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BATH: A WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Recognised as one of the most beautiful cities in the world, Bath is the only city in Britain to enjoy UNESCO World Heritage status. With its stylish combination of impressive architecture and breath-taking scenery, Bath will certainly impress your quests.

Built around Britain's only hot springs, Bath gained its greatest importance Georgian times. Today, the city reflects two thousand years of continuous habitation, with the spectacular medieval Abbey soaring above the 2,000 year-old Roman Baths and elegant Georgian Pump Room. The city is also culturally rich, hosting everything from music, comedy and food to children's literature and Jane Austen. The city is also home to the nationally renowned Theatre Royal.

Come to Bath and luxuriate in the natural hot springs at Thermae Bath Spa or indulge yourself in the city's abundant boutique shops. If you are interested in sport, why not catch a game at Bath Rugby ground, explore the delightful cycle routes into the Somerset countryside or spend a day at Bath races?

When you also consider its convenient location and easy access to the rest of the UK, we hope you'll agree that Bath really is the perfect destination for any event.



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c1090

King's Bath built over the

Roman Sacred Spring

863 BC

The legendary Prince Bladud discovers Bath's healing thermal springs



c75AD

Romans build the sacred baths and temple of Aquae Sulis

c400

Romans withdraw and Aguae Sulis falls into ruin

577

Bath captured by Saxons

973

Edgar crowned the first king of all England in Bath's Saxon cathedral

1174 St. John's Hospital built beside the Cross Bath

1499

Building of present Abbey started

Bath's monastery closed by King Henry VIII; incomplete Abbey left to disintegrate

Queen Elizabeth I orders restoration of Abbey and promotion of hot baths

1580s

Queen's Bath built beside King's Bath

1617

Abbey Church completed

1661

Drinking Pump installed at the King's Bath

1702

Bath's profile is raised by Queen Anne's visits

1704

Richard 'Beau' Nash appointed Master of Ceremonies

1706

First Pump Room opens

Minerva's Head discovered beneath Stall Street

1742

Royal Mineral Water Hospital opens. designed by John Wood the Elder

1767

Royal Crescent started, designed by John Wood the Younger

Guildhall built, designed by Thomas Baldwin

1801

1840

1880

William Harbutt invents plasticine in Bath

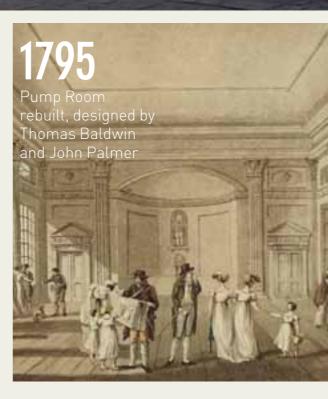


1775

Jane Austen moves to lodgings in Bath

World's first postage stamp sent from Bath Post Office

Roman Baths discovered





Victoria Art Gallery opens



2002

HM The Queen visits the Guildhall, Pump Room and Roman Baths

2003

Free public concert by The Three Tenors in the Royal Crescent

2006

Thermae Bath Spa opens

2007

The Duchess' with Keira Knightley and Ralph Fiennes, filmed in the Assembly Rooms



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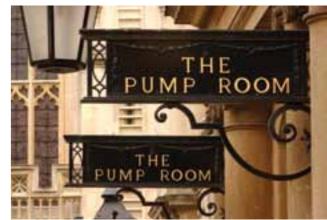
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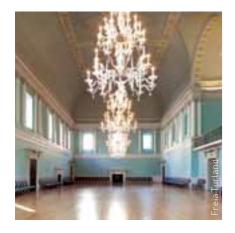
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OUR VENUES







ASSEMBLY ROOMS

The Assembly Rooms is one of Bath's most prestigious venues and has been at the heart of the city's social life since the 18th century. There are four rooms on the ground floor, designed for large assemblies and therefore ideal for hospitality and entertainment. Guests can move easily, behind closed doors, from room to room throughout the day of your event. There is a small formal garden, well suited to drinks receptions. The world-renowned Fashion Museum, located on the lower ground floor, can be a welcome distraction between other activities.

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ROMAN BATHS GUILDHALL & PUMP ROOM

Situated at the centre of the World Heritage Site, the Roman Baths and Pump Room is without doubt one of the most distinctive buildings in the country. The Roman Baths, steeped in history, with its origins dating back 2000 years, is a truly magical setting that will delight and fascinate your guests. Upstairs in the Pump Room there is a choice of rooms, and the venue can therefore cater for intimate groups as well as much larger parties of up to 200 quests.

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Housing the Banqueting Room, the finest Georgian interior in Bath, the Guildhall is an imposing Grade I listed building. Conveniently positioned opposite Bath Abbey and the Roman Baths, the venue offers space for a wide variety of events.

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VICTORIA ART GALLERY

The Victoria Art Gallery is the city's public art gallery, with a particularly fine collection of art in its care. The stunning upper gallery with its cast of the Parthenon Frieze houses the permanent collection, whilst the exhibitions in the lower gallery change every few months. The Gallery is an inspiring and unusual venue for a drinks reception.

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WE HAD A FABULOUS EVENING WITH OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN A STUNNING LOCATION. IT ALL LOOKED ABSOLUTELY MARVELLOUS!"

Adrian and Lorna Stokes

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ASSEMBLY ROOMS

Designed by John Wood the Younger in 1769 for entertainment, tea drinking and dancing, the Assembly Rooms were at the heart of fashionable Georgian society. When completed in 1771, they were described as 'the most noble and elegant of any in the kingdom'. Guests would gather in the rooms in the evening for balls, concerts and other social functions, or simply to play cards and socialise.



Scenes such as this feature in the novels of Jane Austen, who lived in Bath with her parents and sister from 1801 to 1805. Her two novels set in Bath, Northanger Abbey and Persuasion, both mention the Assembly Rooms, which she called the "Upper Rooms"

Above: The Fancy Ball at the Upper Rooms by

Robert Cruikshank, 1825

Charles Dickens visited Bath on several occasions. He gave public readings in the Assembly Rooms and mentions them in the Pickwick Papers (published in 1837): "In the ball-room, the long card-room, the octagonal card-room, the staircases, and the passages, the hum of many voices, and the sound of many feet, were perfectly bewildering. Dresses rustled, feathers waved, lights shone, and jewels sparkled".

Adaptations of several novels have been filmed in the Assembly Rooms, in addition to films such as The Duchess (2008) with Keira Knightley and Ralph Fiennes.

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AS ALWAYS, IT IS A PLEASURE TO **WORK WITH YOU AND YOUR TEAMS. NOTHING IS EVER TOO MUCH** TROUBLE, THE QUALITY OF THE FOOD WAS AMAZING..."

Gill Winker, Knorr Bremse Awards Dinner

Above: Chandeliers in the Tea Room

Left: Party in the

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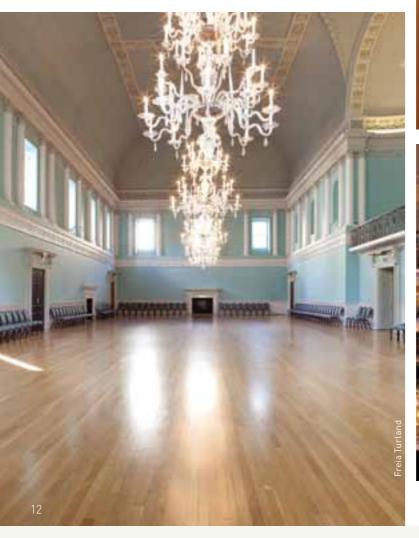
BALL ROOM

The Ball Room is the largest eighteenth century room in Bath and has often been described as the finest in the country. High columns, intricate plasterwork and five original Whitefriars crystal chandeliers make this a spectacular space. The high ceiling was designed with ventilation in mind; on crowded ball nights up to 1,200 guests would use the room for dancing. The room is now ideally suited to larger events such as awards dinners, conferences and exhibitions.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT...

...using the Assembly Rooms for your daytime event and the Roman Baths and Pump Room for a gala dinner?

Below left and right: Ball Room





TEA ROOM

Wonderfully light and well proportioned, this graceful room features three stunning Whitefriars crystal chandeliers, a double columned balcony and original fireplaces. In the eighteenth century the Tea Room was used for concerts and refreshments the price of interval tea was included in the cost of a ball ticket. The elegant simplicity of the room ensures that it is one of our most popular venues, making a particularly memorable setting for parties and dinners.

Above and right: Tea Room



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GREAT OCTAGON

Octagonal in shape and housing four original marble fireplaces and twelve eighteenth century portraits, this room began life as a card room where parties gathered at tables to play whist and other games of chance. At the centre of this sunny yellow room is a particularly spectacular Whitefriars crystal chandelier, the largest in the building. Today the room is most frequently used for drinks receptions, or for conference exhibitors, registration and refreshments.

Right: Captain William Wade by Gainsborough, 1771. Master of Ceremonies at the Assembly Rooms.





CARD ROOM

Beyond the Great Octagon lies the Card Room, a long room added to the Assembly Rooms in 1777 to give card players a more private venue in which to meet. It makes a convenient bar area and may be used for serving refreshments or lunches. The room also has access to a small southfacing formal garden, which is lovely for enjoying drinks in the summer.

Above: Assembly Rooms garden

_eft: Card Room

Right: Dress of the Year 2011, Sarah Burton's Fall collection for Alexander McQueen



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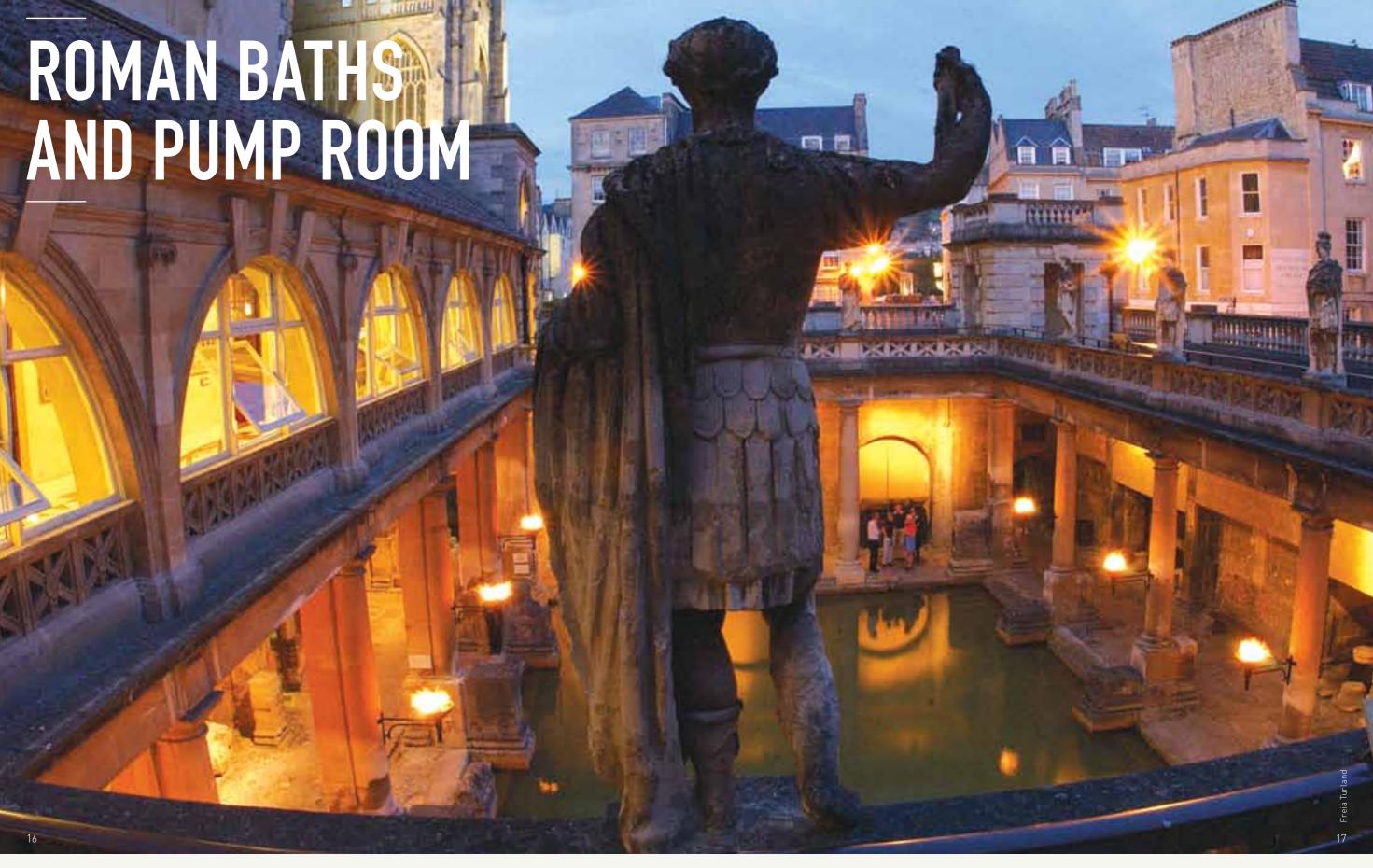
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From the first century to the twenty first century, people have been drawn to this place for entertainment and relaxation.

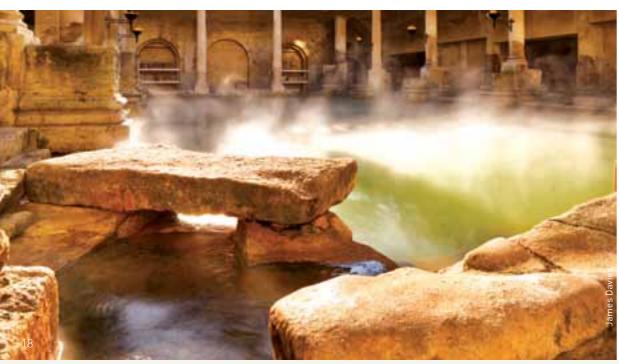
What remains today is a remarkable sequence of ancient, medieval and later structures that give testimony to the continuous use of hot water here over nearly 2000 years.

Right: Pump Room

Below: 'Pump Room' coloured aquatint by John Hill after JC Nattes, 1804.









The story of the hot springs in Bath began thousands of years ago. Rain on the Mendip Hills was driven deep underground before rising, hot and bubbling, to the surface, warmed by the heat of the earth's core. The site of this extraordinary phenomenon prompted the Celts to adopt the spring as the home of their goddess Sulis.

Following the Roman invasion of Britain, the Romans built a grand religious spa complex on this site in c.75AD, which they dedicated to the deities Sulis and Minerva, the latter being their own goddess of healing. The hot baths, which yield around 1,200,000 litres of water daily at 46°C, were in use between the 1st and 4th centuries.

The first Pump Room was built in 1706 and the improved, current structure was built in 1795 by Thomas Baldwin and John Palmer.

In 1878, the city surveyor architect Major Charles Davis, worried by a leak in the King's Bath, decided to explore the ground around it. In doing so he found Roman remains and by 1880 had uncovered large parts of the Great Bath. The Reception Hall and Terrace were completed in the late 19th century, providing the city with a monument for which it is now famed throughout the world.

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PUMP ROOM

Once the focal point of Georgian society, the beautiful Pump Room remains the social heart of the city. The room features Corinthian columns, tall windows, a glittering crystal chandelier, the thermal spa fountain and the historic long case Tompion Clock. The impressive Grade I Listed venue also has a stage for live music and a fine dance floor for an evening of fun and relaxation. The adjoining King's Lounge, overlooking the Romans' sacred spring, makes a convenient location for a bar.

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TEMPLE PEDIMENT AND AQUAE SULIS

The Temple at Bath is one of only two truly classical temples known from Roman Britain. The great ornamental pediment survives, and has been re-erected in the Roman Baths museum. This area of the museum makes an interesting choice for a drinks reception. The Aquae Sulis area which celebrates the lives of people who lived and visited the Roman city of Bath is ideal for a small dinner.



Left: Terrace Right: Aquae Sulis Below left: Reception Hall

TERRACE AND RECEPTION HALL

Built by the Victorians to view the newly discovered Great Bath, the Terrace is a more intimate alternative to the Pump Room. A particularly atmospheric choice for a dinner, quests may soak up the unique atmosphere and enjoy the special view of the waters below. Designed for concerts, the adjoining Reception Hall with its stunning domed Four Seasons ceiling now makes a fabulous area for dancing to a band or DJ. The central oval ticketing desk can be transformed into a fully stocked bar to set the scene for an impressive party.



KINGSTON AND DRAWING ROOM

These elegant Victorian rooms overlook Bath Abbey. The Kingston Room, (previously known as the Smoking Room) was once used by Victorian gentlemen to smoke, whilst ladies would be seated in the Drawing Room next door. These intimate rooms with period decor are perfect for smaller private celebrations or meetings.

Right: Drawing Room

Far right: Kingston Room





HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT...

...treating your guests to a behind the scenes tour of the Roman Baths?

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GUILDHALL

The Guildhall is conveniently situated in the heart of the city near the Pump Room and Roman Baths. An impressive setting for a ceremony and reception, the Georgian interiors and grand staircases make a magnificent backdrop for a party.

Built by Thomas Baldwin in 1775, this beautiful building replaced a Stuart building built in 1625. The Stuart building and the Georgian one after it were the centre of Bath's administrative and judicial life for more than 350 years, as well as a venue for corporation celebrations, balls, plays, and other events. This tradition continues to this day, although civic hospitality is on a more modest scale and many of the functions of the modern Council take place in other buildings. The Register Office, Mayor's Parlour and City Archives are still housed here.

In 1893 the central dome was added to Baldwin's building by J.M. Brydon, who added the Victoria Art Gallery soon afterwards.

Due to the outstanding architecture inside and out, the Guildhall was granted a Grade I listing status and with its imposing facade it is a masterpiece of the neo-classical style. Right: Banqueting

Below: Sir W Tite, MP for Bath. 1855 - 1873. Bust in Guildhall foyer.







ONLY ON THE SPLENDOUR OF THE SURROUNDINGS. BUT ALSO THE **VERY FRIENDLY AND EFFICIENT WAY YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES DEALT WITH ALL** THE MANY POINTS OF DETAIL."

Heritage Railway Association AGM Event at the Guildhall



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I WISH WE COULD EXPORT YOU

Sandy Bledscoe, Lipscombe University.

COUNCIL **CHAMBER & BRUNSWICK ROOM**

An impressive panelled room with fixed seating and a public gallery, the Victorian Council Chamber is still used as the focal point for Council debate and decision making today. It is available for hire as a meeting room or for presentations.

The Brunswick Room was originally Bath's sessions court. It is conveniently located on the ground floor of the Guildhall and offers accessible and flexible space for meetings, presentations and drinks receptions.

BANQUETING ROOM & AIX-EN-PROVENCE ROOM

The Banqueting Room is a fine, well-proportioned room, with beautiful gilded decorative mouldings, original royal portraits and eighteenth century glittering chandeliers. The Guildhall's largest room was originally designed to host the city's dignitaries and has been frequented by royalty; most recently by HM Queen Elizabeth II who was entertained to lunch here in 2002.

With one of the most impressive Georgian interiors in Bath, the Banqueting Room is a splendid room for dinners and conferences. The adjoining Aix-en-Provence Room is perfect for drinks receptions or as a bar area.

Above: Banqueting Room



Right: Aix-en-Provence Room

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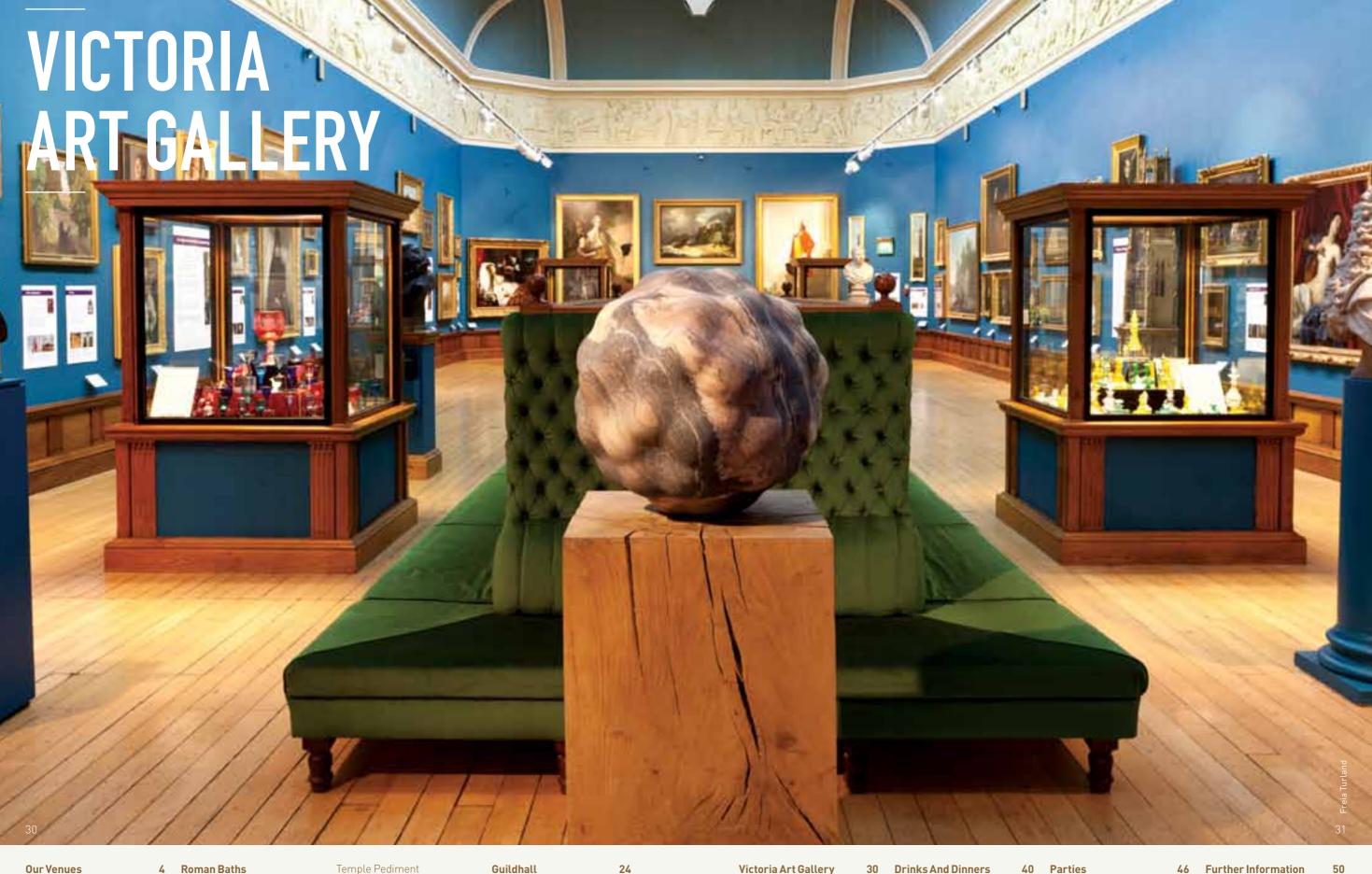
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VICTORIA ART GALLERY

This lovely Grade II listed building was named to celebrate Queen Victoria's sixty years on the throne. Centrally situated, it houses a fine collection of paintings, sculpture, glasswear and decorative arts, including works by Gainsborough, Sickert, Nash and Klee.

The building consists of the grand Upper Gallery and a more contemporary Lower Gallery, with an inviting marble entrance hall and grand staircase.

THE UPPER GALLERY

The Upper Gallery displays works of art from the permanent collection and guests may be served drinks in the Rotunda, before proceeding into the beautifully displayed gallery to socialise.

THE LOWER GALLERY

This gallery offers a varied and imaginative programme of touring and one off exhibitions. Massive sculptures can give way to delicate works on paper, contemporary murals or imposing floor to ceiling installations. We suggest viewing the current exhibition programme to see if there is a show that will suit the mood and atmosphere of your event. Depending on the exhibits on display, drinks can also be served in this area.









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CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Bath is a prestigious backdrop for any conference, meeting or exhibition. Delegates are always keen to visit and our Grade I listed venues offer them a flavour of the city without even having to leave their conference room.

For those with time to spare, the city offers a wide range of opportunities for partner programmes or delegate activities. We offer clients holding conferences or meetings at the Pump Room or at the Assembly Rooms the option for delegates to visit the Roman Baths or the Fashion Museum at a reduced entrance fee.

Our team have previously worked with associations, corporate and government clients including HSBC, Statoil, Burtons Biscuits, the Osteoporosis Society and the Ministry of Defence. When you hold your conference with us, you will be reassured by our experience and attention to detail.





THE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly Rooms is Bath's premier conference venue. Together with its stunning Georgian interior, it offers capacity for up to 500 delegates with space for catering and exhibitors. In addition, all the rooms have natural daylight, full blackout facilities and free Wi-Fi with a large bandwidth, making it easy to see why the venue is such a popular choice for conference organisers looking for a high quality conference in an historic setting.

With four interlinking rooms, the venue offers our clients a great deal of flexibility. The rooms may be hired individually for a smaller meeting or, for a larger conference; the whole venue may be used exclusively. We always suggest that you visit the Assembly Rooms when planning a conference to see how the versatile space can be best used to meet your requirements.

The Ball Room is a particularly impressive room for larger conferences and offers 360sq m of exhibition space. Up to 500 delegates may be accommodated in the Ball Room, with the Tea Room and the Great Octagon Room providing space for registration, refreshments and exhibitors.

As well as complimenting the Ball Room, the Tea Room is ideal for smaller conferences, offering space for up to 250 delegates in theatre style or 210sqm of exhibition space.

At the heart of the venue, and linking to the three other rooms, the Great Octagon Room is most frequently used for registration and catering during larger events. However, it works equally well as a meeting or syndicate room for up to 120 delegates. Additionally, the Card Room is available as a syndicate room, or as a refreshments area in conjunction with the Great Octagon Room.

As well as the four main rooms, a small room adjoins the Ball Room. suitable as a VIP or green room. An office is also available on site, ideal for use as a conference or production office or for storage.

Larger conferences requiring additional break-out space may also like to consider use of the Guildhall in conjunction with the Assembly Rooms.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT...

...using the Assembly Rooms for your main conference session and the Guildhall for additional syndicate rooms?

	THEATRE	CABARET	CLASSROOM	BOARDROOM
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Tea Room	250	100	84	-
Octagon	120	80	-	30
Card Room	80	-	-	-

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THE **GUILDHALL**

Conveniently located in the very heart of Bath, the Guildhall is ideal for mediumsized conferences or smaller meetings. It benefits from several syndicate rooms, and is just a five minute walk

Banqueting Room can accommodate up to 360 delegates and included with the hire of the room is the adjoining Aix-en-Provence Room. This room is suitable for serving refreshments, registration, or as a break out space for up to 60 people.

On the ground floor, the Brunswick Room is well suited to presentations and meetings. Upstairs, there are two other rooms available for meetings which may be hired individually or in conjunction with other rooms when holding a larger event. The Council Chamber has fixed seating and is equipped with desks and microphones making it ideal for a seminar or formal debate. The Kaposvar Room seats 50

from the Bath Spa train station. The sumptuously decorated

people theatre style. **THEATRE** CABARET CLASSROOM 220 120

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Top: Brunswick Room Above: Aix en Provence

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THE ROMAN **BATHS & PUMP ROOM**

Although the majority of the venue is only available for hire during the evening, there are two rooms available for meetings during the day at the Roman Baths and Pump Room.

The Kingston Room and Drawing Room are typically used together, with a small meeting in one, before delegates move into the adjacent room for lunch or refreshments. These twin rooms are often used for half day sessions, with delegates spending the afternoon visiting the Roman Baths or

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DRINKS AND DINNERS

Originally designed for hospitality and entertainment, Bath's Historic Venues today offer unique and atmospheric settings for drinks receptions and dinners. Whether you are planning an intimate supper for family and friends or a gala dinner for colleagues, any occasion becomes a memorable one at these beautiful venues.





THE ROMAN BATHS & PUMP ROOM

At the heart of the World Heritage Site, the Roman Baths are undoubtedly one of the most original locations in the country for a drinks reception. Your guests may mingle beside the torch-lit and steaming waters, walking on paving dating back nearly two thousand years, guaranteeing an unforgettable evening. Although the Great Bath can accommodate up to 320 guests, the nature of the venue means it is equally suitable for very small groups.

Following drinks beside the Great Bath, guests may move upstairs to the elegant Pump Room for dinner, or alternatively to the Terrace and Reception Hall. The Pump Room is the perfect partner to the Roman Baths. This exceptional room is ideally suited to banquets, conference dinners, and large family gatherings, with capacity for up to 200 guests. The Steinway piano may be used should you wish to provide some entertainment during your dinner, and also available is a discreet built in PA system for

With its spectacular view over the Great Bath, the Terrace is a more intimate alternative to the Pump Room. The Terrace can accommodate up to 80 quests for formal dining, but is frequently used for much smaller numbers and is especially popular with incentive or VIP groups. Combining the Terrace with the adjoining Reception Hall allows 70 extra guests to be seated for dinner. The Reception Hall also provides additional space for dancing or a bar.

For larger parties or where different entertainment zones are required it is possible to hire the whole Pump Room complex.

The evocative Aquae Sulis area of the museum is the perfect choice for small but very special dinners. You can dine with the backdrop of the waters from the spring overflow, amongst the museum artifacts. The area is also available for a drinks reception.

These spaces are all available to hire daily from September to June from 7pm except for the Pump Room, which can be hired from 8pm all year round. During July and August (when the Roman Baths are unavailable for pre-dinner drinks) you might like to partner the Pump Room with the Victoria Art Gallery, which is just a short walk away.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT...

...entertaining your quests with costumed Roman characters?

		DRINKS RECEPTION	DINNER	DINNER DANCE / SEATED BUFFET
	Roman Baths	320	-	-
	Pump Room	300	200	160
pposite above:	Terrace	120	80	-
ump Room	Reception Hall	150	70	50
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THE VICTORIA **ART GALLERY**

The Victoria Art Gallery is a particularly inspiring venue for drinks and canapé receptions. It may be used in conjunction with the Guildhall, which is located next door, or with the Pump Room which is a short stroll away.

The Upper and Lower Galleries are available for hire Tuesday to Saturday from 6pm or all day on a Monday. (Clear drinks only in the Upper Gallery.)

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Lower Gallery	15
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THE ASSEMBLY **ROOMS**

One of Bath's finest Georgian buildings, the Assembly Rooms is still central to the city's social life. The venue exudes a simple elegance, and with its sparkling Whitefriars crystal chandeliers dimmed it needs very little dressing to provide a dramatic backdrop for dinner or drinks. Using a combination of rooms, this stunning venue can accommodate up to 420 people for dinner.

The Ball Room, seating up to 280 people in cabaret style, lends itself perfectly to awards ceremonies and gala dinners. The elegant Tea Room is available for dinners of up to 170 guests, but may also be used for larger drinks receptions.

At the heart of the venue, the Great Octagon is perfect for pre-dinner drinks in the adjoining Ball Room or Tea Room. It may also be used for smaller dinners or lunches.

Beyond the Great Octagon is the Card Above left: Tea Room Room, available free of charge as a convenient bar area when the Ball Room Above: or Tea Room are hired for catered events. Ball Room The Card Room also has access to a

small Georgian garden, so that you can

enjoy drinks outside on a balmy evening.

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6.30pm. With its renowned collection

inspiring venue for a drinks reception.

Museum is available to hire from

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	DRINKS RECEPTION	DINNER	DINNER DANCE / SEATED BUFFET
Ball Room	400	310	280
Tea Room	300	170	120
Octagon	250	120	-
Fashion Museum	100	-	-
Card Room	100	-	-

THE **GUILDHALL**

Left below: Banqueting Room

With a convenient city centre location, a large capacity for dining and as home to the modern Council, the Guildhall remains a building central to civic hospitality.

The Banqueting Room offers a grand setting, with its sumptuous interior, reputed to be the finest in Bath, for up to 200 guests for dinner. The adjoining Aix-en-Provence room is the perfect location for arrival drinks. It may also be used a bar area or as a buffet service point.

For drinks receptions, the Brunswick Room can accommodate 130 quests. It is frequently used for pre-concert receptions for events taking place either upstairs in the Banqueting Room or in the nearby Bath Abbey.

I WOULD LIKE TO DEEPLY THANK YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES FOR HELPING **US ORGANISE SUCH AN AMAZING EVENT. EVERYONE HAD A WONDERFUL** TIME AND LOVED THE FOOD AND ATMOSPHERE."

University of Bath, Model United Nations society.

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Brunswick Room	130	-	-

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PARTIES

You are spoilt for choice when it comes to choosing a venue for your celebration; we have spaces available for lunches, afternoon teas or evening parties.

Perhaps you have a significant anniversary or birthday you would like to mark, or you might want to reward your staff at Christmas. Whatever the reason, those looking for somewhere special to entertain family, friends or colleagues will find our venues both atmospheric and inviting. The Roman Baths & Pump Room, Assembly Rooms and Guildhall are all licensed for music and dancing, with the opportunity to finish your event at 1am.





ROMAN BATHS AND PUMP ROOM

If you are looking for an original venue for a party, the Terrace and Reception Hall is an excellent option. The area is ideal for buffets and bowl food receptions, or you may prefer to start the evening with a more formal dinner. Alternatively, space can be left for dancing in the Pump Room, and once quests have finished dinner they can enjoy live music from the stage that is in situ.

For a really large party you could hire the whole venue; 300 people can be seated using a combination of the Pump Room, Terrace and Reception Hall. After dinner, quests can move between all three areas - perhaps to enjoy dancing in the Pump Room or to the Reception Hall to use the bar. Adding the Roman Baths for arrival drinks would really set the scene for a fantastic occasion.

The Kingston Room and Drawing Room are ideal for a more modest celebration. Up to 40 guests can arrive and enjoy a drink in the Drawing Room then move to the Kingston Room for a celebratory lunch or private afternoon tea.

THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS

Built for entertainment, the Assembly Rooms is still a perfect party location. Up to 280 quests may enjoy a dinner or buffet in the magnificent Ball Room, leaving space to make use of the sprung wooden floor designed for dancing. The Tea Room can accommodate 120 quests for dinner and dancing, or hire all rooms in the venue and you have space for up to 420 people.

The Octagon is well suited to private lunches or afternoon teas, seating from 50 to 120 guests.

THE GUILDHALL

The Guildhall is one of the largest venues in Bath where you are free to use your own choice of caterer, perfect if you are planning a themed event. Up to 180 guests may enjoy dinner and dancing in the Banqueting Room. The adjoining Aix-en-Provence Room is ideal as a buffet service point, as well as a bar area.

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Below: Ball Room

..asking our team for advice on local services and suppliers?





PRIVATE VIEWING

For a very special experience we can arrange private out of hours visits or curator led tours of the Roman Baths. Experience the site tailored to your preferences, see areas closed during our usual opening hours and finish up with a glass of champagne!

We can also arrange private viewings of exhibitions at the Victoria Art Gallery or Fashion Museum.

Above: Ball Room Opposite: Great Bath

CONCERTS & PERFORMANCES

The venues host many concerts each year including numerous recitals as part of the annual International Bath Music Festival and Bath Mozartfest. The Assembly Rooms is one of the largest concert venues in Bath, and the acoustics in the Guildhall are particularly renowned.

The Roman Baths have set the scene for several operatic performances – one of them complete with miniature battleships!

There is a Steinway piano in situ at the Pump Room which may be used, although at the Guildhall and the Assembly Rooms a piano will need to be hired. Staging and changing rooms are available at each venue, and we request that clients organise lighting, crew, publicity and ticket sales themselves.

EXHIBITIONS AND SALES

The Guildhall regularly plays host to a variety of craft fairs, its city centre location a real advantage for organisers. The Banqueting Room is also an ideal spot for a vintage sale or an art exhibition.

The large spaces available at the Assembly Rooms make it a perfect choice for larger exhibitions. The venue also benefits from an on site café.

FASHION SHOWS The scale and grandeur of the Ball Room at the Assembly Rooms makes it a popular choice for fashion shows. We are able to provide all the staging you require for a catwalk, and can recommend suitable suppliers for lighting and backdrops.

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ASSEMBLY ROOMS. **ROMAN BATHS & PUMP ROOM**

Searcys are our caterers at the Roman Baths, Pump Room and Assembly Rooms. They are a privately owned catering company and, since 1847, have developed an enviable reputation. Today Searcys cater in a number of prestigious venues including The Gherkin, The Barbican and Blenheim Palace.

We work very closely with Searcys' dedicated team and together we will guide you through the planning of your event to ensure everything runs smoothly for you and your quests. Whether you are looking for an informal cocktail reception with canapés, a finger buffet lunch for twenty people or a gala dinner for three hundred, Searcys will discuss every element of the food & drink in order to deliver your perfect menu. Their experienced and competent team of professional chefs and banqueting staff will provide peace of mind and a seamless service.

Searcys work closely with their suppliers to ensure that they source the best local produce. Their high standards are paramount and they pride themselves on their quality and locally-sourced ingredients.

For sample menus and further information about Searcys, please visit www.searcys.co.uk or call them direct on 01225 444477.

GUILDHALL

At the Guildhall and the Victoria Art Gallery we operate a listed caterer scheme, where you may choose from a selection of catering companies. All caterers on our list are familiar with the venue and its kitchen, and have been endorsed by previous clients. Alternatively, and unusually for such an esteemed venue, you are also free to use a caterer of your choice who meets our terms and conditions. Further information can be found on our website www.bathvenues.co.uk or please speak to a member of the team.

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HERE TO HELP YOU

With extensive experience of holding and organising events, we offer hands-on professional and practical expertise. We will guide you through the planning of your event to help ensure that on the day everything is exactly as you envisaged.

In the time leading up to your event we will work closely with you and your suppliers to ensure that nothing is left to chance. We generally suggest that you come in to meet with us four weeks prior to your event to finalise the details. However, we are also happy to answer any queries that you may have before this either in person, over the telephone or via email. Working with you, we will produce an event schedule listing your timings and requirements, and if applicable room layouts. We can also provide a certain amount of equipment free of charge; please see page 59 for more information.

On the day of your event, we will ensure that our venues are welcoming, well-presented and set out to the specification you have agreed with us. A designated Event Manager, operations staff and up to two security personnel are provided to ensure that everything runs smoothly and seamlessly.

We are passionate about the buildings we look after, and feedback from our clients frequently praises the enthusiasm and professionalism of our staff. From the day you decide to use our venues, you can be assured that the whole team will be working closely together to make sure your event is a success.

SPECIAL OFFERS

Late availability discounts, packages and other seasonal offers can be found advertised on our website.

SUPPLIERS

We have a flexible approach towards suppliers, and at all our venues you are free to make your own choices. We can liaise directly with your suppliers regarding access, preparation and deliveries, leaving you with one less thing to think about.

Our website, www.bathvenues.co.uk, lists a whole host of suppliers familiar with our venues, so if you are looking for some entertainment, a florist or even an audio-visual company, it is a good place to find some inspiration. If you are looking for something specific or need further advice, our team are happy to suggest suitable options wherever we can.

The only exception is your choice of caterer at the Assembly Rooms and Pump Room, where you are required to use our caterer Searcys. At the Guildhall we operate a listed caterers' scheme, but subject to terms and conditions you are also able to use another professional caterer at the venue.

GUIDED TOURS AND COSTUMED CHARACTERS

We can arrange guided tours of the Roman Baths, Victoria Art Gallery and Fashion Museum for you and your guests. At the Roman Baths, we can arrange for costumed characters to entertain you – a Roman Soldier with tales of his journey from Rome, or a local stonemason at work.

If you are having an event at the Roman Baths we can arrange guided tours of the museum for groups of up to 100 people. We can also arrange tours of the Fashion Museum and Victoria Art Gallery.

PROMOTIONAL ASSISTANCE

If you are planning a ticketed or public event, we can include it on our monthly newsletter, tweet about it, and include it on our Facebook page. Just ask the team for more information.

The local ticket agency, Bath Box Office, can help you with ticket sales and marketing. Please visit www.bathboxoffice.org.uk.

ACCOMMODATION

Bath offers a wealth of accommodation options. For access to over 250 providers, from the finest to the more affordable please visit www.visitbath.co.uk/accommodation. All the options on this site are part of a nationally recognised brand, have been inspected by Visit Britain or the AA, or are VisitBath Approved.

PARKING

Park and ride facilities and public car parks can be found a short walk from all our venues.

Long stay parking is available at Charlotte Street, Avon Street and Southgate. Alternatively Park & Ride facilities are available to the North, East and South of the city (but do not operate every Sunday). For more information visit: www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/ parking-and-travel

DELIVERIES AND UNLOADING

For advice about deliveries and unloading, please speak to our team on 01225 477786.

To locate the venues, please use the following postcodes:

Pump Room & Roman Baths, BA1 1LZ Assembly Rooms, BA1 2QH Guildhall, BA1 5AW Victoria Art Gallery, BA2 4AT

AVAILABILITY

With the exception of the Guildhall, Bath's Historic Venues are working visitor attractions and as such, there may be restrictions in place at certain times of the day and during the year. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Assembly Rooms

The Assembly Rooms are available to hire at any time of the day all year round.

The Card Room is available free of charge as a bar area when the Tea Room or Ball Room are hired for catered events. It is not available for hire on its own.

Roman Baths & Pump Room

The Roman Baths, Terrace, Reception Hall, Temple Pediment and Aguae Sulis are only available to hire when the museum is closed: before 9am and from 7pm daily. Aquae Sulis and the Temple Pediment are not available to hire when there is an event taking place on the Terrace. Please ask the team for more information.

During July and August, the museum is open late to visitors so these rooms are not available to hire in the evening. The Pump Room is still available for private hire from 8pm all year round and you may choose to have a drinks reception in the Victoria Art Gallery prior to this.

The Kingston and Drawing Rooms are available to hire at any time of the day all year round. They are not usually available for hire on their own after 7pm.

The Guildhall is available to hire at any time of the day all year round. The Aix-en-Provence Room is not usually available for hire on its own.

Victoria Art Gallery

The Gallery can be privately hired from 6pm Tuesday to Sunday and at any time on Monday.

Due to the value of certain paintings, only clear drinks are permitted in the Upper Gallery. Depending on the nature of the exhibition in the Lower Gallery, restrictions may apply, please ask for details.

FABULOUS!! EVERYONE HAD SUCH A

GOOD TIME! I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT ALL YOUR HELP AND ADVICE!"

Marlene Anning, Emergency UK

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BALL ROOM

Capacity

500 theatre style

310 dinner

Great for awards dinners and parties.

Available all day, all year round

level access.

TEA ROOM GREAT OCTAGON

Capacity 250 theatre style

dinner

Great for parties,

exhibition space.

Available all day,

all year round

meetings and

theatre style

Great for drinks receptions, registration or exhibitions.

Available all day, all year round

Capacity

250 drinks

reception

level access.

CARD ROOM

Capacity

80 theatre style

Great bar area, ideal for refreshments. Available all day, all year round

level access.

ROMAN BATHS

Capacity

drinks

reception Great for drinks

receptions Available from 7pm, September

Uneven surface, access available

PUMP ROOM

Capacity

200 dinner

300 drinks

Great for gala dinners and parties. Available from

reception

8pm.

TERRACE

Capacity

80 dinner

120 drinks

reception

Great for intimate dinners Available from 7nm

level access

RECEPTION HALL & DRAWING ROOM

Capacity

150 drinks

reception Great for parties and dancing.

Available from 7pm Ground floor, level access.

Capacity

KINGSTON ROOM

40 theatre style

dinner Great for small

meetings, lunches or afternoon tea Available all day, all year round level access.

BANQUETING ROOM & AIX-**EN-PROVENCE**

Capacity

360 theatre style

200

dinner

Great for large dinners, parties Available all day, all year Choice of caterers First floor, access

BRUNSWICK ROOM

Capacity

theatre style

130 drinks

reception

Available all day, all year round Choice of caterers, cold food only.

CHAMBER UPPER GALLERY

Capacity

(fixed seating)

Great for meetings and debates. Available all day,

all year round First floor, access via stairs or lift

Capacity

100

drinks reception

via stairs or lift

Great for drinks Great for drinks receptions. Available from First floor, access

receptions. Available from

LOWER GALLERY

Capacity

150

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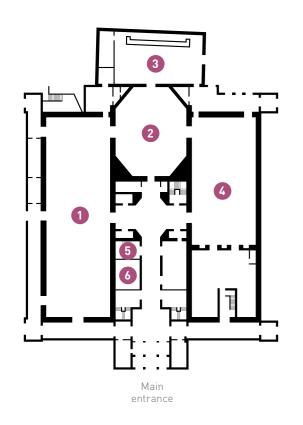
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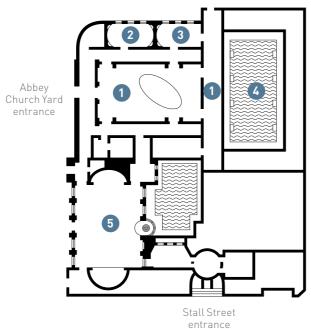
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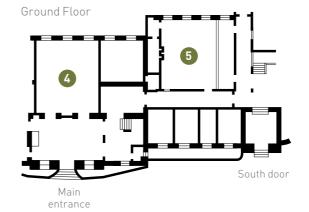
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- 5 Bath Register Office

GENERAL INFORMATION

Assembly Rooms

- Tables, chairs, staging and flipcharts are included in our room hire charges. We can provide you with sample room layouts to help you with your planning.
- All chandeliers are at a fixed height and cannot be moved up or down. They may all be dimmed.
- All meeting rooms have natural daylight and blackout blinds.
- Three-phase power is available in the Ball Room at the Assembly Rooms.

AUDIO- VISUAL EQUIPMENT

At all of the venues we are able to provide you with a PA system and speakers at no additional cost. The equipment we have available is suitable for speeches at small to medium sized events. For larger events, or where the specification is more complex, we suggest using an external supplier.

You are welcome to use your own choice of supplier to provide audiovisual equipment. Alternatively, we would be delighted to arrange a bespoke quote for equipment or a technician.

The Roman Baths, Pump Room, Terrace and Upper Gallery have PA systems in situ; freestanding equipment is available for other rooms.

We have LCD projectors and screens available for use at all the venues.

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WI-FI

Wi-Fi is available at the Assembly Rooms, the Roman Baths & Pump Room, and the Guildhall. At the Assembly Rooms the Wi-Fi is high speed and high capacity, ideal for large conferences. Please speak to the team for more information.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

The following services are available subject to additional charges:

- Staffed cloakroom
- Guided tours and costumed characters
- Piano tuning
- Additional security staff (depending on the nature and size of your event)
- Audio-visual equipment
- An AV technician

At all of the venues we are able to provide you with a PA system and speakers at no additional cost, including wireless and lapel mics.

If you would like further advice or a bespoke quote, please just ask.



THE SERVICE WAS ABSOLUTELY IMPECCABLE AND WE REALLY APPRECIATED HAVING SUCH A DEDICATED AND PROFESSIONAL TEAM ON HAND TO ACCOMMODATE OUR EVERY NEED."

Amanda Crowfoot, Science Europe

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Pump Room	180	160	-	300	300	-	-	17.5 x 12.6	57 x 41	-	YES
Reception Hall	70	50	-	150	80	-	-	18 x 13.6	56 x 44 ½	-	NO
Terrace	80	-	-	120	100	-	-	25.5 x 3.3	83 x 11	-	NO
Drawing Room	40	-	-	50	40	-	25	8.5 x 5	28 x 161/2	-	YES
Kingston Room	40	-	-	50	40	-	25	8.5 x 5	28 x 161/2	-	YES
Roman Baths	-	-	-	320	-	-	-	-	-	-	N
Aquae Sulis and Temple Pediment	20	-	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	NO
ASSEMBLY ROOMS	DINNER	DINNER DANCE	CABARET	DRINKS RECEPTION	THEATRE	CLASSROOM	BOARDROOM	SIZE IN METRES	SIZE IN FEET	EXHIBITION SPACE	BLACKOUT AVAILABL
Ball Room	310	280	220	400	500	180	_	30 x 12	100 x 40	360sqm	YE:
Tea Room	170	120	100	300	250	84	-	17.5 x 12	58 x 40	210sqm	YES
Great Octagon	120	-	80	250	120	-	-	14 x 14	47 x 47	-	YES
Card Room	60	-	-	100	80	-	-	18 x 5.5	59 x 18	-	NO
Fashion Museum	-	-	-	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	YES
Event Office	-	-	6	-	15	-	12	-	-	-	
GUILDHALL	DINNER	DINNER DANCE	CABARET	DRINKS RECEPTION	THEATRE	CLASSROOM	BOARDROOM	SIZE IN METRES	SIZE IN FEET	EXHIBITION SPACE	BLACKOUT AVAILABL
Banqueting Room	200	180	120	250	360	120	-	24.3 x 12.2	79 x 40	296sqm	YE:
Aix-en-Provence Room	50	-	-	70	60	-	30	11.2 x 6.4	37 x 21	-	YES
Brunswick Room	-	-	70	130	120	60	40	12 x 9.8	39 x 32	11 7 sqm	YES
Kapsovar Room	-	-	-	80	50	-	25	8.9 x 8.7	29 x 281/2	-	YES
Council Chamber	-	-	-	-	100 (fixed seating)	-	-	-	-	-	YES
VICTORIA ART GALLERY	DINNER	DINNER DANCE	CABARET	DRINKS RECEPTION	THEATRE	CLASSROOM	BOARDROOM	SIZE IN METRES	SIZE IN FEET	EXHIBITION SPACE	BLACKOUT AVAILABL
Upper Gallery	-	-	-	100	50	-	-	26.8 x 9.4	88 x 31	-	NO
Lower Gallery	-	-	-	150*	-	-	-	20.7 x 8.2	68 x 27	-	N

*The capacity in the Lower Gallery depends on the current exhibition.

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All numbers are based on front projection where applicable, where rear projection is required numbers will be reduced.

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MAKE A DATE

If you would like to hire a venue, you can book through any member of the team.

In order to confirm your booking we will require a 25% deposit, a signed hire agreement and a booking form within 14 days of booking.



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London to Bath: 115 miles,

120 minutes by car, 85 minutes by train

Bristol to Bath: 13 miles, 30 minutes by car, 12 minutes by train

Birmingham to Bath: 100 miles, 90 minutes by car, 100 minutes by train

Exeter to Bath: 105 miles,

110 minutes by car, 95 minutes by train

Cardiff to Bath: 57 miles, 70 minutes by car, 65 minutes by train

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