

Match Winning Events

Venue Hire Guide 2025-2026

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Football Matters

Our role as the National Football Museum is to harness the creative power of football to improve the wellbeing of our visitors and communities.

As a registered charity (no: 1050792), all proceeds from our venue hire directly supports the museum, educational and community programming, which benefits over 200,000 people every year.



Based in one of Manchester's most unique venues, the National Football Museum is a fantastic backdrop for a range of different events

Located in the city centre, right next to Victoria Station and the AO Arena, our iconic landmark building offers an unrivalled range of spaces that will engage and inspire your guests through the power of football.

From dinners, awards ceremonies and celebrations, to meetings, conferences, brand activations and Christmas parties, our team will ensure you and your guests have a truly memorable experience.



What makes us different?

Connected location

In the heart of Manchester City centre with great transport links.

Iconic building

Stunning architecture in the tranquil Cathedral Gardens.

Exceptional service and memorable menus

We pride ourselves on delivering top-quality refreshment to fuel your event.

Welcoming and passionate team

Your guests are our guests, and our team will support your every need.

The power of football

Nothing connects people like the beautiful game.

Community benefit

Your event helps fund our charitable work, preserving the story of football for generations to come.

Creative and inspiring atmosphere

A unique backdrop of world class art and objects from our Football Heritage Collection.

Special experiences

Make your event one to remember with our one-of-a-kind experiences including private museum tours, handling sessions and curator talks tailored to your audiences.

Or why not book our trophy experience to capture that all-important photo opportunity.



It's the little extras

Surprise your guests with our Football Matters merchandise, giving them handy tools for the day and a stylish memento of your event. We have a great range to choose from including notebooks, pens, reusable mugs and tote bags.

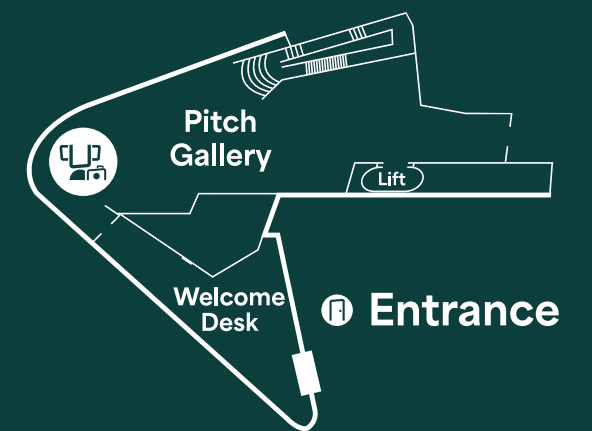


Audio visual

We work closely with our clients to ensure a seamless solution for their individual needs. Supported by our in-house team, we work with specialist partners to deliver a professional range AV products to enhance the presentation of your event.



Pitch Gallery



A showcase space for your special event

The central atrium for daytime visitors becomes an impressive event space. Perfect for a vast array of events, from gala dinners, Christmas parties, to trade conferences and product launches.

The architectural design lends itself to a variety of layouts and uses, with easy access to adject hire spaces for breakouts, comfort and refreshment breaks.

Features

- Ground floor
- Natural daylight
- Wi-Fi
- Wheelchair accessible
- Air conditioning
- Staging and AV options available
- LED curtain
- Large format screen



Capacities

Dinner	250
Theatre	300
Reception	400
Reception including galleries	800

Box



Take in unrivalled panoramic views of Manchester's skyline. Located on the top floors on our iconic building, the duplex Box Gallery offers a completely self-contained event space that can transform from a meeting to a striking evening reception area. The room boasts a panoramic city view of industrial and modern Manchester for your guests to enjoy.

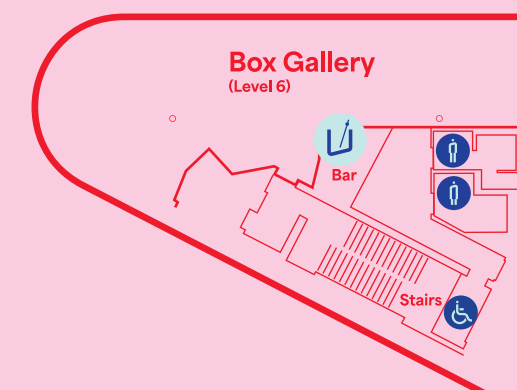
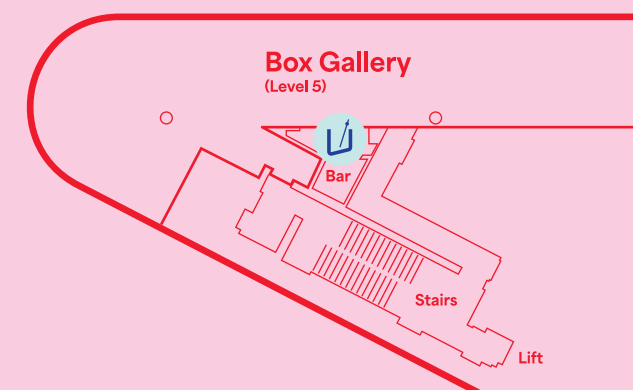
Features

- Natural daylight
- Private and self-contained
- Air conditioning
- Lift access
- Integrated bar
- Wheelchair accessible
- Wi-Fi

Capacities

Dinner	50
Theatre	50
Reception	120

Gallery





Museum Galleries

Our galleries are the perfect place for pre-dinner drinks, receptions and unique breakout areas for conferences. Guests can delve into the social history and culture of the game and explore why football matters.

Match Gallery (Level 1)

The Match Gallery showcases the history of the game, with fascinating objects and changing displays showing how football became England's national game.

Play Gallery (Level 2)

Our interactive Play Gallery offers the opportunity for guests to test their footballing skills from penalty kicks to clever tricks!

Score Gallery (Level 3)

The temporary exhibitions space updates through the year, giving the opportunity to host one-of-a kind events.

The Dugout

The Dugout Cafe offers event planners a relaxed, light and airy space overlooking Cathedral Gardens.

Complementing both the Pitch and Box Gallery hire, it offers a great space for networking and breakouts as well as a lovely social area for lunch away from the main event space.

The gardens also offer an alternative breakout space in the summer months, offering a peaceful haven in the heart of the city centre.

Capacities

Lunch	80
Theatre	40
Networking	60



Food & Drink

We pride ourselves on delivering the highest quality menu options with exceptional service.

From working lunches to fine dining banquets, we work with local suppliers to offer seasonal and sustainable options that will tickle your tastebuds and cater for the dietary preferences of your guests.

Sample Menus

Sample Meeting Menu

Perfect for meetings, conferences and workshops.

The Traditional Lunch

Assorted sandwiches
in a selection of granary, whole meal and thick-cut sliced white bread with a variety of meat, fish, and vegetarian fillings including simple classics and well-presented favorites

Whole fruit bowl

Home bakes

Kettle chips

Tea and coffee

The Hearty Lunch

Assorted sandwiches
in a selection of granary, whole meal and thick-cut sliced white bread with a variety of meat, fish, and vegetarian fillings

Marinated skewers

Homemade sausage rolls

Bowl salad

Potato wedges with dips

Fruit bowl

Homebakes

Bowl Food and Canapes

Perfect for receptions, launches and parties.

Cheese burgers,
vamac sauce, mini beers

Mini Cheshire beef pie,
Guinness shot

Tartlet Spanish chorizo
and roasted onion, aioli

Buttermilk chicken,
chipotle mayonnaise

Katsu chicken,
pickled ginger

Tiger prawn, pak choi,
garlic, chilli, ginger

Arancini, pea, mint,
lemon crème fraiche

Croûte of sundried tomato, caramelized
red onion, mozzarella, pesto

Goats cheese bon bon,
sweet tomato chutney

Sample Banqueting Menu

Perfect for gala dinners, award ceremonies, private dining and Christmas parties.

To Commence

Parsnip and pear velouté,
crispy onions, curry oil

Burrata, Crown Prince squash,
lovage and pumpkin seeds

Lamb fritter, lentil korma
and pickled shallots

Main

Sticky beef cheek, honey carrot,
horseradish mash and kale

Chicken breast, bollychetta, onions,
mushrooms, fondant potato, beans

Crispy nut roast, cassoulet
autumn vegetable and black garlic

Desserts

Treacle tart, brown bread Ice Cream
and lemon verbena

Vanilla panna cotta, mulled fruits,
basil meringue, ginger crumb

Chocolate torte, hazelnut praline,
mint chocolate ice cream

What our clients say...



The event was a success!
Thank you so much for everything
you did and all your teams' hard work
– people loved the venue.

Slalom

Just wanted to say a big thank you to
yourself for all your support in ensuring
today ran as smoothly as it did & an
extended thank to all of the team for their
welcome & guidance around the facility

The feedback from all involved has been
superb - everyone really enjoyed it
(at the museum at least, game didn't
quite add to the experience!).

Will certainly be considering the event
space in future!

New Balance

The event was such a fantastic success
and it has been great to get all the positive
feedback. Everybody loved the museum
too – the lift was a particular hit!

NHS

I just wanted to drop you all a note to say
how great the Christmas party was last
week and how much everyone enjoyed it.

The service and atmosphere were great
and your teams helped make this a great
party for all of us at AND Digital. There
was not a single complaint, only raving
reviews from everyone who attended.
We will definitely be back!

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We'd love to hear about your event,
please get in touch to find out how we can help:

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