HEVER CASTLE



Weddings

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Introduction

Set in 125 acres of idyllic Kent countryside, Hever Castle's rich and varied history provides the perfect romantic back drop for wedding ceremonies and receptions.

Tie the knot in style as the magic of this special place brings your wedding day dreams to life, creating treasured memories that you and your guests will cherish for a lifetime.

Discover centuries of history in the Castle once the childhood home of Anne Boleyn, second wife of Henry VIII and mother of Elizabeth I, later passing into the ownership of another of Henry's wives, Anne of Cleves.

Today however, much of what you will see is a result of the remarkable genius of William Waldorf Astor, America's wealthiest man at the turn of the 20th century, who moved to England and purchased the Castle in 1903. Astor invested vast amounts of time, money and imagination into restoring the Castle, building the adjoining Tudor Village (now referred to as the Astor Wing) and developing the award-winning gardens.

The scope for wedding opportunities on the Estate is boundless. Whether it be the stately grandeur of the Castle itself, the country house atmosphere of the Astor Wing, or the stunning lakeside location of the Italian Garden, Hever Castle offers an enchanting venue to suit all of your wedding day dreams, throughout all of the seasons.

Romance, memories, magic, joy and love are the order of the day at Hever Castle! Discover more throughout the pages of this brochure and please do get in touch to discuss your requirements with one of our wedding coordinators who will be happy to answer any questions.









Images:
1 Castle Drawbridge, 2&3 Castle Great Hall, 4 Castle Ceremony

Castle Weddings

If history is the order of the day, then what better place to celebrate your wedding than within the walls of the historic Castle itself.

Ceremonies take place in the Castle Inner Hall where magnificent wood panelled walls, beautifully carved columns and an elaborate staircase gallery set the scene. There's a fine display of antique furniture dating from the 17th and 18th centuries and an exceptional collection of portraits depicting Tudor monarchs.

The wedding breakfast is hosted in the Castle Great Hall, there is a stunning minstrels' gallery, fine wood panelling and an ornately carved stone fireplace. The solid oak tables and ancient tapestry enhance the Tudor atmosphere and create a regal setting for your wedding celebration.

CEREMONY: Castle Inner Hall
DRINKS RECEPTION: Courtyard or Tudor Suite
DINING: Castle Great Hall
EVENING RECEPTION: Please contact us to discuss available options.

CAPACITY FOR:
CEREMONY: 60 (48 seated, 12 standing)
DRINKS RECEPTION: 60
WEDDING BREAKFAST: 40 *For Castle weddings over 40, the Tudor Suite can accommodate up to 60 for the wedding breakfast.

ONSITE ACCOMMODATION	✓
SECURE AND PRIVATE PARKING	✓
DISABLED ACCESS	✓

AVAILABILITY: From 6.30pm on days when the Castle is open to the public.
From midday on days when the Castle is closed to the public.

Astor Wing Weddings

Created in the style of a Tudor Village, William Waldorf Astor commissioned the Astor Wing in 1903. Craftsman used traditional Tudor tools in order to retain the authenticity of the Tudor era. The result is a series of beautiful interconnecting Tudor style buildings joined to the Castle.

The wedding space within the Astor Wing is formed of three interconnecting rooms known as the Tudor Suite. Surrounded by private lawns and oak panelled throughout, the Tudor Suite has unparalleled views of the Castle, moat and gardens. Leaded windows fill the rooms with light, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Ceremonies take place in the Tudor Suite Sitting Room overlooking the Castle and moat. Drinks receptions can either be held in the Music Room or, weather permitting, outside on the private Tudor Suite lawns, overlooking the Castle.

Wedding breakfasts are held in the Tudor Suite Dining Room, a classic oak panelled room offering stunning chandeliers and an ornately carved Clipsham stone working fireplace.

Should you wish to extend your celebration to include an evening reception, the Hever Castle estate offers a number of options to choose from. There are facilities for a live band and/or disco to entertain your guests, either within one of our venues or on one of our lawns under canvas in a sailcloth marquee or a tipi.

There are opportunities to incorporate the Castle into an Astor Wing Wedding.


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CEREMONY: Tudor Suite Sitting Room

DRINKS RECEPTION: Music Room or Tudor Suite Lawns

DINING: Tudor Suite Dining Room

EVENING RECEPTION: Please contact us to discuss available options.

CAPACITY FOR:

CEREMONY: 60 (48 seated, 12 standing)

DRINKS RECEPTION: 60

WEDDING RECEPTION: 60

EVENING RECEPTION: 120

ONSITE ACCOMMODATION ✓

SECURE AND PRIVATE PARKING ✓

AVAILABILITY: All year round

Images: 1 Tudor Suite Sitting Room, 2 Tudor Suite Lawn, 3 Tudor Suite Dining Room, 4 Tipi









Images: 1 Loggia,
2 Loggia Ceremony, 3 Loggia,
4 Guthrie Pavilion

Italian Garden Weddings

One of the most magnificent settings at Hever Castle is the Italian Garden, which was created to display William Waldorf Astor's collection of Italian sculpture.

Summer months see this award winning garden come to life as ceremonies take place under the beautiful arched columns of the Italian Loggia overlooking the lake. This magical lakeside location can also be extended to your drinks reception where guests can take in the views from the stone piazza complete with its very own Trevi-inspired fountain.

The Loggia Bar adds another element of alfresco charm to the drinks reception.

There's an opportunity during the drinks reception for your photographer to capture some truly iconic Castle shots of the newly married couple in front of the Castle.

A short walk through the Rose Garden is the Guthrie Pavilion which plays host to an Italian Garden wedding reception. Extensively refurbished in Palladian style, the vaulted ceilings and full length arched windows make for a light and airy atmosphere from day into night without losing the romantic backdrop of the lake and gardens.

Licensed until 1.00am, the Guthrie Pavilion also hosts your evening reception.

CEREMONY: Loggia
DRINKS RECEPTION: Loggia Terrace
DINING: Guthrie Pavilion
EVENING RECEPTION: Guthrie Pavilion

CAPACITY FOR:
CEREMONY: 180
DRINKS RECEPTION: 180
WEDDING BREAKFAST: 180
EVENING RECEPTION: 220

ONSITE ACCOMMODATION ✓
SECURE AND PRIVATE PARKING ✓
DISABLED ACCESS ✓

LOGGIA CEREMONY AVAILABILITY —
4.30pm on all days excluding school holidays and bank holiday weekends.

GUTHRIE PAVILLION RECEPTION AVAILABILITY:
on all days at 6.30pm excluding school holidays and bank holiday weekends

Ceremony-Only Weddings

Should you wish to book just a wedding ceremony and not a reception, we offer ceremony-only weddings.

ASTOR WING CEREMONY-ONLY

An Astor Wing ceremony-only wedding takes place in the Astor Wing of Hever Castle in the oak panelled Tudor Suite Sitting Room overlooking the Castle and formal lawns.

Following the ceremony enjoy a drinks reception on the Tudor Lawn or within the Tudor Suite.

ITALIAN GARDEN CEREMONY-ONLY

An Italian Garden ceremony-only wedding is available between April and October (excluding bank holiday weekends and some school holiday dates). It is conducted under the beautiful arched columns of the Italian Loggia with views across the 38-acre lake.

This magical lakeside location can be extended to a drinks reception where guests can take in the views from the stone piazza complete with its very own Trevi-inspired fountain.

The availability for ceremony-only weddings for both venues is subject to the time of year, the booking lead-in time and other events taking place on the Estate.



Loggia Ceremony



























Food & Beverage

Hever Castle offers a selection of seasonal menus, carefully designed to complement your day. We believe exceptional food is at the heart of every celebration, and our experienced culinary team is dedicated to delivering an exceptional dining experience from start to finish.

We are delighted to have George Blogg as our Culinary Director. A Michelin-starred chef for 10 years and awarded Master of Culinary Arts from the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts, George brings a passion for seasonal produce, locally sourced ingredients, and refined, elegant flavours. Under his leadership, our kitchen team creates menus that are both innovative and beautifully balanced.

From the impressive canapés to a beautifully crafted wedding breakfast, each dish is thoughtfully prepared to reflect our strong commitment to quality and sustainability.

A carefully curated and comprehensive wine list complements our food offering, incorporated into a selection of drinks packages or to be ordered by the bottle, together with an eclectic cocktail menu and non-alcoholic beverage list.

We understand that individual dietary requirements are an important consideration and we happily make provision for a wide variety of allergies and special dietary requirements as required.

Wedding couples are offered a complimentary tasting ahead of the wedding day. * This provides the opportunity to taste a selection of menu items and beverages, to meet the team and discuss any questions you may have.

*Subject to Terms and Conditions of booking and package selection

Stay With Us

Hever Castle offers 26 five star luxury bedrooms, each with its own unique charm and character. All bedrooms combine traditional features with modern day luxuries.

Hever Castle has recently received a Five Star Gold Award for Guest Accommodation, the highest possible rating and accolade achievable. Each of the 26 en-suite bedrooms are unique in style, some offer four poster beds, some roll top baths.

Enjoy an abundance of antique furnishings, panelled walls, chaise longue and stunning views through leaded windows. Original features fused with more contemporary comforts create a perfect match for a luxurious stay.

Amongst the collection of rooms there are twin bedded rooms and single bedrooms, however, the majority are double.

The 26 bedrooms are located across the Astor Wing (x17 rooms) and the Anne Boleyn Wing (x9 rooms). Astor Wing accommodation is offered for Astor Wing and Castle weddings and the Anne Boleyn Wing accommodation for Italian Garden weddings. There is, however, an option to book all 26 bedrooms, our weddings team will be happy to discuss this option during the booking process.

In addition to these 26 bedrooms, or as an alternative, guests can choose to stay at Medley Court, a luxurious four bedroom property available on a self catering basis. It sleeps up to eight guests and is bookable for a minimum of two night stay.











Astor Wing

"The joy that
I feel in being loved
by a king whom I
adore, and to whom
I would with pleasure
make a sacrifice of
my heart."

Anne Boleyn to Henry VIII

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SUSTAINABLE VENUE

Hever Castle is Silver rated for green tourism. Green efforts across the estate include using local produce where possible, a biomass boiler to heat the Estate and solar panels.

Find out more at **hevercastle.co.uk/about-hever-castle/sustainability/**

HOW TO FIND US

One hour from central London and centrally located on the Kent, Surrey and Sussex borders, just 20 minutes from junctions 5 and 6 of the M25.

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