

Royal Hospital Chelsea

VENUE HIRE





THE ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA

Founded in 1682 by King Charles II and designed by Sir Christopher Wren, the Royal Hospital was built as a 'retreat for veterans broken by age and war'. For over 330 years it has been providing care for former soldiers of the British Army and is home to the famous scarlet-coated Chelsea Pensioners. Set in the heart of fashionable Chelsea, a stone's throw from the King's Road and with stunning views across the Thames, the Royal Hospital offers a range of versatile indoor and outdoor spaces for celebrations and special events. The Grade I and II* Heritage Listed buildings house exquisite period interiors that feature a wealth of architectural detail; whilst outside, spacious, and elegant courtyards create the perfect setting for any occasion. In addition to its beautiful surroundings, the Royal Hospital can provide a team of multi-disciplined, dedicated, and experienced events specialists to ensure that any occasion is truly memorable.

THE GREAT HALL

A dining room designed by Sir Christopher Wren, the Great Hall is the largest of the interior spaces at the Royal Hospital and is still used daily by the Chelsea Pensioners. It has changed little in its 330 years and retains an imposing air of grandeur with magnificent oak panelling and paintings of British monarchs, including Antonio Verrio's striking seventeenth century mural of King Charles II.



Capacities:

Seated with dance floor 120

Seated no dance floor 180

Standing 320

Availability

18:00 – 00:00

Perfect for

Wedding receptions

Dining events

Receptions

Gala Dinners



THE STATE APARTMENTS

With views of the Thames the beautifully designed rooms of the State Apartments have hosted gatherings attended by Royalty for 330 years. The ornately decorated ceilings are surpassed only by the Old Master paintings by the Studio of Van Dyke, Lely and Kneller. The Council Chamber and Ante room create a suite of elegant and versatile interiors for dining, receptions and Civil ceremonies. Figure Court is included when hiring the State Apartments – perfect for an outdoor drinks reception space.



Capacities:

Seated 60
Standing 100 – 160

Availability

09:00 – 23:00

Perfect for

Civil ceremonies
Dining events
Lectures
Receptions

WREN HOUSE

Wren House offers magnificent views across the Royal Hospital's gardens and out towards the Thames. Recently refurbished, it presents itself as a perfect space for more intimate gatherings and dinners or business meetings. With direct access to the South Grounds and Figure Court, it offers the flexibility of combining both an indoor and outdoor event.



Capacities:

Board room downstairs 20 with various breakout spaces
Board room upstairs 12 with breakout space

Availability

09:00 – 23:00

Perfect for

Meetings and training
Team building
Dining events
Receptions







RANELAGH GARDENS

In a secluded and picturesque part of the Royal Hospital estate is the charming Ranelagh Gardens. The idyllic and beautifully landscaped gardens make the perfect backdrop for stunning weddings, vibrant summer events, or team building activities. With large lawn areas surrounded by a huge variety of trees and plants, the gardens are a hidden gem in the heart of Chelsea perfect for special occasions.



Capacities:

Up to 150

Availability

09:00 – 23:30 (music until 23:00)

Perfect for

Weddings (Civil ceremony license available)

Family events

Team building

Charity events

Availability

Between September and March
and limited availability in July

BURTON COURT

Burton Court is a gated members only green space with Cricket pitch and Pavilion available for hire. Set across the road from the main Royal Hospital buildings, this facility is an incredible setting for a summer cricket match.



Capacities:

Spectators and players 100

Availability

Half and Full day hire available



WREN CHAPEL

Wren's baroque chapel sits at the heart of his original buildings and is a rare example of his pure ecclesiastical style, retaining the original wainscotting, pews and plasterwork. It is a perfect setting for atmospheric Christmas carol services, concerts and music recitals, with the Royal Hospital's professional choir available for events. Sebastiano Ricci's mural *The Resurrection* creates a stunning backdrop to this beautiful space.



Capacities:

Seated 320

Availability

On request at the Chaplains discretion

FIGURE COURT

With views onto the Thames, Figure Court dates from the seventeenth century. This central courtyard forms the oldest part of the Royal Hospital and is bordered by an elegant Doric colonnade, the Chapel, the State Apartments, Wren House and the Great Hall. Overlooked by Grinling Gibbons' gilded statue of King Charles II, Figure Court provides a stunning location for summer drinks before dinner.



Capacities:

To match the indoor space being hired

Availability

A wet weather venue must also be hired alongside Figure Court



Why host your event at the Royal Hospital Chelsea?

The Royal Hospital Chelsea has provided the very best care for old soldiers for over 330 years. Today, any former member of the British Army who faces spending their advancing years alone is eligible to become a Chelsea Pensioner.

By hosting an event at the Royal Hospital Chelsea you are directly helping us to fulfil our vision to provide community, comradeship, care and recognition for Chelsea Pensioners and the wider Veteran community.

Every event contributes towards preserving our precious centuries-old heritage, maintaining our grounds, architecture and collections, and providing a home for the next generation of veterans.

Event Management

For all events our dedicated events team will work with you to establish your needs and recommend the most suitable space to help you plan the perfect occasion within your budget.

With a portfolio of approved suppliers, on-site security and parking, and years' worth of knowledge and experience, we are here to make the process enjoyable and smooth running.

Our events team is available to discuss your requirements, please email us at RHCEvents@chelsea-pensioners.org.uk

Approved Suppliers

The Royal Hospital has a range of event suppliers who are accredited to provide services for every element of your event. Each supplier has been specially selected for their quality, experience and to suit a range of budgets.

Our list of approved suppliers can be found on the Royal Hospital Chelsea website under venue hire.



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