



Thornbury Castle  
WEDDINGS







## YOUR STORY BEGINS...

Rising out of the mists of time, Thornbury Castle is a unique and unforgettable wedding venue. Set in the South Gloucestershire countryside, on the edge of the Cotswolds, it's every romantic's dream. Celebrate among centuries of tradition, with luxuriantly decorated private rooms, historic pleasure gardens and four-poster bedchambers.

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With a history dating back to the Tudors, we certainly know how to impress. For 500 years, Thornbury Castle has entertained the rich, famous and royal in style and grandeur.

Here, Henry VIII brought his bride Anne Boleyn on their first tour around England. Walk in their footsteps, sleep in their bedchamber, and feel like royalty yourselves. But don't lose your heads – we'll take care of the finer details, leaving you to relax and enjoy this most special of days.









## EXCLUSIVELY YOURS

Feel like royalty with the command of your very own castle. Create a bespoke celebration that's uniquely yours with exclusive venue hire from 12pm on your wedding day to 11am the following morning.

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With the castle entirely to yourselves, enjoy the peace and privacy it offers without other hotel guests. Play croquet in the Tudor gardens, share a quiet moment by the fireside, or eat breakfast with your family and friends. Relax and revel in the feeling that this is your home for the day.

Exclusive use of the castle for 24 hours includes:

- Hire of all public rooms in the castle.
- Hire of the Tudor gardens and grounds.
- All 26 bedchambers, including our Tower Suite and Gatehouse.
- Space for a marquee, if you'd like to hire one.
- Complimentary menu tasting for yourself and your partner.
- Display stand for your table plan.
- Cake stand and silver knife.
- White linen tablecloths and napkins, all crockery, glasses and cutlery.
- Complimentary use of our croquet and archery sets.
- Complimentary on-site car parking for yourselves and your guests.
- CD player or docking station for your ceremony and wedding breakfast music.
- Dedicated wedding coordinator to oversee the wedding planning.
- Thornbury Castle Master of Ceremonies for the day.
- Complimentary overnight stay with breakfast for your first anniversary.







## NORTH WING EXCLUSIVE HIRE

Create your own castle idyll with hire of the grand North Wing. Incorporating the Tudor Hall, Boyling House and Great Oven, along with seven individual bedchambers, it's the perfect setting for big days with a difference.

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Our Tudor Hall is one of the finest rooms in the castle, guaranteed to create an impression. Featuring a dramatic mullioned window, stone walls adorned with tapestries and paintings, and a huge original fireplace, it's an evocative space rich with history. Serve drinks and canapés in the Boyling House (an ideal reception area), with the Great Oven providing extra space for entertainment or quiet conversation.

The Tudor Hall can accommodate up to 70 guests for a traditional wedding breakfast and 120 guests for an evening reception.

Exclusive use of the North Wing includes:

- Hire of the Tudor Hall, Boyling House and Great Oven for your wedding day.
- Use of the Tudor gardens for your drinks reception and photographs.
- Bed and breakfast accommodation in seven rooms on your wedding night.
- Complimentary menu tasting for yourself and your partner.
- Display stand for your table plan.
- Cake stand and silver knife.
- White linen tablecloths and napkins, all crockery, glasses and cutlery.
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## INTIMATE WEDDINGS

Make it a private and personal occasion that's all about you. If you love the idea of an elegant ceremony for two (with the option of up to 12 guests), we'll create a day that's simply perfect.

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Get married in the historic library of Thornbury Castle, with a feature fireplace backdrop. Or choose a blessing or vow renewal outside in the picturesque summerhouse, set within its own rose garden. We can even supply witnesses (in fact, we love to).

However you plan to celebrate, we'll help you design an occasion that captures who you are, and is every bit as personal as you could wish.









# YOUR WEDDING CEREMONY

The breathtaking setting of Thornbury Castle is available for wedding ceremonies, vow renewals and blessings.

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We have several rooms that are licensed for wedding ceremonies, each inclusive of a complimentary long and low floral arrangement for the registrar's table.

## The Lounge

Our lounge and library provide a timelessly elegant environment for your ceremony. The wood panelled lounge is furnished with antiques and plush Knole sofas, with original oil paintings and an ornate fireplace. Get married in front of a stunning feature window, in rooms gently lit by firelight and candelabras.

The lounge and library are perfect for relaxed gatherings and can accommodate up to 24 guests, with ceremony room hire from £750.

## The Tudor Hall

The Tudor Hall is a magnificent space unlike any other in the country. An atmospheric room filled with light from a mullioned window, it features stone walls hung with tapestries and paintings, and a huge original fireplace. Say your vows in front of the window or fireplace, with soft candelabra lighting.

The Tudor Hall can accommodate up to 70 guests, with ceremony and wedding breakfast room hire from £1,500.

## The Tudor Gardens

In the castle grounds and original Tudor gardens, you'll literally walk in the footsteps of nobles through the ages. Our idyllic walled gardens form a romantically private sphere, with two rose gardens, a privy garden and pleasure garden to explore. Inside the garden walls is a stone summerhouse, ideal for intimate outdoor services.

Although not licensed for civil ceremonies, the summerhouse and gardens can be used for Humanist ceremonies and blessings, with hire from £750.









## FOOD AND DRINK

Once your ceremony is complete, celebrate with close friends and family. Mingle and chat while we serve from a selection of soft drinks, fine wines and Champagnes, together with delicious freshly prepared canapés.

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Walk out to a traditional Champagne reception, or opt for something seasonal. For a warm summer's day, choose refreshing Pimm's and lemonade in the garden, or create a cosy winter reception with a fireside glass of mulled wine.

If you'd like an informal or vintage celebration, our renowned afternoon tea will set the perfect tone. Sit down to a classic cream tea, full afternoon tea, or – as it's a special occasion – an indulgent Champagne afternoon tea.

We offer three menu options for your wedding breakfast, but are more than happy to arrange a meeting with our Head Chef, who can create an entirely bespoke menu for your special day. You may also like to request additional courses, such as a fish course, cheese course or palate cleansing sorbet.

When you exclusively hire the whole castle or North Wing, we'll arrange a complimentary menu tasting, where you can sample dishes before making any decisions. Our sommelier will also be on hand to advise on the best wines to accompany your choices.

To round off your day, we offer several evening options, including finger buffets, hot fork buffets, barbecues, a hog roast, and crowd-pleasing bacon rolls.





# WEDDING BREAKFASTS

Whether your dream is an intimate candlelit dinner or something altogether more lavish, we have a range of options to suit.

## The Tower Restaurant

If you're planning a day just for you, dine in the peaceful surroundings of our 2 AA Rosette restaurant, where past guests include Sophia Loren and Laurence Olivier. Choose from a seasonal a la carte menu, featuring local and castle-grown produce, or mark the occasion by sampling our six-course Royal Tasting Menu.

## Dungeon Dining

Beneath the imposing walls of Thornbury Castle lies its 16th century dungeon and wine cellar. Groups of up to eight can dine in this unique and private candlelit environment, surrounded by exposed stone walls and an award-winning artisan wine collection. Enjoy a sensational bespoke menu, designed especially for you by our Head Chef.

## The Baron's Sitting Room

Settle down to an intimate wedding breakfast in this beautiful wood panelled room. Seating 24, the Baron's Sitting Room is infused with character and charm, featuring an ornate carved fireplace, deep-set windows and views out over the courtyard and vineyard. Enjoy drinks in the connecting Chancellor's Lounge before taking your seats for a delicious meal.

Wedding breakfast room hire from £500.

## The Tudor Hall

Celebrate in the privacy of our Tudor Hall, an awe-inspiring room with exposed stone walls, a large open fire and intricate tapestries. Entirely self-contained, it connects to the Boiling House, an ideal reception area for drinks and canapés, and the Great Oven, which offers a quieter space with sofas. Seating up to 70 people, the hall is a fantastic option for larger parties.

Ceremony and wedding breakfast room hire from £1,500.



## EVENING RECEPTIONS

As your day melts into evening, unwind and enjoy music, entertainment and deliciously informal food.





## BARON'S PACKAGE

For smaller celebrations with sparkle, we've created an all-inclusive offering for 20 guests.

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- Wedding ceremony in the Library or Lounge.
- Long and low floral arrangement for the registrar's table.
- Pre-reception glass of house wine, mineral water or orange juice.
- Canapés accompanying your reception drink (four per person).
- Wedding breakfast room hire of the Baron's Sitting Room.
- Three-course wedding breakfast.
- Glass of house wine served with your meal.
- Glass of house Prosecco for the toast drink.
- Five classic bedchambers for overnight accommodation, with breakfast the following morning.

Only £4,000

Available on selected dates, with options for upgrades and alternatives.



## BARON'S PACKAGE MENU

Roasted tomato and basil soup  
Pork and apple terrine, apple chutney and toast

Roasted chicken, fondant potatoes,  
seasonal vegetables and red wine jus  
Slow-roasted lamb shoulder, minted  
pommes purée, rainbow chard and lamb jus

Vanilla parfait, honeycomb and marinated berries  
Milk chocolate mousse, white chocolate powder  
and raspberries









## AND SO TO BED...

There's no better way to finish your day than sinking into a warm four-poster bed. As the only Tudor castle hotel in England, Thornbury Castle is able to offer unforgettable accommodation for you and your guests.

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Every one of our 26 bedchambers is fabulously atmospheric, most featuring four-poster or coronet beds, stone walls, tapestries, roaring fires, ornate carved ceilings and views over the historic parkland and River Severn.

All bedchambers are luxuriously warm, with many heated by real fires. Marrying historic charm with modern comfort, rooms contain opulent, well-appointed bathrooms – some with baths and showers – and lots of welcoming touches, including a decanter of sherry awaiting your arrival.

### Classics

Our seven classic bedchambers are generous, traditionally decorated double rooms, with the option of a double bed or twin beds.

### Deluxe

These unique bedchambers contain four-poster beds and period features such as arrow-slit or leaded windows, exposed stone walls in the North Wing, and majestic wallpapering in the South. Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn stayed in the Duke's Bedchamber, one of our present-day deluxe rooms, during their 1535 visit.

### Deluxe Suites

Each of our three deluxe suites has a separate dressing or lounge area, an open fire and fantastic décor. Two contain four-poster beds, while one has a generous double.

### Tower Suite

Choose the high life: the Tower bedchamber is at the top of the tower in the South Wing and is reached by a spiral staircase of 77 stone steps (we'll carry your luggage). Its huge four-poster bed, sumptuous Tudor furnishings, silk wall hangings and stunning views across Gloucestershire make this, quite literally, the top suite in the castle.

### The Gatehouse

Secluded and self-contained, the Victorian gatehouse is located next to our vineyard and includes a double room, twin room and two bathrooms (one en-suite). Enjoy the privacy of having your own lounge/dining room, kitchen and garden, while the facilities of magnificent Thornbury Castle are just across the lawns.











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