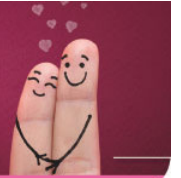


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Rhinefield House Hotel

Nestled within the captivating New Forest, Rhinefield House Hotel is a truly enchanting setting for your fairytale wedding. As you approach this grand 19th-century manor house, the winding driveway lined with majestic Canadian redwoods and copper beech trees sets the scene for a truly remarkable day.

Inside, the hotel's elegant interiors seamlessly blend Tudor and Gothic architectural elements, creating an atmosphere of timeless sophistication.

Whether you envision exchanging vows in the ornate splendour of our Grand Hall or celebrating outside beneath our Doric Temple, Rhinefield House offers a variety of

breath taking ceremony and reception spaces to bring your vision to life.

Complementing the venue's splendour, Rhinefield House's team of talented chefs is dedicated to crafting exceptional dining experiences. From canapés and wedding breakfast to the evening festivities, each course is prepared with the

finest locally sourced ingredients and served with impeccable attention to detail.

Keep things simple with our comprehensive wedding packages, or alternatively, talk to us about your style. We can tailor the perfect day, designed just for the two of you. With ample accommodation for you and your guests, Rhinefield

House ensures your fairytale celebration continues long into the evening.

Whether you dream of an intimate gathering or a grand affair, Rhinefield House Hotel provides the enchanting setting to create magical memories that will last a lifetime. Start planning your magical day with Hand Picked Hotels.



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Requesting the pleasure of their company

Define your wedding style:
The invitation reflects your wedding style. Browse wedding invitation photos and websites to gather inspiration.

Know your colours:
Ivory, cream or white card stock paired with a black or gold font is the classic choice, but really anything goes. Just make sure you keep readability in mind.

Play with the shape and size:
Instead of traditional wedding invitations, look at circular, scalloped and square invitations, but veering away from the standard envelope size can increase the postage.

Make sure they're legible:
Avoid light ink on light backgrounds and dark ink on dark backgrounds. Be wary of hard-to-read fonts like an overly scripted typeface.

Choose the words wisely:
Learn the rules to your wedding invitation. Traditionally, whoever is hosting is listed first.

Don't crowd the card:
List only the key points: ceremony time and location, the hosts, the couple's names and RSVP information. Leave things like directions to your wedding venue for your wedding website or print them on separate cards.

Start early:
Order your invitations about five months before the date, so they're ready to post about eight weeks before the wedding.

Consider costs:
Top-of-the-line papers, colour ink, formal printing techniques and custom design will add to your costs – so research your options.

Triple-check the proof:
You'd be surprised at the things you may miss. Read the proof word for word so you don't accidentally gloss over any mistakes.

Order extra:
Order enough invitations for your guest list, plus 25 extra in case you want to put some for keepsakes or have a B-list.



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We can make your special day like no one else with freshly prepared food, mobile bar and fantastic service provided by our friendly staff.

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Budgeting for a dream day

The average cost of a wedding is said to be in excess of £20,000 in the UK. Here are five top tips about marriage and money compiled by independent finance experts.

Stick to your budget, use a spreadsheet and keep it real

You just need to pay a few hundred pounds to register your marriage and get a certificate. Everything else is up to you. Work out your budget, prioritise what's important and find opportunities to cut costs. Don't be afraid of sale shopping or getting a few vintage items. The day and the time of year can also make a difference in venue hire fees. If you've got a friend who's a photographer or a star baker, go ahead and use them.

Financial transparency is the bedrock of any relationship

Once you're married, you become responsible for each other's financial behaviour. If one of you runs up a debt or misses a payment in a joint account, then you become jointly liable. Make sure you talk to each other, address any elephants in the room and know what you're getting into.

Pre-nups aren't for the uber-wealthy, they can be for everyone

The reality is that the average marriage lasts about 11 years in the UK, according to the latest ONS report. Of course, everyone hopes for the best, but it is prudent to be prepared just in case and a pre-nuptial agreement can be a good option for many people. It's important to remember if you want a pre-nup to be upheld, you need to have it signed at least four weeks before you get married.

If you've got children from a previous marriage or are getting remarried, it may be worth considering getting professional advice

Large families can be great, but it may make your finances more complicated if you have financial obligations from a previous relationship. For example, if you're a stepfather and get divorced, it may be worth seeking advice about whether you might still be financially responsible for your step-children. Anybody with concerns may also find the Child Maintenance Service website a useful guide.

Every relationship will end either through separation or death - prepare accordingly and get your will sorted

Getting a will may be a bit of an investment now, but it is worth it in the long-term, especially if you have a family. It doesn't need to be expensive but you should seek legal advice to ensure your wishes will be upheld. If you're looking to cut costs, in November each year some solicitors will waive the will-writing fee in return for a small donation to charity. Visit the Will Aid website to find a participating solicitor near you.



Balmer Lawn Hotel

Nestled in the idyllic heart of the New Forest, Balmer Lawn Hotel stands as a beacon of elegance and charm, its picturesque surroundings making it the epitome of a fairytale wedding venue.

As the recipient of numerous industry accolades, including awards for its exceptional customer service and stunning ambience, Balmer Lawn Hotel holds a special place in the hearts of couples seeking the perfect setting for their big day.

The moment the couples step foot on the property, they are greeted with warmth and professionalism, guiding them through every step of the journey towards wedded bliss.

The hotel's historic charm blends seamlessly with modern amenities, offering couples and their guests a luxurious experience that exceeds expectations.

Beyond its scenic beauty, what truly sets Balmer Lawn apart is its unwavering commitment to excellence in every aspect of wedding planning and execution. From the

moment the couples step foot on the property, they are greeted with warmth and professionalism, guiding them through every step of the journey towards wedded bliss.

But it's not just the stunning setting and impeccable service that make Balmer Lawn a stand out wedding venue - it's the attention to details and personalisation that truly make each event extraordinary. From seasonal menus crafted by talented chefs to seamless co-ordination of every aspect of the day, the dedicated team at

Balmer Lawn Hotel go above and beyond to bring couples' dreams to life.

For those seeking a wedding venue that combines natural beauty, historic charm, and unparalleled service, Balmer Lawn stands as a shining example of excellence in the heart of the New Forest. It's more than just a place to say 'I do' - it's where memories are made, and happy ever afters begin.

Legal bits: What you need to know

You can get married or form a civil partnership in the UK if you're 16 or over, free to marry or form a civil partnership (single, divorced or widowed) or not closely related. You need permission from your parents or guardians if you're under 18 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

There are usually two steps:

1. Give notice at your local register office.
2. Have a religious ceremony or civil ceremony at least 28 days after giving notice and within 12 months.

Getting married or forming a civil partnership abroad

Find out which documents you may need to get from the UK authorities. Your overseas marriage or civil partnership will be recognised in the UK if you follow the correct process according to local law.

Giving notice at your local register office

For most marriages or civil partnerships you must give at least 28 full days' notice with details of where you intend to get married or form a civil partnership. You can only give notice at a register office if you have lived in the registration district for at least the past seven days. If you've been divorced or widowed or if you've been married or in a civil partnership before, you need to take either a decree absolute or final order or the death certificate of your former partner.

Religious ceremonies

A religious wedding can take place at a church, chapel or other registered religious building. Religious blessing can take place after a civil ceremony in a register office. You can't get married in an Anglican Church as a same sex couple. You can get married in other religious buildings if the religious organisation allows the marriage of same sex couples to take place and the premises has been registered for the marriage of same sex couples.

Anglican marriages

You don't usually need to give notice with the register office if you're getting married in an Anglican church and both you and your partner are British citizens, from the European Economic Area or Switzerland. Officials performing Anglican marriages will register your marriage.

Jewish and Quaker marriages

You need to give notice with the register office at least 28 days before the ceremony. Officials performing Jewish or Quaker marriages will register marriages.

Marriages in all other religions

You need to give notice with the register office at least 28 days before the ceremony. Authorised officials, including ministers and priests of other religions, can register marriages.

Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies vows

You must exchange some formal wording, but you don't need to exchange vows for a civil partnership. Civil ceremonies can include readings, songs or music, but must not include anything that's religious, e.g. hymns or readings from the Bible. You'll need to have at least two witnesses at the ceremony.

Signing the register

You, your partner and your two witnesses must sign the marriage register or civil partnership document.

Cost of registering a marriage or civil partnership

You have to pay a fee to register a UK marriage or civil partnership - different fees may apply abroad. Ask the registrar or religious minister for details. There is also a charge for the marriage or civil partnership certificate. You may need a copy to prove your marital status in the future.

Venues

You can have a civil ceremony or civil partnership at a register office or any venue approved by the local council. The Home Office has a list of all approved civil marriage and civil partnership venues. It is also now legal to get married outside. www.gov.uk/marriages-civil-partnerships



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"This venue is just incredible. I would recommend it to anyone" - Charlotte & Ben.

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