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Welcome

The South Australian Museum is a place of boundless discovery.

Home to over four million historical and cultural artefacts, the Museum is one of our state's most iconic institutions.

Bringing together unique spaces, fascinating collections and scenic views to create unforgettable event experiences, we invite you to explore the Museum and imagine how your next event could come to life.

We are a not-for-profit organisation - by choosing to host your event here, you are supporting the work of the South Australian Museum.

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Located just off North Terrace, the South Australian Museum's spaces are a well-kept secret, offering CBD convenience with a delightfully secluded setting. Raise a glass amongst the gemstones or host a degustation with a dinosaur!

Contemporary spaces complement our heritage surrounds, scenic views and lawned outdoor spaces to give your guests plenty of space to network, do business or just enjoy their night.

With flexible spaces, caterers and a network of suppliers we work with you to develop an event experience for groups of all sizes. Make a strong impression on your guests by hosting your next event at the Museum.

Event spaces

Curate your one-of-a-kind event.

No two events at the Museum are ever the same. We welcome your unique vision and big ideas. Explore our spaces, gather inspiration and connect with our venue hire team to design a bespoke events experience that ticks all the boxes.

The Foyer

Fusing heritage architecture and contemporary design, this stunning space invites your guests to mingle with sculptures and skeletons whilst taking in views of the North Terrace boulevard.

Walled on one side by the historic brick archways and on the other by floor-to-ceiling windows, the Foyer offers an unexpected venue for corporate or social gatherings; sit-down dining, cocktail or theatre style events. Create a bespoke event experience like no other and peel off to explore the neighbouring ground floor collections and special exhibition spaces.

Pacific Cultures Gallery

Cocktail: 300
Seated: 160
Theatre: 200
Area: 790m²

Entering via the grand staircase, and past stained-glass windows, guests will be transported back in time as they arrive in the Pacific Cultures Gallery.

This immersive mezzanine space showcases over two thousand heritage artefacts from across the Pacific regions with beautiful 19th century display furniture and statement sculptural exhibits suspended from the magnificent, pitched ceiling.

With a highly flexible floorplan, the Pacific Cultures Gallery can be divided into bar, grazing, sit-down and presentation areas, equipped with in-built PA and projector, giving your guests plenty of room to wander, mingle and discover with a drink in hand.

The Courtyard Lawn

Cocktail: 250
Seated: 200
Area: 254m²

Overflowing with timeless character, our Courtyard Lawn is an inner-city sanctuary offering your guests convenience and charm without compromise.

Tucked behind the Museum, this secluded spot sets the scene for an intimate event. Ornamental pear trees provide dappled shade across the lawns in summer, brilliant crimson colour in autumn or whimsical snowy blossoms in spring, for an idyllic outdoor function at any time of the year.

The Archway Lawns

A country estate hidden in the heart of the city, the Archway Lawns offer a remarkable open-air space ideal for large-scale corporate and social events.

After arriving through the grand stone archway's wrought iron gates, your guests will spill onto the spacious central green where they can mingle, dine and dance the night away under the sky.

Surrounded by heritage buildings and rolling verandahs, this is a lush and versatile space that is ready for your special touch. Long dining tables, twinkling lights, spacious marquees and an al fresco dance floor are just a few of the feature elements that can transform the Archway Lawns into your dream event venue.

The Armoury

The Armoury is an inner-city meeting and workshop space, sheltered from the hustle and bustle with a touch of historic charm.

Featuring a gable ceiling, abundant natural light and views to the Museum's lawn areas, this venue can be easily adapted for any business, creative or networking event.

The Armoury is equipped for your presentations and online meetings as much as for workshops and team building days.

Accessible via the external stone staircase or internal lift.

Australian Polar Collections Gallery

Cocktail: 70
Seated: 40
Theatre: 40

Your guests can discover the stories and accomplishments of renowned geologist and Antarctic explorer Sir Douglas Mawson as they drink and dine inside the Australian Polar Collections Gallery.

This flexible floorplan can accommodate small, theatre-style presentations, intimate dinners or roving cocktail events within truly captivating surroundings.

Event additions

The Museum is more than a venue, it's a place of boundless discovery.

Why not make your event truly memorable by incorporating an exclusive event addition? A private exhibition viewing, gallery tour or guided walk through our Australian Aboriginal Cultures Gallery.

Talk to our venue hire team about designing your own unforgettable event experience.

World Mammals Gallery

Travel around the world in just a few steps as you wander the World Mammals Gallery. Located adjacent the Foyer, Australian Aboriginal Cultures Gallery and grand staircase to the Pacific Cultures Gallery, this quintessentially quirky space is a welcome add-on to any Museum event, featuring diorama displays of taxidermied creatures representing each continental region.

South Australian Biodiversity Gallery

Stroll through South Australia's arid, temperate, coastal and marine regions in this fascinating, interactive gallery. Meticulously arranged animal specimens, models and multimedia elements combine to tell the evolving story of our state's unique wildlife, granting guests a fresh perspective of our ecosystem and their place in it.

Minerals and Meteorites Gallery

Enjoy a glass of sparkling amongst the gemstones. Located on the third floor, the Minerals and Meteorites Gallery is a meandering pathway walled by displays showcasing an array of iridescent stones and precious gems. This exclusive event space is synonymous with opulence and awe – a true diamond setting for your next function.

Opal Fossils of South Australia Gallery

Did you know Australia's Outback was once covered by an icy inland sea and inhabited by giant reptiles? The Opal Fossils of South Australia Gallery invites guests to discover this fascinating story, as told through the captivating centrepiece – a six-metre-long opalised skeleton, the finest known specimen of its kind on Earth.

Ediacaran Fossils Gallery

The discovery of ancient fossils in South Australia's Flinders Ranges defined a new geological period, representing the earliest known complex life on Earth. This exciting palaeontological discovery takes pride of place within our Ediacaran Fossils Gallery, where your guests can marvel at the 635-million-year-old imprints left in the sandstone of the sea floor.

Special Exhibitions Gallery

Treat your guests to a private viewing of the Museum's special exhibition, the perfect aperitif to awaken the senses. Throughout the year this space transforms with an ever-changing calendar of touring exhibitions.

Catering

We have the pleasure of working with a number of major caterers.

Preferred Suppliers

Over the years our venue hire team has built an impressive network of suppliers - those who have proved themselves time and time again. Our suppliers have been appropriately inducted and can offer you the peace of mind to create the event of your dreams.

Please contact the venue hire team for more details.

Photography & Filming

The South Australian Museum's many intriguing galleries and display spaces make it a unique and striking feature location for commercial photography and videography projects, ranging from fashion retail to independent film.

Get in touch with our venue hire team to discuss.

How will your event come alive at the South Australian museum?

Please get in touch with our venue hire team to begin. venuehire@samuseum.sa.gov.au

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