

Leighton  
House

Venue Hire



# An Artist's House for your special event

Leighton House is the former artist studio of Frederic, Lord Leighton (1830-1896) and it is conveniently located at the heart of Kensington, West London.

Recently redeveloped, the house is an extraordinary venue for entertaining, proving an unforgettable setting for weddings, dinners, receptions, lectures, concerts and photographic or film shoots.

Our dedicated team is experienced in providing stunning events. With our exceptional catering partner Bovingdons and our handpicked list of florists and production teams, we are perfectly placed to deliver anything from corporate dinners to operatic soirées.



# Weddings

Now licensed for ceremonies, Leighton House is a unique and intimate venue for weddings, vow renewals and civil ceremonies.

Entirely yours for the evening, hold your ceremony in the artist's studio, before enjoying drinks and canapés in the Narcissus and Arab Halls and flowing out into the landscaped garden\*, offering a tranquil oasis for a London wedding.

## **A dedicated team and trusted suppliers**

Our exclusive caterers Bovingdons will assist you in the planning of your big day from start to finish. From the selection of canapes and bowl foods, to drinks, chairs, tables and glassware. Bovingdons will provide a dedicated waiting team and experienced supervisors to make sure everything runs smoothly on the day.

We can recommend a carefully-selected list of suppliers we work with to ensure your day runs perfectly, including florists, photographers and musicians.

*\*weather dependent*



# Weddings

## Registrars service

As Leighton House is located in Kensington and Chelsea, your civil ceremony at the museum would be attended, conducted and registered by two registrars from the Kensington and Chelsea Register Office. Once you've booked Leighton House for your ceremony, you'll need to then secure the registrars for the same time.

## What you need to know

- Maximum capacity: 80 guests for both ceremony and reception
- Timings: from 6:30pm to 10pm; ceremony suggested at 7:30pm; garden closes at 9:30pm
- Dancing and amplified music is not permitted
- Catering: Preferred supplier
- Step free access: Yes
- Child friendly: Yes
- Pets welcome: No
- March - October Friday and Saturday: £7,000 + VAT
- March - October Monday through Thursday: £6,000 + VAT
- 20% discount applied to above prices November - February
- Bespoke catering packages are available from our catering partner [Bovingdons](#)





The Arab Hall and Narcissus Hall at Leighton House

# Private dining

At Leighton House we offer two stunning private dining spaces, both of which come with exclusive hire of the museum. Whether for a wedding reception, corporate event, or Christmas party we can accommodate both intimate gatherings in Leighton's dining room, and larger banquets in his grand studio.

## Leighton's studio

With its high ceilings, large north-facing window and walls lined with Leighton's original artwork, Leighton's studio is a stunning setting to host a larger banquet.

Capacity: 60 guests

Venue Hire: £6,000 +VAT

## Leighton's dining room

With the added allure of dining at his original table, Leighton's dining room is a spectacular space for more intimate events.

Capacity: 18 guests

Venue Hire: £4,000 + VAT





The Dining Room at Leighton House

# Private dining

## Pre-dinner drinks and tours

Pre-dinner drinks may be held in the Arab Hall beforehand, with guests invited to explore the house at their leisure.

Why not add a pre-dinner tour of the house with one of our expert guides?

Guests may take drinks in the garden until 9:30pm (weather dependant) between May and September.

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# Drinks receptions

Leighton designed his house with entertaining in mind, which is why it is the perfect venue for hosting evening drinks receptions. We offer two options to choose from depending on your guestlist. Each comes with exclusive hire from 6:30pm - 9:30pm.

## **The Arab Hall**

The Arab Hall reception includes all rooms on the ground floor. These are the dining room, drawing room and of course the Arab Hall, inspired by the 12th-century palace of La Zisa, Palermo.

Capacity: up to 80 guests

Venue Hire: £3,600 + VAT

## **The Whole House**

The Whole House reception has all the benefits of the Arab Hall reception but allows guests to also move upstairs to enjoy the Silk Room and the Studio, where he created his most famous works.

Capacity: up to 150 guests

Venue Hire: £4,600 + VAT



# Concerts

Leighton House is the ideal venue for concerts. Though principally designed for artistic purposes, the studio was also devised with entertaining and music in mind. A Steinway B piano is in situ and can be used as part of any performance.

Capacity: up to 100 seats (facing the stage at the west end of the room)

Packages: £1,100 + VAT (available 6:30pm - 9:30pm)

Piano tuning: £100 additional charge if piano tuning is required. The piano is always tuned the morning of the concert by Steinway.

*Please note that amplified music and dancing are not permitted inside the venue.*



# Wolfson Garden Room

The Wolfson Garden Room, used during the day as the De Morgan café, is a beautiful addition to the house, with floor-to-ceiling views looking out on the landscaped garden beyond.

With tea and coffee making facilities and space for up to 25 seats, this is a modern and practical space for AGMs, community groups and clubs.

Capacity: up to 25 seated or 40 standing

Packages: Please enquire for room hire prices





Rear garden at Leighton House

# Bovingdons

Leighton House exclusive caterer

Founded by the love of food and hospitality around a kitchen table 30 years ago, Leighton House exclusive catering partner Bovingdons is passionate about producing events that make lasting memories for all their clients. With great produce and a dedicated team, together we will create an exceptional experience for your event at Leighton House.

## **Bovingdons care**

Sustainability and community are the backbone of the Bovingdons brand, ensuring that all produce is of the very best quality and locally sourced, benefitting the community, the clients and the environment. Food tastes better when it is fresh, in season and fairly farmed.

Bovingdons' unique value system has been recognized by recently winning the *Lloyds Bank Employer of the Year Award* as well as the *Best Venue Caterer* at the London Catering Awards (2022).



  
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*Serving great memories*



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# Get in touch

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