



THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF THE MIDDLE TEMPLE



Events



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Welcome to Middle Temple

One of the four ancient Inns of Court, Middle Temple is situated in the heart of London, overlooking the Thames. Although just moments away from Fleet Street, The Strand and Embankment, the peace and tranquillity of the grounds and the awe-inspiring splendour of the buildings is a world away from the hustle and bustle of the London streets.

Whatever style of event you are planning, the dedicated, experienced staff at Middle Temple will be available to talk you through the best use of our incredible venue, ensuring that your day runs smoothly, efficiently and with the highest standard of customer service.

To contact a member of our dedicated event team;
call 020 7427 4820
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Follow in the footsteps of history at Middle Temple

Built in the mid 1500s, Middle Temple has been at the heart of the legal profession for over five hundred years, and survived not only through the Great Fire of London but also the Blitz, despite bomb damage to the corridor outside the Hall.

Many of the original features from the days of the Knights Templar still remain visible today – from the glorious stained glass windows to the intricate wood panelling. Authentic suits of armour and beautifully restored oil paintings are on show throughout the rooms adding to the ambience of times past.

Some of the greatest names throughout British history have been associated with the Hall, from William Shakespeare, Charles Dickens, Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Martin Frobisher to HRH The Queen Mother and HRH The Duke of Cambridge.

Historic tours

Private tours of Middle Temple offer a fascinating glimpse into the vibrant history of this unique venue, and are available to add on to any corporate booking. Please speak to the events team for more information.

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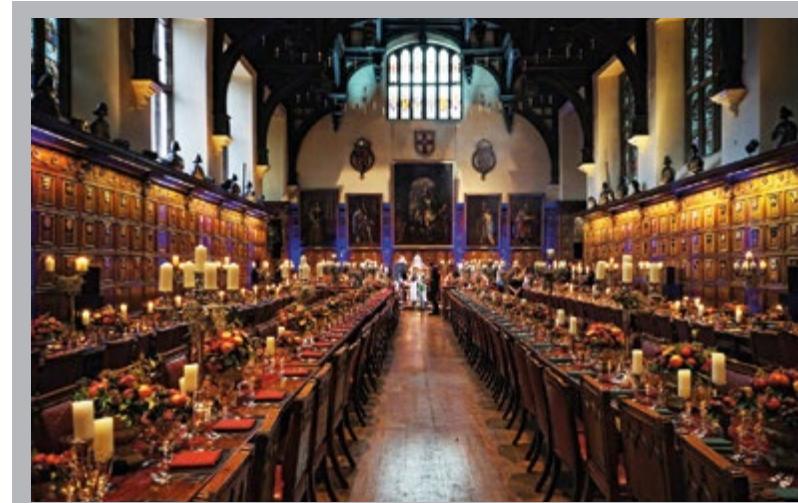


The Hall

A dramatic, unique space, with a soaring double hammer beam roof, this is one of the finest examples of an Elizabethan Hall in the country. Perfect for everything from gala dinners to a keynote address, the versatility of the Hall can lend itself to any occasion.

The ornate Minstrel's Gallery looks down on the tables below, and the stained glass windows and heraldic panels that line the walls depict the coats of arms of the Middle Templars throughout history.

Easily accessible from the other rooms, the Hall makes for a memorable and impressive centre point for a corporate conference.



Middle Temple History

There is a long tradition of celebrations taking place in the Hall, in particular the Christmas Revels which still live on today, although in a somewhat better behaved form. Famously, in 1602, the first recorded performance of Twelfth Night took place as part of this tradition, with Shakespeare himself in attendance.

Capacities:

Dinner: 260

Round tables: 19

Theatre Style: 294

Reception: 294

Room dimensions:

27.4m x 12.1m

Hire charges:

from £5000



The Queen's Room

Graceful and elegant, with sweeping views of the gardens, the large windows and high ceilings make for a light and airy setting.

This room creates an intimate atmosphere that is ideal for either a smaller board meeting or a private dining group. It is also easily accessible from the Hall, making it well-positioned for use as a break-out room for a larger scale conference.



Middle Temple History

The Queen's Room was named after HRH the Queen Mother and is decorated by paintings associated with her appointment as Royal Bencher of the Inn in 1944.

The current Royal Bencher is HRH the Duke of Cambridge.

Capacities:

Lunch/Dinner: 22

Theatre Style: 50

Room dimensions:

Hire charges:

Boardroom: 22

Reception: 60

8m x 7.8m

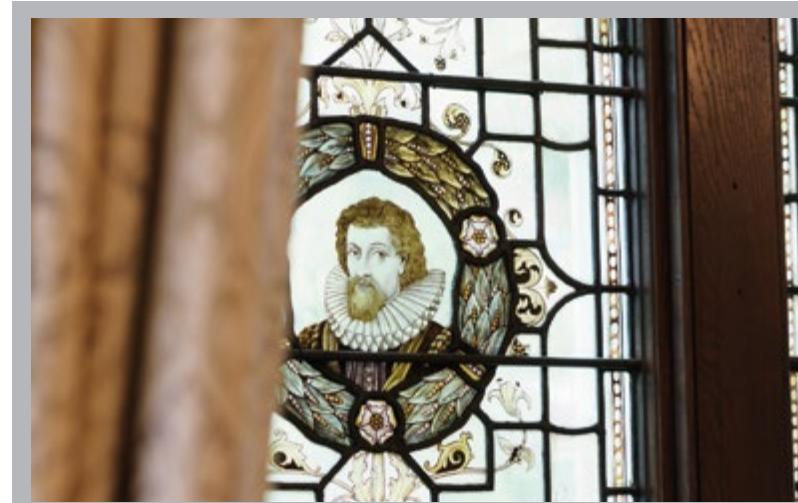
from £700



The Parliament Chamber

The larger of the available rooms, the Parliament Chamber was previously used as the Inn's library.

The bay windows feature intricate stained glass, and offer views out onto the gardens below. Located next to the Queen's Room, the Parliament Chamber is easily accessible from the Hall, making it ideal for a reception prior to a gala dinner, or a private lunch for up to 60 guests.



Middle Temple History

One of the paintings hanging in the Parliament Chamber is the "Judgement of Solomon", (c.1580-1600) by an unknown artist and has been carefully cleaned and restored as part of the Inn's conservation work. It is rare to see an example of a narrative painting in a British collection of this size, date and subject matter.

Capacities:

Lunch/Dinner: 60

Theatre Style: 70

Room dimensions:

Hire charges:

Boardroom: 20

Reception: 100

9.5m x 7.8m

from £1000



The Prince's Room

Majestic and stately with oak panelled walls, the Prince's room features an original fireplace and a grand, bay window looking down onto the gardens.

The Prince's room is located along the corridor from the Hall, close to both the Queen's Room and the Parliament Chamber.

Ideal for private dining for up to 30 on round tables, the room can also be set for smaller board meetings of up to 18.



Middle Temple History

Previously the Inn's Smoking Room, the room was renamed after HRH The Duke of Cambridge, when he was called to the Bar and made an Honorary Bencher in 2009.

The Duke is the sixth member of the royal family to be made a Royal Bencher since the tradition began in 1861.

Capacities:

Dinner on rounds: 30

Theatre Style: 30

Room dimensions:

Hire charges:

Boardroom: 18

Reception: 94

10.8m x 7.7m

from £850



Garden parties

Secluded, peaceful and with award-winning flower-bed displays, the gardens at Middle Temple are an oasis of calm on the banks of the River Thames. Perfect for summer garden parties, guests can mingle on the expanse of manicured lawns, wander through the rose gardens or sit and relax under the trees in Fountain Court.

In deference to the great British weather, it is also possible to hire a marquee - please speak to a member of the events team for more information.



Middle Temple History

The Fountain Court has been a feature at Middle Temple for centuries, and is depicted in an early painting of the Inn by Joseph Nichols from 1738. Hanging in the Prince's Room, it is titled "The Fountain in the Temple" and shows how the buildings surrounding the Inn have changed over the years.

Capacities:

Lunch/Dinner: 400

Reception: 750

Dimensions:

2630sq.m

Hire charges:

from £10,000



Lunches and tours

Lunch is served daily in the Hall for Benchers and members of the Inn. The Hall is traditionally set with long tables that allow students to mingle freely with Barristers and other Benchers, with Masters of the Bench seated at the High Table. The lunch service is also open to the public, please pre-book your place with the events team.

Lunch can then be followed by a fascinating tour of the Inn. Our knowledgeable and entertaining guides can offer you and your guests a glimpse into the history and the stories that surround this unique venue.



Middle Temple History

The wooden coats of arms that line the corridors and walls of the Inn are the personal insignias for past and present Readers and Treasurers, who traditionally give speeches and lectures to teach younger members the law. The earliest coat of arms is that of Richard Swayne, dating from 1597.

To book a lunch or tour please contact s member of the events team

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Catering

Our Executive Chef and his talented team have created an imaginative and tantalisingly delicious banqueting menu that changes with the seasons, using the best of fresh, carefully selected produce.

We also offer an extensive range of hot and cold canapés for receptions, and bowl food for a more relaxed, informal dining style.

As all our menus are prepared by our in-house chefs, they can be tailored to suit the needs of your event. Should your guests have any dietary requirements or special requests we will always do our best to accommodate you.



Wines, Spirits & Liqueurs

Middle Temple has an extensive wine cellar, including popular spirits and liqueurs. Should you wish to supply your own drinks a corkage fee will be applied on a consumption basis. Cash bars can be provided for pre-dinner receptions or post-dinner drinks, subject to licensing hours and a minimum spend of £500.



External suppliers

We have a comprehensive list of preferred suppliers available on our website for lighting, sound and decoration for any event, but should you have a particular company you would like to work with please discuss this further with a member of the events team.

Audio visual equipment

Each of the available rooms can be supplied with the following in-house equipment. Additional charges will be applied for use of AV equipment, please discuss your requirements with the events team.

50inch Plasma screen	Video Conferencing
LCD projector	Screen / Flip chart



Lighting specialists

State of the art lighting for Gala Dinners and other spectacular events in the Hall can be discussed further with the events team and our preferred lighting suppliers, whose knowledge of our unique venue will help create stunning effects for a memorable event.



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