

# SOMERSET HOUSE

## Visual Story SOIL: The World At Our Feet



This exhibition is taking place at Somerset House, below is a photo guide to show the areas of the building you will visit.

We advise you arrive via the Victoria Embankment.

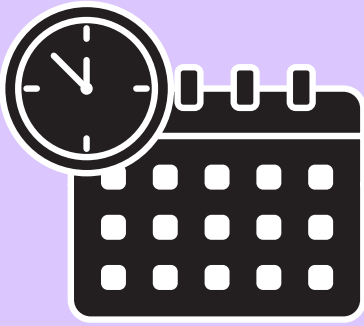
The address is:  
Somerset House  
Strand  
WC2R 1LA

An example of a PDF ticket for the exhibition 'Upgrade Yourself Takeover'. The ticket includes the Somerset House logo, the title, date (25 July 2024), time (18:30 - 22:00), entrance location (Somerset House), and the name of the attendee (Mateusz Mirek). It also shows the ticket type (Free), price (£0.00), order number (1497048), and ticket number (2124234). A QR code is provided for scanning at the entrance. Below the ticket details, there are terms and conditions.

The exhibition is a ticketed, paid entry exhibition, although there are many concession rates.

You can book a ticket through our website or at the entrance to Soil, with the ticket office team (subject to availability).

If you book online, you will receive a PDF ticket which has a QR code that we will ask to scan when you enter.  
(See example of ticket)



Opening times:

23rd Jan - 13th April 2025

Mon CLOSED

Tues, Wed & Sun 10 - 18:00

Thurs & Fri 12 - 20:00

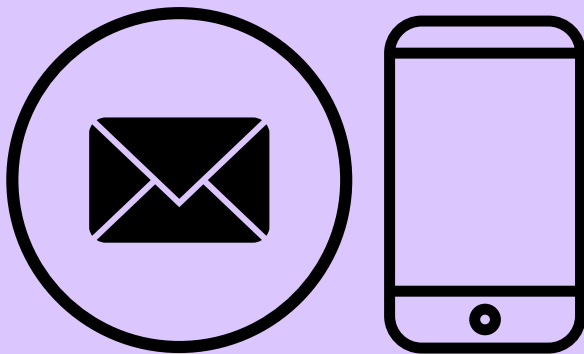
Sat 10 - 20:00

**Last entry 1 hour before close**

**Relaxed Sessions:**

**Thurs 30th Jan 10:00 - 11:30**

**Sat 08th March 18:30 - 20:00**



If you would like to contact us before your visit please email [visitor@somersethouse.org.uk](mailto:visitor@somersethouse.org.uk) or call +44 (0)333 320 2836.

Lines are open between 09.00 - 18.00 - Mon-Fri, 10.00 - 18.00 - Sat, Sun and Bank Holidays.



This exhibition is open to all.

**Content Guidance: This exhibition includes a small amount of content referencing: conflict, colonisation and animal suffering. A small number of spaces contain specially design scents. A list of ingredients will be available at the ticket desk and is also included below.**

**(see scents section)**

Smell Scape, Fatima Alaiwat (waxed fabric work in the gardening polytunnel)

**Calone Liquid**  
**Precyclemone B**  
**2-Ethyl fenchol**  
**Aldehyde C12 MNA**  
**Evernyl 10% TEC**  
**Aldehyde Mandarin 1%**  
**Civet, synthetic: pure**  
**Decenal 4 Trans**  
**Dimethyl sulphide, neat**  
**IPM**  
**Vetiver essential oil**  
**Patchouli essential oil**  
**Sweet orange essential oil**

As Above, So Below - Semantica and Juan Cortes - (Studio space)

**Geosmin, tobacco, myrrh and black pepper, Perfumer's Alcohol**

Perfumer's Alcohol contains **denatured ethanol, isopropyl myristate and monopropylene glycol**. **Ethanol** is the main carrier for the oils and is necessary for diffusion, **isopropyl myristate** for absorption, **monopropylene glycol** is a cosolvent that blends and mitigates evaporation.

The concentration of essential oils above is 10%

Soil - The World at Our Feet is an exhibition based in the Embankment Gallery which is on the Victoria Embankment facing the Thames.

We encourage visitors to access the exhibition from our southern most entrance on The Embankment rather than from the Strand entrance however we have included both routes to the exhibition in this guide.





Please head into the Embankment Area, you will see a sign for the Soil exhibition



As you enter the Great Arch you will see the entrance to the exhibition is to the right. The entrance has SOIL written on the doors. Outside of the opening hours these doors will be locked. Provided there is no queue you can go straight through the entrance.



Provided there is no queue you can go straight through the entrance: You will then be in our Ticket Office area where you can speak to the team, buy tickets for Soil or have your ticket scanned and enter the exhibition. We have wheelchairs available and folding seats available.

## The Strand Entrance

If you are coming to the exhibition from the Strand (North) you are best entering from the main entrance. This area is pedestrianised although there are sometimes vehicles with special access and the occasional cyclist.

You can enter Somerset House through the three archways that face onto The Strand. Once you enter you will then be facing the Courtyard.







Walk on into the middle of the courtyard and you will see the South Wing building which has multiple entrances.

If you require a step free route to Soil then please take the entrance to the left – this has a ramp and a push button operated door. Alternatively - you may wish to go straight ahead through the middle doors (under the pillars) and you will see more signs that will assist you.



If you have gone towards the door with the ramp, press the large silver square button to open the automatic doors.

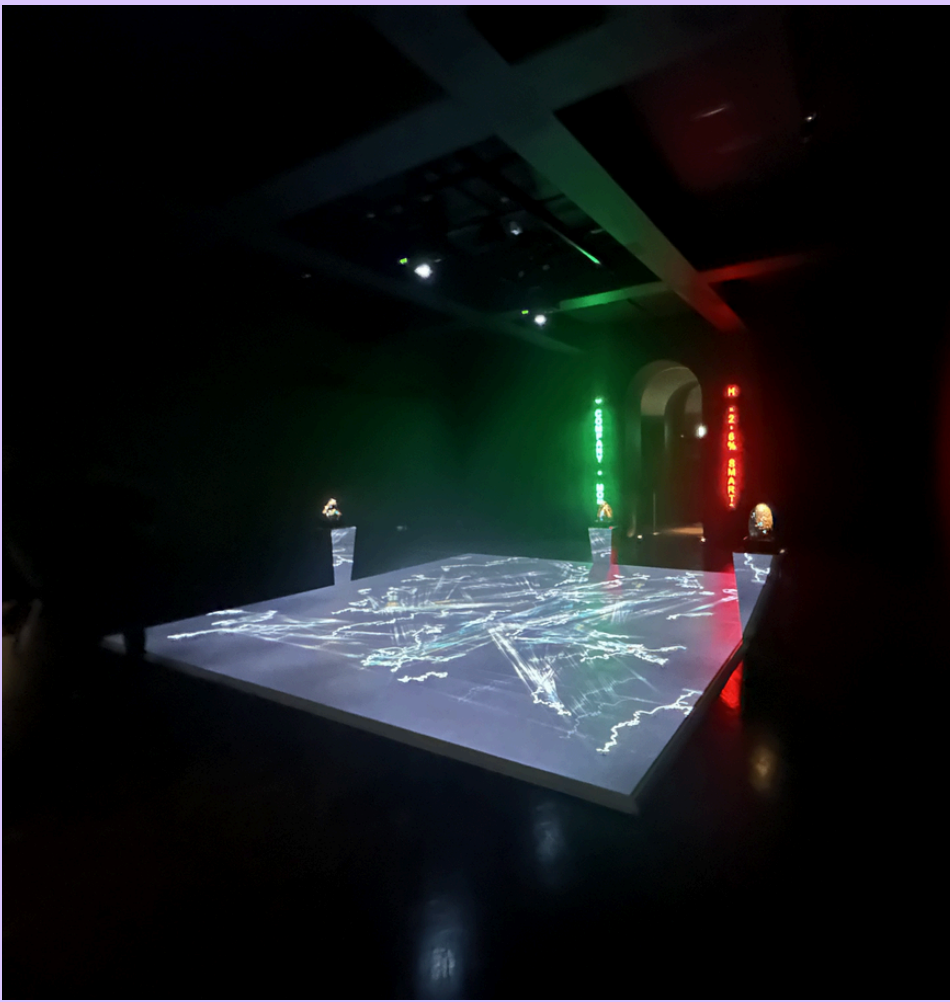


Once inside, you can either take the stairs to the Lower Ground floor or you can walk ahead into the hall and turn right for the lift (follow signs).

Once you have called a lift, press **LG** for **Lower Ground**. This will take you to the Embankment Level



Once you have exited the lift on the **Lower Ground** floor, turn right into a large hall. Here you will see two interactive screens. Head outside the doors and the entrance is on the left.



Please note, some areas of the exhibition are very dark. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns





We have a shop which you can explore and buy a keep sake of your Soil visit.

For any questions about the products please speak to the retail assistants in the shop space.

When you are ready to leave, keep heading through to the right of the Tills.



This is the exit area of the Soil exhibition. Feel free to explore more of Somerset House, and why not start by going down into the lower level of the Great Arch and you will see the old Admiralty Barge and other historical artefacts (this is included with your ticket).

Alternatively – head straight out of the exit (left or right) and have a brilliant day!



To return to the main building of Somerset House and the courtyard, go through this middle door (or use the small access lift to the right). Once inside the hall turn right for the lift to get to **G** for **Ground floor** or take the stairs just down the hall.



We have a cafe in the South Wing (**Ground Level**) SOIL ticketholders receive a 15% discount on orders at Café Petiole, just present your physical or e-ticket when ordering to receive your discount.



If you need any further assistance or have any questions please ask a member of staff.



Toilets are available in the main building and an accessible toilet is next door to the toilets



Access packs will be available from the exhibition entrance.

These contain noise cancelling headphones, magnifying glass sheet for reading any printed text, a large print guide and a stress ball.

A quiet space is available. Please ask a member of staff and they will direct you to the space

**We hope you enjoy your visit!**