

# Make your wedding a part of history

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"I would not wish any companion in the world but you."







# A VENUE LIKE NO OTHER

The Elvetham Estate is filled 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 four 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 - 100 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. 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.





THE MORNING ROOM











# THE BELL TOWER

DATING BACK TO 1086

The Bell Tower is a beautiful, historic church located within the grounds of The Elvetham. It has a long standing history, dating back to 1086 and has now been transformed into a stunning venue for events and weddings

The interior has been left as a rustic blank canvas, ready to be redesigned to suit individual style and requirements. The Bell Tower was deconsecrated in 1969 and is now available for civil ceremonies and events of up to 100 people.









# EXPLORE OUR ESTATE

#### 35 ACRES OF MANICURED GROUNDS

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 The Elvetham 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 azalea 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.

#### Capacity

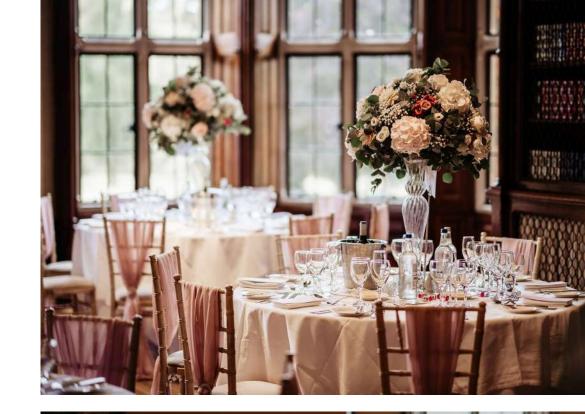
Long top table: 100 guests | Round top table: 110 guests

#### 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.

#### Capacity

50 guests





# A PARTY YOU WILL NEVER FORGET

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

Continue your celebrations into the night with a spectacular evening reception, customised to your wedding requirements. Take your first dance before you let the evening unfold with a live band or DJ entertainment in our Oak Room and Library.

Our entertainment licence is 11pm on Monday to Thursday and midnight on Friday to Sunday.

Enjoy delicious evening food with options available including finger buffets to food trucks. And as the sun gracefully sets, captivate your guests with a mesmerising fireworks display that adds a touch of magic to your celebration. Speak to your wedding specialist for further details on our preferred suppliers.















# GET READY WITH US

#### A PERFECT START TO YOUR WEDDING DAY

Begin your wedding day with a relaxed start by booking one of our elegant bedrooms the night before.

Use it as your bridal changing room the day of your wedding for additional convenience and comfort.

And if requested, while you get ready enjoy a delicious continental breakfast in the room for the bridal or groom party.

Prices are available on request and subject to availability.







# SEYMOUR SUITE

CELEBRATE IN STYLE

Celebrate your wedding night in luxury in our Seymour Suite, located in the Main House. The elegant and modern room offers a comfy King-sized bed and spacious semi-partitioned living area with stylish seating and a smart TV. The Seymour has a modern, bright ensuite bathroom that features an elegant roll-top bath and a romantic double shower. The bathroom continues to showcase the hotel historic decor with a beautiful stone fireplace.

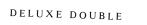








GARDENERS COTTAGE





STABLES EXECUTIVE

# STAYING THE NIGHT

The Elvetham Hotel has a collection of 92 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 two nights, it is the perfect location for a pre-wedding get away for you and your bridal party and guests to relax and unwind. 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 five guests with its own lounge, kitchen dining area, steam room shower, private garden and private hot tub, making it a great option for hen and stag weekends.



# ADDING YOUR PERSONAL FLOURISH

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.

#### MUSIC

Our entertainment licence is valid Monday – Thursday until 11pm and Friday – Sunday until midnight.

#### **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.

#### LINEN

We provide white table linen for all our table setups. If you would like to use coloured linen we have a small selection available to hire or trusted suppliers who we can recommend.

#### TOASTMASTER

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.

#### TABLE 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.

#### 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 10:30pm.

#### 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

#### OUR SUGGESTED TIMELINE

Planning the flow of your wedding is key to ensuring the day runs as smoothly as possible, here a few helpful suggested 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
Speeches 30 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

- 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 undated
- 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 week 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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