



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

AT CHESTER ZOO



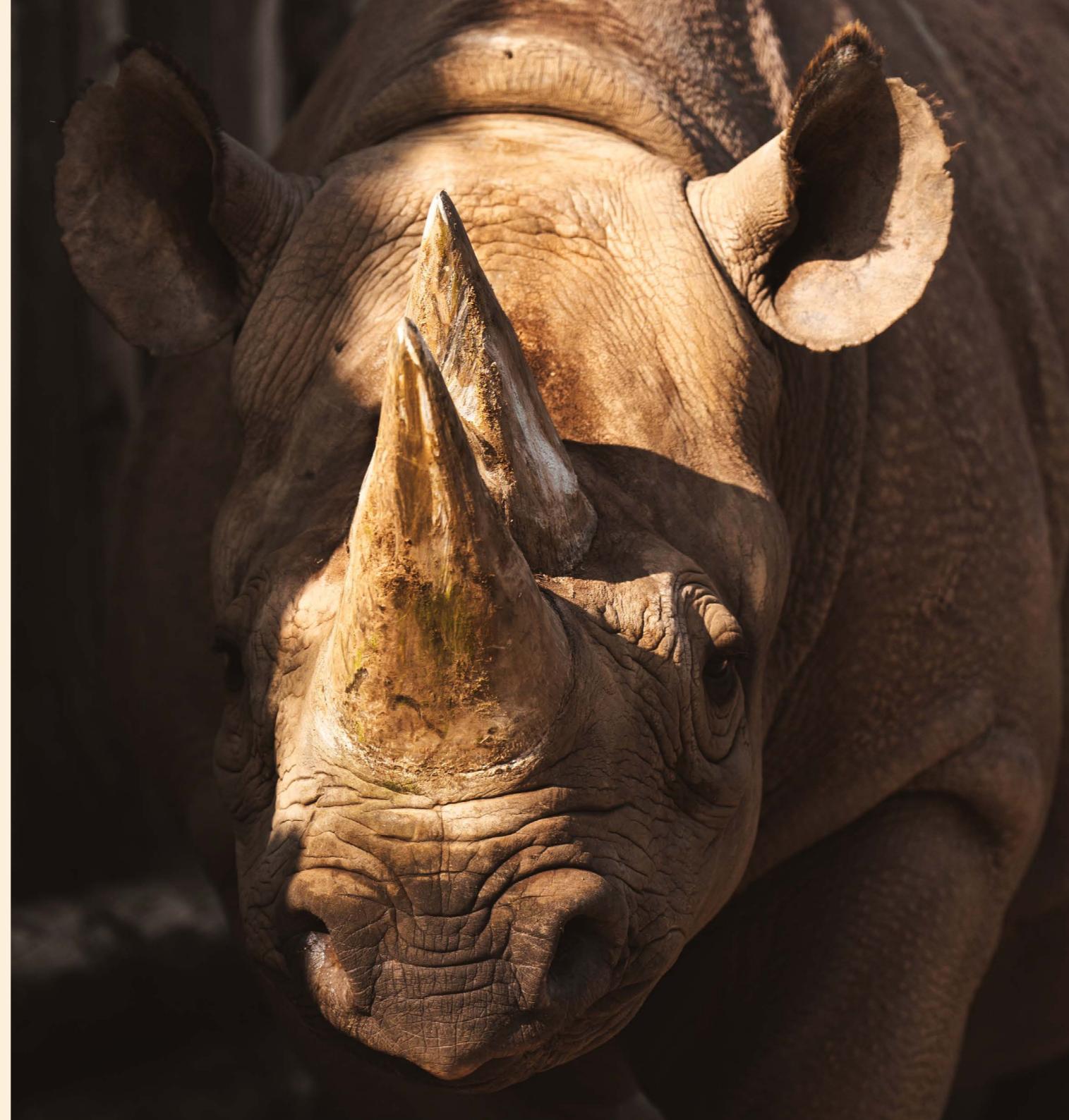
Welcome to Chester Zoo

A destination like no other

For over 90 years, Chester Zoo has brought people closer to the wonder of wildlife.

When you host an event with us, you're not just booking a venue - you're stepping into the heart of a global conservation movement. As a charity every penny spent on your event supports our mission to protect endangered species and habitats, both here in the UK and across more than 20 countries worldwide.

Hold your next event somewhere truly extraordinary - where nature inspires, ideas grow, and your booking makes a difference.



Amazing spaces

Set within 128 acres of award-winning zoological gardens, our venues are more than just spaces - they're part of Chester Zoo's rich history. The Oakfield and The Square have been beautifully restored, blending heritage and charm with modern comfort to create unique settings for any event.

But the possibilities don't stop there. From a drinks reception surrounded by the lush canopy of Monsoon Forest, to an unforgettable breakfast overlooking our Asiatic lion habitat, our extraordinary spaces bring every occasion to life. Our dedicated Events Team are here to craft a bespoke experience for the most memorable of events.



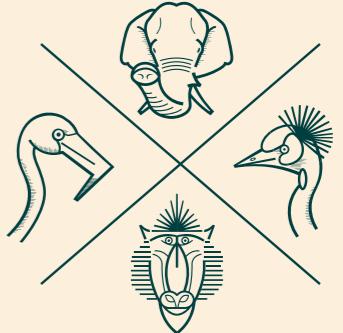
THE SQUARE

A unique venue at the heart of Chester Zoo

Blending our heritage with contemporary sophistication, The Square is a stunning event space set within our beautifully restored Grade II listed stable block; an integral part of Chester Zoo since it first opened in 1931.

Fully refurbished in 2023, The Square offers a breathtaking backdrop for productive events - featuring vaulted ceilings, a spacious courtyard, and floor to ceiling windows overlooking the zoo.

Beyond the main event space, flexible syndicate rooms provide the perfect setting for breakout sessions, workshops or operational command centres, ensuring your event goes ahead exactly to plan.



THE OAKFIELD

Where the Chester Zoo dream was born

Steeped in history, The Oakfield is where our story started. Originally home to Chester Zoo's founder, George Mottershead, this beautifully restored Grade II listed house has evolved from a family residence to an aquarium, and now, to an inviting pub and venue that demonstrates our longstanding commitment to the natural world.

Offering a warm and characterful setting, The Oakfield's private event spaces provide exclusivity while still allowing the flexibility to extend into the wider venue. The rich heritage of the building and stunning zoological surroundings create a truly memorable experience.

[Click here](#) to view 3D floor plan

Exceptional dining

At Chester Zoo, we understand that spectacular food is a key ingredient in creating unforgettable events. We take pride in sourcing fresh, local produce, and hold several key accreditations to ensure that every dish we serve meets the highest standards for both taste and sustainability. Some of the ingredients in our food have been grown onsite at the zoo, increasing authenticity and reducing food miles.

We're committed to catering to dietary needs, offering a variety of plant-based options, and ensuring all our menus are free from additives and preservatives.



Seamless technology for extraordinary events

At The Square, cutting-edge audiovisual design is woven into every detail, ensuring your event runs effortlessly. From complimentary Wi-Fi keeping your delegates connected, to large interactive LED screens in every meeting space, our tech is built to enhance collaboration and engagement.

At the heart of The Square, the impressive central atrium features a 163" LED video wall, paired with audience and presenter cameras - perfect for seamless hybrid events. Meanwhile, our state-of-the-art surround sound system delivers crystal-clear audio, ensuring every word resonates.

Whether you're hosting a dynamic conference, an immersive presentation, or a hybrid meeting bridging global teams, our fully equipped spaces set the stage for impactful experiences.



Room capacities

	Theatre Style	Cabaret Style	Boardroom	U Shape	Classroom	Reception	Lunch or Dinner	Dinner and Dance Floor	Exhibition	Company Zoo Day
The Atrium	250	180	65	65	70	300	180	160	200	500
Joinery	40	x	20	24	18	50	24	x	x	x
Tack Room	24	18	14	16	12	x	18	x	x	x
Smithy	45	30	26	28	20	50	30	x	x	x
The Courtyard	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	500	500
Garden Room	60	50	x	x	x	100	75	75	50	x
Library	60	35	20	18	x	40	40	x	50	x
Boardroom	40	x	15	x	x	30	20	x	x	x
Redwood Suite 1	20	x	12	12	12	x	12	x	x	x
Magnolia Suite	30	18	14	18	18	x	x	x	x	x
Dove Suite	35	24	14	18	18	x	x	x	x	x

Room facilities

	Length (m)	Width (m)	Wheelchair Accessible	Floor Level	Blackout Blinds	Dimmable Lights
The Atrium	22	10		G		
Joinery	5.3	4.4		G		
Tack Room	8	5.5		G		
Smithy	12	5.5		G		
The Courtyard	26	25		G	x	x
Garden Room	19.88	5.96		G		
Library	8.57	6.48		G		
Boardroom	8.22	5.67		G		
Redwood Suite 1	6.09	5.14	x	1		x
Magnolia Suite	6.37	5.91	x	1		x
Dove Suite	6.29	5.76	x	1		x

Day delegate packages

Meetings at Chester Zoo offer the perfect blend of productivity, inspiration and relaxation. With everything you need in one convenient package, it's the ideal choice for those seeking a seamless event experience.

Our day delegate packages include a range of refreshments, locally sourced dining options, and the opportunity to explore our lush gardens during breaks. Our expert Zoo Rangers can offer engaging tours or interactive experiences that will inspire your team, and from start to finish, your dedicated Event Coordinator will be there to ensure a flawless, stress-free experience.

So why not escape the ordinary and book your next event with us at Chester Zoo?



Classic £57.95

Premier £64.95

INCLUDED IN OUR DAY DELEGATE RATES:

- Access to Chester Zoo and free car parking
- Dedicated Event Coordinator
- Room hire of our main meeting room
- Refreshments throughout the day
 - Finger buffet
 - Still mineral water
 - Screen and PA system
 - Flipchart and pens
 - Delegate stationery
 - Free Wi-Fi

All prices are inclusive of VAT.
A minimum number of delegates applies.

Delegate catering menus

CLASSIC PACKAGE

On arrival:

Freshly brewed coffee, a selection of teas, fresh fruit juices, freshly baked Danish pastries and a vibrant fresh fruit platter.

Mid-morning:

Freshly brewed coffee, a selection of teas, and delicious and melt-in-your-mouth biscuits.

Lunch:

A tempting finger buffet featuring a variety of hot food options, open sandwiches, crispy fries, and a selection of fresh, flavourful salads.

Afternoon:

Freshly brewed coffee and a selection of teas to keep you refreshed throughout the day.

PREMIER PACKAGE

On arrival:

Freshly brewed coffee, a selection of teas, fresh fruit juices, with a choice of hearty sausage or bacon rolls, or a roasted flat mushroom and cured tomato roll, accompanied by a refreshing fresh fruit platter.

Mid-morning:

Freshly brewed coffee, a selection of teas, and indulgent biscuits to satisfy your cravings.

Lunch:

A delectable finger buffet featuring a variety of hot food options, open sandwiches, crispy fries, and fresh, vibrant salads.

Afternoon:

Freshly brewed coffee, a selection of teas, and our irresistible home-baked chocolate brownie bites for a sweet treat.



Corporate zoo days

Take your corporate event beyond the boardroom and into the heart of conservation.

A corporate zoo day at Chester Zoo offers an inspiring and immersive experience that fosters team spirit, boosts morale, and creates lasting memories. With exclusive hire of The Square as your dedicated hub, your guests can explore over 30,000 incredible animals while having a central space to regroup, connect, and share ideas.

Enjoy a day filled with discovery, complete with a buffet lunch, unlimited refreshments, and full use of our audio-visual equipment for presentations or team updates. Whether you're rewarding your employees, strengthening relationships, or simply looking for a fresh perspective, a corporate zoo day offers the perfect mix of business and adventure.

THE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Entrance to Chester Zoo

Private hire of The Square from 10am until zoo closing

Buffet lunch

Unlimited filter coffee, tea and cordial

Package price:
£65pp

Minimum occupancy 50,
maximum occupancy 500*

*Based on a rolling capacity for catering
Prices include VAT and are subject to change.



Corporate family zoo day

Bring your team together with a wildly unforgettable family day out.

Treat your employees and their families to a day of adventure, discovery, and quality time together. A corporate family zoo day is the perfect way to show appreciation, build stronger connections, and create lasting memories outside the workplace.

With exclusive hire of The Square, your group will have a private base to relax, enjoy a buffet lunch and unlimited refreshments, and take a break between wildlife encounters. Strengthen team bonds by bringing the people who matter most together in a setting filled with wonder and excitement.

THE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Entrance to Chester Zoo

Private hire of The Square from 10am until zoo closing

Buffet lunch

Unlimited filter coffee, tea and cordial

PACKAGE PRICE:

£65 per adult,
£50 per child *

Minimum occupancy 50,
maximum occupancy 600 **

* No child under the age of 14 will be admitted to the zoo unless accompanied by an adult ticket holder

** Based on a rolling capacity for catering



Additional zoo experiences

Take your corporate event to the next level with unforgettable activities designed to inspire, educate and strengthen team connections.

Whether it's diving into the world of conservation, competing in thrilling team challenges, or exploring the zoo with expert guides, these add-ons create lasting memories while reinforcing the importance of protecting wildlife.



TEAM CHALLENGES AND INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES

- **Cuckoo heist (new for 2025!)** – Work together to collect the most eggs...but watch out for hidden saboteurs! Build nests, complete animal-themed tasks and try to uncover who is secretly working against the team!
- **Scavenger hunt** – Put your teamwork and problem-solving skills to the test in an exciting race around the zoo. Solve clues, track down key locations, and compete to be the winning team!
- **The 'Zoo Games' (new for 2025!)** – Compete in classic obstacle course challenges with a fun animal twist. Pick your species and see how it affects the way you play!

This activity is £250.00 based on 40 participants, with a cost of £5.00 per additional person.

WILDLIFE AND CONSERVATION EXPERIENCES

- **Zoo Ranger discovery walk** – Take a guided walk with a Zoo Ranger, explore fascinating animal habitats, and get expert insights into the zoo's conservation work.

This activity is £200.00 based on 40 participants, with an additional cost of £5.00 per person.

- **Zoo Ranger discovery talk** – Gain a deeper understanding of Chester Zoo's mission with a themed talk on topics like predators, sustainable palm oil, or the history of the zoo.

This activity is £200.00 for up to a 30-minute talk, with a maximum of 75 delegates.





The Reserve

Experience the Extraordinary

Extend your meeting into an inspirational stay at The Reserve - luxury lodges are the perfect place for you and your team to unwind in style. After a productive day of networking and strategy, enjoy sundowner cocktails on the terrace of Tsavo Lounge before a fabulous dinner. Enhance your stay even further by truly connecting with the wildlife of the savannah.

Go behind-the-scenes and get hands-on with enrichment activities and learn all about giraffe care. Want to get closer to the science that is making meaningful change across the globe? Spend time with the science and vet team in the lab for an interactive behind-the-scenes look at the vital conservation work that goes on in the zoo.



If you wish to have multiple days of meetings, you can truly combine business and relaxation, treating your team to a unique, sustainable experience that supports Chester Zoo's conservation efforts while offering the perfect setting for creativity and rejuvenation.

Bespoke packages for magical experiences are available; please let our team know what you're looking for, and we can create a memorable event, just for you.

Read more: chesterzoo.org/accommodation





Sustainability

When you choose Chester Zoo for your event, you and your guests will become part of our sustainability journey.

We're committed to sustainability at Chester Zoo and have set ourselves ambitious targets, including to be carbon net zero in our scope one and two emissions by 2030, working towards a zero waste operation by 2030 and to buy only deforestation free products in our major supply chains. You'll see some of the positive actions we're taking on the day of your event as we work to meet these targets.

Sustainability is even built into the fabric of our

venues. At The Square, we reused materials from the original building wherever possible to minimise waste. The building is heated using an air source heat pump and uses fully electric equipment throughout, eliminating the use of fossil fuel energy in the building.

We're also passionate about building sustainability into our menus, we're proud to use locally sourced products where possible, with some ingredients even being grown here at the zoo. We're also working across our supply chain to minimise the carbon footprint of the products we use and working towards buying only deforestation-free products.

Partner with us

Through working together, we can create mutually beneficial partnerships that change the future for wildlife. Whether it's through sponsorship, brand collaborations, employee engagement, charity partnerships or corporate events, we'll tailor opportunities to meet your goals – and drive real conservation impact around the world.

Partnering with Chester Zoo means becoming part of a community creating change for wildlife. Together, we'll inspire your teams, connect with your customers, and shape a future where nature can survive and thrive.

Discover more about partnerships at Chester Zoo at chesterzoo.org/partnerships



Get in touch

To find out more about hosting exceptional events at Chester Zoo, please talk to our team today.

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