

EXPECT
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UNEXPECTED

UNUSUAL & SPECIAL LOCATIONS

WESTMINSTER  ABBEY
Founded 960



HISTORY IN EVERY CORNER

For 1000 years, the Abbey has hosted a fantastic variety of events; the crowning of kings and queens, weddings, christenings and proclamations were all held within this magnificent building.

Today, you too can experience the tantalising prospect of celebrating your event in a location steeped in history and complete with 21st century ambience.

We can include a private tour of the Abbey for your guests as part of our package.

THROUGH THE AGES...



1066

William I ('the Conqueror') is crowned in the Abbey. The Abbey has since then been the Coronation church.

1257

The King's Council meets in the Chapter House.

1268

The Cosmati pavement is laid down in front of the High Altar. The inscription calculated that the world would last for 19,683 years!



1300-1

The oak Coronation Chair is constructed under the instructions of Edward I to enclose the Stone of Scone which the king captured from the Scots in 1296. The stone was returned to Scotland in 1996.



1503

The foundation stone of Henry VII's new Lady Chapel is laid, replacing that erected by Henry III. Built in the Perpendicular style of architecture, it has one of the most magnificent fan vaulted ceilings in Europe.

1920

The Unknown Warrior is buried in the Nave, a remarkable tribute not just to the fallen of the First World War but to the millions who have died since in international military conflict.



1953

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the longest reigning British monarch, is crowned.

2011

His Royal Highness Prince William of Wales KG and Miss Catherine Middleton marry at Westminster Abbey on Friday 29 April 2011.

960

Benedictine monks settle in Westminster establishing a tradition of daily worship and hospitality that continues to this day.

1065

Consecration of the Abbey, built in the Romanesque style by King Edward the Confessor and dedicated to St Peter.



1245

Henry III, due to his veneration for Edward the Confessor, begins building the present church in the new Gothic style.



1269

St Edward the Confessor is translated to his new Shrine.



1352

The first of many occasional meetings of the House of Commons takes place in the Chapter House, much to the irritation of the monks!



1560

Elizabeth I grants the foundation charter of the present Collegiate Church of St Peter, Westminster – retaining exemption as before, but subject directly to the monarch.



1947

Princess Elizabeth marries Lt Philip Mountbatten.



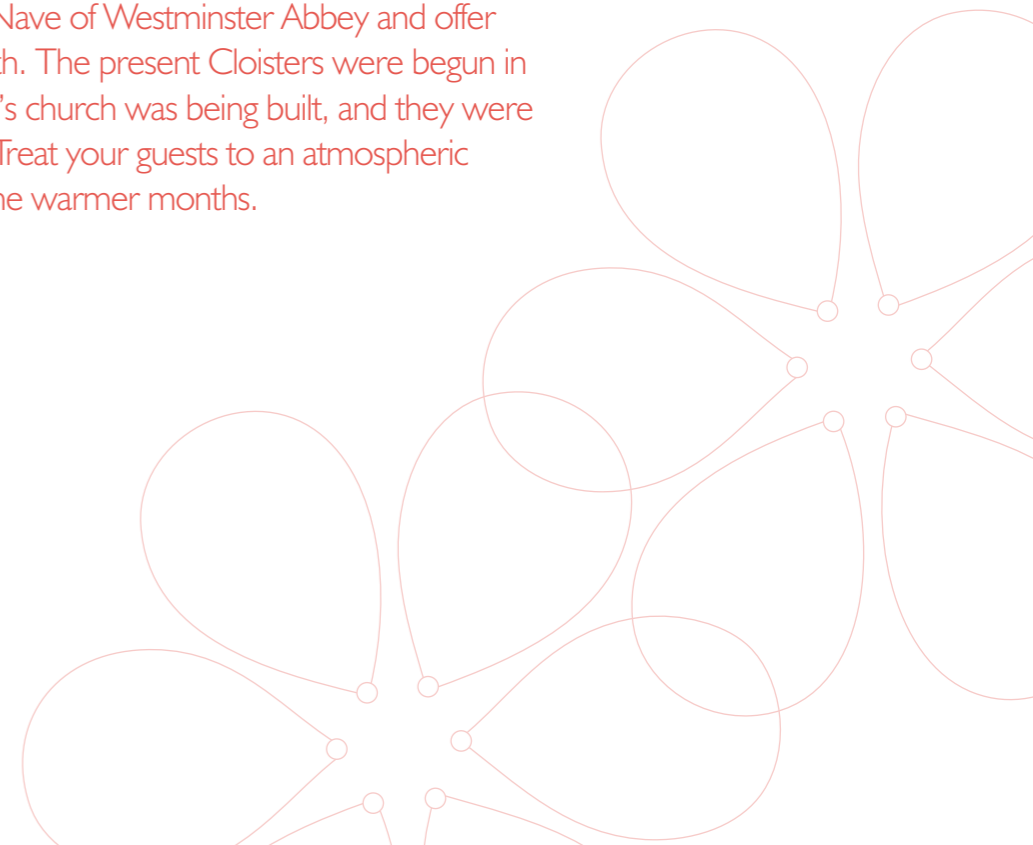


THE CLOISTERS

The Cloisters sit adjacent to the Nave of Westminster Abbey and offer spectacular views across the Garth. The present Cloisters were begun in the 13th century, when Henry III's church was being built, and they were finished in the late 14th century. Treat your guests to an atmospheric event in this open space during the warmer months.

East Cloister only:
200 for a drinks reception
80 for a dinner

Combined with the North Cloister:
400 for a drinks reception
160 for a dinner

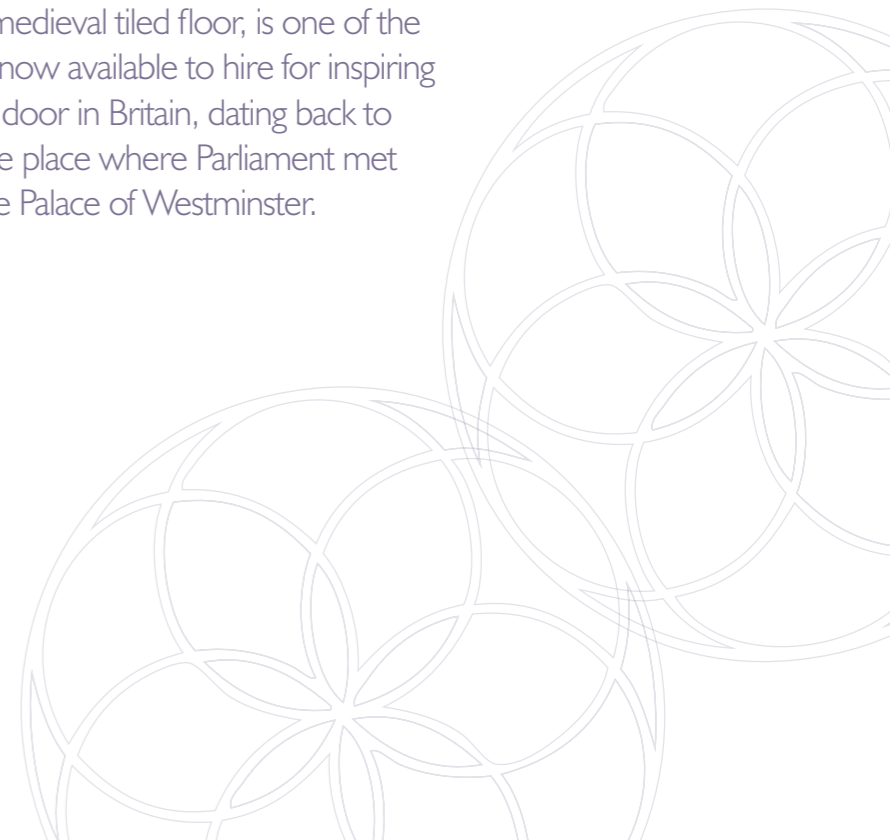




CHAPTER HOUSE

The 13th century Chapter House, with its medieval tiled floor, is one of the largest and most impressive in Britain and is now available to hire for inspiring receptions. The vestibule houses the oldest door in Britain, dating back to the 1050s. The Chapter House was also the place where Parliament met in the 14th century before transferring to the Palace of Westminster.

120 for a drinks reception





THE CELLARIUM

Dating back to the 14th century, the Cellarium was used by the monks to store their food and drink. Today, your guests can enjoy a taste of Benedictine hospitality in this medieval undercroft. With its stunning vaulted ceiling and warm ambiance, the Cellarium is the perfect evening venue.

120 for a drinks reception
80 for a dinner





THE CELLARIUM TERRACE

The Cellarium Terrace is a contemporary event space in an otherwise historic building showcasing a stunning blend of past and present architecture. The Terrace offers fantastic views of the Abbey's West Towers and access to an exclusive outside area.

60 for a drinks reception
40 for a dinner





COLLEGE GARDEN

This 900 year old garden is believed to be the longest continually cultivated garden in England. Offering magnificent views of the Abbey and the Victoria Tower, part of the Palace of Westminster, College Garden is an idyllic space for a reception, dinner, lunch or daytime business conference.

In June and July a stylish marquee with glass front and sides, and a decked porch area is provided. Outside of these months a marquee can be arranged to accommodate your event.

Summer Season:

Up to 1000 for a drinks reception

240 for dinner

Outside the Summer Season upon request:

1000 guests



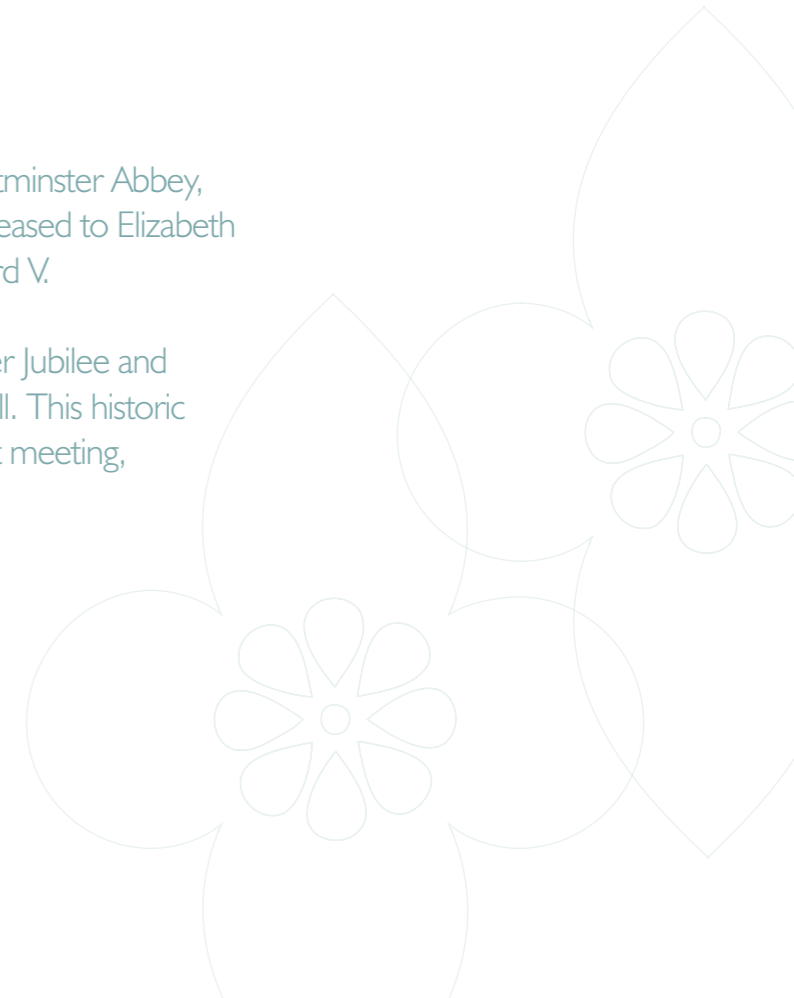


CHEYNEYGATES

Standing over the entrance to the Cloisters of Westminster Abbey, Cheyne Gates is an enchanting space. It was once leased to Elizabeth Woodville and was the birthplace of her son Edward V.

A portrait of HM The Queen commissioned for her Jubilee and painted by Ralph Heimans currently adorns the wall. This historic chamber provides the perfect setting for a breakfast meeting, business lunch, evening reception or dinner.

60 for a drinks reception
36 for a dinner



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