

## **Wellington Arch** **Hyde Park Corner, London, W1J 7JZ**

This London landmark in the middle of Hyde Park Corner is a novel place to impress guests, with bird's eye views across Westminster and Buckingham Palace Gardens.

Originally, it was intended as both a victory arch marking Wellington's defeat of Napoleon and as a grand outer entrance to Buckingham Palace. By 1883, Hyde Park Corner had developed into a serious traffic bottleneck, so the Arch was dismantled, moved 20 metres and rebuilt in its present location. At the same time, the Wellington statue was removed and replaced with 'Peace Descending on the Quadriga of War', which today remains the largest bronze statue in the UK.

During the early 20th century, the arch was home to London's smallest police station housing 10 constables, 2 sergeants and a cat called Snooks, but was abandoned in 1959 when the area became a traffic island.

English Heritage has now restored the crumbling exterior to its former glory and the interior houses a modern exhibition space, offering a unique and spectacular setting for drinks receptions or small intimate dinners. At night the exterior of the Arch is dramatically swathed in light and the colour can be co-ordinated to match event theming.

As guests arrive they are taken up to the Arch's towering heights, where stylish rooms offer a sophisticated setting for daytime or evening events. Guests can enjoy spectacular views from the top of Wellington Arch. Doors open from the mezzanine level to two dramatic external balconies, with views to Apsley House, Hyde Park, the gardens of Buckingham Palace and the London skyline.

The Arch is available to hire during the day when mounted troops provide memorable live entertainment every morning at 10.40am and 11.40am as they pass beneath the Arch en route to the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace.

### **Capacities:**

	<b>Reception</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
The Arch	80	45	36



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