

Your Wedding at Thornbury Castle



Thornbury Castle is one of the most romantic hotels in the country. With its magnificent medieval architecture, impressive Tudor Hall, luxurious bedrooms and award winning food it really is the perfect location for an unforgettable wedding. The Castle's idyllic walled gardens provide an unsurpassed and splendid setting for your drinks reception and photographs.

At Thornbury Castle we pride ourselves on knowing a thing or two about organising a successful wedding. Whether you and your partner want a large traditional wedding or a more intimate affair, we will hold your hand from the initial consultation right through to the big day itself. We will offer you plenty of advice and guidance and will work hard to ensure that every detail is just right.

CEREMONIES

Here at Thornbury Castle we have four splendid public rooms in which you can hold your ceremony.

The Tudor Hall

We are very proud of our Tudor Hall as there's nothing else quite like it in the country. It is a truly magnificent room, which is guaranteed to elicit gasps of wonder from your guests. The room features an impressive mullioned window, stone walls adorned with tapestries and paintings, and a huge original fireplace. Ceremonies take place in front of the magnificent window with guests seated in traditional aisles. Smaller ceremonies take place in front of the fireplace with guests seated in an arc around it. The Tudor Hall can accommodate up to 60 guests and is a particularly magical setting for winter weddings.

Ceremony Fee 2011 - £900.00

Ceremony Fee 2012 - £950.00

The Drawing Room

The Drawing Room provides another splendid setting for your ceremony. The wood panelled room is furnished with antiques and plush Knole sofas, with original oil paintings adorning the walls. There's also an ornate fireplace and two magnificent windows. The room lends itself to relaxed and informal gatherings and is particularly romantic when lit by firelight and candelabras. The ceremonies take place in front of one of the windows - overlooking the walled Tudor gardens. This room can also accommodate up to 45 guests.

Ceremony Fee 2011 - £750.00

Ceremony Fee 2012 - £795.00

The Library

The Library is a delightful room for an intimate wedding for close family and friends. It has a splendid Oriel window that overlooks the walled Tudor garden and it's here that the ceremonies take place. The Library can accommodate up to 15 guests.

Ceremony Fee 2011 - £600.00

Ceremony Fee 2012 - £675.00

The Summer House

It doesn't come any more romantic than this. Our Summer House is located within the walls of the oldest Tudor garden in England. The ceremony takes place inside whilst guests remain on the lawn. This is a delightful way to get married and will be a talking point for years to come.

WEDDING RECEPTIONS

Thornbury Castle's dining rooms must be among the most magnificent in the country and cannot fail to inspire and impress. The Reception is just as important as the ceremony so please do take a look at our rooms and facilities.

The Baron's Sitting Room

This is a delightful dining room for small exclusive private dinners and wedding breakfasts, seating up to 22 people. The room is wood panelled with an imposing original fireplace and deep set windows with views over the courtyard, castle walls and vineyard. The overall feel is grand and impressive. A lovely addition to this room is The Chancellor Lounge area which offers space for private drinks receptions, champagne and canapés or a small gathering before sitting down for dinner.

The Tudor Hall

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The Tower Dining Room

The Tower dining room is a unique hexagonal room with a beautiful leaded window overlooking the church, imposing arrow slit windows, oak wood panelling and another magnificent open fireplace. This is a truly splendid room and makes for an unforgettable experience. It can seat up to 30 people in a 'U' shape.

WEDDING IDEAS

At Thornbury Castle we pride ourselves on being able to advise, guide and organise your wedding day to ensure that every detail is just right. Some ideas for the perfect day:

Mid Day Ceremony with Wedding Breakfast

Your marriage ceremony will be held in the room of your choice at 12 noon. After the ceremony, celebratory drinks and canapés will be served to you and your guests prior to your party sitting down to a superb three-course Wedding Breakfast at 2.00pm. This allows 1½ hours for your photographs to be taken whilst your guests mingle.

Late Afternoon Ceremony with Formal Dinner

Your marriage ceremony will be held in the room of your choice at approximately 4.00pm. After the ceremony, celebratory drinks and canapés will be served. This provides an opportunity for you and your guests to relax and mingle in the beautiful surroundings of the Castle prior to sitting down for a romantic five-course candlelit dinner at 7.30pm.

Ceremony with Champagne and Canapés

If you are looking for a splendid setting for just your ceremony and photographs then we offer the perfect package. Your marriage ceremony will be held in the Tudor Hall at a time of your choice. After the ceremony, celebratory champagne and canapés will be served to you and your guests. This is a lovely alternative for those wanting something discreet and intimate.

Ceremony with Traditional Afternoon Tea

This is another lovely option for those who prefer to keep things low key and relaxed. The marriage ceremony will be held in the Tudor Hall at approximately 2.00pm. After the ceremony, celebratory drinks will be served to you and your guests. This will be followed by a lavish traditional full afternoon tea, which we will serve at 4.00pm. This is a delicious, not to mention fashionable, way of celebrating your wedding.

Evening Reception

If you would like to continue your celebrations into the evening, with perhaps music and dancing and the opportunity to invite more guests; we are delighted to be able to offer you exclusively the north wing of the castle that includes the Tudor Hall and six bedchambers including a magnificent four poster bridal suite.

Tudor Hall for the day and accommodation on B&B basis, double occupancy (1 classic, 2 deluxe & 3 suite bedchamber) - £5,000.00

Exclusive Use of the Castle

The entire Castle can be yours on an exclusive basis for the following choice of periods:

22 hours (Sunday to Thursday) - £12,500.00 per day

46 hours (Friday and Saturday) - £13,000.00 per day

In total the Castle can accommodate 54 sleepers in 26 bed-chambers and a two bedroom family gatehouse.

Larger numbers of guests can be catered for in a marquee on the lawn.

MENUS

Canapés to start with...
@ £6.00 per person for 4,
any additional at £1.50 each

Smoked Salmon and Cream Cheese Pin Wheel

Slow Roasted Tomato and Goats Cheese Galette

Fois Gras Parfait en Croute

Seared Tuna, Wasabi and White Radish

Wild Mushroom and Truffle Tartlets

Chicken and Herb Ballontine

Mini Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding and Horseradish Cream

Mini "Fish, Chips n' Peas"

Parma Ham and Rocket Salad

Mozzarella and Pesto Pastries

Tomato and Basil Bruschetta

Wedding Breakfast...

Prince's Package
@ £45.00 per person

Cauliflower Soup,
Toasted Almonds, Cauliflower Beignets

Classic Smoked Salmon
Traditional Garnish, Brown Bread and Local Butter

Ham Hock and Confit Duck leg Terrine
Pickled Mushrooms, Cresses, Mustard Vinaigrette

Chicken stuffed with Wild Mushrooms,
Layered Potato, Cep Puree, Red Wine Jus

Roast Loin of Suckling Pig
Garlic Cocotte Potatoes, Spinach, Apricot Puree, Grain Mustard Sauce

Oven Roasted Fillet of Organic Salmon
Pomme Puree, Ratatouille Sauce, Artichokes

Parsley and Parmesan Gnocchi
Beetroot and Artichoke Fricassee, Parsley Dressing

Milk Chocolate Mousse,
Chocolate Sauce, Pistachio Ice cream

Classic Creme Brulee
Fresh Berries, Shortbread

Warm "Bakewell Tart"
Clotted Cream Ice Cream

Duke's Package
@ £50.00 per person

Crayfish and Tomato Salad
Lettuce Puree, Confit Cherry Tomatoes, Herb Dressing

Chicken Liver Parfait,
Pear Chutney, Toasted Brioche

Beetroot and Walnut Salad,
Red Sorrel, Balsamic Dressing, Parmesan

“Steak n Chips”
Aged Ribeye of Beef, Chunky Chips, Tomato, Mushroom

Herb Crusted Loin of Sustainable Cod,
Aubergine Puree, Pickled Cauliflower, Crushed Potato, Chervil Dressing

Confit Duck leg
Braised Borlotti Beans, Spinach, Pancetta, Parsnip Puree

Sweetcorn and Basil Ravioli
Gruyere Emulsion, Basil Crisp, Swiss Chard

Vanilla Panna Cotta
Strawberry Soup, Black Pepper Tuille

Lemon and Lime Cheesecake,
Fresh Raspberries, Chantilly Cream, Lemon Confit

Milk Chocolate Tart,
“Cookie” Ice Cream, Honeycomb

King's Package
@ £55.00 per person

Foie Gras and Truffle Terrine
Apple and Sultana Chutney, Toasted Brioche

Cerviche of Orkney Scallops
Chilli and Lime Dressing, Crispy Soft Shelled Crab, Coriander Cress

Duo of Quail
Braised Leg, Roasted Breast, Herb Puree, Pancetta

Poached and Roasted Monkfish Tail wrapped in Pancetta
Crayfish and Crab Risotto, Braised Shallots

Duo of Hereford Beef
Slow cooked Featherblade, Roasted Fillet, Boulongere Potato, Red Wine Jus

Roasted Cannon of Lamb
Dauphinoise Potato, Celeriac Puree, Green Beans, Rosemary Jus

Poached Wild Bass Stuffed with Coriander
Crushed Potato, Mixed Peppers, White Wine Veloute

Pear and Almond Tart
Clotted Cream Ice Cream, Raspberry Coulis

Iced Berry Parfait
White Chocolate Foam, Marinated Fruits

Collection of Chocolate
Parfait, Warm Brownie, Cheesecake, Sorbet,

A little extra...

Coffee and Homemade Petits Fours @ £4.25 per person

Sorbet @ £3.50 per person

Cheese Course @ £9.50 per person

Evening buffet...

Selection of Salads

Roasted Pork / Roasted Red Pepper & Brie Rolls

Bread Rolls, Stuffing, Apple Sauce, Crackling

Selection of Desserts

Taylor made buffet menu on request

Thornbury Castle has always been renowned for its fine food and is the recipient of many prestigious awards.

Our Head Chef uses only the freshest seasonal produce available. He will be happy to create a special menu for you.

In order to ensure consistent quality of cooking and service we require a set menu for parties of 8 persons. Please call to discuss your requirements.

DRINKS

<i>Orange Juice</i>	<i>£10.00 per jug</i>
<i>Jug of non-alcoholic Fresh Fruit Punch</i>	<i>£15.00 per jug</i>
<i>Alcoholic Punch, Pimms & Lemonade or Mulled Wine</i>	<i>£20.00 per jug</i>
<i>Wine from</i>	<i>£19.50 per bottle</i>
<i>Champagne from</i>	<i>£48.00 per bottle</i>

All jugs and bottles contain approximately 6 glasses

Wine list available on request

GUIDANCE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO MARRY ON THE PREMISES

1: *As soon as a couple have made provisional arrangements for their marriage on approved premises they should be advised to contact the Superintendent Registrar for the district in which the premises are situated, which in the case of Thornbury Castle is:*

South Gloucestershire Register Office, Poole Court, Poole Court Drive, Yate, South Glos.

Telephone: 01454 863140.

Website: www.southglos.gov.uk

2: *Without the presence of the Superintendent Registrar there can be no marriage and any arrangements for the use of the premises depend entirely on their availability. It is, therefore, essential that the couple make an advanced booking with this Superintendent Registrar for his/her attendance at their proposed marriage as soon as a booking can be accepted. A fee for this attendance will be payable to South Gloucestershire Council before the ceremony.*

3: *Each party to the marriage will also have to give their notice of marriage to the Superintendent Registrar of the district in which they live. This notice must be given in person and is valid for twelve calendar months.*

4: *The couple should be warned that any arrangements made for a marriage to take place on the approved premises are dependent on:*

- a) *the attendance of the Superintendent Registrar and a Registrar for the district in which the premises are situated; and,*
- b) *the issue of both of the authorities for marriage by the Superintendent Registrar to whom notice of the marriage was given.*

5: *When notice is given in a different registration district from the one where the marriage is taking place, the couple will have to collect the Superintendent Registrar's authorities before the ceremony and ensure that they are delivered to the Poole Court.*

6: *The couple should be advised that only a civil, non-religious ceremony can be permitted by the Superintendent Registrar. Any music, reading, words or performance, which forms any part of the ceremony, must be secular. The content of the ceremony must be agreed in advance with the Superintendent Registrar who will be attending the ceremony.*

7: *Any rights of copyright for music, readings etc. permitted at the ceremony are a matter for the couple and holder of the approval.*