

Hiring the Geffrye: FAQs

Can I bring my own caterer?

Currently we work solely with our in house caterers. If you wish to use an alternative caterer, there is a kitchen buyout fee of £350 + vat which grants access to the in-house kitchen and the assistance of a member of staff who is conversant with the facilities.

If I bring my own wine, is there a corkage fee?

There is a corkage fee of £6 + vat per adult drinking guest to bring your own wine. This fee covers storage, cleaning and waste removal.

Is there a charity discount?

We can offer a 10% discount off hires by any registered charities, any different discount would be calculated on an event-specific basis.

Do you hire out spaces on Friday/Saturday nights?

Yes.

What's the latest time a reception can run to?

Our license only allows food and drinks to be served until 10.30pm with last guests departing by 11pm.

Can I put up marquees on the front lawn?

Yes.

Can I do a BBQ?

We would be happy to discuss barbecue options.

Do you do kosher/halal/gluten free food?

All dietary requirements can be covered by our preferred suppliers.

Can I hire curatorial staff to lead tours/answer questions?

Yes, please enquire as to their availability for your event date before confirming your booking.

Do you have a sound system installed? If not, recommended AV people?

We have a list of recommended suppliers which covers production, AV and other extras such as entertainers and florists.

Catering – what types of food do you offer?

We can provide sample menus from our preferred caterers, ranging from canapés to sit-down dinners for 1-1000 guests. Our partners are more than happy to work on a bespoke basis and build the menu appropriate to your event.

Do you have a music license?

The Geffrye has a PRS licence for performances of live or recorded music to finish no later than 10.30pm.

Do you do weddings ceremonies and/or wedding receptions?

We can host wedding receptions, and will have a wedding licence by 2020, when all of our spaces reopen after our building project, Unlocking the Geffrye. .

Do you do private parties?

Yes, we have several areas well suited to private parties, from 20 people to 1000.

Do you do children's parties?

We can host children's parties on our front lawns.