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MUSEUM
& GARDENS

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About the Horniman Museum and Gardens

The Horniman Museum and Gardens is a wonderful place where global cultures and the natural world are brought together for everyone to enjoy.

Located in Forest Hill, south east London, a short, direct train journey from London Bridge, the Horniman sits within 16.5 acres of stunning gardens with breathtaking views across the London skyline.

Today, the Horniman is a much-loved local treasure with nearly 900,000 visitors a year. The Horniman is a registered charity and by choosing us for your event you will be helping us to fulfil our mission to inspire a positive future for the world we all share. We do this through our award-winning schools programme, our community engagement work, our events as well as our temporary exhibitions and displays.



Unique Venues

The Gardens are home to three unique venues available for private hire: the Conservatory, the Pavilion and the Bandstand, perfect for special celebrations, weddings or corporate away days.

Our Gardens have won numerous awards including Green Flag Gold Award, London in Bloom and Heritage Garden of the Year.





Conservatory

The exquisite Grade II listed Victorian Conservatory stands within an elegant terrace and allows guests to enjoy easy access to the Horniman's award-winning Gardens.

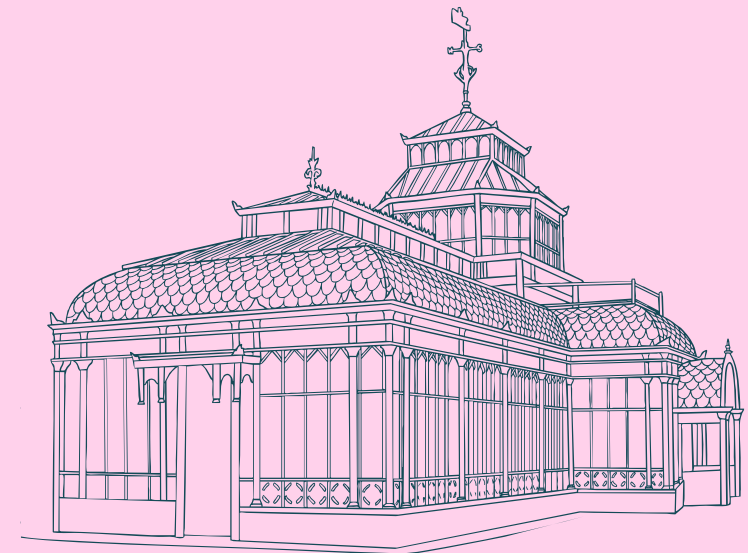
A large open space full of original features, it is perfect for special events as its grand elegance requires minimal decoration. The Conservatory is regularly used for weddings, drinks receptions, funerals, photoshoots and parties.

Capacities:

Standing – 240

Dinner – 120

Theatre – 120





Staged set up of a funeral ceremony





Pavilion

Situated in a quiet corner with hilltop views across the Horniman's beautiful Gardens, the Pavilion is a calm and peaceful contemporary venue. A bright and airy space, the Pavilion has floor to ceiling windows which fold back to give access to a large private terrace with views of the London skyline.

The Pavilion makes an idyllic space for away days, receptions, memorials or family celebrations including anniversaries and children's parties.

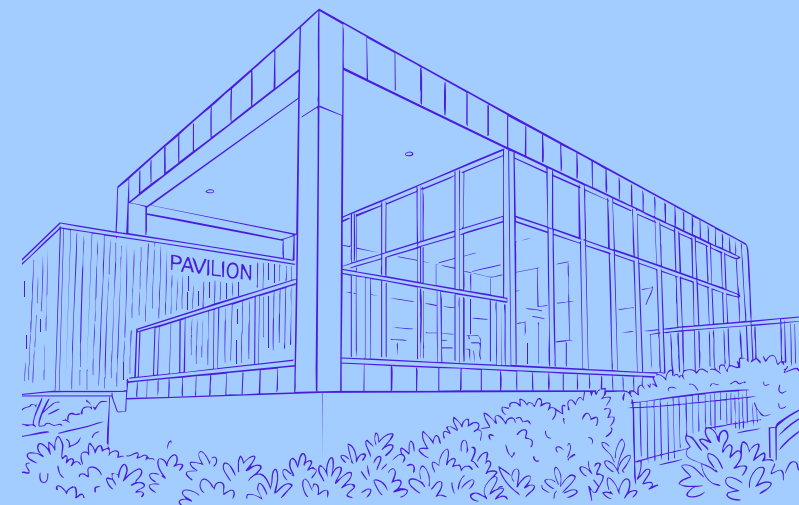
Capacities:

Standing – 80

Theatre – 60

Ceremony – 40

Cabaret – 36-48





Bandstand

The Grade II listed Bandstand retains its Victorian features and is a distinctive feature of the Gardens. From its vantage point are breathtaking views across the London skyline and famous landmarks.

The Bandstand is perfect for small, intimate occasions, summer weddings, drinks receptions or photoshoots.

Capacities:

Standing – 60

Ceremony – 50





Food and beverage

The Horniman has its own list of approved caterers who can provide a range of food and beverages for all private hires on site. For a more bespoke offering caterers can create a tailor-made menu for your event. Please contact us to request our Horniman Suppliers List.



Unique Extras

For that extra special experience for your guests, combine your private hire with a guided tour of one of our permanent galleries or a visit to our popular Aquarium or Butterfly House. Please contact a member of the Venue Hire team for more information.

Guided tours

The free permanent galleries display objects from our acclaimed Natural History, Anthropology and Musical Instrument collection. Your guests can experience a guided tour of one of these galleries with a specialist curator giving a deeper insight into the stories behind the displays.

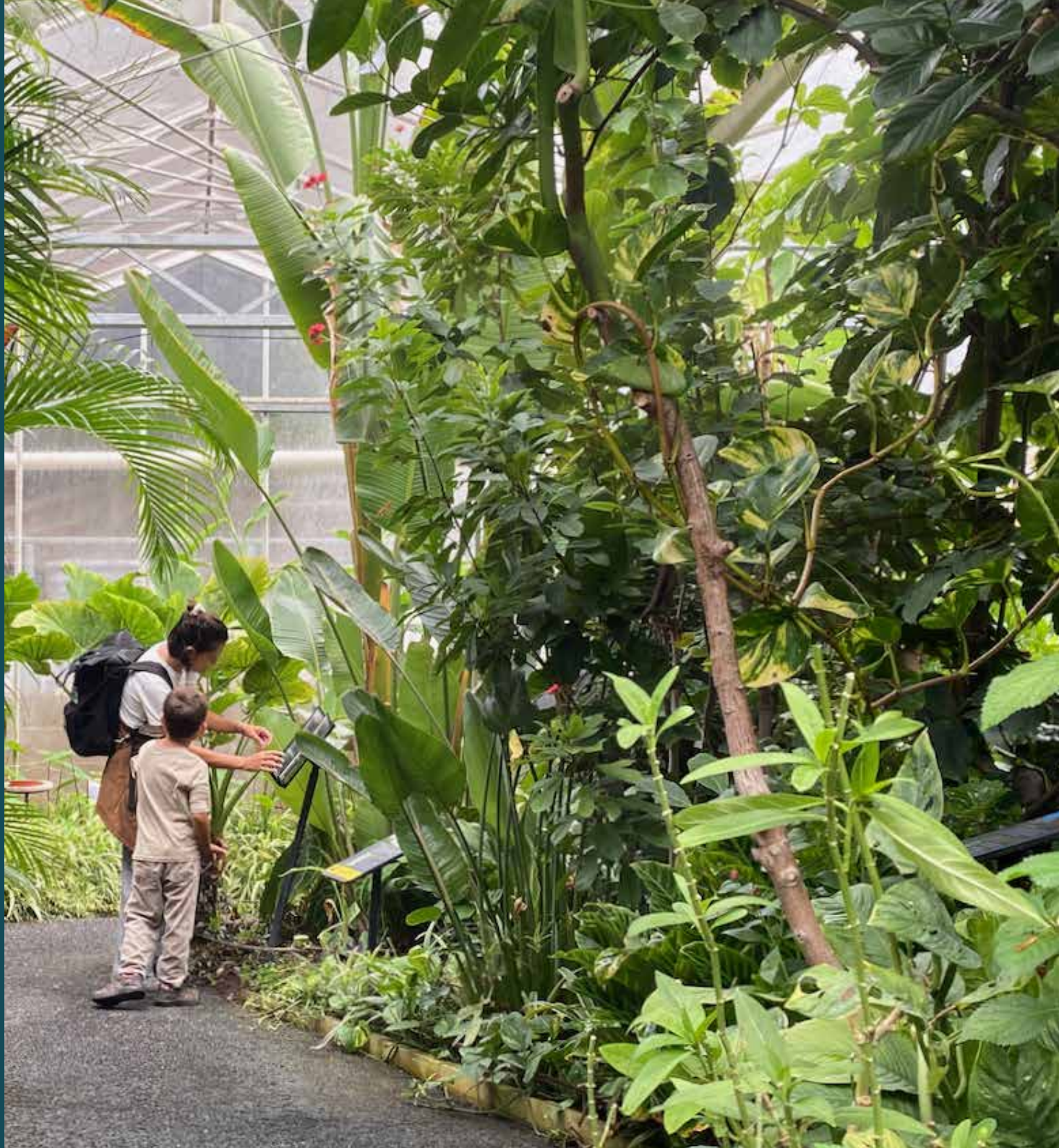
Aquarium and Butterfly House

Give your guests an extra magical time and include a visit to the Aquarium or Butterfly House with your event. Walk among free flying butterflies in a tropical indoor garden, or explore exhibits showcasing aquatic animals from around the globe. Entrance to the Aquarium and Butterfly House is an additional cost.

Hire our Gallery Spaces

Gallery Square is now available to hire for up to 250 people, and we will have a brand new gallery space opening at the start of 2027.

Get in touch to find out more.





2026–2027 Prices

Peak

(May – September)

Venue	Day	Min Booking	Rates (Exclusive of VAT)		
			Per Hour	Half Day*	Full Day
Conservatory	Monday - Thursday	2 hours	£600		
	Friday & Sunday	3 hours	£600		
	Saturday	8 hours	£600		
	Late Night (11pm – 1am)	1 hour	£1200		
Pavilion	Monday - Friday	2 hours	£150	£500	£1000
	Saturday - Sunday*	4 hours	£150		
	Late Night (11pm – 12am)	1 hour	£1200		
Bandstand	Monday - Saturday	2 hours	£250		

*Prices above are for venue hire only. Food and drink will be quoted for as an additional cost by one of our approved caterers.

*In peak season, the Pavilion may be booked for weddings on any day except Saturday.

*In peak season, the Bandstand can be hired on Saturdays only as part of a Conservatory wedding booking.

*Half days are 08:30 - 12:30 or 13:30-17:30

*For bank holidays Saturday charges apply

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Off Peak

(October – April)

Venue	Day	Min Booking	Rates (Exclusive of VAT)		
			Per Hour	Half Day*	Full Day
Conservatory	Monday - Thursday	2 hours	£450		
	Friday & Sunday	3 hours	£450		
	Saturday	8 hours	£450		
	Late Night (11pm – 1am)	1 hour	£1200		
Pavilion	Monday - Friday	2 hours	£150	£500	£1000
	Saturday - Sunday*	4 hours	£150		
	Late Night (11pm – 12am)	1 hour	£1200		
Bandstand	Monday - Saturday	2 hours	£250		

*Prices above are for venue hire only. Food and drink will be quoted for as an additional cost by one of our approved caterers.

*Half days are 08:30 - 12:30 or 13:30-17:30

*For bank holidays Saturday charges apply

Contact

To discuss the hire of our spaces for your event, please contact our dedicated team at the Horniman who can help you plan the perfect occasion.

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