



National
Museums
Scotland



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National Museum of Scotland
In Edinburgh's historic Old Town

National War Museum
Within the walls of
Edinburgh Castle

National Museum of Flight
Museum and historic airfield
near Edinburgh

National Museum of Rural Life
Museum and farm close
to Glasgow

Grand Gallery, National Museum of Scotland

Events and Entertaining

Whatever the occasion, successful entertaining begins with the right venue: one that makes an outstanding first impression, creates a spectacular atmosphere, and adds kudos and value to your event.

National Museums Scotland offers a collection of museums accustomed to hosting a broad range of events; from board meetings for 12 guests to high-profile awards dinners for 950, all in the expert care of our dedicated events team.



Main Entrance, National Museum of Scotland



Tower Entrance, National Museum of Scotland

"We received outstanding feedback from clients and colleagues. The venue was spectacular and your help in the preparation was invaluable."

Sophia Villers
The Nichols Group



Entrance Hall, National Museum of Scotland

National Museum of Scotland

The National Museum of Scotland has been the country's treasure house of both national and world collections for almost 150 years. A £47.6 million refurbishment, completed in 2011, enhanced and revitalised existing spaces and introduced new galleries, displays and facilities. The result is a stunning and flexible venue for all manner and size of events.

Grand Gallery

The Grand Gallery exudes elegance with its Victorian pillars, sweeping staircases and light, bright, glass-roofed atrium. The spectacular space can now entertain even more of your guests for award dinners, receptions, fashion shows or product launches.

Significant exhibits, from a cast-iron fountain to a Nubian statue, add visual interest and hint at the collections beyond. The breathtaking backdrop is further enhanced by the myriad of objects which make up the four-storey Window on the World, the largest single museum installation in the UK.

Entrance Hall

The recent transformation created a new street-level Entrance Hall, which is itself available for hire. The subtly-lit vaulted arches and stone columns offer an impressive yet relaxed setting for drinks receptions prior to dinner in the Grand Gallery.

Discoveries Gallery

Adjacent to the Grand Gallery, the legacy of Scottish innovation, leadership and ideas creates an impressive backdrop to drinks receptions for up to 250 guests. The towering Millennium Clock, with its intricate figures and movement, makes a great talking point at the Discoveries Gallery entrance.

Galleries

Many of the 16 new galleries are available for events, including the Special Exhibition Gallery, which hosts international touring exhibitions. Private views for guests can be arranged, either on their own or as part of a reception or dinner, and could even inspire the theme for your event.

Auditorium, South Hall and Event space

The 200-seat auditorium has all the latest audio-visual equipment including WiFi, expertly backed up by a full team of technicians, to host lectures, meetings and conferences. There are also two large areas next to the auditorium where you can register attendees, hold an exhibition or break for coffee or lunch.



Grand Gallery, National Museum of Scotland

Grand Gallery	
Reception	1500
Dinner	950
Dinner dance	700

Ideal for: receptions, dinners, themed events, fashion shows, award dinners, film premiere parties, presentations, product launches, film and TV location filming, weddings, graduation ceremonies.

Entrance Hall	
Reception	700

Discoveries Gallery	
Reception	250

Ideal for: receptions.

Auditorium, South Hall & Event space	
Theatre style	200

Ideal for: conferences, presentations, AGMs, product launches, breakout areas, exhibitions.

Hawthornden Court and Kingdom of the Scots	
Reception	700
Dinner	120
Theatre style	175
Ideal for: receptions, dinners, presentations, product launches, film and TV location filming, weddings	
Early People Gallery	
Reception	250
Dinner	120
Theatre style	100
Ideal for: intimate dining, receptions, presentations, weddings.	
Connect Gallery	
Reception	180
Ideal for: receptions.	
Dunfermline Room	
Theatre style	40
Ideal for: seminars, meetings.	



Hawthornden Court

Hawthornden Court and Kingdom of the Scots Gallery

Hawthornden Court is the light, central atrium in the modern part of the Museum. Atmospheric lighting and the clean lines of the interior create a dramatic backdrop for drinks, dinners and entertainment.

The adjacent Kingdom of the Scots Gallery allows guests to explore the cultural and political history of Scotland as part of an elegant evening reception.

Early People Gallery

The Early People Gallery offers a more intimate setting for drinks, dinners and presentations, while taking guests back in time to the first 900 years of man's existence in Scotland.

Connect Gallery

You can add interest to receptions and informal gatherings in the Connect Gallery, full of thrilling interactives and objects bringing science and technology to life. Guests can meet Dolly the sheep, the world's first cloned animal, or test their Formula 1 driving skills in the racing car simulator.

Dunfermline Room

The 40-seater Dunfermline Room lecture theatre comfortably accommodates presentations, meetings and seminars.



Hawthornden Court



Early People Gallery © Jonathan Cosens



Connect Gallery

The Board and Bute Rooms

Within the tower of the National Museum of Scotland and offering outstanding Edinburgh views, the Board Room and Bute Room have earned an enviable reputation among the city's top venues. Elegant interiors, floor-to-ceiling picture windows overlooking Edinburgh Castle and a Roof Terrace embracing the historic Old Town skyline combine to create a superb setting for a variety of day and evening events.

Bute Room



Roof Terrace



"It is a terrific venue and the service, not to mention the wonderful food, was excellent. All our guests were very impressed and we will keep you in mind for any future company events."

Alison Martin
Sigma Technology Management Ltd



Board Room

Board Room	Capacity
Meeting/dinner	24
Reception	50

Bute Room	Capacity
Reception	80
Meeting/dinner	50
Theatre style	50
Cabaret	30

Ideal for: receptions, lunches, dinners, presentations, board meetings, AGMs, film and TV location filming, Christmas events, weddings.



Concorde Experience	Capacity
Reception	650
Dinner	650
Theatre style	40

Ideal for: receptions, dinners, presentations product launches, film and TV location filming, weddings.

National Museum of Flight

The National Museum of Flight lies just to the east of Edinburgh at East Fortune, Britain’s best-preserved First and Second World War airfield. The Museum is home to more than 50 of the most memorable military and passenger aircraft in aviation history, including that icon of the skies, Concorde.

The Concorde Experience provides a glamorous and prestigious setting when you really want your event to take off in style.



“Our clients have quoted this trip as the best of the past 14 years and Concorde’s wow factor and uniqueness certainly made a big contribution.”
Bill Thomson
 Managing Director, Hello Scotland



Concorde Experience, National Museum of Flight



National Museum of Rural Life

The National Museum of Rural Life is only eight miles from Glasgow city centre in tranquil South Lanarkshire countryside. Set on a working 1950s farm, the purpose-built Museum adds elements of Scotland's agricultural heritage and country living to your event. Dine next to a combine harvester in the Alistair Grant Gallery or head outdoors for a day of team-building pursuits.



Alistair Grant Gallery	Capacity
Reception	250
Dinner	120
Theatre	
Theatre style	60
Orientation Area	
Reception	150
BP Learning Centre	
Theatre style	50
Ideal for: receptions, dinners, product launches, seminars, meetings, team-building, away days, barn dances, animal shows, farmers' markets, film and TV location filming, weddings.	



National War Museum

Centuries of Scotland's war stories are told in the National War Museum, within the walls of Edinburgh Castle. Six gallery spaces provide an intimate setting for drinks receptions, where guests can discover the Museum's collections and enjoy outstanding views of Edinburgh from the battlements.



Reception	Capacity
	100
Ideal for: receptions.	



National Museum of Scotland

Weddings and Receptions

Each Museum brings its own special charm and sumptuous setting to weddings, civil ceremonies and receptions.

Choose a setting that reflects something about you as a couple: raise your glasses in a toast next to Concorde or tie in the natural appeal of farming life. Whether your personal style is elegantly traditional or sleekly modern, the National Museum of Scotland has the ideal wedding venue for you.

From small intimate gatherings to grand marquee parties, the Museums will add to the wonderful memories of your big day.



Concorde Experience, National Museum of Flight



Grand Gallery, National Museum of Scotland

“Our guests had a fantastic time and we were all inspired by the venue and the amazing service.”
Mr & Mrs G MacIntyre



Grand Gallery, National Museum of Scotland



Window on the World



Natural World Galleries

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