



Foundling
Museum

WEDDINGS &
CELEBRATIONS





Congratulations!

The Foundling Museum tells the remarkable story of the Foundling Hospital, established in the eighteenth century by Thomas Coram to look after children whose parents couldn't take care of them. The artist William Hogarth and the composer George Frideric Handel played a big part in realising Coram's vision. Together, they transformed the Hospital into the UK's first public art gallery, and one of London's most fashionable venues.

Tucked away in a leafy corner of Bloomsbury and overlooking Brunswick Square, the Museum is perfect for couples looking for a unique city wedding or civil ceremony. Situated within a Grade II-listed, Georgian-style building the Museum boasts beautiful interiors and a celebrated art collection.

By choosing us as your venue, you will be making a valuable contribution to the Foundling Museum. As a registered charity, all income from venue hire supports our work with marginalised and vulnerable children.

As a thank you for sharing your special day with us, we will gift you free lifetime membership of the Museum.



'Thank you so much for all your help with our wedding. I loved every minute and was so happy that we had found such a beautiful venue. The Museum staff were so kind and pleasant to work with, the entire experience was a joy.'

Madeleine Morlet



Court Room

Perfect for intimate celebrations, the Court Room boasts a stunning original eighteenth century interior. From the moment you enter, you'll be captivated by the sumptuous olive green walls, persian carpet and hand-moulded ceiling.

Historically, the Court Room was used by the Foundling Hospital governors to entertain important guests. You too can experience the splendour of this room whilst sipping champagne with friends and family, surrounded by art masterpieces by William Hogarth, Thomas Gainsborough and others.



CAPACITY
Wedding or civil ceremony: 50
Wedding breakfast: 40
Reception drinks: 80

Picture Gallery

The Georgian-style Picture Gallery is an ideal space for ceremonies and wedding breakfasts, adorned with antique furnishings, an impressive marble fireplace and large-scale portraits.

As an added highlight this room houses an original 1920s Broadwood & Sons grand piano, which is available for use to add an elegant touch to your journey down the aisle.

'The Foundling Museum was the perfect backdrop for our cocktail hour and reception. The stunning mix of art and architecture truly worked so well with our table decor, flowers and day in general. It is such a special venue that has provided us with memories that will last a lifetime. The added lifetime membership was a lovely post-event touch that we will cherish. A big thank you to the team at the Museum for all their help in making our day great.'

Daniel & Jonny

CAPACITY

Civil or marriage ceremony: 100

Wedding breakfast: 100

Reception drinks: 150





Study Studio

This contemporary space is adorned with a graphic mural by award-winning poet Lemn Sissay OBE. Featuring some of the world's favourite fictional characters including Harry Potter, Cinderella and Han Solo, the Study Studio offers a striking backdrop to dance the night away!

CAPACITY
Dancing: 80



'We fell in love with the Museum when we first visited and from then on the team showed great hospitality and professionalism, to help make our wedding day a smooth and memorable one. Loads of guests were raving about the venue and how it's such a hidden gem, and all of them had a wonderful time!'

Eshan & Matt



Handel Gallery

Our Handel Gallery offers a peaceful, intimate setting for small ceremonies. One of the charity's first benefactors, the composer George Frideric Handel held an annual performance of his *Messiah* to raise funds for the Foundling Hospital. Licensed for wedding ceremonies and civil partnerships, you can host your celebration amongst this special collection - ideal for music and history lovers alike.



CAPACITY
Ceremony: 10
Standing: 25





Approved Suppliers

From caterers, florists and production companies, to musicians and photographers, our suppliers will be delighted to talk you through options, tailoring their offerings to match your preferences.

As a Grade II-listed building, we kindly request you work with our approved suppliers for catering, production and flowers. Each of our suppliers have been carefully selected for their expert knowledge and familiarity with the Museum, as well as their ability to cater for a variety of styles and budgets. You are welcome to source your own photographers, DJs and musicians.

If you would prefer to use an unapproved caterer, production company or florist, we can discuss working with them so long as they meet the Museum's terms and conditions.

We can also recommend a selection of wedding planners who can assist with your planning process.

Please visit our website for details of our approved suppliers: [foundlingmuseum.org.uk/venue-hire](https://www.foundlingmuseum.org.uk/venue-hire)



FAQs

Is the Foundling Museum licensed for civil ceremonies?

Yes, we have three beautiful spaces licensed for marriages and civil partnership ceremonies. We can hold your preferred date for up to two weeks for you whilst you check the availability of your chosen celebrant or Camden Council's registrars.

How do I secure my wedding date?

We can hold your preferred date in our diary for up to two weeks. Afterwards, a deposit of 50% of the total hire fee will be required to secure your wedding date. Following your initial deposit, the remaining 50% will be requested one month before your wedding day.

What time can my wedding finish?

Our hire fees extend to midnight. For extensions beyond midnight, we need apply to Camden Council for permission. An additional charge applies.

Can we deliver or set up the day before an event?

As the Museum has limited space and is open to the public most days of the week, we are not usually able to organise early deliveries or set-ups outside the hire period, although we always try to accommodate special requests.

Can we arrange to leave items in the venue overnight?

We are usually not able to hold items overnight due to space restrictions, although we will do our best to accommodate wherever possible.

Can we use our own suppliers?

As a Grade II-listed building with priceless works of art on display and short set-up times available, we ask that you work with our approved suppliers for catering, production and flowers. By using our knowledgeable approved suppliers, we can ensure that not only is the Museum and the collection protected, but that you will receive a high level of service due to their experience. If you would prefer to use an unapproved supplier, we can discuss working with them so long as they meet the Museum's terms and conditions.

Are there any food and drink restrictions?

Due to the listed status of the Museum and our collection, there are some food and drink restrictions. For example, food containing staining spices and berries are not permitted. We also do not serve red wine for standing drinks receptions. Please contact us for more details.

Can we have dancing?

Yes, the Study Studio on the ground floor can be transformed into a dancing area.

Are candles permitted?

Naked flames are not permitted inside the Museum. We recommend using LED candles as an alternative.

Is confetti permitted?

Guests can use dried flower petals, but these can only be thrown outside the Museum. Confetti is not permitted inside the Museum - this includes dried/non-dried petals, biodegradable confetti and bubbles.

Is there parking onsite?

We can offer one parking space which must be reserved in advance. We are a three-minute walk from The Brunswick Shopping Centre carpark.

Is smoking permitted?

Smoking and e-cigarettes are not permitted anywhere inside the Museum. Smoking is restricted to a designated outside area.

Is there disabled access?

Yes, the Museum is fully wheelchair accessible with ramped access and a lift to all floors, plus accessible toilets. A wheelchair is also available on request.

What does exclusive hire include?

Exclusive hire includes Museum staffing and security for the duration of your event, as well as access to the Museum's galleries. Catering, furniture, decorations and AV are not included with exclusive hire and must be arranged separately.

What makes the Foundling Museum unique?

Guests can wander around the Museum with a drink in hand, including the Introductory Gallery, Committee Room and the Handel Gallery on the fourth floor. By choosing us as your venue, you will be making a valuable contribution to the Museum - as a registered charity, all income from venue hire supports our work with marginalised and vulnerable children. You and your partner will also receive a free lifetime Museum membership, giving you access to our collection and exhibitions forever!



Prices

Wedding ceremony/civil partnership:
£2,000+VAT (3 hours)

Wedding/celebration breakfast + reception:
£5,000+VAT (from 2pm-midnight)

Wedding ceremony/civil partnership + reception:
£7,000+VAT (from 10am-midnight)

Additional hours: £500+VAT per hour

Rates include:

- Exclusive hire of the whole Museum
- A quiet space for the pre-ceremony interview with the registrars/celebrant if needed, plus a contemporary space for a dance floor
- An opportunity to have your photographs taken in Brunswick Square
- Use of an original Broadwood & Sons grand piano (Picture Gallery only)
- A dedicated Event Manager to support you in the planning process and on the day itself
- A member of security
- AV package:
 - 12 x uplighters for ambient dance floor
 - Sonos system for background/ceremony music
 - Microphone & PA system for speeches
 - PA system for DJ or playlist



All packages include two hours of set-up time, and are exclusive of registrar fees and catering.

Catering costs should be obtained from one of our approved suppliers. Visit our website for a full list: foundlingmuseum.org.uk/venue-hire

Camden Council require an additional fee to book their registrars for a legal ceremony. You will need to book directly with them. For more information visit <https://tietheknot.camden.gov.uk>

Micro wedding packages are also available so you can experience the charm of an intimate celebration at the Foundling Museum. Please enquire separately for a quote.



Suggested Timelines

Ceremony, Reception & Wedding Breakfast

- 10:00** Suppliers setup
- 11:45** Final checks completed
- 12:00** Guests begin to arrive
- 13:00** Ceremony begins
- 13:30** Ceremony ends
- 13:30** Photos & drinks reception begins
- 15:00** Call for wedding breakfast
- 15:15** Speeches & toasts
- 15:45** Dinner service begins
- 17:30** Dinner ends
- 19:00** Cake cutting, followed by first dance
- 19:15** Music & dancing
- 23:30** Last orders at the bar
- 00:00** Carriages

Reception & Wedding Breakfast

- 14:00** Suppliers setup
- 15:45** Final checks completed
- 16:00** Guests begin to arrive
- 16:15** Welcome drinks reception
- 17:45** Call for wedding breakfast
- 18:00** Speeches & toasts
- 18:30** Dinner service begins
- 21:15** Dinner ends
- 21:45** Cake cutting, followed by first dance
- 22:00** Music & dancing
- 23:30** Last orders at the bar
- 00:00** Carriages



Please get in touch with us to book a visit.

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More information and inspiration can be found at:

foundlingmuseum.org.uk/venue-hire

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How to get here

Tube

The nearest tube station is Russell Square which is a four minute walk from the Museum.

Rail

The nearest train stations are King's Cross St Pancras and Euston.

Bus

Bus routes 1, 68, 91 and N91 all stop at Russell Square Station.

Parking

There is an NCP carpark located at The Brunswick Shopping Centre.

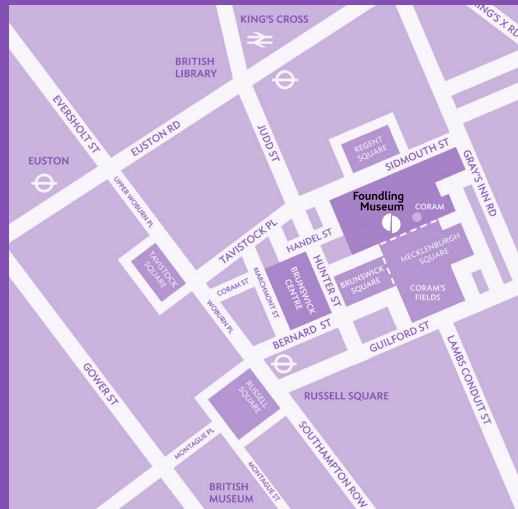


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