Venue Hire at National Galleries of Scotland
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At the National Galleries of Scotland, there are a variety of unique locations that can be hired for your product launch, corporate team incentive event or seasonal celebration. In Edinburgh’s most prestigious cultural landmark venues, your guests will find unexpected spaces that are both hospitable and awe-inspiring. From galleries to garden terraces, gothic viewing balconies to great halls and glass-fronted eateries, your event will be remembered for its remarkable setting.

Delicious seasonal food and drinks are sourced for you locally in Scotland and our resident curators can provide an insightful introduction to the nation’s treasured art collection.
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Meet with colleagues or friends to enjoy drinks and dine, in extraordinary artistic surroundings, with catering by award-winning culinary experts located on site.

**Modern One | Café and Terrace | Reception 80, Dinner 50**

Whether you are looking for the option to entertain guests indoors and dine or drink alfresco, this beautiful garden café space makes for a very memorable setting for a private evening event with family, friends or colleagues.

**Modern Two | Outside Space | Reception 500, Dinner 250**

If you are contemplating a large scale occasion and want to impress your guests, the outside parkland featuring modern sculptural artworks and wide open lawns provides a spectacular location to host your event.

**Modern Two | Gallery Space | Reception 150**

Using this space adjacent to the Great Hall can provide a versatile experience for your guests where a change of scene between drinks and dinner keeps the event lively. To be surrounded by such inspiring artworks makes for an enlightening experience.

**National | National Gallery Space | Reception 400**

This splendid gallery space makes for impressive evening receptions and private views. Your guests can enjoy an exclusive introduction to the current artworks on display from our resident experts whilst enjoying high quality traditional Scottish produce.
National | The Scottish Cafe & Restaurant | Reception 300, Dinner 250

Events here are expertly handled by our award-winning catering partners sourcing local food and drink. For a uniquely Scottish event in the heart of the Festival city, this elegant space is perfectly located in Princes Street Gardens.

National | Royal Scottish Academy Gallery Space | Reception 100

Your guests will make a grand entrance to this neo-classical gallery space by ascending a stately staircase, directly from Princes Street. With major summer exhibitions as the backdrop, events here are inspired by the artworks on show as well as the stunning interior.

Portrait | Great Hall | Reception 200 | Dinner 50

With its ornate stained glass windows, star-studded ceiling, epic painted murals and neo-gothic architecture, this space provides a dramatic setting for your intimate dinner or seasonal drinks reception.
**Portrait | Ambulatory | Dinner 24**

This beautiful jewel-like balcony encircling the Great Hall, with its astrological ceiling and decorative features is the perfect space to host a very special evening meal with family, friends or close associates.

**Portrait | Ramsay Room | Dinner 120**

This grand gallery space named after Allan Ramsay, the prominent 18th century portrait painter, is flanked with portraits from the artist’s era. Your guests will be dining alongside leading intellectual and scientific figures from Scotland’s history.

**Portrait | Café | Reception 80, Dinner 80**

Transformed from daytime café to evening entertainment venue, this versatile space is punctuated with portraits of modern Scottish cultural icons, hung between the vast leaded windows facing out onto Edinburgh’s bustling Queen Street.
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The capacities above are maximum levels. The rates above are indicative only. All prices exclude VAT.

*Minimum catering spend – please enquire.

Please enquire for up to date venue hire space rates and additional partner rates for catering, design and consultancy.

**Phone our team on 0131 624 6239 or email events@nationalgalleries.org**
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**Modern One**
Ground level

**Modern Two**
Level 1

*Room 22 from 14 August – Contemporary painters: Michael Armitage, Georg Baselitz, Peter Doig, Chris O’f.shortili, Raqib Shaw*
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Venue hire spaces

National
Upper level

Ground level

Upper level
(Royal Scottish Academy)

Gardens level
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**Portrait**
Level 2

[Diagram of Level 2]

Level 1

[Diagram of Level 1]

Ground level

[Diagram of Ground level]
“Thank you for all your help with our recent drinks reception at the Scottish National Gallery. It was great working with the National Galleries team both in the lead up to the event and on the day; everyone was so helpful. The entire team did a brilliant job of helping us to ensure that our event went smoothly, and all our guests commented how much they had enjoyed what was a very special and memorable evening.”

Dawn Stanley, Events and Sponsorship Manager, Brodies LLP