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Follow in the footsteps of royalty with a grand celebration at Gosfield Hall, just an hour and a half from Central London. This sublime Georgian mansion, once home to Kings and Queens, can be hired exclusively for complete privacy. With palatial interiors and picturesque grounds, a wedding here definitely has the 'wow' factor. Let our Personal Wedding Managers help plan your perfect day so you too can feel like a royalty.





THE HOUSE

Step back in time through the ancient gateway into one of Britain's most splendid examples of both Tudor and Georgian architecture. Built by Sir John Wentworth in 1545, the manor still retains its original features including leaded windows and an imposing Clock Tower. Gosfield's four unique aspects stand majestic against the manicured lawns and offer endless photo opportunities. Whilst indoors one can celebrate in Georgian stately rooms boasting elaborate cornicing, classical oil paintings and glittering chandeliers.



THE HOUSE



The 120-ft aisle in Queen Charlotte's oak panelled gallery makes for a theatrical entrance into your ceremony. Alternatively, say your vows beneath the ornate painted high ceiling in the Grand Salon, where sunlight streams from the floor to ceiling windows running across one side. Those getting married in Summer may also want to consider alfresco nuptials, with the historical carriageway overlooking the courtyard now licensed for civil ceremonies.

Recreate a regal banquet for up to 116 guests, with a wedding breakfast in the stunning Marquis of Buckingham's former Ballroom. Further reception rooms include the Prophets Chamber and Library, as well as the newly refurbished bar and disco for up to 250 evening guests.



THE GROUNDS

Gosfield Hall can be found in Constable Country, glorious rural Essex, only 30 minutes from Stansted and easily accessible from the M11. A meandering driveway through pretty parkland leads you to the imposing front of the house. Through the gateway, guests are welcomed into a tranquil inner courtyard, centered around a fountain filled with ornamental Carp. Explore over 10 acres of elegant grounds, with reception rooms boasting panoramic views of the mile long lake.



THE GROUNDS



The manicured gardens at Gosfield Hall offer plenty of outdoor settings for your wedding photographs. Whether it be by the mighty stag statues that sit on plinths guarding the house, or amongst the flower beds and trees, including ancient Elms once planted by King Louis XVIII to commemorate his stay. Enjoy croquet during the day and then light candles and hurricane lanterns in the evening for a romantic atmosphere.

For those wanting a religious ceremony, the village church, St Catherine's, is just a short walk across the cornfield, providing a natural aisle for any Summer brides. Lead your guests back to the terrace where Champagne and canapés can be served in good weather.



FINE DINING

Like the royalty who once feasted here, be spoilt with our culinary expertise. From multi-course plated dinners to lavish buffets, create your own bespoke menu with your Personal Wedding Manager who will guide you through our exciting options as well as every aspect of your day. Should you want something special, we are thrilled to accommodate all tastes and dietary requirements with particular attention to local and seasonal produce. Our specially selected wines will complement your wedding breakfast, with our Dadnor English Sparkling Rosé exclusively available for your toasts.



FINE DINING



Our in-house catering team work hard to offer creative menus, perfect wine pairings and impeccable service for an unforgettable dining experience. Whether you want an extra sorbet course or a trio of desserts, each dish is beautifully presented with care to colour and flavour. All food is freshly prepared and supplemented with vegetables and herbs grown in the gardens.



A full bar menu is provided for your event, stocked with everything from Pimms to Port to accompany regional cheeses. Mulled Wine with miniature mince pies is a festive favourite for winter weddings, served by the roaring log fire in the Grand Salon.

SAMPLE MENUS

STARTERS

Venison Carpaccio

Served on toasted brioche chocolate sauce and pear chutney

Ham Hock Terrine with Piccalilli

Confit Ham Hocks garnished with salad leaves and served with homemade piccalilli

Salmon Fishcake

On a bed of crushed peas with homemade tartare sauce

Baked Camembert Tart (V)

Camembert, fig and confit red onion tart served with a quince Chutney

MAIN COURSE

Saddle of Lamb

With Apricot and Thyme stuffing lightly roasted and served with garlic fondant potato and rosemary jus

Slow Cider and Herb Braised Belly of Pork

Served alongside fondant potatoes, charlotte carrots and a rich cider and sage jus

Pan Fried Free-Range Breast of Chicken

With Pancetta crisps, served on colcannon potato with a wild mushroom cream sauce

Pasty of Woodland Mushroom (V)

With cavolo nero potato cakes and truffle oil dressing

DESSERTS

Lemon Tart

A rich lemon filling in crisp pastry with clotted cream caramelised lemon zest & lemon coulis

Dark Chocolate Fondant

A dreamy chocolate dessert with cherries and mascarpone cream and homemade Raspberry and Prosecco sorbet

Caramel Apple Crumble

Amazing twist on a great British classic; toffee apple topped with a rich crisp crumble topping and a homemade custard ice cream

Banoffee Cheesecake

Served with chocolate sauce and Baileys cream

VEGAN STARTERS

Avocado and Houmous Salad and Toasted Pitta Bread

Ripe avocado, blended with chickpea Tahini and garlic, served with a pine nut and rocket salad

CHILDREN'S STARTERS

Garlic dough balls served with a BBQ, mayonnaise or tomato sauce dip

VEGAN MAIN

Garlic & Saffron Stewed Courgette with Butter Beans & Mint Salsa

Lightly braised courgette with garlic and saffron, tossed with butter beans and served with a mint salsa

CHILDREN'S MAIN

Roasted Free-Range Chicken served with seasonal vegetables

VEGAN DESSERTS

Vegan Pecan Pie

Rich soya pastry, with a maple syrup filling and toasted pine nuts

CHILDREN'S DESSERT

Chocolate Fudge Sundae





ACCOMMODATION

Once you've seen the incredible Rococco bridal suite at Gosfield Hall, you won't want to get married anywhere else! With decadent marble pillars, a four-poster bed and extravagant gilded décor, it makes for a spectacular ending to your dream day. For your guests there are 19 other similarly luxurious bedroom suites in the house, which are exclusively yours for the night of your wedding. All rooms are individually styled with views over either the historical courtyard, parkland grounds or scenic lake.



ACCOMMODATION



With comfort and style in mind, all our bedrooms are en-suite and classically furnished, many with four-poster beds. Your guests can enjoy early check-in on the day and make use of the space and White Company products whilst getting ready. A delicious breakfast is also included and why not upgrade to a Champagne option for a fun morning after?

Should you want to make a weekend of it, two night wedding packages are available on selected dates including a drinks reception and informal dinner the evening before. On the morning of your big day, guests can just relax or try activities including clay pigeon shooting or relaxing beauty treatments before the ceremony begins.

THE HISTORY OF GOSFIELD HALL

Built by Sir John Wentworth in 1545, Gosfield Hall is said to be the oldest surviving Tudor mansion in the country that has a fully preserved courtyard. In its early days of the Tudor period, the Hall became temporary royal residence to Queen Elizabeth I on more than one occasion as it formed part of her yearly summer progress. It is a delightful coincidence that after these visits the Queen's next destination would be to stay with the Rich family at Leez Priory, Gosfield Hall's sister wedding venue.

In the 18th century the house belonged to Lord Nugent who landscaped the park: creating a splendid garden and introducing many different trees and shrubs, some of which can still be seen today. In this splendid setting, the Nugents were able to lavishly entertain guests of high society including the Prince of Wales.

In 1807 the house was loaned to the exiled King Louis XVIII of France and his wife Queen Marie-Josephe-Louise of Savoy. The Hall became a home of lavish French hospitality where its guests would dine in the Grand Salon with its beautiful painted ceiling designed by Sir James Thornhill.

This magnificent mansion, that has been fit for royalty over the last 500 years, now adds an entirely different chapter to its history and has settled comfortably into its new role as a venue for weddings and receptions.



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THE HAPPY COUPLES...



We honestly don't know where to start with thanking you for making our day so special. Everyone of our guests has commented on your beautiful venue, the professionalism of the staff and most importantly how fantastic our Front of House Manager was! She made our fabulous day seamless and we did not have to worry about a single thing. It really did make us feel like royalty. We knew when we found Gosfield that it was the perfect venue for our day. But our Front of House Manager and your staff made it into something more special than we could have ever dreamed it to be. The food was delicious, DJ was fab, and house totally beautiful. Simply thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Darren & Hannah

We just wanted to say a huge thank-you for being so fabulous and helpful on the run up to the wedding and the actual day! You were all so lovely to work with and we couldn't recommend you highly enough to others..and we will. The wedding spoke for itself... everyone was stunned by how beautiful the food was and how everything looked. If there is somewhere you'd like us to post a review, we will do gladly. It was magical and went even better than we'd hoped!

Elliot & Vicky



What can I say about our magical day on Monday 25th May? It was absolutely perfect in every single way. We were both blown away by the smooth running of the whole day & the food was beyond exquisite. Everyone was so complimentary on Gosfield Hall and you guys should be so proud of your fabulous product and impeccable service that you offer. Simply perfect. Davina our Front of House Manager, you should be called superwoman. I reckon you were on hand every second yet without being one bit intrusive.

David & Kirsty

Jan/Jess (and all the team at Gosfield Hall) I just wanted to drop you a quick note to say what a wonderful day you made for myself and Mark last Friday. Everybody has said what an amazing day it was, how well it was run by you Jan, and how the venue and food was outstanding. You have given Mark and I the most wonderful memories (Mark and everybody else wants us to do it again. Mark's already talking about when can we renew our wedding vows!). Once again thank you, thank you, thank you!

Mark & Liz



A huge thank you for making our wedding day so very special!! We cannot stop talking about the day and smiling. All our families and friends have been so complimentary about Gosfield Hall and your amazing organisation. The whole day went so smoothly and it all seemed so effortless, but I know that only comes about from a great deal of hard work and team work. Many, many thanks! We are still on a high and enjoying thinking about our lovely day.

Bob & Jean

We just wanted to thank you for all your efforts to make our wedding on the 3rd Jan so wonderful. I never thought everything could run so smoothly and we have heard nothing but compliments from all the guests on how good a time they had and how much they enjoyed the venue. It was the best day of our lives so far! Thank you very much for everything, it is greatly appreciated and we would recommend you and Gosfield to anyone!

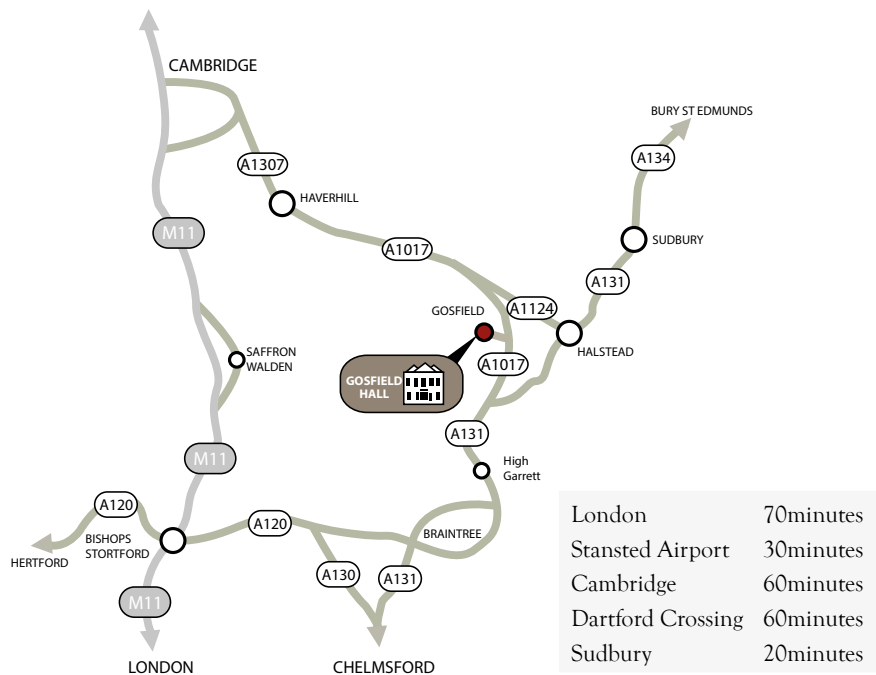
Dale and Katherine



VENUE INFORMATION

We look forward to welcoming you to Gosfield Hall and hope that you choose our special venue for your perfect day. Our venues look stunning in the brochures but nothing will compare to seeing them in real life. To arrange your viewing or to find out more about our upcoming open days, please contact our team of wedding experts today...






LOCATION



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