

Private Hire Information for The London Shell Co. Dining Cruise Experience

Private hire is a big part of what we do at London Shell Co. and we feel it is an honour to help our guests host their most special occasions. We hope you will consider The Prince Regent as a dining experience for your event.

In this email is an outline of hopefully the most practical information, i.e. the numbers and costs you will be looking at, and the timings. Hopefully you will find answers to your initial queries here, but once you have read it through please just reply with any additional questions and availability requests.

The outline of costs when hiring the cruising restaurant for a private event are as follows...

Flat Venue Hire Fee for a private cruise ~ £600

THIS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE MINIMUM SPEND REQUIREMENT

Set Menus ~ £75 per guest

Wine/Drinks/Alcohol ~ £TBC

The wine and drink options would be selected from our list by you, and simply charged per bottle consumed

+ Service charge of 12.5%

Below is an outline of the different group sizes and seating options that we offer

Please note:

Each minimum spend is not what the event will cost, it is a minimum requirement for your booking and should just act as a guide.

OPTION 1

If your group is **12 - 20 people**, you can be seated around one shared table in the centre of the room.

Tuesday - Friday & Sundays: minimum spend requirement is £3,000.

****On SATURDAYS the minimum spend for groups up to 20 is £3,500****

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OPTION 2

For groups of **22 - 26**, we recommend multiple tables of 5/6.

This is a very sociable configuration of the room, allowing your guests plenty of space to mingle.

For an event of this size **Tuesday - Sunday** the minimum spend requirement is **£3,500**.

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OPTION 3

For groups of **28 - 35** (our maximum capacity) your group would be spread over 7/8 tables of 4/5.
This is the same configuration as the public restaurant layout.

For an event of this size **Tuesday - Sunday** the **minimum spend requirement is £4,300**.

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A good approximation at the potential cost of having an event on the boat is around £160 per guest. However our events range anywhere from **£160 - £200+ per guest**. Each group is different and the final cost will always be dependent on your choices.

We will always require a deposit of **£1,250** in order to secure your date.

Cruise Timings

Lunch cruises start at 12pm for a 12:30 departure time, returning back to the mooring for 3pm and guests can remain on board until 4pm.

Evening cruises usually commence at 6pm for a 7pm departure and we get you back just after 9:30pm, when you are welcome to remain on the boat; our license runs until 11pm.

We start in Paddington Basin and take you along The Regent's Canal, through Maida Vale and the dramatic Maida Hill Tunnel, past London Zoo, down to Camden Town, where we turn in front of Hampstead Road Lock and come all the way home again! The whole cruise takes 2.5/3 hours.

Menus

Below are some sample menus, there are different options depending on your group size. Our chefs work very much with the seasons and the menu they draft for your event will always reflect the best produce available at the time.

We can also cater for any individual guest's dietary requirements and will ask you for this information in advance. Please inquire if you would like to see samples of our vegetarian menus.

We are also able to create more premium/bespoke menus on request, again please inquire if this is of interest.

OPTION 1 OR 2, 16 - 25 guests

SAMPLE SET MENU £75pp

Trout 'Sausage', Mustard, Pickles

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House Bread

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Cured Stone Bass, Truffle Dressing, Hazelnuts

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Crab 'Riso Cacio e Pepe'
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Cornish Cod, Roast Pumpkin, Puy Lentil
-
Dark Chocolate Delice

OPTION 3, 26 guests +
SAMPLE SET MENU £75pp

Bread & Butter, Smoked Mackerel Pâté
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Poached Scottish Sea Trout, Charred Leeks, Hazelnuts & Lemon
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Halibut, Pink Fir Potato, Peppercorn Sauce
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Dark Chocolate Delice, Orange & Pistachio

Wine & Drinks

Our generous wine and drinks selection will give you an opportunity to create a bespoke dining experience with us and is generally a notable part of your event and minimum spend. We work predominantly with small growers and winemakers who care deeply about their creations as we do, and our private wine list changes to reflect the seasonal food menu. We also offer carefully curated cocktails, beers and spirits. **If you are interested in seeing the wine and drink selection please do ask for a recent copy of our private party list.**

We do not offer corkage for private events. All drinks must be chosen from our list.

Other details...

Signage

For your event you are welcome to personalise [the lightbox](#) on the roof of our boat!

[Shellebrate your own way!](#)

Cakes

If you are celebrating a Birthday we are not able to offer a cake service unfortunately, but are very happy for you to bring your own or have one delivered which we can store and present for you.

Decorations

Flowers and certain decorations are also happily accommodated, we regularly work with Isabel from [Flower & Branch](#) on both branded/corporate events and special occasions. Feel free to contact her directly.

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If you are bringing some of your own decorations, you are welcome to come and personalise the space but please keep things minimal, as the dining room is not a big space. Also bear in mind that **you will only be permitted to come 20 minutes before the doors-opening time to add any finishing touches.**

Music

For smaller groups the addition of live music can be wonderful. We have largely worked with a company of Jazz musicians called **Café Manouche**, and can put you in touch with them on request. You are also welcome to arrange your own musical entertainment. We also have an ipad with spotify, connected to a large speaker, so feel free to bring a playlist!

Corkage

We do not offer corkage for private events, all drinks must be chosen from our list.

Cancellation Policy for private events

If you provide 6 weeks notice of cancellation, we will refund your deposit in full or postpone your event to a date of your choice.

If you provide less than 14 days notice of cancellation, we reserve the right to retain your deposit.

Anything in between will be at our discretion, we will always look to find a compromise with our guests where possible.

I hope this is all helpful. To proceed with your booking please contact us at bookings@londonshellco.com

Kindest regards,

Lucy ~ *private bookings manager*

Dani ~ *beverage manager & sommelier*

and the rest of the team at London Shell Co.