

There's something magical about The Birmingham Botanical Gardens in the wintertime. Clear skies reflected in still pools and ponds, delicate frost laced across evergreen leaves... a true wonderland.

With their history and character of a Victorian public park, The Birmingham Botanical Gardens are much like the places Lewis Carroll walked, absorbing inspiration to colour Alice's world.

Whether you want to celebrate in the evening or in the golden afternoon, this is the perfect setting for an extraordinary Christmas party; you'll hardly believe that this place of marvels is just one and a half miles from the centre of Birmingham!

Nestled in our wonderland, you will find three beautiful and distinct event spaces, each accessed through one of our handsome glasshouses. Your choice of these versatile settings will host your reception, then offer you a stunning backdrop to a delectable dinner followed by dancing. In the cosy space, you won't need a caucus race to warm up on a cold winter's evening!

The Loudon suite is an exquisite dining room which offers sweeping views across the gardens – just perfect for an intimate party. The adjoining veranda and conservatory, will provide your perfect reception venue before you move to the Cedar room for dinner.

Accessed through a private entrance from the Arid House, the Terrace suite is a superb choice for larger parties. The elegant space was originally the ballroom for the Gardens and is traditionally decorated with a domed ceiling, sprung dance floor and its own bar.

Our largest event space, The Garden suite, is approached through the magnificent Tropical House and boasts a stage and its own special lounge area with fabulous views. Christmas parties held here will be a truly unique experience, with the panoramic

splendour of the gardens creating the perfect backdrop.

By choosing The Birmingham Botanical Gardens for your event, you will be making a valuable contribution to the charity and helping to keep our beautiful gardens thriving.

Car parking available on a first come first served basis, or we are a short taxi or bus ride from New Street Station or Five Ways Station.

Capacities

Seated lunch / dinner 25 - 432

Reception 25 - 850

Find yourself down the rabbit hole this Christmas with a magical Mad Hatter's Christmas themed party.

A fantastical setting and entertainment to match will transport your guests to Wonderland. Begin the illusion with an arrival cocktail* served in small bottles and then enter into a world that is curiouiser and curiouiser when you discover your chosen event space, decked out in its Mad Hatter's Christmas style.

There'll be food so delicious it just screams "Eat Me", drinks fit for the Queen of Hearts and you might even meet some of Wonderland's most famous inhabitants.

No guest will be late for this very important date, and everyone will leave wearing a Cheshire Cat grin!

**Arrival cocktail is an additional upgrade and not included in the package.*



YOUR CHRISTMAS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Room Hire
- Festive three-course menu made from the finest ingredients
- Decorations and creative theming
- Event management
- Professional DJ and dance floor
- Security
- Finally, all the essentials: staffing, silverware, tableware and linens

£42.50 per person inclusive of VAT

If you are looking for something different, we would be delighted to create a bespoke package just for you.

SUGGESTED TIMINGS

The timings below are a suggested order for an evening event and can be amended to suit your requirements:

	Lunch	Dinner
Guests arrive / reception	12 noon	7.00 pm
Guests invited into lunch / dinner	12.30 pm	7.30 pm
Lunch / dinner is served	12.45 pm	7.45 pm
Disco starts	2:00 pm	9.00pm
Bar closes / disco finishes	4.00 pm	12.30 am
Guests depart	4.30 pm	1.00 am

DRESS CODE

A great excuse to bring out the partyfrocks and dinner jackets! Why not add a Mad Hatter's fascinator or party hat?

The dresscode is flexible in Wonderland, but we do ask that you do not wear jeans, trainers or sportswear.

CLOAKROOM

A manned cloakroom will be available at £1.00 per item.



MENUS

Please select the same menu for all of your guests, we will cater for any special dietary requirements separately.

STARTERS

Poached salmon with marinated tiger prawns, potato chive salad, pickled cucumber and lemon oil

Carrot and coriander soup with coriander crème fraîche (V)

Warm guinea fowl salad, chicken and wild mushroom mousse, roast guinea fowl, pickled candy beetroot, celeriac purée, Parma ham crisp, juniper reduction £2.00 supplement

Heritage tomato and mozzarella, roasted, poached and confit heritage tomato, mozzarella, herb purée, pea shoots (V) £1.50 supplement

Marinated and roasted Atlantic mackerel, elderflower marinated mackerel, aubergine caviar, king oyster mushrooms, spiced aioli, toasted sweetcorn and broad bean dressing £2.00 supplement

MAIN COURSES

Hertfordshire crown of turkey with apricot and chestnut stuffing, Woodhouse Farm chipolatas, golden roast potatoes and Warwickshire sprouts with seasonal vegetables

Salted cod loin served with fondant potatoes, smoked salmon cannelloni, tomato, broad bean and saffron relish, seasonal vegetables

Fried lemon gnocchi, pea and mint purée, affila cress, shelled peas, green asparagus spears, toasted blanched almonds, lemon cream dressing (V)

Winter duck ragout, slowly cooked duck leg, thyme roast breast, braised carrots, glazed baby potatoes, wilted garlic spinach, duck gravy
£5.00 supplement

Rosemary marinated rump of welsh lamb and slow cooked shoulder, butter confit potato, white bean purée, roasted shallot, baby leek, rosemary gravy
£5.00 supplement

Seared sea bass, braised oxtail ravioli scented with truffle oil, pumpkin purée, charred courgettes slow roasted tomatoes, lemon chive emulsion
£3.50 supplement

DESSERTS

Individual cappuccino torte, oatmeal and raisin cookie, blackberry and mint compote

Pear and chocolate frangipane tart with lemon and vanilla crème fraîche

Apple, cranberry and chestnut muffins, Marshfield heavenly chocolate ice cream, poached spiced winter Pimm's jelly £1.00 supplement

Botanicals garden lavender junket, crystallized orange, home-made kumquat and quince marmalade, elderflower sorbet £1.00 supplement

Christmas pudding served with homemade custard and Marshfield's 'Very Vanilla' ice cream £1.00 supplement

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Freshly brewed Fairtrade coffee and a selection of herbal teas and infusions

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MAD HATTER'S MINI MACAROONS

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***Price supplements are per person**

ADD THE PERFECT FINISHING TOUCHES TO YOUR PACKAGE...

PACKAGE UPGRADES

Wine and drinks options

Why not save some time at the bar and pre-order your wine? You will find it ready for you on your table when you sit down. We will also operate a cash bar on the evening.

Our Prosecco starts from £26.40 per bottle, house wine from £18.60 per bottle, and our champagne starts from £42.60.

*Themed arrival cocktail served in a "drink me" bottle - £4.20 per person

Champagne reception

Delight your guests with gorgeous bubbles from £7.00

*based on 1 glass per person when ordering our standard package

Wine and drinks all evening

House Prosecco reception followed by house wine, beer and soft drinks from £26.40**

**supplement price based on 45 minute reception and 4 hours of house wine, beer and soft drinks when booking our standard package

All prices are inclusive of VAT

The Birmingham Botanical Gardens and Ampersand promote a responsible drinking policy and reserve the right to refuse alcohol to anyone we believe to be irresponsibly drinking.



ENTERTAINMENT UPGRADES

Additional actors for your event

Costumed actors are a brilliant way to set the scene for the evening. Perfect the theme with the Cheshire Cat, Mad March Hare, White Rabbit, and Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee

From £250 each

Cheshire Cat contortionist

The amazing Cheshire Cat contortionist will blow your guests away – a must have injection of wow factor for any Alice in Wonderland themed party

From £490

Acoustic singer

Beautiful background music during your drinks reception or meal

from £300

Funky photo booth

Capture magic moments from your Christmas party with a funky booth and props. Instant snaps and viewing options after the event

From £570

Entertainment upgrades are subject to VAT and availability

This is just a small sample of what we can offer; we would be pleased to suggest other ideas for your event. All upgrades can be Mad Hatter Christmas themed or tailored to your own ideas if you prefer.

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Cultivating a beautiful Christmas Event

TO ENQUIRE ABOUT your Christmas event please call
our specialists on 0121 450 4607

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