

THE ETCHES
COLLECTION



MUSEUM OF JURASSIC
MARINE LIFE

Our venue and facilities

The Etches Collection is in an unrivalled location in the heart of the Purbeck countryside with stunning views over Kimmeridge Bay.

Visitors to the museum can not only view the collection showcased in the Exhibition Gallery, but will also experience an immersive CGI projection which will transform into an aquarium of the past in the blink of an eye. It will change from a scene of tranquillity and beauty to raw, primal violence and a fight for survival. Objects that once seemed static will be brought to life and represented as if they were modern day animals. Hosting your event at The Etches Collection will provide your guests with a truly unique experience.

The museum is open from 10am to 5pm Tuesday to Sunday and open on Mondays during school holidays. Rooms are available to hire from 9am to 11pm 7 days a week (midnight on Friday's and Saturdays)

The Clore Room

This is the largest of our rooms and can accommodate 110 seated or 220 standing. This room is designed both for learning and educational use and also as a space for a multitude of activities ranging from lectures and conferences to social events.

Tables and chairs are available for use and the room can be set up in a lecture style, as a learning space or in a banquet format.

The wooden sprung floor makes the room an ideal venue for social events such as wedding receptions, plays, parties or dances. There is also a wet area and sink available for use together with a small kitchenette (no cooking facilities).

The room can be blacked out and a large projector screen is available for use. Free wifi is available throughout the building.

The Clore Room has a large, external covered balcony with magnificent views down to Kimmeridge Bay, perfect venue for drinks on a summer evening or a break out area for lunch.

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The Wolfson Room

This room is on the ground floor and seats seating up to 30 people lecture style or 15 people boardroom style. It is light and spacious, fully furnished and fitted with projection facilities and access to free wifi.

This room provides a more intimate space and so would suit a board or team meeting or a smaller learning activity.

The Collection

We can provide a guided tour of the collection as an add on to any event booking, either with Steve Etches himself or with one of our volunteer collection experts. Weather permitting, we can also offer fossil hunting trips down to Kimmeridge Bay.

Catering & Refreshments

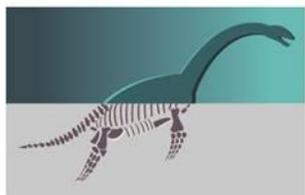
Clavells Café is located directly opposite the museum <http://clavellscafe.co.uk/> and offer buffet style lunches and evening meals as well as drinks and light refreshments. They are also able to provide canapes and drinks packages. Discounted rates are offered for events booked at the museum, please ask us for more information and example menus.

We do also have a list of other caterers in the local area that we can recommend or you can use your own preferred suppliers provided they are appropriately insured. There is external power available if you would like to provide an outside bar or catering such as a hog roast.

We do not hold a licence for the sale of alcohol so you or your caterers will need to make your own arrangements.

You or your caterers will need to provide your own crockery. We do have a limited supply of equipment for making and serving hot drinks.

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Staying Over

There are many local bed and breakfast facilities local to The Etches Collection. We do also have discounted rates organised with local hotels such as The Springfield Country Hotel in Wareham.

[Http://thespringfield.co.uk/contact/](http://thespringfield.co.uk/contact/)

Weddings

We do not hold a wedding licence but there is a local church in Kimmeridge which is less than 200m from the museum. A short walk after the ceremony to your wedding reception!

Parking & Travel

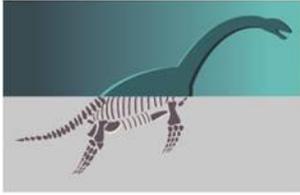
Parking is limited in Kimmeridge. We have **42 spaces for use by visitors** to the museum.

Kimmeridge is not supported by public transport but we are able to arrange taxis or a mini bus service to transport links such as the Sandbanks Chain Ferry or Wareham Train Station (which is on a direct route to London, Weymouth and Bournemouth).

Outside

Kimmeridge is located on the Jurassic coast and the museum is just a short walk to Kimmeridge Bay. We have a landscaped picnic area to the rear of the museum.

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