

Host Your Event at The Natural Philosopher

Tucked away behind a working Mac repair shop on Hackney Road, The Natural Philosopher is an intimate and atmospheric cocktail bar, perfect for those looking to host a truly memorable event. Whether you're planning a birthday, corporate gathering, or a celebration of any kind, we offer a warm and inviting space with expertly crafted cocktails at the heart of the experience.



Private Hire Options & Minimum Spend

We offer two types of private hire, tailored to suit different event sizes and levels of exclusivity:

Partial Hire (30-44 guests)

Enjoy exclusive use of the main bar area while leaving the small repair shop section at the front of the venue and available for walk-in guests. This is a great option for more intimate events where you still want a lively atmosphere.

Full Venue Hire (45-60 guests)

For those looking for complete privacy, a full venue hire grants you and your guests exclusive use of the entire bar, allowing you to create a more personalised and immersive experience.

Minimum Spend & Deposit Policy

To ensure the highest level of service and experience, we operate on a minimum spend basis, which is inclusive of service charge. While service charge is discretionary for individual guests, it **counts**

towards the minimum spend. As a venue, we close to regular guests for private hires, which not only risks the loss of return custom but also impacts our team's earnings. We appreciate your understanding and support in ensuring the spend is met.

The required spend is as follows:

Day	Time	Partial Hire (30-44 guests)	Full Hire (45-60 guests)
Sun-Wed	6pm - 11:30pm (last orders 11:15pm)	£650	£900
Thurs	6pm - 11:30pm	£800	£1,200
Fri-Sat	7pm - 1:30am (last orders 1am)	£1,400	£2,000

A **20% deposit** is required to secure your booking and is refundable in the unlikely event of cancellation up to **24 hours** before the event (Sun-Thurs) or **48 hours** before (Fri-Sat). As we must close off bookings to other guests, we are unable to offer refunds beyond these timeframes. The deposit will be refunded after the event, provided the minimum spend has been met.

How the Minimum Spend Works

We want to ensure that your event runs smoothly and that you and your guests get the most out of your time with us. Based on our cocktail pricing, a reasonable estimate is:

£35 per guest inclusive of service charge

This amount is **easily met when most guests are enjoying cocktails**. If a large portion of the group opts for soft drinks or water, the minimum spend may not be reached, leaving the host responsible for covering the shortfall. We encourage setting realistic expectations with your guests and communicating the importance of contributing towards the minimum spend.

*To help guests make the most of their evening, we offer **Happy Hour** from 6-8pm every day, except Fridays and Saturdays when it runs from 7-9pm to incentivise early arrival.*

We highly recommend that all guests arrive within the first hour of the booking to ensure a relaxed and enjoyable experience while making it easy to meet the spend requirement.

Communication with guests: From our extensive experience, **clear communication with guests is key** to a smooth and stress-free evening. We strongly recommend informing your guests in advance about:

✔ ***Their share of the minimum spend (inclusive of service charge)***

✔ ***Venue policies and expectations***

Setting these expectations ensures everyone is on the same page and can fully enjoy the night!

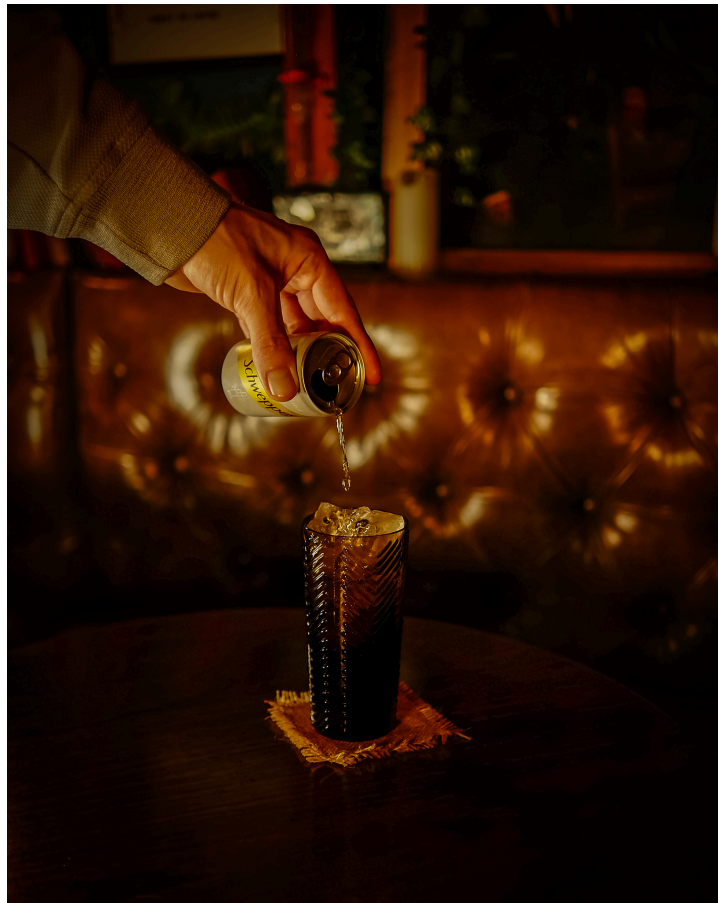
Food Options

While we do not have a kitchen on-site, we warmly welcome you to bring your own food or arrange external catering. If you'd prefer a recommendation, we have excellent contacts for delicious canapés and pizza options to complement your drinks.

Drinks Packages (Optional Prepaid Options)

To simplify the experience, we offer the following prepaid drinks options:

1. **Cocktail Kickoff (£12 per guest)** – A welcome cocktail for each guest upon arrival, creating a seamless start to the evening while contributing towards the minimum spend.
2. **The Hosted Bar** – A custom open bar tab of your choosing. If the full minimum spend is prepaid, the tab runs all night. If a smaller amount is prepaid, the tab begins after Happy Hour, allowing guests to take advantage of the deal first before transitioning to the hosted bar.



Music, Atmosphere, Rules & Restrictions

We aim to maintain a welcoming and comfortable atmosphere for all guests.

- **Music Control:**

- **Partial Hire:** The bar's curated playlist will remain in place. With our repair shop section being open to general admission, it is important that the atmosphere of the bar is within our control.
- **Full Venue Hire:** You are welcome to provide either a Deezer or Spotify playlist that we can play through our sound system.

- **No DJs:** Due to space limitations and licensing restrictions, we are unable to accommodate DJs.
- **Respecting Our Neighbours:** Drinks and glass must remain inside the venue, and noise levels should be kept at a considerate level.

- **Respecting Our Team:** We pride ourselves on delivering great hospitality, and we expect our team to be treated with respect at all times. Verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated.

- ✳️ Any guest behaving inappropriately will be ejected from the venue.

- ✳️ If multiple guests exhibit poor behaviour, we reserve the right to end the event early and ask all guests to leave.

- **Zero Tolerance Drug Policy:** We operate a **zero-tolerance policy** on drugs.

- 🚫 Any guest found **doubling up in toilet cubicles** will be ejected.

- 🚫 Any guest caught **with drugs** will be ejected.

- 🚫 **No exceptions.**

- **No outside alcohol:** For licensing and safety reasons, **no outside alcohol** is allowed to be consumed on the premises. All drinks must be purchased at **The Natural Philosopher**.

- **Most Importantly – HAVE FUN!** 🎉

We've crafted this space for you to enjoy a **fantastic** night of great drinks, warm hospitality, and a relaxed atmosphere. We can't wait to host you!

FAQs

What happens if we don't meet the minimum spend? Any shortfall must be covered by the host. We encourage clear communication with your guests in advance to ensure a smooth and stress-free experience.

Can we bring decorations? Yes, within reason! Feel free to bring tasteful decorations, but we kindly ask that you avoid confetti, glitter, or anything that could create excessive mess or may get stuck in soft furnishings. Candles for cake are also welcomed but sparklers are too much of a fire hazard and therefore not permitted.

Do you serve food? We don't have a kitchen, but you are welcome to bring in your own food or organise catering. We also have excellent recommendations for canapés and pizza options.

Can we extend the hours past the listed times? Unfortunately not, due to licensing restrictions. However, we'll ensure your time with us is well spent!

Next Steps

If this sounds like the perfect fit for your event, we'd love to hear from you! Complete our **Private**

Hire Request Form linked below.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE PRIVATE HIRE REQUEST FORM](#)

To ensure a smooth booking process, the form includes a tick box where you confirm that you have read this brochure, understand the terms and conditions of hiring, and agree to the minimum spend policy.

We look forward to raising a glass with you at The Natural Philosopher!