDING
Reception: 80

SEATED
Rectangle: 54

CONFERENCE
Theatre: 60

“Just wanted to say thank you for all your help with organising last night’s event. It went very well and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. What a great venue we were in!”
ROOM DIMENSIONS:
10.5m x 3.5m x 3.85m
(34’4” x 11’4” x 12’6”)
AREA: 61.9m²

STANDING
Reception 45

SEATED
Rectangle 24

CONFERENCE
Theatre 35

“The venue is of course amazing, and the element of surprise for our guests when they realised they would be wandering around the main chambers was superb.”
“The support running up to the event and the help on the day were very much appreciated. Our guests all had a fantastic time and were thrilled to be in Parliament!”
“There are times when wisdom cannot be found in the Chambers of Parliament or the halls of academia but at the unpretentious setting of a kitchen table”

(E. A. Bucchianeri)

Our award-winning kitchen team take as much pride in catering for your event day as they do for state occasions hosted here at the House of Commons. Creating seasonal menus with quality ingredients and impeccable attention to detail you can be assured that your guests will be delighted at every course.

From canapés to six course banquets we have a variety of catering options to suit your timings and budget. Our selection of venues offer the perfect setting to suit your menu; a Champagne reception in our riverside Terrace Pavilion, a traditional 'British' afternoon tea in the elegant Churchill Room, an intimate dinner in the opulent Pugin Room or the grandeur of a six course seasonal wedding breakfast in our historic Members’ Dining Room.

You can relax in the knowledge that our team will deliver a sumptuous menu with exemplary service.
ADDITIONAL SERVICES
Our in-house florist is able to provide both customary and bespoke arrangements for your event. Their team of professionals will work with you to incorporate company colours and designs to complement your event.

Add a bit of colour to your event with our LED uplighters. The uplighters can be programmed to match your event theme or company branding. They work particularly well in our Thames and Terrace Pavilions.

Our in-house Audio Visual team are able to provide a wide selection of equipment for your event. From microphones to LCD screens and laptops they will ensure that the technological aspects of your event run smoothly.

The House of Commons Shop offers an exclusive range of high quality gifts suitable for all occasions and events. The range includes confectionary, wine, spirits, glass, china and stationary. Gifts can be pre-ordered through the Parliament shop or arrangements can be made for you to visit the House of Commons Shop. If you require a large quantity of a particular item a minimum of four weeks’ notice will usually be necessary.

Guided tours are the perfect way to ensure your guests make the most of their visit to the House of Commons. A guide will provide an informative and entertaining walk through the history of the House. Having explored the Parliamentary estate, the guide will then deliver your guests to your chosen venue.

Celebrate your vows 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 the Westminster Registry Office.

To view the products available please visit the Houses of Parliament website www.shop.parliament.uk
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**
3, 11, 12, 24, 53, 87, 88, 148, 159, 211, 453, N2, N11, N87, N136, N155, N159 and N381 all stop nearby.

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Westminster Palace
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ACCESSIBILITY

The House of Commons is committed to continually improving accessibility to the estate and the services and facilities we offer to people with disabilities.

adjacent to Westminster London Underground station – one of most accessible and step-free tube stations in London;

step free access to the estate via the Cromwell Green and Portcullis House visitor entrances;

accessible toilets on all floors equipped with emergency alarms;

permanent induction loops in most of our venues;

wide internal corridors allowing access throughout the building;

most access routes through the building are uncarpeted floors enabling ease of manoeuvrability for wheelchair users;

no fixed seating in our venues allowing for flexibility for positioning of wheelchair users;

can fit a wheelchair ramp to staging in the larger venues;

passenger lifts for ease of movement between floors;

guide dogs, hearing dogs and other assistance dogs welcome;

Visitor Assistants are on hand both outside and within the Palace of Westminster to offer assistance and help answer any questions you might have.

Please speak to us for further information on specific support for people with mobility, hearing or visual impairments.

RESPONSIBILITY

The House of Commons recognises its responsibility to carry out its business activities in an environmentally and socially responsible manner. We adhere to the following principals demonstrating our commitment to operating responsibly:

We source food that meets UK or equivalent standards of production and actively seek out food produced to higher environmental standards where possible;

We only purchase seafood from sustainable, well-managed sources and continuously audit products against the Marine Conservation Society’s ‘Fish to Eat’ ratings;

We promote seasonal fresh produce on our menus;

We only purchase meat and poultry that meets UK welfare farm assured standards;

We only purchase free-range fresh eggs and free-range pasteurised egg products;

All our coffee is fairly traded

All our products are fully traceable to source;

The products we source do not knowingly contravene any of the International Labour Organisation conventions regarding working age, hours, pay, conditions or safety.