



A  
HISTORIC  
SETTING  
FOR STRIKING  
CONTEMPORARY  
EVENTS

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## 500 YEARS OF HISTORY

### Royal connections

The Old Royal Naval College was originally the site of Bella Court, built by Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester in 1443 and later renamed Palace of Placentia by Margaret of Anjou. Rebuilt by King Henry VII as Greenwich Palace it was the birthplace of three Tudor monarchs and reputedly the favourite palace of King Henry VIII.

## A TRULY INSPIRATIONAL SETTING

On the banks of the River Thames and just 20 minutes from London Bridge, the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich is the perfect location for your most successful event yet.

This ravishing collection of buildings with their timeless elegance, symmetry and grace, offers a rare mix of sophistication, drama and practicality, making it an inspiring choice for all kinds of corporate events and special occasions.

From the awe-inspiring grandeur of the Painted Hall to the unique atmosphere of the Queen Mary Undercroft and understated refinement of the Admiral's House, the Old Royal Naval College has the flexibility to meet your every need and surpass your highest expectations.

You may choose to arrive at this iconic location by riverboat, setting the tone for a prestigious occasion that will leave a deep and long-lasting impression on your delegates and guests.

*Your event will make a difference: a percentage of the profits from your event will help to keep this World Heritage Site in beautiful condition so it can be enjoyed by generations to come.*







## ADMIRAL'S HOUSE: ELEGANT INTIMACY

The Admiral's House is a versatile and welcoming venue ideal for daytime conferences, seminars and meetings. Rooms can be booked individually or you can hire the whole house for your exclusive use. A variety of breakout spaces are available and there is Wi-Fi throughout.

Light and airy rooms with river views benefit from natural daylight, double-height ceilings and refined wooden panelling. Day delegate rates are available, and the venue is also perfect for more intimate or smaller-scale celebratory events such as lunches, dinners or drinks receptions.

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### The most famous Admiral

Designed by one of the world's finest architects, Sir Christopher Wren, the Admiral's House was commissioned by King Charles II in 1660 to rival the magnificence of Versailles, but work abruptly stopped when the money ran out. It became the official residence of the Governor of the Hospital where Admiral Lord Nelson came to recuperate after losing his arm in battle in 1797.







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### Thornhill's masterpiece

Sir James Thornhill (1675 - 1734) spent 19 years planning and painting the magnificent Painted Hall and was then commissioned to paint the dome of St Paul's Cathedral. These two awe-inspiring works established Thornhill as the foremost decorative painter in England. The Painted Hall has been now been restored to its full glory thanks to an £8.5million makeover completed in 2019.



## PAINTED HALL: "THE FINEST DINING HALL IN EUROPE"

One of the finest interiors of the Baroque era creates a truly astounding venue for your most prestigious event or special occasion. There can be no finer setting for gala dinners, award ceremonies or exceptional drinks receptions than this outstanding location, the combined work of Sir Christopher Wren and Sir James Thornhill, acclaimed creative geniuses of their day.

Every guest will be thrilled to attend an event in this sublime and illustrious setting which has been described as "the finest dining hall in Europe".

Your event can be enhanced with pre-dinner drinks among the Colonnades to make the most of the immaculate grounds and riverside setting, or an illuminating talk about the spectacular Thornhill paintings from an onsite yeoman.







## QUEEN MARY UNDERCROFT: ATMOSPHERE AND FLEXIBILITY

The Queen Mary Undercroft boasts a high vaulted ceiling and unique atmosphere and is available for day and evening hire. The Undercroft offers an excellent venue for drinks receptions or a post-dinner bar and dancing space.

With plenty of natural day light, WI-Fi and day delegate rate packages, this is also ideal for daytime conferences, exhibitions and meetings, providing a good intermediate option in size between the Painted Hall and the rooms of the Admiral's House.

This highly distinctive setting is an unusual and inspiring choice whatever the occasion and the option of a lunchtime tour offers an energising change of scenery for delegates.



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### Shakespeare's footsteps

In 1594 during Queen Elizabeth I's colourful Christmas celebrations, Her Majesty was famously entertained by the Lord Chamberlain's Men at Greenwich Palace. William Shakespeare was one of the actors and the play is thought to have been of his most enduring masterpieces, *A Comedy of Errors*.







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### Seen all over the world

The Old Royal Naval College has been described as "the most popular film location in the world". Its architectural magnificence has lit up the screen in numerous film and TV productions including The Crown, Skyfall and Sense and Sensibility. It was also seen by audiences around the world as the stunning setting for Equestrian events in the 2012 London Olympics.

## THE GROUNDS: A TIMELESS MASTERPIECE

The glorious neoclassical grounds of the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich are one of the most memorable and iconic sights of London.

With immaculate lawns and supremely elegant buildings, colonnades and walkways designed by Sir Christopher Wren and Nicholas Hawksmoor, the college grounds are a thrilling and uplifting sight to behold at any time of day or night.

When you hold an event at the Old Royal Naval College, you and your guests are guaranteed to be captivated by the backdrop of one of the finest locations in one of the greatest cities in the world.







## VISUAL PERFECTION, SUBLIME TASTES

Your event will be enhanced with superb food from our award-winning caterers CH&CO. Our renowned chefs are dedicated to creating innovative, mouth-watering and visually stunning dishes from the very finest local seasonal ingredients, designed to reflect the sophistication of this unique location.

Whether your event requires food for a sensationally sumptuous banquet or an energising buffet for a top-notch working lunch, our mission is to surpass your expectations with impeccable service and an in-depth understanding of your needs, not forgetting delectable dishes and unstinting attention to detail.

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### Fit for a King

Famously extravagant, *bon viveur* and man of exotic taste, King Henry VIII hosted lavish parties, sumptuous banquets and thrilling jousting matches at Greenwich, said to have been his favourite royal palace. His Christmas party of 1516 has gone down in history as the first masquerade party ever seen in England.







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