

SUMMER 2026 ON THE RIVER TERRACE



SOMERSET HOUSE

HOME OF CULTURAL INNOVATORS



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As the home of cultural innovators, Somerset House is a site of origination, with a cultural programme offering alternative perspectives on the biggest issues of our time. Our spirit of constant curiosity and counter perspective is integral to our history and key to our future.

Run as an independent charity by the Somerset House Trust, all event hire income directly contributes to our diverse cultural programme, pioneering engagement & skills work, support of emerging artists and helps to maintain our historic Grade I listed site. You can be confident that your event will directly support an organisation offering immense value to an audience which goes far beyond your attendees.



RIVER TERRACE



Set against the backdrop of Somerset House's iconic 18th century façade and with sweeping views across the Thames, the River Terrace is one of our most exclusive spaces and the perfect location for a standing reception.

The River Terrace is a glamorous alfresco London setting to entertain guests in the warmer months.

Perfect for summer parties, you can invite your guests to a private barbecue expertly planned by one of our caterers or simply enjoy a drinks reception while the London landmarks light up your event.

SUMMER RECEPTION PACKAGE

For 2026, we're partnering with Clement Worrall to offer a premium summer reception package that combines exceptional catering with the River Terrace's unrivalled setting, delivering a seamless and memorable experience for every occasion.

Available from 9 Jun - 3 Jul & 7 Sep - 4 Oct 2026.

INCLUDES:

- Exclusive guest access to the River Terrace from 18:00 - 22:00
- Glass of sparkling wine on arrival
- X3 Food Stations (x2 savory x1 sweet)
- Drinks Package (estimated consumption per person based on x2 cocktails, x2 beers/wine, x1 mocktail/soft drink & water)
- Stretch tent with festoon lighting
- Outdoor Furniture
- Bar and poseur tables
- Coloured uplighters
- Cloakroom facilities and management
- Full event management, dedicated event security and an Operations Manager on the day of your event
- Pre and post event cleaning of the event space
- Standard browsing Wi-Fi of up to 15MBPs

200 - 299 Guests: £165 + VAT per person

300 - 399 Guests: £145 + VAT per person

400 - 500 Guests: £125 + VAT per person

Based on a minimum of 200 guests and a maximum capacity of 500 guests.

Should you wish to extend guest access, this is an additional cost of £30 + VAT per person, per hour. Our late license on the River Terrace is till 00:00. Later licenses are subject to approval and available on request.



YOUR BOOKING

ACCREDITED SUPPLIERS

Any additional requirements outside of the package, including additional production and entertainment, must be provided by one of our accredited suppliers - details of which can be found [here](#).

Please note that as Somerset House is a Grade 1 listed building, we do not allow any non-accredited suppliers to work onsite. If you would like us to gather some additional quotes on your behalf, do let us know.

BOOKING DETAILS

A refundable security deposit is required for all bookings. The amount of deposit owed is calculated on the length of hire period and will be invoiced separately from the Hire Fee. This deposit is fully refundable up to 30 days after the event, subject to no damage having been caused to the building or overrunning of the contracted timings.

Somerset House require all clients to have £10 million public liability insurance.

OUR SITE

As an arts and culture centre open to the public, we cannot always confirm what might be happening around the rest of the public areas at Somerset House at that time.. We have a very exciting and constantly expanding public programme, which sees lots of different installations, exhibitions, artwork, and public events all over the site. It is a huge part of what makes us Somerset House. There are also occasions where essential works need to take place on the building and these instances are out of our control.



SAMPLE MENU

CLEMENT WORRALL

THREE ELEGANT, ABUNDANT + DIFFERENTLY STYLED FOOD STATIONS. THIS MENU IS BASED ON 2 SAVOURY ITEMS PER PERSON + 1 DESSERT.

SHAWARMA AND SPICES

- MISO + SUMAC MONKFISH, CHERMOULA, PRESERVED LEMON
- SMOKED LAMB MERGUEZ FLATBREAD, HARISSA, YOGHURT, CUMIN SALT
- AUBERGINE SHAWARMA, TAHINI, POMEGRANATE, DHUKKA, PISTACHIO, ROSE

JERK CHICKEN

- BBQ JERK FREE-RANGE CHICKEN THIGHS, SCOTCH BONNET, SCALLION, APPLE SLAW, SWEET JERK SAUCE (GLUTEN-FREE)
- JERK BACON FLATBREAD, ORGANIC SMOKED BACON, PINEAPPLE RELISH, CHIPOTLE MAYO, PICKLED CUCUMBER (+VEGAN VERSION)
- BBQ JERK CELERY ROOT, SEAWEED, APPLE SALW, SWEET JERK SAUCE (VEGAN, GLUTEN FREE)

GELATO

- HAND CHURNED RASPBERRY RIPPLE ICE CREAM, FLAKED ALMOND, WAFFLE CONE
- HAZELNUT + MILK CHOCOLATE GELATO, HOT ESPRESSO
- LIMONCELLO GELATO, LEMON CURD, LEMON VERBENA

ESTIMATED DRINKS PACKAGE PER PERSON:

- 1 SPARKLING WINE (ARRIVAL DRINK)
- 2 COCKTAILS
- 2 BEERS OR WINE
- 1 MOCKTAIL/ SOFT DRINK
- 1 WATER

SOFT DRINKS

- COKE | DIET COKE | SMALL BATCH SOFT DRINKS
- LEMON VERBENA, MINT + CITRUS SELTZER
- STILL AND SPARKLING WATER

ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

- CAVA 'LA PERELADA' NV
- CARIGNAN 'VIELLES VIGNES' 2022
- PICPOUL DE PINET 2023
- LONDON SMALL-BATCH CRAFT BEER AND ALES

SPRITZ BAR COCKTAILS

- LIMONCELLO SPRITZ: LIMONCELLO, PROSECCO, SICILLIAN LEMON, SODA
- ST GERMAIN: EDLERFLOWER LIQUEUR, PECKHAM GIN, CAVA, LEMON, ELDERFLOWER



CATERING ADD-ONS

CLEMENT WORRALL

ADD FOOD STATIONS

ADDITIONAL FOOD STATIONS £10 PER PERSON PER ADDITIONAL STATION.

SLIDERS AND DOGS

- SWEET POTATO SLIDERS, SMOKED MAYO, VEGAN SWISS, SLAW (VEGAN)
- FREE-RANGE CHICKEN DOGS, AMERICAN MUSTARD, SMOKED KETCHUP, CRISPY ONION
- VEGGIE CHILLI DOGS, SPICY MAYO, GRATED MONTEREY JACK, PICKLED JALAPENO (V)

PAELLA AND RICE

- PAELLA OF VIOLET ARTICHOKE, GIROLLES, BUTTER BEANS, SAFFRON ALIOLI (VEGAN)
- BLACK RICE, SQUID, SOFRITO, GREMOLATA

TACO STAND

- MAPLE ROAST CARROT, SMOKED SALT, VEGAN POBLANO MAYO, PICKLED RADISH (VEGAN)
- AJO-ANCHO SHRIMP, CORIANDER, LIME MAYO, JALAPENO, PICKLED CUCUMBER
- SMOKED ROMANO PEPPER, QUESO FRESCO, CORN SALSA, PUMPKIN SEED, PARSLEY (V)

PIZZETTE

- SOURDOUGH PIZZETTE, SAN MARZATOMATO, MOZZARELLA, BASIL, OLIVE OIL (V + VEGAN OPTION AVAILABLE)
- SEAWATER PIZZETTE, ENGLISH PEPPERONI, MOZZARELLA, ALEPPO PEPPER, BASIL

ADD BOWL FOOD

ADDITIONAL £7.50 PER PERSON PER BOWL.

- RICOTTA GNUDI, JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE, FRESH RICOTTA, SORRENTO LEMON (V)
- SEA TROUT CRUDO, GRAPFRUIT PONZU, AMARON ONIONS, CAPER+RAISIN (+VEGAN VERSION)
- SOURDOUGH PIZZETTE BIANCA, BASIL, LIGURIAN OLIVE OIL (V)
- CHARRED CORN, HAND CUT PAPPARDELLE, BBQ PORCINI, MUSHROOM TRUFFLE EMULSION (VEGAN)
- EX-DAIRY BEEF CHEEK, KIMCHI BUTTER, SPRING ONION, GINGER SHOYU
- HAND CHURNED GELATO + VEGAN GELATO, BANANA, PEANUT, CARAMEL (V + VEGAN)



OUR VALUES



Somerset House

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

We are committed to building a diverse and inclusive community reflecting the diversity of our society. A community where everyone feels valued, where their contribution matters and where they can reach their full potential, irrespective of their background, identity or circumstances. We aim to ensure the diversity of all our staff reflects our society as fully as possible. Similarly, we aim to be home to a resident community of artists and enterprises from an equally diverse range of situations, backgrounds, and disciplines. Ongoing initiatives include running the Black Business Incubator.

ANTI-RACISM

Somerset House is committed to being actively anti-racist and publicly releases updates on the actions it is taking in relation to its Anti-Racism Pledge every six months. We recognise that this is a journey. We have divided our focus into 5 key areas: History, Community, Workforce & Recruitment, Language and Procedures & Policy.

SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability and responsible event management are of paramount importance to Somerset House and, by extension, our Accredited Suppliers. You can download our sustainability booklet, outlining what we are up to and top tips on how to host a sustainable event at Somerset House, [here](#).

OPT-IN TO SUPPORT THE YOUNG TALENT FUND

Somerset House's Young Talent Fund supports the next generation of early career creatives and artists to fulfil their potential, by providing financial relief to resident artists and opportunities to under-represented young people aged 18-25. If you would like to support this fund by making a donation please speak to a member of our team. Your support will help to secure a future for our creative community for many years to come.

LONDON LIVING WAGE EMPLOYER

Somerset House is proud to be an accredited Living Wage payer. We pay all our staff and sub-contractors the London Living Wage.



Venue Hire

OUR ECOSYSTEM

3.1M

visitors annually

65

Black Business incubator businesses

**500,000
SQ. FT**

Grade I listed site

133

creative enterprises occupying 194 offices
across c 72,000 sq.ft

62

Somerset House Studios artists and their
teams in over 15,000 sq.ft of studio space

262

days of free exhibitions annually

550

members of the creative co-working space
Somerset House Exchange

259K

engage with our digital programme

304

creative-tech and maker members from
77 different organisations at Makerversity
which provides specialist workshops.

1000+

young people aged 18-30 engage with our
career development programme



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FIND

Somerset House, Strand, London WC2R 1LA

BY LONDON UNDERGROUND

Temple (Circle & District lines; 250m, 5 mins)
Covent Garden (Piccadilly line; 650m, 8 mins)
Charing Cross (Bakerloo & Northern lines; 700m, 10 mins)
Embankment (Circle & District lines; 700m, 10 mins)
Waterloo (Bakerloo, Waterloo & City, Jubilee & Northern lines; 800m, 11 mins)

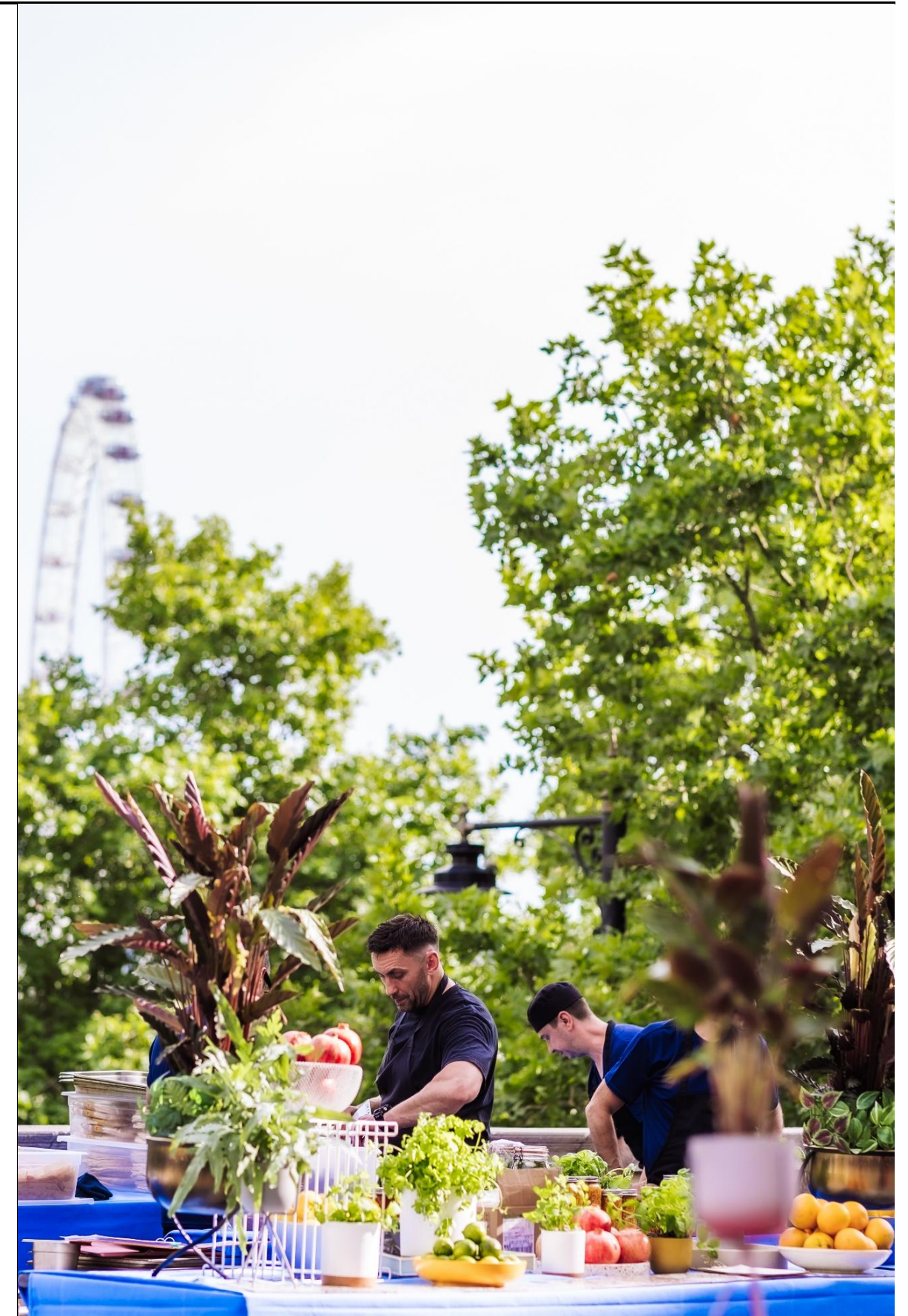
BY RAIL

Charing Cross (700m, 10 mins)
Blackfriars (1km, 13 mins)
Waterloo (1km, 13 mins)

BY RIVER

River bus services RB1, RB2 and RB6 all stop at Embankment Pier, roughly 600m from Somerset House

Venue Hire





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THINK OUTSIDE**