



Victoria Baths Hire

Introduction

Victoria Baths was built between 1903-1906, with no expense spared. It has three pool halls, a Turkish Baths suite with a Superintendents flat above and various outbuildings. One of the pools has been floored over as a sports hall. All the pool halls have balconies.

Closed as a public baths in 1993, Victoria Baths is now partially restored and makes a fantastic venue for film locations, photoshoots, corporate events and arts activities. The Baths belongs to Manchester City Council and is managed by the Victoria Baths Trust, a registered charity. Use of the Victoria Baths is arranged with the Victoria Baths Trust and the terms of use are summarised below.

Victoria Baths is undergoing restoration in phases. Whilst the front block has been externally restored the whole building has been cleaned and improved by volunteers, the building is still a semi-restored building. Users must understand this and accept the limitations imposed. There is no general space heating and for this reason we generally only hire the building for public events between April and October.

There is a ramped entrance to the ground floor of the building but no internal lifts. There are modern Ladies toilets and a fully accessible toilet and baby change area. The Gents toilets were originally the poolside toilets for the Gala pool which have been modernised and refurbished.

All users enter the Victoria Baths at their own risk. We do not normally provide access to people working alone in the building. Users are advised to take out their own insurance cover. Any groups organising a public event at the Baths should have their own public liability insurance and you may be asked to provide a copy of this to the Trust.



Premises and Wedding Licences

Victoria Baths has a premises licence which covers the provision of regulated entertainment between the hours of 12.00 and 23.30 and the sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on the premises, also between the hours of 12.00 and 23.30.

The building can be open to the public between the hours of 10.00 and 24.00

Any operation involving regulated entertainment or sale of alcohol outside the above hours will require an extension of our licence and should be discussed with us well in advance of the planned event.

Regulated entertainment includes:

- Performance of plays
- Exhibition of films
- Indoor sporting events
- Live music
- Recorded music
- Performances of dance
- Provision of facilities for making music
- Provision of facilities for dancing

We are delighted that Victoria Baths has been granted a wedding licence in 2012 enabling us, for the first time, to host marriages and civic ceremonies. The spaces which this covered are:

- The Males 1st Class / Gala Pool
- The Females Pool
- The Sports Hall (formally the Males 2nd Class Pool)
- The Turkish baths Rest Room (with Angel of Purity stained glass window)
- The Pineapple Room (formally Males 1st Class wash baths)

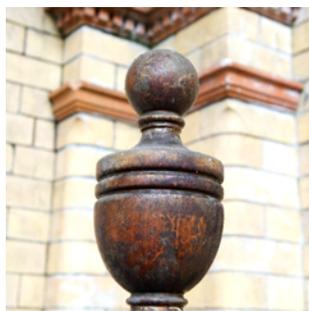
Our building officers are happy to provide a visit to the building if you are considering hiring us for any type of event to discuss individual requirements.



Our Terms of Use

Use of Victoria Baths is given on the following terms:

- No alterations are to be made to the fabric of the building without prior approval
- Any instructions of the Trust relating to the building use must be followed
- The building must be left in a neat and tidy condition with **any refuse removed off site** and any damage made good. For film shoots and large events, we may ask for a deposit to be lodged with the Trust, repayable as long as this condition is met
- The location will be credited as the Manchester Victoria Baths in any published work
- An orientation tour will be taken by all users
- The building is only to be used for the agreed purpose, if in doubt consult the Trust
- All public events must be fully stewarded and have good door security
- Access is limited to agreed areas
- Any users organising a public event must hold public liability insurance



Guide prices

The Victoria Baths Trust is a not-for-profit organisation working towards the full restoration of Victoria Baths. Our venue fees are set to cover the cost of running the building and facilitating its use. We take into account the nature of the usage as well as the amount of staff time involved when setting a hire price. We make the building available free of charge for the first reconnoitre visit. We cater for a wide range of users so the following list is a guide.

Individual artists, students – e.g. photographic research	£50 per head
Arts/education/community events	£400 per day
Group art exhibitions	£50 per artist
Photo shoots	£800 per day
Events	£1,200 per day
TV Filming	£1,500 per day
Wedding receptions	from £1,500
Wedding ceremonies	from £250

Please note that for TV filming, set-up and take-down time is charged, normally at half the above rate.

Public opening times

The Victoria Baths Trust and the Friends of Victoria Baths organise public **Open Days** on the first Sunday of each month from March/April to November and Heritage Open Days in September, in response to the demand by the public to view the building. These Open Days are sometimes run as special events with other organisations taking part – exhibiting artwork or providing entertainment.

Victoria Baths is also open for a **Guided tour** every Wednesday afternoon from April to October, with the tour starting at 2pm.

We make Victoria Baths available for **Group visits** at times to suit groups from April to October.

We currently have a regular community booking every Monday evening from April to October.

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