



*'Port Eliot - a field of dreams'* Catherine St. Germans





For some, Port Eliot can be a retreat of tranquility and magic for others it can become a fantastical pleasure ground of music, drums and laughter.

An extraordinary marriage begins in an extraordinary location. Port Eliot hosts bespoke wedding celebrations, each as individual as the couple at the heart of them.

A Port Eliot wedding can be a classical fairy-tale or a story of Bohemian decadence (perhaps even a little bit of both). As a private house with extensive grounds, a superb contacts book and an open mind, Port Eliot provides an unforgettable setting for all styles of celebration.





# Mi Casa es su casa

*'Houses are built to live in, and not to look on: therefore let use be preferred before uniformity.'* Francis Bacon

Where better place to celebrate your wedding day, than in the woodland gardens and park of an ancient stately home and mediaeval monastery in south east Cornwall (the oldest continually inhabited dwelling in the UK).

Whether you take the House for a day or the grounds for a weekend retreat, you and your guests will be welcomed to Port Eliot and made to feel at home.

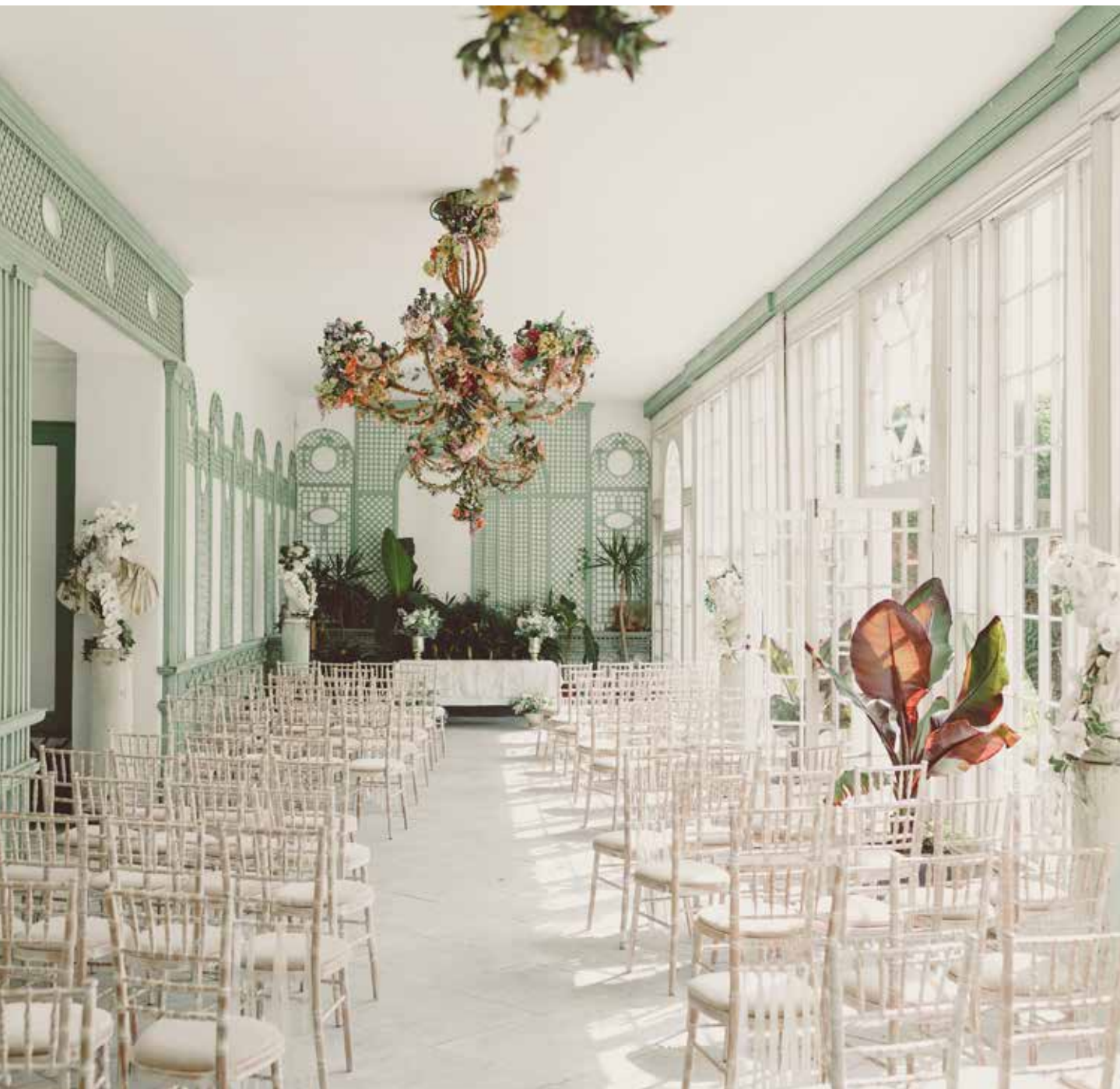




# *The Ceremony*

*'Now join your hands, and with your hands your hearts.'* William Shakespeare





Port Eliot House is licensed to hold civil ceremonies and partnerships, but for those seeking something a little more traditional, the Norman church of St Germans Priory next door can bring a touch of 13th-century grandeur to the ceremony.

## The Orangery

The Orangery, with its secret garden and chandeliers entwined with silk flowers, can accommodate 130 guests for a civil ceremony.

## The Boathouse

The Boat House is an 18th Century building in the picturesque manner. It is truly a hidden gem, offering stunning views over the Lynher estuary. Get married under the canopy of the boathouse porch, with all of your friends around you.

## The Grounds

One of the most beautiful places in Cornwall, Port Eliot offers something for everyone; young-hearted love to run free on the lawns, others prefer the calm and dappled shade of the woodland garden. Guests can wander amidst the rhododendrons and camellias; get lost in the maze, or marvel at the landscaping designed by Sir Humphrey Repton in the Grade I Listed garden, as they walk along the hidden gems of the estuary walk and the viaduct.







## *The Reception*

Grand or intimate, indoors or out, the height of festival jubilee or the depths of decadence...





Wedding receptions at Port Eliot can be wonderfully personalised, not packaged, at every level. However you chose to embellish your wedding - fresh flowers, décor, drinks, menus, music and more - we can help tailor the day to your individual tastes.

And when the vows have been spoken and the dining is done, the celebrations can really begin.

As night falls, Port Eliot can be transformed into an enchanting wonderland when the air shimmers with tinkling fairy lights and candle-lit paths with glowing lanterns floating along the river like magical little boats.











## Sleep Well

The beautiful Terrace Suite, separated from the House by its own entrance door, is completely private. Once Lady St Germans sitting room and children's schoolroom, it is now a set of delightful bedrooms, bathroom and living room. All the rooms have high ceilings, big wide windows and charming doors. The main bedroom is comfortably well appointed with bespoke antique furniture, old masters and 19th century seascapes and an elegant Queen Anne four-poster bed. The adjacent dressing room, tastefully decorated with European watercolour drawings, overlooks the impressive Norman Church of St Germans Priory. Soak away your wedding nerves in a lovely hot bubble bath with a glass of champagne in the commensurably deep and over 6 foot long bathtub.

In the morning, choose to have either breakfast in bed or in the small dining room across from the hall, overlooking Repton Park, and really feel like Lord and Lady of the Manor.

We aim to ensure you have a highly individual and exclusive wedding. We revel in unusual ideas! Every wedding is unique. At Port Eliot, one of the most important days of your life can be truly magical. You will have the support of Lucy, our wedding manager, before and on the day of your wedding.



*“A Cornish gem, hidden on an idyllic estuary, Port Eliot is a most magical demi-paradise of this sceptred isle.”*

Michael Howells



# *Decadent*

Whether your taste is for classical charm, or rock and roll lavishness, Port Eliot makes a spectacular and unusual setting for any wedding.

Few stately homes can boast a setting as picturesque as Port Eliot's. It nestles in a rolling Cornish valley, is flanked by a Brunel viaduct and presided over by a castellated stately home set in Humphry Repton-designed parkland.







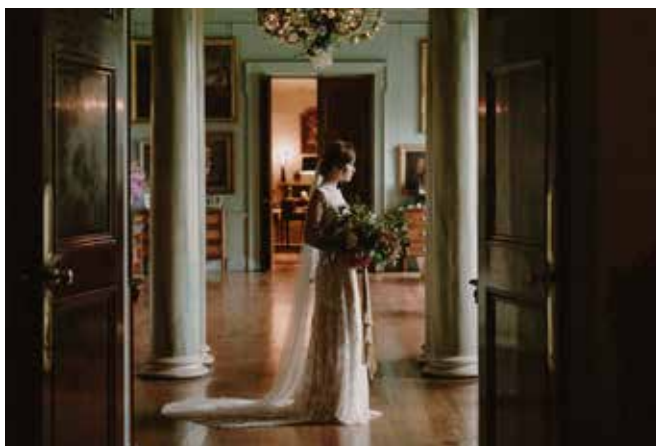


## Pre-Wedding

Arrive to afternoon tea, play pétanque on the Bowling Green, meander through the beautiful grade I listed gardens down to the riverbank or enjoy a personal guided tour exploring the ancient treasure chest of a house that Lord and Lady St Germans call home.

The House has antiquity and raw beauty in abundance, a place of timeworn opulence.

Inhabited since the Bronze Age, Port has housed Augustinian monks, survived confiscation by Charles I's Court of the Star Chamber and been declared the most beautiful place in England by Napoleon.



## The Round Room

Port Eliot's central room boasts a 360° masterpiece mural by Robert Lenkiewicz alongside great works by Reynolds and Van Dyck. This most spectacular room provides an unforgettable backdrop for any Champagne reception.

## The Drawing Room

Once the Refectory of the monastery, the impressive Drawing Room has most recently been remodeled by Sir John Soane. He created the delightful enfilade, which runs from the conservatory and through several rooms, bringing a wonderful amount of natural light into the house. Adjoining the Salon, it is one of



the most glorious rooms in which to hold civil ceremonies (up to 120 people) and overlooks the splendidly landscaped Repton Park.

## The Big Dining Room

The Big Dining Room is the perfect area to host a grand feast for up to 60 wedding guests. With an enviable black book of inspired chefs, dining at Port Eliot runs the gamut from haute cuisine banquets to the best locally sourced, home-cooked farm-fresh food. Our specially selected chefs offer the finest catering...

...Of course, anything is possible; it is only limited by imagination and budget.

When the ceremony is over and the feasting has been done, the celebrations can really begin.

As evening slips into night, the Dining Room can transform into a one-of-a-kind, glittering dance space. No wedding is complete without a little music, and thanks to Port Eliot's prestigious festival we have the numbers to some of the best bands in the West (and beyond!) Those less inclined to dance can retire to the Round Room, settle in to one of the extremely comfortable sofas in front of the fire and admire the modern masterpiece of the Riddle Mural by Lenkiewicz.

*'Port Eliot is that most magical of things: a gathering ... that is also an incredible party and a chance to escape to one of the most enchanted corners of England.'* Harper's Bazaar





# *Traditional*

Port Eliot truly is one of the most beautiful and enchanting places in Cornwall. Its idyllic setting, with the imposing house overlooking stunning parkland, is the historic seat of the Earl and Countess of St Germans. The house is still very much a family home and has a long history of hosting amazing events.





*“When I saw you I fell in love, and you  
smiled because you knew.”*

Arrigo Boito





Port Eliot has a number of locations licensed for civil ceremonies.

## The Drawing Room

The Drawing Room, with its magnificent views of the Repton Park, can accommodate 80-seated guests.

## The Dining Room

The Dining Room with its roaring fire makes a sumptuous venue for 100 guests.



## The Orangery

Hold a beautiful ceremony for 130 guests in the stunning 19th century Orangery, looking out onto its own geometric garden with a fountain, surrounded by a dramatic yew hedge.

## Magnum Opus

After you have said your vows, you may wish to host a Champagne reception in the imposing Round Room, which boasts a 360° masterpiece mural by Robert Lenkiewicz alongside great works by Reynolds and Van Dyck.

Thereafter, a wedding breakfast (for up to 200) can be held in a marquee in one of a number of areas of Port Eliot's Grade I listed gardens.

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everyone; young-hearted love to run free on the lawns, others prefer the calm and dappled shade of the woodland garden. Guests can wander amidst the rhododendrons and camellias; get lost in the maze or marvel at the landscaping of the Park, designed by Sir Humphrey Repton, as they walk along and discover the hidden gems of the estuary walk and the viaduct.

## Marquee in the Landscape

At Port Eliot we can also provide beautiful locations for your marquee reception. The Boat House Lawn is a hidden wonder in the woodland garden, with views over the Lynher estuary.

Perhaps you would prefer the Park or North Lawn with the magnificent Port Eliot house and St German's church as your romantic backdrop.

One of the most exciting parts of designing the look for your wedding is choosing the marquee. Whether your preference is for traditional white canvas tents or Bedouin tipis, big tops or yurts, we can help you source them.

Our highly experienced approved marquee suppliers will be happy to provide a bespoke quotation for your requirements, giving you complete flexibility to achieve the most attractive and practical arrangement to suit the nature of your wedding day.









## Local Inspiration

As well as marquees, we can provide you with an extensive list of fantastic local businesses, sourcing everything including food, flowers, musicians, photographers, transport (from vintage cars to pony and trap), fine wines, regional ales and top notch Cornish Scrumpy.

We have contacts for makers of gorgeous bespoke wedding dresses for both bride and bridesmaids. Our list of local caterers all produce scrumptious tucker from elegant canapés or a fresh seafood platter, to local cheeses or a simply delicious home-made Cornish pastry to sate any tummies at the end of the day's celebration.

## If Music Be the Food of Love

The first dance, the disco, the waltz... A wedding is incomplete without a little entertainment. Depending on what you have in mind we can use some of our extensive festival contacts to source you a fantastic DJ, a great gypsy swing band, magicians, a hauntingly beautiful Celtic harp, or a first-rate covers band to while the night away.

*'Port Eliot is a retreat of tranquility and magic...'*

Harper's Bazaar

# *Festival*

With a river running through it, Port Eliot house itself and the intricate gardens and rolling hills, there is arguably not as beautiful a place in Cornwall to celebrate your wedding.

Weddings at Port Eliot are magical and unforgettable occasions. Due to the nature of the site, they tend to have a vibrant, festival feel.





*'Port Eliot; a giant fairytale you'd only  
find in England'*

Harper's Bazaar







Designing your own individual carnival-type world is one of the most exciting aspects of hosting a festival wedding.

Years of putting on a festival mean that we are experts in creating amazing events and through our highly recommended suppliers and associates, we can help you put on a truly fabulous show.

Create beautiful fairy lit paths with candles and lanterns dotted through the trees and leading to secret play areas with amazing entertainers, bunting laden canvas big tops, velvet covered hay bales, maypoles and anything else you desire.



Hold a beautiful ceremony in the stunning 19th century Orangery, looking out onto its own geometric garden with a fountain, surrounded by a dramatic yew hedge.

Utter your vows by the Boat House in the Woodland Garden, a truly hidden gem that offers stunning views across the banks of the Lynher estuary. You may wish to have a blessing in an enchanting area of Port Eliot's gardens; under one of the magnificent trees, by a fountain, ornamental pond and even in the secret maze!

When the vows have been spoken, lead your guests in a procession through brightly coloured silk flags fluttering in the breeze to your festival world, with a band playing you on your way to really add to the theatricality of it all!



Thereafter, the feasting and merrymaking can commence!

Food is such an important aspect of any wedding; sumptuous wedding breakfasts or mouth-watering hog roasts with all the trimmings, picnic hampers down by the river or a delightful medley of street food from a mini market of specialist vendors - all can work really well with a festival wedding.

## Entertainment

*'The earth has music for those who listen'*

George Santayana

What part of a wedding or festival is complete without some soulful 'food of love' music and entertaining revelry? From DJ's, solo artists and bands to acts as diverse as flame throwing, stilt walking and jugglers. Children's storytellers, raving tech house DJ's, Moulin Rouge floorshow or Big Band Jazz - we can recommend some of the best in the land!





## Glamp it Up!

What better to spend a fabulous night or two experiencing Port Eliot's own Shangri-la than in a delightful canopy under the stars?

In the evening the air can shimmer with glowing lanterns and twinkling fairylights.

Glamping at Port is wonderfully memorable, whether camping in your own Bohemian-styled tent or sliding into a shimmering silver airstream caravan. The parkland takes in rolling pastures, ancient woodland, stunning estuary and river views and shady rhododendron groves, all to be seen from the front door of your cosy tent or luxury bohemian yurt.

*“Marriage is a festival to celebrate unconditional love between two beating hearts.”*

Megha Khare







## Sleep Under the Stars...

Should you want a number of guests to stay overnight, we encourage you to explore the fun, exciting alternative of superior, serviced glamping tents within the park! Port Eliot is fortunate to have an excellent partnership with innovative companies to include LPM Bohemia ([www.lpmbohemia.com](http://www.lpmbohemia.com)) and the Pop Up Hotel ([www.thepopuphotel.com](http://www.thepopuphotel.com)) who offer luxurious 'under canvas' accommodation combined with all the benefits you might expect from a first class hotel. Linens, duvets and pillows, lighting, toiletries, bathrooms, furniture, absolutely everything has been thought of for an all year round enjoyable experience. Any need or budget can be accommodated with a selection of room options available, frame or inflatable luxury beds, wooden floors, rugs, clothes storage, mirrors, and so much more.

Your Port Eliot wedding coordinator, Lucy, will be more than happy to obtain a quotation for you to create a bespoke 'under canvas' hotel for your guests.



## Close by...

If glamping doesn't quite suit your guests there are a large number of good quality trusted hotels and boutique B&Bs just minutes away - some even within walking distance of the estate, and some a short taxi drive away. Most importantly, be assured, there is an excellent choice for your guests to suit every budget.

## Extend Your Stay...

Your friends and relatives may wish to make more of visiting the wonderful county of Cornwall and hire a cosy cottage for the week. We are close to many lovely beaches - Whitsand Bay, with its long golden sands and the tiny fishing villages of Cawsand and Polperro. Walk along the coastal path to Rame Head, and then finish off with a crab salad at the Rod & Line in Tideford and a pint of real ale. Or visit the medieval National Trust property Cotehele House, with its superb collection of textiles, dovecote and riverside walks. Both Dartmoor and Bodmin moor and their rugged granite tors and beautiful landscapes are only 20 minutes away by car and the inspiring vast biomes of the Eden Project are just a 25-mile sojourn down the road! And for those partial to a bit of teeing off, one of the most stunning cliff top golf courses in Cornwall, at Whitsand Bay, is 4 miles from our door.





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