

A photograph of the National Theatre building in London, featuring a prominent rooftop garden. The building is a large, modern structure with multiple levels and a mix of concrete and wood paneling. In the foreground, a lush rooftop garden with various green plants and grasses is visible. A group of people in formal attire is gathered on a wooden deck in the garden, socializing. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

Events at the

National Theatre



Your perfect summer party venue

Summer at the National Theatre is made for celebration.

From rooftop terraces to riverside bars, our spaces capture the best of the season – with food, drink and atmosphere to match.

Take in sweeping views of London from the Buffini Chao Deck, or keep things relaxed by the river at The Understudy, perfect for a more informal get-together.

All our venues are just minutes from Waterloo and easy to reach by train, tube, bus – or even Uber Boat – making the National Theatre the perfect destination for summer parties in the heart of London.





The Buffini Chao Deck



Standing 200

Overlooking London's skyline, the Buffini Chao Deck is the Theatre's dedicated events space. With floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking London's skyline and St Paul's, and a wraparound terrace, it's a showstopping spot for summer parties.

AV available: Built-in 55 inches screen, PA system with 2 microphones, lighting rig available at cost

Hire Periods: 8am - 5pm or 6pm - 11pm

Package inclusions

Hire of the Buffini Chao deck from 18.00 - 23.00
(Guest arrival from 18.30)

Unlimited house red & white wine, house beer & soft
drinks for three hours
(Dorfman drinks package)

3 canapes & 3 bowls per person, or a selection of
street food

Standard in-house furniture

Bespoke lighting and PA system

DJ for the evening

£155.00 per person

All prices are exclusive of VAT
Minimum guest numbers of 100





Street food from KERB traders

We work with our incredible partners at KERB (Seven Dials Market, KERB Social Club) to bring you flavours from across the globe.

From crispy hash browns from Hash Hut, to delicious tacos from MexClub, our street food vendors are the perfect addition to any event.

Please ask your event planner for sample menus.

The Understudy



Seated and standing 300

Riverside pub perfect for casual summer celebrations, with craft beer, cocktails on tap, street food from KERB traders and an expansive terrace.

Available to hire as an area, or full bar hire, with options to pre-order drinks and street food.

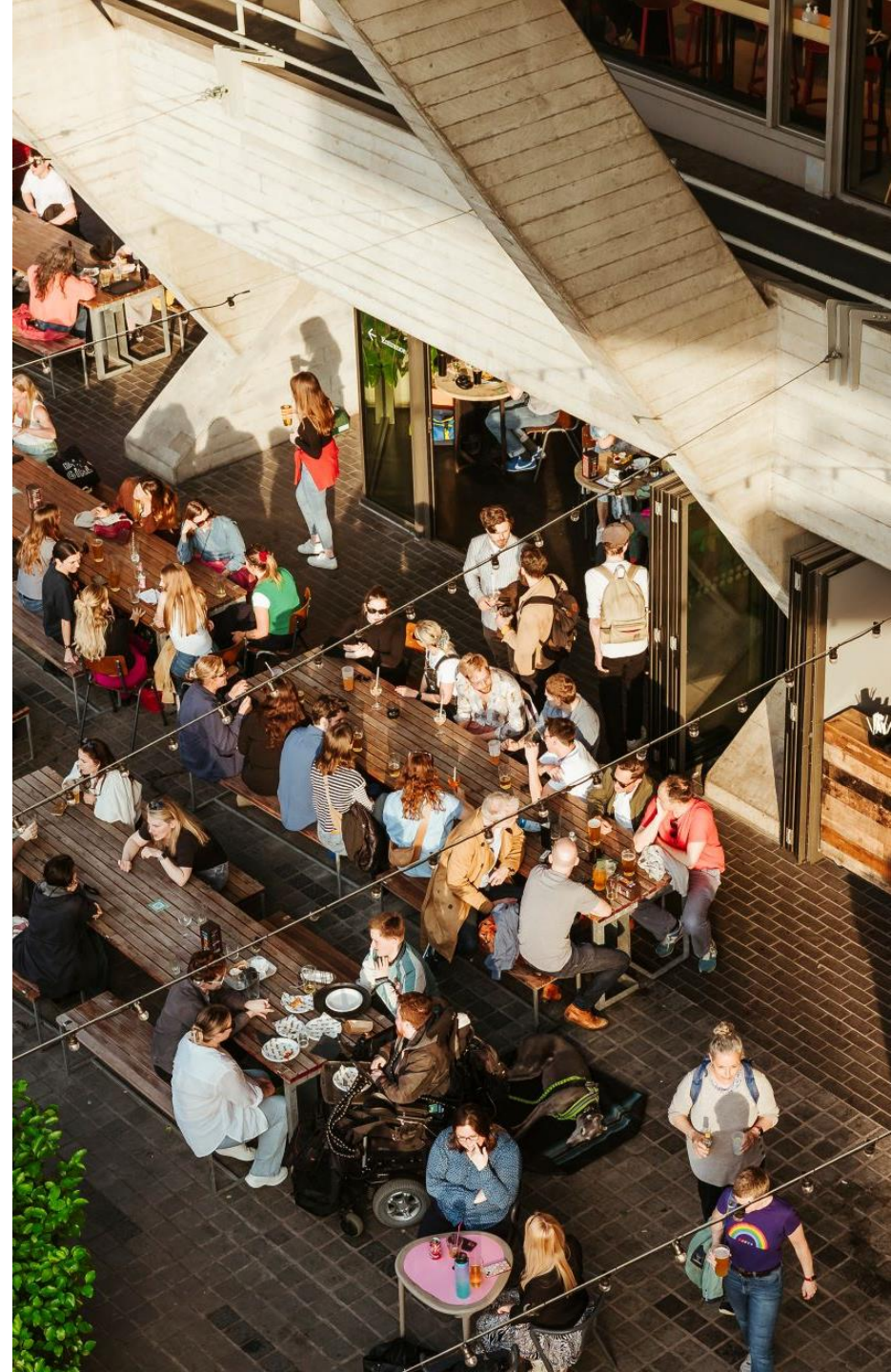
Capacities:

Half bar hire: up to 80

Full bar hire: 90 - 300

Hire periods: Flexible

Pricing: Minimum spends apply





Sustainability

As part of our journey to achieve climate net zero, we are employing several strategies to change our relationship with the planet for the better.

Across our menus, we:

Use a minimum of 80% British seasonal fruit & vegetables

Feature sustainable fish stocks and high-welfare British poultry & pork

Have introduced lower carbon red meat alternatives, such as venison

Ensure plant-based options make up 25% of our offering

In the building, we have:

- Switched to a zero-carbon electricity tariff,
 - Eliminated most single-use plastic
- Installed locally controlled LED lighting across our event spaces



This commitment has been recognised with a [Green Meetings Bronze Award](#).

Accessibility

- Access to the Buffini Chao Deck is via lifts to the third floor.
- A shallow paved ramp takes you to the terrace, with automatic button-operated doors leading into the main space.
- The Understudy is located on the ground floor, accessible via a step-free door near Stage Door , or through the main entrance.
- The Buffini Chao Deck and The Understudy are both wheelchair accessible but the number of wheelchair users who can be accommodated can sometimes be limited.
Please check with our team.
- There is an accessible toilet in the Buffini Chao Deck and The Understudy.
- There is free parking in the National Theatre car park for Blue Badge holders. The car park is under the National Theatre and there is ramp access to the lifts in the basement.





Getting here

Nearest stations:

Waterloo (7 minutes)

Waterloo East

Embankment (10 minutes)

Charing Cross (13 minutes)

Blackfriars (17 minutes)

We're also accessible via bus and UberBoat.

Parking

There is a paid underground car park beneath the building. Guests can take a lift from the basement (with access to and from the car park) straight up to level three, where the Buffini Chao Deck and Foyle Room are located.

Please note, we are unable to reserve parking

National Theatre Events



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National Theatre Food & Drink

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London

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