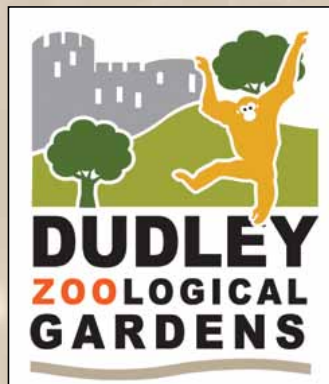




Conferences



Weddings



Corporate



Meetings

BOOK
Your
Event
at
Dudley Zoological
Gardens



Events

Dudley Zoological Gardens is an amazing visitor attraction and a unique venue for your wedding reception or personal corporate event. It has a wide range of facilities to cater for all group sizes.

Set in 40 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens the venue is home to more than 1,000 animals from around the world and the 11th Century Dudley Castle. In addition to the meeting rooms a marquee within our Castle Courtyard offers guests a special setting.

- Enchanting fairytale Castle
- Exclusive hire available
- Stunning grounds
- Guided tours of the grounds for guests
- Dedicated and experienced wedding co-ordinators and event staff

At the Zoo

Queen Mary Restaurant



Venue Hire

A restaurant by day and the perfect event space by night. The Queen Mary, situated in the heart of the Zoo provides a flexible venue for a wedding reception or corporate event.

Venue hire from £750 + VAT

Please note:

The Queen Mary is only available for hire with the provision of catering. Maximum capacity of the Queen Mary is 250 people, depending on table layout requirements.

Castle Courtyard

Marquee Venue Hire

A beautiful Marquee can be situated in an idyllic setting for wedding receptions or corporate events.

Cocktail parties and barbecues can be hosted in our Gardens, offering a romantic and private ambience.

Our Castle Courtyard offer the perfect setting for photos of your special day.

Photographers love the variety of amazing features giving you a lifetime of memories to cherish. Your guests can wonder around the Zoo and Gardens.

Castle Courtyard

Hire the Courtyard Café in the grounds of the 11th Century Castle for your private party. Enjoy a drinks reception, buffet & animal feed experience or take part in a ghost walk.

The 11th Century Castle Courtyard located within the grounds of the Zoo can hold up to 5,000 people for an outdoor or open air event, and in recent years we have welcomed Welsh diva Katherine Jenkins and rock legends Status Quo.



Wedding Breakfast

STARTER

Somerset Brie and caramelised red onion tartlet with balsamic candied ripe figs dressed with a watercress and herb salad

MAIN

Chicken breast coq au vin style, creamed parsley potatoes, green beans and red wine sauce

DESSERT

Lemon tart with limóncello mascarpone and freeze dried strawberries



Award Winning Catering

Amadeus operate the catering and event management for the venue.

As part of the NEC Group and with over 600 culinary awards, you can be confident that our award-winning Chefs and catering event team will deliver the most wonderful event and menu, created exactly to your taste.

“Perfection on a plate”

There are a wide selection of menu options available from morning refreshments, finger buffets through to a full 3 course Banqueting menu.

*Sample
Menu*

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Sample Buffet

DAY DELEGATE CATERING PACKAGE: £31.50 + VAT per person

ON ARRIVAL

Freshly brewed coffee with a selection of teas
Assorted fruit juices
Mini Danish pastries
Season fruit skewer

MID-MORNING

- Freshly brewed coffee with a selection of teas
- Assorted fruit juices
- Cookies

LUNCH

A selection of sandwiches plus 6 items from the following selection, your menu choice will be accompanied with tea/coffee and juices.

MEAT

- Smokey BBQ glazed pork chipolatas with Worcestershire dipping sauce
- Beef cottage pie in Yorkshire pudding
- Harissa flavoured lamb meat ball and red pepper skewer
- Jerk spiced chicken bites with spring onion and sweetcorn relish
- Chicken coated in a poppy seed crust with wild rocket mayonnaise

FISH

- Tempura calamari dusted with smoked paprika and rustic parsley mayonnaise
- Tiger prawn tail with water melon
- Sesame crusted fresh salmon fillet with watercress mayonnaise
- Cajun coated red snapper fillet with roast tomato dip

VEGETARIAN

- Rosemary baked baby potatoes with grain mustard vinaigrette dressing
- Bombay onion bhaji with tamarind and mint dip
- Oriental vegetable spring roll with plum sauce
- Shropshire Blue cheese with celery tartar on a rosemary and onion scone
- Soft pepper and cream cheese filo batons

DESSERTS

- Mango cream filled profiterole with white chocolate and crushed pistachio
- Fruit scone filled with Cornish cream and homemade raspberry preserve
- Mini strawberry tartlet
- Dark chocolate brownie with thick rum cream

DESSERTS

- Freshly brewed coffee with a selection of teas
- Assorted fruit juices
- Lemon Drizzle cake



Menu

Drinks

WHITE WINE

- Carta Magna Sauvignon Blanc – **Chile**
- Pinot Grigio delle Venezie 2012 La Delizia – **Italy**
- Carelli Torrontes – **Argentina**
- Snapper Rock Sauvignon Blanc 2013 – **New Zealand**
- Smoking Loon Viognier 2011 – **California**
- Sancerre Domaine Hubert Brochard 2011/12 – **France**

ROSE WINE

- Carta Magna Rosé – **Chile**
- Three Choirs Vineyards Rosé – **England**

RED WINE

- Carta Magna Merlot – **Chile**
- Nero d'Avola 2012 Terre Siciliane Saracena – **Italy**
- Carelli Malbec – **Argentina**
- Cousino-Macul Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 – **Chile**
- Smoking Loon Old Vine Zinfandel 2012 – **California**
- Chateau Durand Laplagne - **France**



SPARKLING AND CHAMPAGNE

- Prosecco Brut Lamberti – **Italy**
- Lanson Black Label Brut NV
- Lanson Rosé Label Brut NV

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BY THE GLASS

Kir Royale with Lanson Black Label	£10.00
Bellini with Lanson Black Label	£8.75
Bucks fizz with Lanson Black Label	£8.25
Bucks Fizz with Prosecco	£5.50
Bellini with Prosecco	£5.50

Menu

Enhance your visit

For all events Dudley Zoological Gardens can provide animal creature features, guided tours of the Zoo or Castle and ghost walks to enhance your event.

- Land train hire - £150 for two hours, £100 per hour thereafter. Land train subject to availability.
- Chair lift - £150 for two hours, £100 per hour thereafter. Only available during daylight hours for health & safety reasons.
- Access to the Zoo – from 10 am, discounted group rates available.
- On site car parking available.

GHOST WALK

Find out about Dudley Castle's gruesome ghosts! Take a tour around the Castle and let your guests imaginations run wild! Our tailor made tour includes lots of castle information to make this an irresistible journey which you will never forget.

GUIDED TOUR (DAY TIME)

Enjoy a tour around Dudley Zoo from one of our experienced guides.

Find out about the animals around the Zoo and finish your tour with a creature feature session.

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

- Group penguin feed - visit the UK'S largest colony of Humboldts in Penguin Bay and help our keeper feed them a fishy supper.
- Group Sealion feed - get up close and personal with our Male Patagonian Sealion and his female friends.
- Group Giraffe feed - come face to face with one of the tallest animals in the world.
- Creature Feature - meet creepy crawlies, reptiles and small furry creatures that live in the Discovery Centre.

Above from £12 per person



FAQ's & Terms & Conditions for events at Dudley Zoological Gardens

VENUE HIRE

Includes access to the Castle Courtyard or Queen Mary only (no Zoo access unless a daytime event has been pre-arranged), a standard power supply and use of toilets in the Grey Lady. Venue hire for the Castle Courtyard is exclusive if an evening event, non-exclusive for a day event as zoo visitors will have access to this area throughout the day. For evening functions there is no access to the top of the Castle tower. Hire of QM includes a standard power supply, provision of a licensed bar, use of toilets, car parking on site. Any electrical equipment brought on site needs to have a valid PAT certificate. Venue Hire for the QM is exclusive.

ACCESS

Set up is before 10:00 and all vehicles need to be off site by 10:00. If set up involves working throughout the day for example erecting a marquee the area needs to be secured and work can continue after 10am as long as there are no vehicle movements between 10:00 – 15:00 (winter)
10am – 16:00 (summer and peak periods)

Access for guests:

Summer: 18:30

Winter: 17:30

In the interest of health & safety, whilst you are on site, we do not allow you to walk around Dudley Zoo grounds at any time for an evening function. Any children who leave the building under the age of 16 years must always be accompanied by an adult.

SIGNAGE

The Zoo will close off road access to the Zoo and provide directional signage to parking areas. Additional signage/event specific signage should be provided by the event organiser.

PHOTOS

Photos are permitted within the grounds upon hire of the venue.

No additional charge for photos taken in the courtyard or around site will be charged. Should you wish to have photos with specific animals, permission will be granted on an individual basis and a suitable donation requested.

CAR PARKING:

Guests will access the site from the Fellows pub entrance. Guests can park on site either outside the QM or in the Castle Courtyard. Parking is provided free of charge for evening events. No vehicles can be left on site overnight. Taxi access up to the Courtyard or QM is via the Fellows entrance.

CAPACITIES

Maximum capacity of the QM is 250 people. Maximum capacity of the Courtyard Cafe is 40 people. Maximum Marquee size – Dependent upon individual specifications. Maximum capacity of the Courtyard is 5,000 people.

SUPPLIERS

External suppliers are permitted – this does however exclude catering and marquee providers. All suppliers must provide the necessary licences and insurance documents before being permitted on site.

LICENCE TIMES

Performance of Live Music:

Mondays to Saturdays 10:00 - Midnight

Performance of Live Music:

Sunday's 10:00 - 23:30

Playing of Recorded Music:

Mondays to Saturdays 10:00 - Midnight

Playing of Recorded Music:

Sundays 10:00 - 23:30

Performance of Dance:

Mondays to Saturdays 10:00 - Midnight

Performance of Dance:

Sundays 10:00 - 23:30

Supply of Alcohol:

Mondays to Saturdays 10:00 - 23:30

Supply of Alcohol: Sundays 10:00 - 23:00

All guests must leave the site by 12:30am at the latest.



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