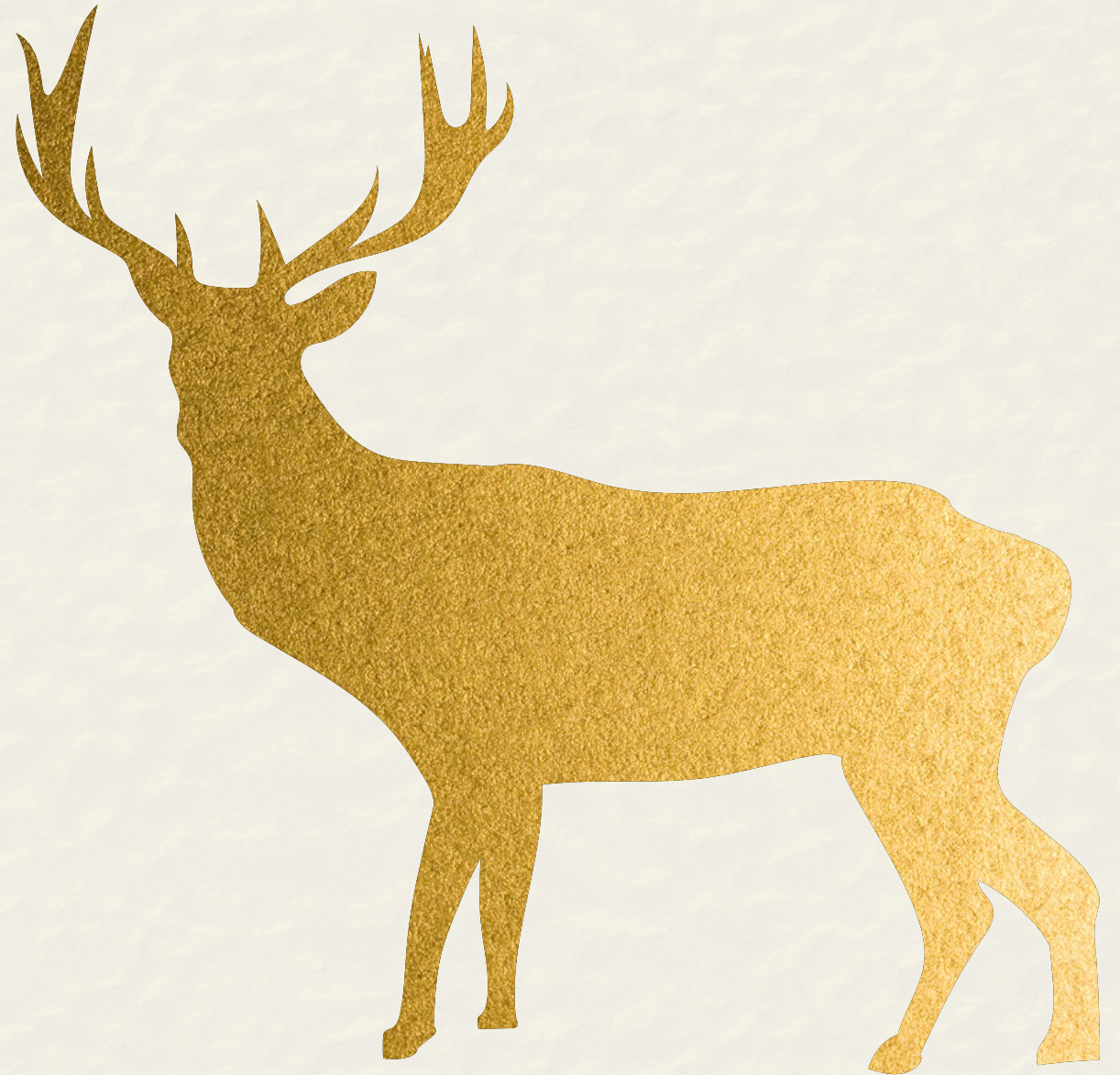




Christmas Parties  
at the Natural History Museum



# An iconic venue

The Natural History Museum has an incredible range of venues for Christmas parties, large or small. Enjoy exclusive pre-dinner drinks receptions in our galleries or let us design a unique experience for your party.

Our expert team will help you to choose the perfect space for your Christmas party, whether you are looking for an event with maximum impact or a more intimate celebration.

The magnificent Hintze Hall at the centre of the Museum is the largest space for entertaining, hosting dinner dances for 450 guests and dinners up to 650. The venue will hold over 1,000 people for a drinks reception with food stations or canapés and bowl food.

The Earth Hall – with a capacity of 200 guests for dinner or 400 for a reception – offers you the chance to entertain under our giant metal Earth sculpture. You will be surrounded by remarkable objects that tell the story of our planet. Guests will share the space with the world's most complete *Stegosaurus* fossil which has pride of place in the centre of the hall.

Take over the Museum with up to 3,000 guests.



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# Hintze Hall

The unforgettable and world-famous Hintze Hall provides a stunning backdrop to any Christmas party, with its grand entrance leading to soaring Romanesque arches, a magnificent stone staircase and new dramatic exhibits.

The centrepiece to the space is a blue whale skeleton suspended from the ceiling complemented by a fascinating range of new specimens in the bays to the sides of the room.

As night falls, the exterior of the venue will be illuminated, creating an atmospheric entrance and a sense of intrigue for what awaits within. As guests arrive they will pass through the magnificent entrance archway, into one of the beautiful galleries – Fossil Way or Dinosaur Way.

After arrival drinks, the awe-inspiring Hintze Hall will be revealed. Guests will then be treated to wonderful catering from one of our many accredited caterers and then dance the night away in the Museum to a band or DJ.

## Capacity

Dinner dance: 450

Dinner: 650

Reception: 1,200



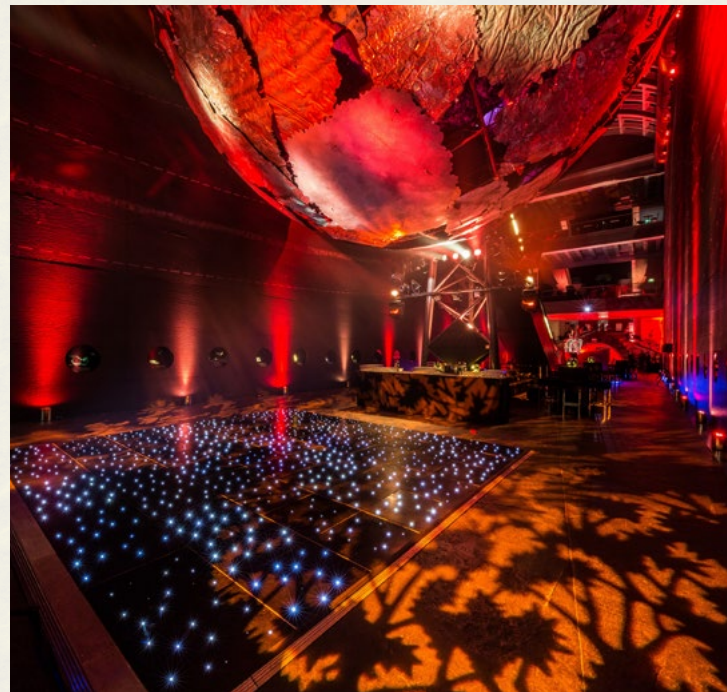
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# Earth Hall

The Earth Hall is entered through a grand entrance on Exhibition Road, with guests greeted by the amazing dinosaur specimen, the most intact *Stegosaurus* fossil skeleton ever found.

The celestial map adorning the Earth Hall's walls and the giant Earth sculpture above provide a dramatic backdrop for a seasonal celebration.



## Capacity

Dinner dance: 200

Dinner: 200

Reception: 400

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# Earth Hall

## Option 1 – all inclusive package:

The Museum is offering the opportunity to choose from an all inclusive package, to take all the stress out of organising your event.

- Venue from 7pm-12am
- Arrival Prosecco
- Choice of three course dinner or canapé and bowl food menu provided by our catering partner The Recipe
- Unlimited wine, beer and soft drinks  
\*alcohol free options available
- Full production including lighting and DJ provided by our production partner Kudos
- Cloakroom
- Full event management
- Option to upgrade menus and extend hours at an additional charge



## Option 2 – venue hire:

Hire the whole Earth Hall for your celebration, with our accredited suppliers on hand to cater your event and transform the space for you! During your event your guests will have the chance to ascend the escalator that transports them through the centre of the Earth into the surrounding geological galleries, for an additional fee.



### Example dinner menu

#### Starter

- Ginger and wasabi cured salmon with beetroot remoulade and heritage beetroot salad
- Smoked celeriac salad, poached quail's egg, baby leek, puffed rice, truffled mushroom ketchup (v)

#### Main

- Roasted Guinea fowl breast, boudin blanc, bubble and squeak and leeks
- Sweet pepper and goat's cheese pithivier, courgette and olives (v)

#### Dessert

- Black forest gateau, chocolate cremeaux, cherry sorbet, chocolate sponge
- A full range of options are available on request



### Example canapé and bowl food menu

To include 4 canapés and 4 bowl food items per person (including one dessert bowl)

#### Canapés

- Confit pork belly, honey & mustard
- Fillet of beef, potato 'chip', bearnaise
- Smoked haddock kedgeree cake, Thai asparagus, quail's egg
- Sprout bhaji, spiced yogurt (v)

#### Bowl food

- Roast chicken, tarragon gnocchi and creamed savoy
- Salt and pepper squid, spring onion salad, wasabi mayo
- Parsnip and celeriac tortellini with celeriac remoulade
- Sticky toffee pudding, honeyed pecans, vanilla cream
- A full range of options are available on request



## Dippy Returns: The nation's favourite dinosaur

Dippy, the nation's favourite dinosaur, is back for a short visit.

Dippy was the first Diplodocus (DIP-low-DOCK-us) to go on display anywhere in the world when it was gifted to the Museum in 1905. Dippy quickly became a star, capturing hearts and imaginations.

Through a tour around the UK, which involved travelling through different environments in all seasons, Dippy inspired millions of people to reconsider their relationship with nature.

At a time when the UK's biodiversity is in decline, Dippy witnessed the changing state of the nation's wildlife and reminded us of the joy of our local landscape and our need to protect it.

Now you can see Dippy's memories of UK landscapes and hear how nature inspires different communities.



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## Wildlife Photographer of the Year

Wildlife Photographer of the Year is an annual international wildlife photography competition staged by the Natural History Museum. A fantastic opportunity to treat your guests to a private and exclusive viewing of the largest wildlife photography competition in the world.

# Why host your event at the Natural History Museum?

The dedicated events team has a wealth of experience hosting prestigious dinners and receptions, and many of our clients come back to us every year.

By hiring the Museum you are contributing to maintaining this historic venue and funding ongoing scientific research. We have won a range of accolades for our environmentally friendly practices and consider our impact in everything we do.



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# Testimonials

“I wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone for making our party on Friday so special. Everyone had a wonderful night and it was all down to the professionalism of you guys and your amazing organisations. All the staff on the evening were AMAZING so please send a special thankyou to all your respective team members without who our night wouldn't have been as successful as it was.”

Ethos, Christmas Party in Earth Hall

“Perfect venue for sure. Everyone was super impressed not sure how we'll ever top this venue at a new Christmas party.”

Ebury Partners, Earth Hall Christmas Party

“This was the most professional service we ever have had! Everything was above all expectations!”

Interblock, Awards Gala for 350 in Earth Hall

# 2022-2023

Venue hire rates are VAT exempt

Valid for events taking place April 2022 – March 2023

Room(s)	Standing	Dinner	Dinner/dance	Weekday dry hire	Weekday additional hours	Weekend dry hire	Weekend additional hours
Hintze Hall	1200	650	450	£26,750	£4,200 p/h	£20,500	£3,000 p/h
Hintze Hall and North Hall	1200	650	650	£31,500	£4,200 p/h	£25,000	£3,000 p/h
Earth Hall	400	200	200	£13,000	£2,700 p/h	£12,000	£2,500 p/h
Earth's Treasury	200	45	N/A	£9,250	£2,700 p/h	£7,750	£2,500 p/h
Darwin Centre and Courtyard	Unavailable due to garden transformation for the Urban Nature Project. For more information visit <a href="http://www.nhm.ac.uk/about-us/urban-nature-project">www.nhm.ac.uk/about-us/urban-nature-project</a>						
Images of Nature	150	80	N/A	£10,000	£2,100 p/h	£9,000	£2,000 p/h
Temporary Exhibition <i>Wildlife Photographer of the Year*</i>	300	N/A	N/A	£17,000	£2,700 p/h	£16,000	£2,500 p/h
Whole Museum	2,500 approx.			£64,500	£6,600 p/h		

\*Temporary exhibition – please speak to a member of the Venue Hire team for exhibition dates  
Prices are subject to additional costs such as furniture and draping for Hintze Hall events



