

Hiring the Palace Cinema Broadstairs

With its unique historic atmosphere, cosy interior, lovely seafront location, excellent technical facilities and friendly staff, the Palace is a popular choice for private hires including fundraisers, film shoots, seminars, live performance, private screenings and parties.

We look forward to hosting your event and thank you for supporting the Palace.

The building

Built in 1911 on the site of an old boathouse, in neo-classical style with flint walls similar to others nearby, this building originally held the owner's historic armour collection. It was sold to the local council in the '20s who used it for storage and later rented it out in the season. In 1965 it was converted into a cinema and is now Grade II listed.

Inside it is on two levels with two entrances: from the street, the front door leads to a small foyer with box office and concessions which gives access to the balcony. The stalls are reached either by stairs down from the foyer or by step-free entrance at rear door. Toilets are at rear of the building.

The Palace is very small and does not have any additional interior spaces such as foyer seating, café or dressing room. We are happy to discuss how we can help to make the building work for your requirements. **Please note also that we require a minimum of 2 months' notice for hires.**

Foyer	Digital box office 'Clunk out' Automaticket machine with coloured paper tickets. Licensed concessions area: hot & cold drinks, popcorn, snacks. For hires including ticket sales, hirers must run their own online or cash box office.	
Auditorium	108 antique flip-up blue velvet seats (23 balcony, 85 stalls) Stage (c10 x 3ft) with rug Upright piano Aircon	
Furniture	4 stage chairs & small table 2 trestle tables 1 lectern	
Technical facilities	Projection	2k digital projection Fully DCI compliant Doremi media server - DCP (file delivery via hard drive, USB, Unique or Lansat); Blu ray, DVD (all regions); file Dolby 5.1 surround sound
	Stage	PA system (2 x SM58 mics with stands, Soundcraft EFX8 mixer, wall mounted RCF EVOX J8 speakers + portable woofers) Lighting (6 spotlights: 4 x profile spots, 2 x stage wash).
Toilets	Women's (2 cubicles) and Men's (1 cubicle, 1 urinal)	
Parking	Harbour St is very narrow, so speedy drop off only outside the cinema. Closest car parks are Albion St and Broadstairs Harbour (2-min walk); both include disabled bays.	
Access	Step-free access into rear foyer and stalls at rear door (opens from inside only) Doorway from rear foyer into stalls: width 74cm 1 wheelchair space (next to seat C9). Storage space for approx. 3 folding wheelchairs at side of stage. Please note: The Palace does not have a disabled toilet. The nearest is in the Pavilion, the building next door.	

Venue hire fees

Our basic venue hire includes all event arrangements in advance and sole use of the cinema for 2.5hrs on the day with Front of House staff. Additional time is charged by the hour. This basic hire does not include specialist technical support and may not, depending on what you would like to screen, include the cost of film hire.

Approximate hire fees range from £150+VAT for a local school to £500+VAT for a Saturday night slot to up to £2000+VAT for a 12hr hire. We also offer 3-4 'People's Palace Community Hires' per year for local charity fundraisers, the hire costs reduced by the proceeds of cinema poster sales.

Please contact us for a quote by emailing us at info@thepalacecinema.co.uk with as much info as possible.

1. Your name.
2. Your contact number.
3. Date and time for your screening/event, exact or approx. (must be at least 2 months from date of enquiry).
4. Your screening/event: What is your hire for? What would you like to do? Who would be attending?
5. Do you have any specific ideas regarding technical requirements, food and drink, décor, access..?

