

Perfect
wedding

101 *dream* VENUES

STUNNING
SPACES FOR
EVERY BUDGET

**GORGEOUS
CASTLES** FIT
FOR ROYALTY

BEAUTIFUL
BARNs **TO FALL
IN LOVE WITH**

SAY 'I DO'
IN A SWIMMING
POOL!

SETTINGS
THAT
WOW >>

FIT FOR ROYALTY

WANT TO FEEL LIKE A PRINCESS ON YOUR BIG DAY?
THESE DRAMATIC SETTINGS SHOULD DO THE TRICK

OPT FOR
WEDDING DAY
GLAMOUR AND
OPULENCE >>



BELVOIR CASTLE LEICESTERSHIRE

This regal residence has been the ancestral home of the Dukes of Rutland for hundreds of years and it is basically the epitome of British grandeur. Think sweeping staircases, golden rooms topped with chandeliers and landscaped gardens in which to enjoy your afternoon drinks reception. hitched.co.uk



LUTTRELLSTOWN CASTLE RESORT DUBLIN

Magnificent ballrooms, awe-inspiring libraries, walled gardens and manicured lawns – Luttrellstown Castle is all your Disney princess dreams in one handy setting. The 12 bedrooms are all ridiculously big and elegant too – each one the perfect place to get glammed up with your bridal squad on your wedding morning. luttrellstowncastle.com



BEST FOR...
STATELY
GLAMOUR

CARDIFF CASTLE CARDIFF

In the centre of the busy Welsh capital is this amazing historical landmark. There's all the usual fairytale options, but if you're after something a little bit different, opt for the dramatic stone-vaulted Undercroft for a truly atmospheric reception. cardiffcastle.com



HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE HILLSBOROUGH, NI

This working royal residence is the real deal. Exchange your vows in one of the state rooms surrounded by artworks from the old masters and then entertain your party in the equally fancy Throne Room. The gorgeous grounds make the perfect backdrop for photos or a marquee. hrp.org.uk/hillsborough-castle





CHÂTEAU RHIANFA ANGLESEY

Why travel all the way to France when you can have your very own French chateau in Wales?! With views of Snowdonia and the Menai Strait, this impressive stately home has some serious wow-factor. There's even a helipad on the grounds – time to dust off the old chopper. chateaurhianfa.com



WOBURN ABBEY ESTATE BEDFORDSHIRE

With a Sculpture Gallery, intimate hotel space and a super-quirky Safari Lodge all on offer at Woburn Estate, you really can create your own bespoke big day style to wow your guests. Why not organise a drive-through Safari after your 'I dos' and later relax with a traditional African barbeque? hitched.co.uk



ALNWICK CASTLE NORTHUMBERLAND

With its dreamy turrets, beamed roofs and stone archways – it's no surprise that this magical venue has doubled as Hogwarts in the *Harry Potter* films. The Guest Hall is the ideal place to host the ultimate wedding breakfast banquet, and later you can all pop out to the lawn for broomstick training (seriously!). hitched.co.uk



BEST FOR...
A MAGICAL
BIG DAY



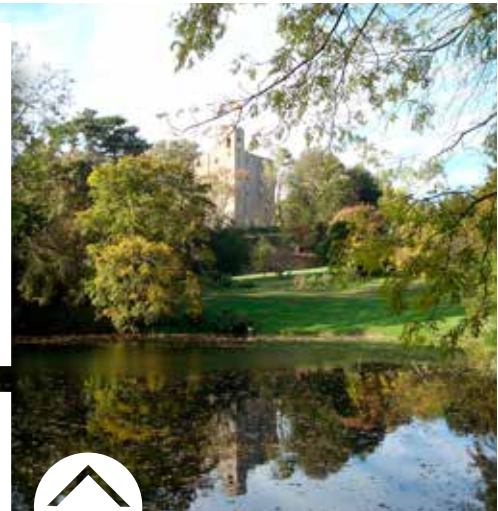
IMAGE: NICOLA AND GLEN PHOTOGRAPHY

HAMPTON COURT PALACE SURREY

Here's one venue that doesn't need any introduction. Famed for being the party residence for England's kings and queens throughout the ages, this spectacular palace is your dream big day venue (and then some). We love the glorious medieval Great Hall – perfect for dancing the night away. hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace

HIGHCLERE CASTLE NEWBURY

Looking for a wow-them venue? What could be better than Lord and Lady Grantham's family home? Yep, *Downton Abbey* (aka Highclere Castle) is available for your big day moment. Make an entrance on the elegant oak staircase like Lady Mary, and later entertain family and friends in the State Rooms, with your very own Carson on-hand. highclerecastle.co.uk



HEDINGHAM CASTLE ESSEX

Believe it or not, descendants of the original owners of this 900-year-old Norman keep still reside at this (rather fancy) family home! You really can have it all here, with a fab combination of dramatic Norman grandeur, gorgeous Georgian manor aesthetic and amazing landscaped gardens (complete with ornamental lake) to boot. hitched.co.uk



BEST FOR...
A GRAND
PARTY

BLENHEIM PALACE OXFORDSHIRE

With its amazing 18th century baroque architecture and over 90 acres of formal gardens it's no wonder that this stately house has featured in the likes of *James Bond*, *Cinderella* and *Mission Impossible* (to name a few). With more than six venue options suitable for up to 2,000 guests (2,000!) this is the place for the party of a lifetime. hitched.co.uk



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PENNYHILL PARK

SURREY

This gorgeous 19th Century ivy-clad mansion is available for exclusive-use – which means you can basically pretend it's yours for 24 hours. We love the beautiful manicured gardens with romantic Lily Pond Terrace (hello, photo opps) and classic Terrace Pavilion – perfect for a summertime ceremony. hitched.co.uk



BEST FOR...
SERIOUS
GLAMOUR

BOVEY CASTLE

DEVON

Situated in the heart of Dartmoor National Park this dramatic country venue oozes old-school charm. With both indoor and outdoor ceremony options available, you're free to hold a decadent winter wedding with toasts by the grand fireplace or a classic summer garden party (à la Tom Daley who tied the knot here in May). hitched.co.uk




ADDINGTON PALACE

SURREY

This impressive country pile has everything you could want for a palatial wedding backdrop: grand staircase for amazing photos? Check. Royal Corridor for the most impressive entrance ever? You got it. Wood-panelled Great Hall bedecked with chandeliers? Of course. In fact, the only difficulty you'll have is choosing between them all... addington-palace.co.uk

CHIDDINGSTONE CASTLE

KENT

Looking for a classic fairytale castle? This incredible exclusive-use Tudor setting ticks all the boxes. With a light and airy Orangery, a classic formal raised lawn (perfect for Pimm's and fizz after the main event), and the grand oak-panelled Great Hall, you and your guests will be spoilt for choice! hitched.co.uk



THE ROYAL CRESCENT HOTEL & SPA

BATH

Set in the romantic city of Bath, this iconic hotel is the epitome of classic elegance. Say your vows in the Georgian-style courtyard with its honeysuckle-covered, Bath-stone walls followed by a spot of croquet on the lawn. Later, the Head Chef will wow you with a personalised menu of all your favourite dishes. royalcrescant.co.uk

STYLISH SETTING

Gild your statement surroundings with opulent golden touches and bold décor



STYLE TIP

Glam interiors don't need much to make them look amazing. Choose a few dainty pieces for classic elegance

WE LOVE THE AMAZING INTERIORS AT HARTWELL HOUSE IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: 1 GOLD CONFETTI-FILLED BALLOONS, CANDLE & CAKE **£3.49**; 2 BAROQUE PLACECARD HOLDER, HOPE AND WILLOW AT NOT ON THE HIGH STREET **£3.25**; 3 GOLD DECORATION SET, OH SO PRETTY ON DAWANDA.COM **£14.15**; 4 LARGE CANDELABRA, MELODY MAISON **£19.95**; 5 FLORAL DISPLAY, JAY ARCHER FLORAL DESIGN **£POA**; 6 GOLD STRAWS, PAPERMASH **£4.95**; 7 MARBLE DRINKS TOKENS, POSH TOTTY DESIGNS AT NOT ON THE HIGH STREET **£4.50**; 8 ELLA, THE ENCHANTED CAKE COMPANY **£2,800**; 9 MARBLED INVITE, ITSY BELLE STUDIO AT MINTED **£POA**.

IN THE COUNTRY

EMBRACE YOUR INNER FLOWER CHILD AND CHOOSE
ONE OF THESE GORGEOUS GREEN SPACES



PICK A
ROMANTIC,
INFORMAL
SETTING >>



CAMP KÁTUR 
NORTH YORKSHIRE

Hold a blessing ceremony in the 250 acres of magical woodland with your nearest and dearest seated on rustic tree trunk benches. Then carry on the party in the Glamping Meadowland where you can set up a marquee, tipi or lots of party tents – the possibilities are endless! hitched.co.uk

IMAGE: PINK LILLY PHOTOGRAPHY

TREVIBBAN MILL 
VINEYARD
CORNWALL

Down a winding country lane and surrounded by meadows of wildflowers you'll find the perfect place for a party. After your vows, celebrate with a glass of estate wine and stroll around the 11,000 vines and orchards. There's even a pretty eco-lodge onsite for you and your new partner to get cosy in. hitched.co.uk



BEST FOR...
COUNTRY
ROMANCE

EDEN BARN 
CUMBRIA

Created in traditional Westmorland stone and surrounded by sweeping views of the gorgeous Eden Valley, this quaint barn sums up country charm. The space offers up a list of accredited suppliers, but you can also select your own if you want to create something a bit more bespoke. hitched.co.uk

NANTWEN
PEMBROKESHIRE

Crafted with local expertise and using the latest eco-friendly technology, this lovingly-restored barn is the ideal sport for nature lovers. It's an intimate space for up to 50 guests, but there's plenty of room outside in the romantic open meadow – perfect for a party marquee or tipi. nantwen.co.uk



IMAGE: OWEN HOWELLS



IMAGE: NAOMI KENTON



HEALEY BARN NORTHUMBERLAND

Festooned with over 100 candles and bedecked with fairy lights, the Long Barn creates the ultimate romantic backdrop for your big day ceremony. In the summertime, you and your guests can spill out into the sheltered courtyard for celebratory drinks, or in the cooler months you can cosy up by the grand fireplace. hitched.co.uk

THE BARN AT BURY COURT SURREY

Once thought to be a small village, this unique space is surrounded by beautiful English country gardens. Inside, fairy lights entwine the elegant oak-beamed barn which makes a beautiful ceremony and reception space. We love the upstairs gallery – the perfect place for an awesome photo booth. hitched.co.uk



IMAGE: PHOTOGRAPHY BY VICKI

SOUTH FARM CAMBRIDGESHIRE

There are so many beautiful big day settings to choose from at this unique farm. We are particularly in love with the summerhouse – a seven-sided, oak-framed beauty set by the lily pond, with guests looking out over the water. After the vows, pose for photos outside the colourful Romany caravans. hitched.co.uk



SOUTH FARM IMAGES: LINN & TOM

BEST FOR...
RURAL
CHARM



GAYNES PARK ESSEX

Prefer to bring the outside in for your ceremony? Gaynes Park offers the perfect solution. Walk through the walled garden (a great spot for lawn games later) and you'll find yourself in the light-filled, oak-beamed Orangery – the dreamiest relaxed setting. hitched.co.uk

IMAGE: JUSTIN BAILEY PHOTOGRAPHY



IMAGE: BEV DOWNIE PHOTOGRAPHY

SOUTHEND BARNES WEST SUSSEX

There are so many amazing spaces to choose from at this gorgeous setting. The Dairy Barn with exposed beams and sweet chestnut benches is sure to wow your guests, while the Threshing Barn with dramatic chandeliers and views over the surrounding gardens is the best place to dance the night away. hitched.co.uk



IMAGE: NICKI FELTHAM



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WINKWORTH FARM WILTSHIRE

Want to create a relaxed vibe for your big day? This idyllic farm set on the edge of the Cotswolds has a choice of three incredible locations for your ceremony – the Threshing Barn, the Long Barn or the al fresco Stone Roundhouse set within a picturesque sunken garden. hitched.co.uk

BEST FOR...
RUSTIC
BEAUTY

CRIPPS BARN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

If you're looking for a venue with wow factor but don't want the pomp and circumstance of a manor house, this Cotswold barn is definitely worth checking out. With its beautiful flagstone floors and rustic beams, it's a breathtaking backdrop for your day. Add to that a field for camping, hog roast and 'woodland glade' and it's hard not to fall in love. hitched.co.uk



IMAGE: BABB PHOTO



IMAGE: GEMMA WILLIAMS PHOTOGRAPHY



GATE STREET BARN

SURREY

Surrounded by bluebell woods, and English Longhorn cattle this working farm certainly ticks all those 'outdoor charm' boxes. The beautiful barn, made from reclaimed oak trees is a light and dreamy space for those 'I dos' and the lovely onsite accommodation makes wedding morning prep so much easier. hitched.co.uk



BEST FOR...
IN THE WILD
STYLE

LARMER TREE GARDENS

DORSET

Home to free-roaming peacocks and macaws, this spectacular venue was one of the original Victorian Pleasure Gardens. You can choose between three indoor and two outdoor W-day locations and the outdoor arches and temples make the best backdrop for those big day snaps. hitched.co.uk



OWEN HOUSE WEDDING BARN

CHESHIRE

With two paddocks, orchards, a patio and gardens (with a flower-covered pagoda) this family-run barn is the perfect spot for couples who want a rustic theme with style. There's also onsite accommodation at the farmhouse, which can be exclusively hired for you and your guests. hitched.co.uk



DEWSALL COURT

HEREFORDSHIRE

Nestled in the glorious Herefordshire countryside with views of the Black Mountains, this stunning country manor really does have everything. You can take your pick from indoor or outdoor ceremony options – there's even a beautiful little church at the end of the end of garden! hitched.co.uk



JIMMY'S FARM

SUFFOLK

This lovely old-fashioned working farm offers up the perfect rural setting for laid-back couples. Take some time to explore the woodland and have some photos with the local wildlife before enjoying an array of delicious seasonal food – straight from the farm. jimmysfarm.com

STYLISH SETTING

Decorate your country setting with fresh flowers and rustic fabrics for a gorgeous nature-inspired W-day...

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STYLE TIP

Flickering church candles and warm fairy lights give a big barn ceremony room plenty of atmosphere

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WE LOVE THE GORGEOUS THATCH BARN AT BLACKWELL GRANGE IN THE COTSWOLDS



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IMAGE: KATIE DROUET PHOTOGRAPHY

IMAGE: PAUL WILLETTS

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: 1 'MR & MRS' HESSIAN BUNTING, GINGER RAY **£7.99**; 2 CUSTOM MADE-TO-ORDER SIGN WITH PRESSED FLOWERS, EARTHEN ALLURE AT ETSY **£40.25**; 3 HANGING POSY VASE, DOTCOMGIFTSHOP **£2.95**; 4 WEDDING SIGNS, PRIMARK **£5**; 5 BERRY FLORAL CHALKBOARD INVITATION BUNDLE, NORMA & DOROTHY **FROM £2.85**; 6 GREEN WELLY COOKIES, JULIET STALLWOOD **£2.95**; 7 KRAFT TREAT BAGS, LUCK & LUCK **£7.95 FOR 90**; 8 WEDDING SIGN, THE CHALK SPOT **£POA**; 9 DISTRESSED HANGING HEART, LIVE LAUGH LOVE **£1.95**.

YOUR VENUES CHECKLIST

THE TOP 10 THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR WHEN BOOKING YOUR VENUE

1. MUSIC

Venues have to have a licence to play live music, but this means they will usually have a set time at which the tunes have to be turned off. Check the timings they have fit with the celebrations you had in mind, but don't fret too much if they seem really early. Remember your guests will have been celebrating since the afternoon so will be ready for bed at midnight.

2. SUPPLIERS

It's not uncommon for venues to have preferred caterers for you to use, and the same may go for other suppliers, such as florists and cake makers. If you had your own suppliers in mind ask how flexible these rules are before booking.

3. CEREMONY ROOM CAPACITY

Check how many guests can be seated in the ceremony room at your venue. These numbers will be based on health and safety regulations, so don't be tempted to invite a couple more people on the basis that you'll be able to squash them in, as they won't be allowed.

4. CORKAGE

Not all venues will let you supply your own alcohol, and some will have a prohibitive corkage fee, which will make it cheaper to buy your wine through them. Bear in mind that a corkage fee usually applies to any alcoholic mini favours too.

5. SET UP

Ask your venue when you'll be able to come in and start decorating your venue. Some offer a few hours before the ceremony start whereas others allow you to come in the day before. It usually depends on whether there are any other weddings booked.

6. CONFETTI

Some places aren't keen on having to clear up the aftermath of your confetti moment, and others will ask that you only use biodegradable versions. Thankfully, natural petals not only look beautiful, but they smell incredible too – bonus.

7. USE OF OUTDOOR SPACE

If your venue has beautiful grounds, check you're allowed access to it all, both for photographs and for guests to mingle with drinks. It's also worth finding out if there's a time at which all guests have to move inside.

8. MINIMUM SPEND

Regardless of how many guests you're

having, some venues will ask that you spend over a certain amount of money in order to secure your day there. This usually isn't a problem if you're inviting lots of guests, but can be an issue for smaller weddings.

9. OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION

If your venue has guest accommodation, they might specify that you have to book out a certain number of rooms as part of your package. If this is the case, double-check that you have enough friends and family members who'll want to stay in them, and that they aren't priced out of their budget too.

10. WEDDING COORDINATOR?

Find out if your venue has a dedicated wedding coordinator to help you through the planning. If not, make sure you have a contact at the venue who can help you with any questions.

IMAGE: BLAIR/QUHAN CASTLE

IMAGE: ABIGAIL STIEED PHOTOGRAPHY

IMAGE: HANA VENN PHOTOGRAPHY

IMAGE: KATE MELLEIN PHOTOGRAPHY

BY THE WATER

SAY 'I DO' BESIDE A COUNTRY RIVER, CITY HARBOUR
OR BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH

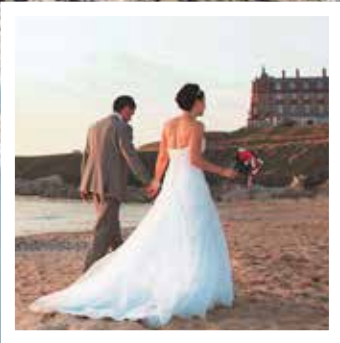


GET SWEEP
AWAY BY A
WATERSIDE
SETTING >>



THE HEADLAND CORNWALL

As the name suggests, this impressively grand hotel occupies an unbelievable position, perched right on a private clifftop overlooking the world-famous Fistral Beach. The Headland Spa is the place to go for a bit of pre-wedding pampering – spend time in the Cornish Salt Steam Room and opt for a radiance-boosting facial to get that bridal glow. headlandhotel.co.uk



THE RUNNYMEDE ON THAMES SURREY

With charming scenery, pottering boats and bobbing ducks, this riverside setting is a quintessentially English affair. After you've said your vows why not treat your guests to a mini-cruise along the Thames and drift back in time for fizz and canapés?

hitched.co.uk

ITCHENOR SAILING CLUB WEST SUSSEX

Want to top trump every wedding entrance ever? Well, how about arriving to your ceremony by boat? Hold your big day at either the pretty waterfront Bandstand or in the Members' Room and relax with champagne and canapés by the waters' edge. hitched.co.uk



BEST FOR...
SEASIDE
VIEWS

THE STAR CASTLE HOTEL ISLES OF SCILLY

Historical grandeur, beachside beauty and seriously good food – this place really does have it all. Choose between the traditional castle rooms or the light and airy conservatory for your 'I dos', then sip champagne out on the castle ramparts with breathtaking views of the stunning archipelago.

star-castle.co.uk



IMAGE: NEW FOREST STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHY

IMAGE: MONA-ALI



IMAGE: MARTA MAY PHOTOGRAPHY

BRINSOP COURT MANOR HEREFORDSHIRE

Nestled within its own 800-acre estate, this picturesque moated manor house is a fabulous backdrop for your big day celebration. We love the 12th Century Banqueting Hall with exposed vaulted ceiling, huge open fireplace and solid oak floor – a fab place to hold a wedding breakfast everyone will remember. hitched.co.uk

TUNNELS BEACHES DEVON

Carved into the rugged Devonshire cliffs and overlooking the sea, Tunnels Beaches is the epitome of romance. The thatched gazebo is the perfect place to say your vows before throwing the ultimate beach party, complete with unforgettable sunset. hitched.co.uk



BEST FOR...
BEACH
BEAUTY

LUSTY GLAZE CORNWALL

Hidden away in a secluded cove on the North Cornish coast lies Lusty Glaze – a beach-setting so beautiful you won't believe your eyes. After the ceremony, why not sneak off together and find some hidden caves for dreamy wedding photos? Then dance the night away barefoot on the sand. hitched.co.uk



NEWTON HALL NORTHUMBERLAND

This unique hotel on the North-East coast has an outdoor Wedding Terrace with retractable roof, a Wedding Hill with breathtaking 360 degree views and one of Britain's most spectacular beaches just a short walk away – perfect for those romantic couples' photos. hitched.co.uk



IMAGE: SCOTT SPOCK PHOTOGRAPHY



BEACH WEDDINGS BOURNEMOUTH DORSET

Feel the sand between your toes as you say your 'I dos' under the locally-made driftwood arch, then head to your own private marquee to party the night away! Whether you fancy fish and chips, a seafood buffet or a beach BBQ, everything is possible and made easy by the friendly team. hitched.co.uk



CLAREMONT PIER SUFFOLK

Get the party started at this fun seaside wedding venue on the Suffolk coast. Choose from the uniquely decorated 'Aquarium' or if you have a smaller wedding party the oh-so cool Rocksalt restaurant is an intimate setting for 60 of your closest friends and family. Candy floss on the beach and old arcade games are a must. hitched.co.uk

BEST FOR... WILD ROMANCE

HARVEST MOON LOTHIAN & BORDERS

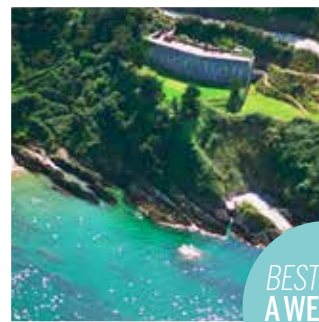
Big day locations don't get much prettier than this wonderfully-wild beach setting. Chose from either the luxe Safari Tent or the beautiful Treehouse for your ceremony and then start your honeymoon immediately in the luxe 'Arabian' style tent (complete with beach views and white-draped four-poster bed). hitched.co.uk



THE ROSEVINE CORNWALL

Looking for a relaxed intimate wedding day by the sea? This coastal bolthole is the perfect place to celebrate with just your closest friends and family. What's more, the food and service are top notch, meaning you can just sit back and enjoy the party.

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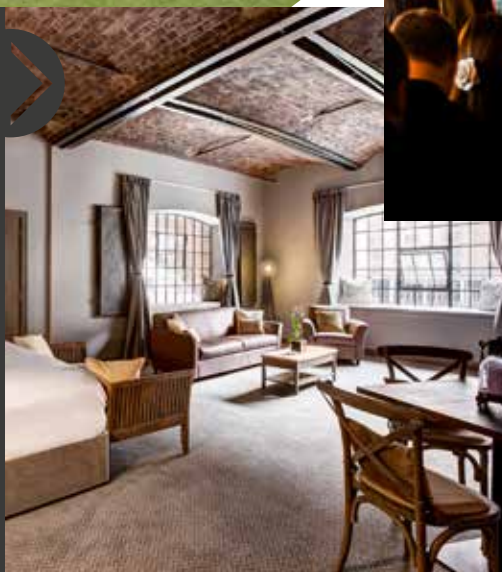


BEST FOR...
A WEDDING
TAKEOVER

TITANIC HOTEL AND RUM WAREHOUSE LIVERPOOL

Originally a warehouse used to store rum and tobacco, this historic World Heritage site has been transformed into a super-stylish event space and 153-room hotel. Overlooking the Stanley Dock with outdoor terraces and space for up to 500 guests, this hotel really delivers.

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POLHAWN FORT CORNWALL

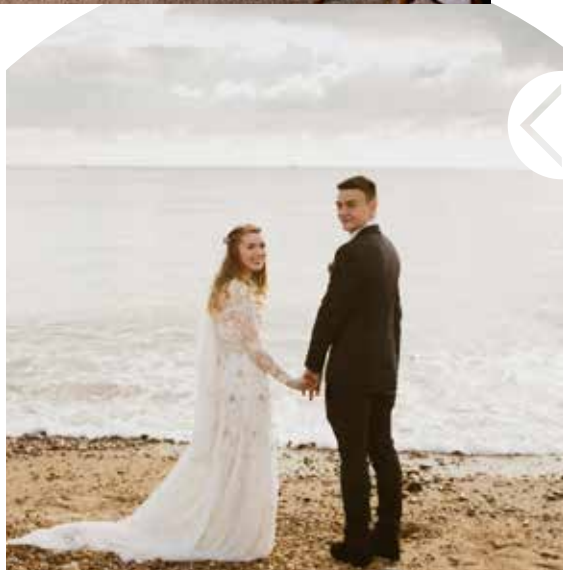
Surrounded by rugged cliffs, clear waters and golden sand this Napoleonic fort embraces its wild Cornish location. The Summer House gives couples the chance for an al fresco ceremony by the sea, and the Fort is also available for exclusive use – you can even book it for a four-day package – hello, wedding weekender! hitched.co.uk



THE GREAT HOUSE AT SONNING BERKSHIRE

This lovely venue has everything you need under one roof! Set right on the River Thames, with beautiful manicured gardens to explore and incredible interiors, it's hard not to fall head over heels. We love the (recently refurbished) Great House Lodge – the perfect place to host up to 200 of your favourite people.

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ANGEL HOUSE BRIGHTON

Sitting on the Brighton-Hove border and overlooking the iconic Angel Peace statue, this gorgeous town house has a lot to offer. The Regency Room and the Morning Room are both classically beautiful and the super-luxe Best Bedroom is the perfect place for newlyweds to relax after the big day excitement. hitched.co.uk

STYLISH SETTING

Complement your waterside setting with aqua tones and watercolour swirls

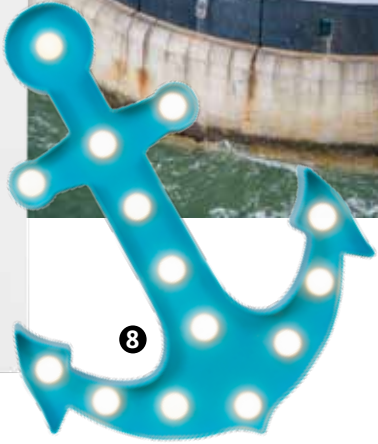


STYLE TIP

Use ombré shading to add a subtle touch of the sea to your big day invitations and decorations.

SPITBANK FORT IS ITS OWN PRIVATE ISLAND AN UNIQUE W-DAY LOCATION!

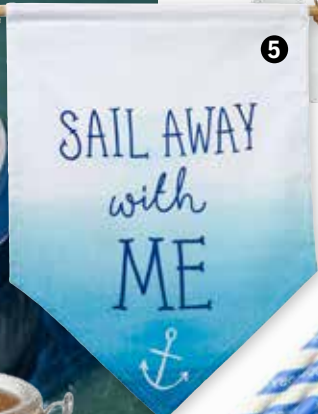
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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: 1 MINT TASSEL GARLAND, CANDLE & CAKE £8.99; 2 COCKLE SHELL WREATH, TCH.NET £9; 3 MINI CLAM SHELL STAMP, SKULL AND CROSS BUNS RUBBER STAMP AT NOT ON THE HIGH STREET £4.50; 4 MARBLE CAKE, JUNIPER CAKERY £POA; 5 HANGING BANNER, TALKING TABLES £10.99; 6 BLUE STRAWS, CANDLE & CAKE £2.99; 7 ROPE GLASS TEAHOLDER, TCH.NET £6; 8 ANCHOR LIGHT, CULT FURNITURE £15; 9 NAUTICAL BUT NICE WEDDING INVITE, WEDDING IN A TEACUP £2.60 EACH.