



THE  
ELVETHAM

HAMPSHIRE

1591

*Make your wedding  
a part of history*





# A venue like no other

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The Elvetham Estate is suffused with over a century of English history. England's tales are embedded into its ancient oaks and parklands. It's the site where Eadric the Wild plotted against William the Conqueror in the 11th Century, where King Henry VIII fell in love with Jane Seymour, his third wife and mother of his longed-for heir, and where Queen Elizabeth I was treated to a spectacular 4 days of festivities known as the Elvetham Entertainment.

While only parts of the medieval house remain, its ancient spirit has been woven into the modern trappings of a luxury hotel and wedding venue, allowing many more families to add their own piece of history to this amazing location.

The main house is approached via our scenic tree lined driveway with stunning views of the Hampshire countryside, following the flow of the river Hart. The Elvetham boasts a wonderful array of ceremony spaces, both indoor and outdoor, elegant wedding breakfast locations and a host of evening entertainment to choose from.

Our unique location, spectacular country house and exceptional hospitality provide a magical and romantic setting for a truly unforgettable wedding day.



# Tying the knot

The Elvetham offers a range of elegant ceremony locations for you to choose from:

## The Oak Room

Named after the rich oak panelling that adorns the walls, this room overflows with a romantic ambience, framed by our feature ornate fireplace. Its classical styling will fit any wedding theme.

**Capacity** – 120 guests

## The Formal Gardens

The dramatic outlines of our manor house create an unforgettable backdrop for your ceremony, surrounded by the stunning foliage of our beautifully landscaped grounds.

**Capacity** – 200 guests

## The Morning Room

The ideal space for your intimate wedding. The intricate painted ceiling, ornate fireplace and large, gallery style windows provide a beautiful setting for your special day.

**Capacity** – 50 guests

The local Registry Office based in Aldershot are contactable on 0300 555 1392 or visit their website at [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk). Please speak with your wedding specialist for advice on the best ceremony time.

Alternatively, if you are looking to have a church ceremony, we would be delighted to host the remainder of your wedding day. Our wedding specialists can provide a list of local churches on request.







# Explore our estate

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At The Elvetham, our 35 acres of grounds, cradled in the beautiful Hampshire countryside, offer a magnificent space for your wedding photography.

Our gardens feature a diverse selection of grand trees and colourful flowers throughout. The floral displays in our Formal Garden Squares sit like elegant centrepieces to the rear of the house, while our gallery of Irish Yew trees create a majestic scene, perfectly framing the spire of St Mary's Church.

Take a stroll to the more secluded areas of our grounds and experience the atmosphere of walking through an enchanted forest. Discover our secluded Azealia garden and surrounding woodland, which sit next to our impressive garden wall with decorative archways. Or, walk along the banks of the river Hart where our ornate stone bridge contrasts perfectly with the surrounding landscape.

With the elegant backdrop of The Elvetham, there is no better place to help capture your first moments as a married couple.







# Your wedding breakfast

Celebrate your first moments of married life and enjoy exquisite food with your friends and family. We have a range of wedding breakfast menu options to tailor specifically to your wedding. With the selection of either our Library or our Morning Room, you can choose the table setup to perfectly suit your guest numbers.

**The Library** – offers a grand setting for your guests to enjoy. Featuring an ornate stone fireplace, original bookcases, and plenty of natural light streaming through its large windows.

**The Morning Room** – perfect for an intimate wedding breakfast with its large gallery style windows overlooking our Formal Garden Squares. The Morning Room’s ornate stone fireplace and beautifully painted ceilings are wonderful feature points which will add to your own colour scheme and table setup.

**The Library – Round Top Table**

**Capacity** – 120 guests

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**Capacity** – 108 guests

**The Morning Room**

**Capacity** – 50 guests







# A party you will never forget

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Continue your celebrations into the night with a spectacular evening reception, customised to your wedding requirements. Choose one of our elegant rooms in which to take your first dance before you let the evening unfold with a live band or DJ entertainment.

Replenish your guests with evening food to help them dance the night away. With options available from finger buffets to food trucks, our wedding specialists can help you arrange the finer details.





# Starting the day

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Take the stress away from the start of your wedding day with your own hair and makeup space in our delightful Seymour Room. Located on our first floor, the Seymour Room is flooded with natural light from its large windows which provide stunning views over our beautiful Formal Garden Squares and surrounding Hampshire countryside.

The Seymour Room provides ample space for you to share the occasion with your entire bridal party as well as being a space of peace and tranquility to help you prepare for your special day.



# Staying the night

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The Elvetham Hotel has a collection of 91 exquisite bedrooms and suites in both the main house and the recently renovated stables. Beautifully decorated and furnished to the highest standards, our bedrooms are the perfect place to retire to after the thrills and excitement of your big day. All rooms come with a large comfortable bed, en-suite bathroom, spacious wardrobe, smart TV, tea and coffee making facilities, fridge and bedroom safe.

## The Gardeners Cottage

Nestled in the grounds of The Elvetham, our luxurious Gardener's Cottage provides a unique experience for our wedding couples. Available to hire for a minimum of 2 nights, it is the perfect location for a pre wedding get away for you and your bridal party to relax and unwind in the comfort of your own private hot tub. Then, following your wedding, retire back to the cottage as a romantic mini get away for your first night as a married couple. The Gardeners Cottage comfortably sleeps up to 5 guests with its own lounge, kitchen dining area, steam room shower, private garden and private hot tub.







# Adding your personal flourish

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The small details are just as important as the big ones, and we understand that everything can sometimes seem overwhelming. But not to worry, our wedding specialists will be with you every step of the way, supporting your decisions, liaising with suppliers and allowing you to relax and enjoy one of the most important moments of your life.

## Red carpet

We want you to feel special on your wedding day, so we ensure that we literally role out the red carpet for your arrival at The Elvetham.

## Tables

We supply round tables in two sizes. The larger (6ft) tables seat 10 guests and the smaller (5ft) tables seats up to 8 guests. Banqueting tables can be provided upon request, dependent on guest numbers.

## Linen

We provide white table linen for all our table setups. If you would like to use coloured linen or chair sashes, we have trusted suppliers who we can recommend.

## Children

Younger guests aged 12 and under are considered to be children for catering purposes. We can supply smaller portions from the main menu or you may prefer to select from our children's menu.

Highchairs can be supplied at no additional charge. Please include any requests for these when you are making final arrangements so that we can ensure there are enough available on the day.

## Toast Master

We supply a professional toastmaster who will ensure your wedding day runs smoothly and to plan. Of course, if you would prefer to ask a friend or family member to take on this role, we will be more than happy to accommodate.

## Tables plans and name cards

Please let us know your final table plan at least two weeks prior to your wedding. If your reception room is available the day before your wedding you are very welcome to set up your name cards, favours and decorations yourself. If this isn't possible we'll take care of everything.

## Menus

As part of our service we will supply a printed menu for each table if required.

## Fireworks

Fireworks provide a spectacular finale to your wedding day. We work with a specialist fireworks company that will create a fantastic display within the hotel grounds. Out of respect for other residents, fireworks must finish by 11pm.

## Music

Our entertainment licence is valid Sunday – Thursday until midnight and Friday – Saturdays until 1.00am.

## Suppliers

We can recommend a range of excellent suppliers, all of whom have good experiences of working at The Elvetham. Please ask your wedding specialist for further information and contact details.

## Wedding cake

Please ask your cake supplier to deliver on the day of your wedding. We have a 16" silver round cake stand with a silver knife available on a complimentary basis.

## Insurance

We possess public liability insurance, but we strongly recommend that you also consider wedding insurance that will provide cover against illness, failure of suppliers and so on.

## Flowers

We can work with your florist to organise them arriving on site and setting up your big day. This can be arranged for either the night before or the morning of your wedding.



# Your wedding day timeline

Planning the flow of your wedding is key to ensuring the day runs as smoothly as possible, here a few helpful timings to help you along the way:

Ceremony .....	30 minutes
Reception drinks and photographs .....	120 minutes
Receiving line (optional) .....	20 - 45 minutes
Three course wedding breakfast .....	120 minutes
Speeches .....	20 minutes
Evening buffet suggested time for serving .....	9pm to 10pm
Fireworks .....	10pm



# Counting down the days

Planning your wedding can be an imposing task, so making a plan of all the things to do before your wedding can help keep you on track for your big day. Our wedding specialists have provided a step by step guide to planning your wedding to help you along the way.

## When you get engaged

- Pop the champagne and celebrate!
- Decide on your wedding date and check availability at The Elvetham.
- Pay your deposit.
- Set your budget.
- Start planning your guest list.
- Choose your wedding party.

## 12 months to go

- First meeting with your dedicated wedding specialist.
- Send out your “save the date” to your guests
- Book your photographer and, if you want one, videographer.
- Make your second payment to The Elvetham.

## 11 months to go

- Book your wedding entertainment.
- Choose a florist and discuss your flowers – start thinking of all things pretty!

## 10 months to go

- Decide on your wedding outfits.
- Advise guests to start booking accommodation.
- Choose your hair and make-up artist.

## 8 months to go

- Choose the music and readings for your wedding ceremony.
- Decide where the wedding gift list should be held and select your gifts.
- Order invitations and envelopes.

## 6 months to go

- Plan your hen and stag nights.
- Choose presents for your best man, bridesmaids, ushers and anyone else who is making an important contribution to your wedding day.
- Choose your wedding rings.
- Think about wedding transport and book if needed.

## 5 months to go

- Make sure your passport is valid! And if you are taking your partner’s surname, allow plenty of time to have it updated.
- Book your menu tasting at The Elvetham.
- Book your pre-wedding shoot with your photographer.

## 4 months to go

- Send out invitations and ask guests to RSVP no later than 2 months before the wedding date.
- Make your 16 weeks payment to The Elvetham.
- Organise the printing of your order of service.

## 3 months to go

- Book a wedding rehearsal at the church (if applicable).
- Final details appointment with your wedding specialist.
- Start planning your honeymoon.

## 2 months to go

- Try on your wedding outfit.
- Start writing your speeches.
- Decide on guestbook.

## 6 weeks to go

- Inform The Elvetham of final number of guests and pay final invoice.

## 4 weeks to go

- Work out your seating plan.
- Order the relevant currency for your honeymoon.

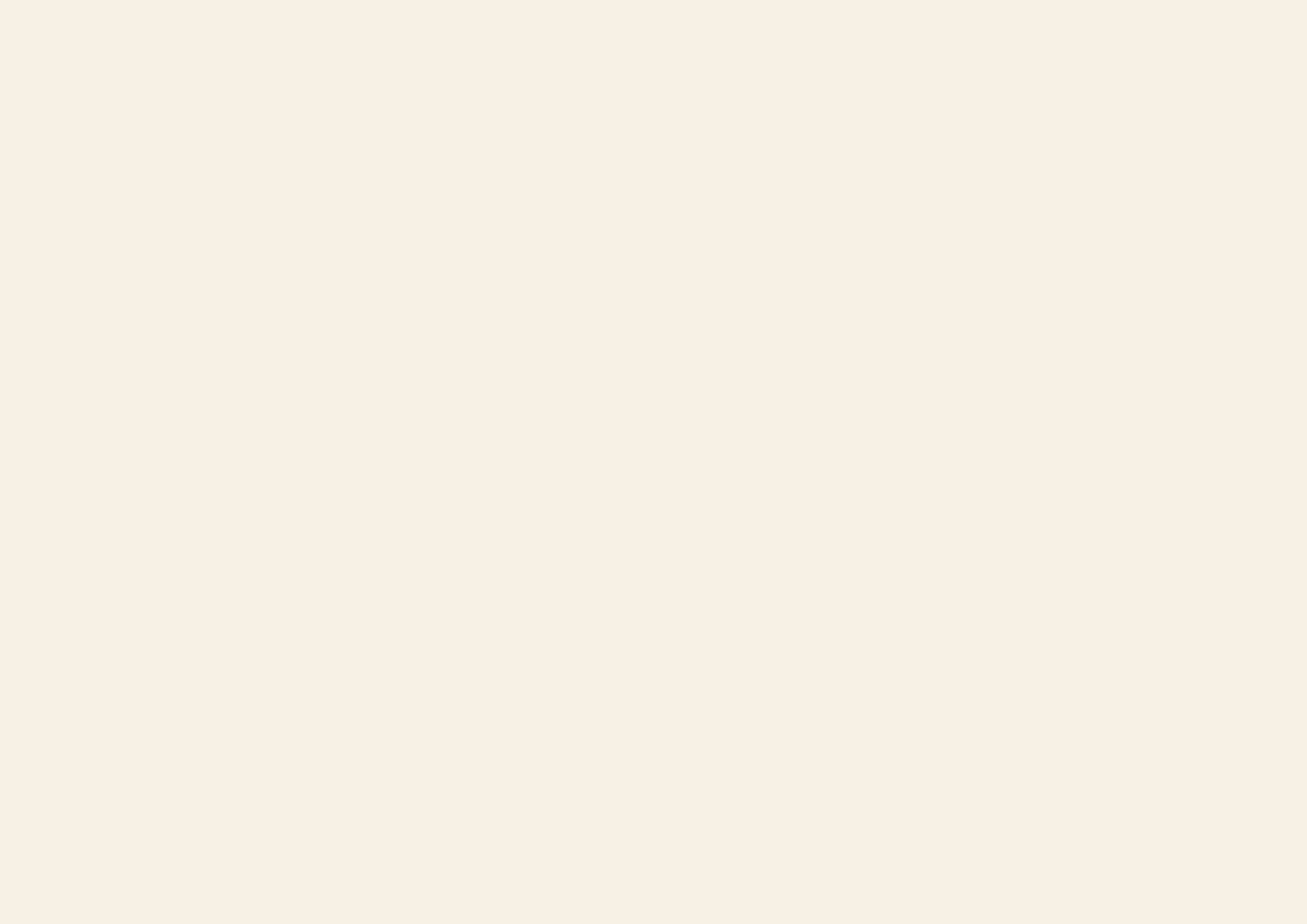
## 1 weeks to go

- Drop off any décor items to The Elvetham.
- Meet with our resident toastmaster and The Elvetham team.
- Pack for your honeymoon.
- Break in your wedding shoes.

## On the day

- Enjoy your big day, leave the details to us.









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