

WEDDINGS

AT PORT LYMPNE

 PORT
LYMPNE
HOTEL & RESERVE





“A compact fairy palace in which one walks,
wide-eyed, as though on air.”

COUNTRY LIFE (1923)



ONE OF THE UK'S
MOST EXTRAORDINARY
AND SPECTACULAR
WEDDING VENUES

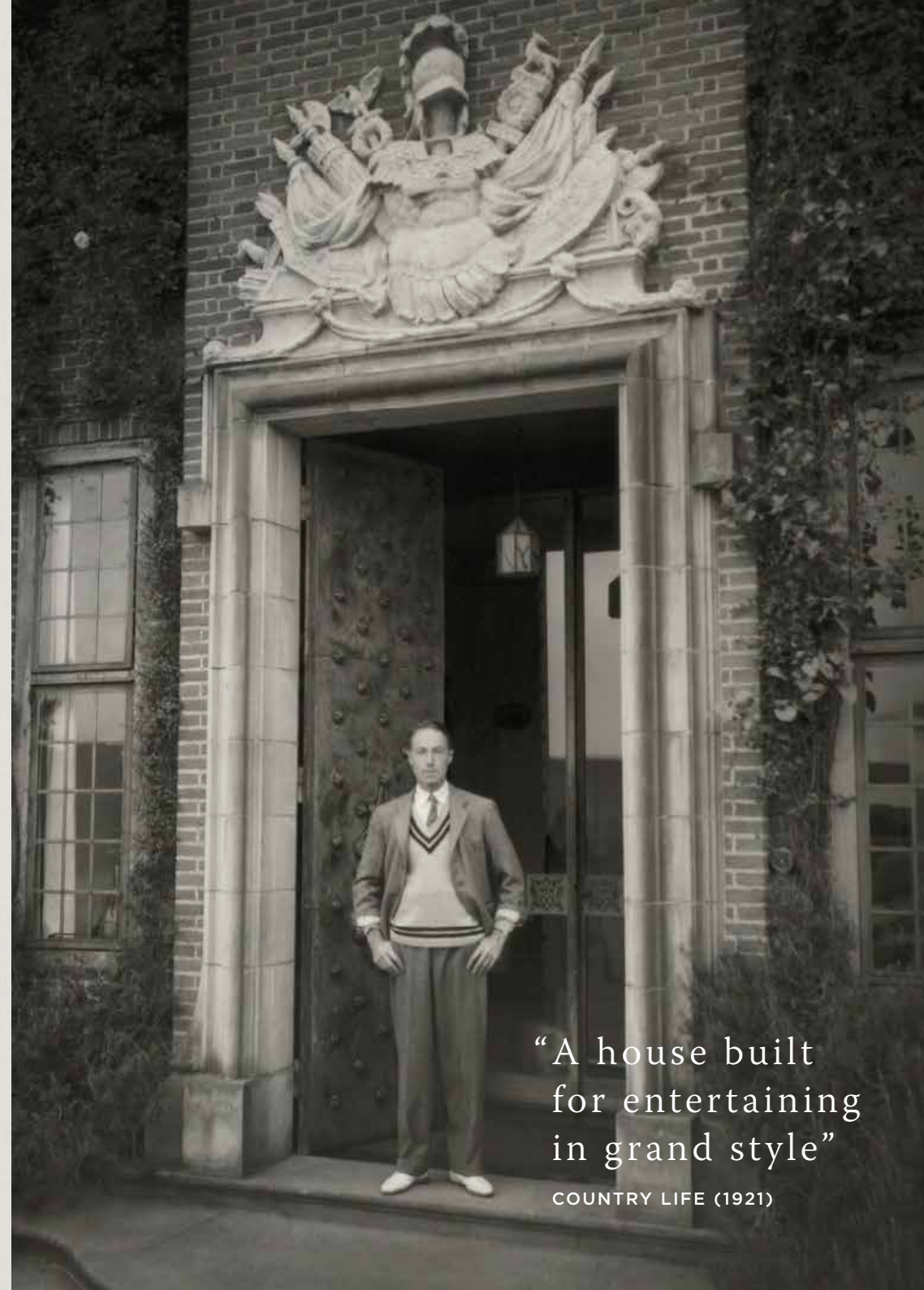


Our Heritage

Overlooking Romney Marsh and the English Channel, the historic Grade II* listed Port Lympne Mansion is surrounded by 600 acres of magnificent private parkland. For over a century, Port Lympne has entertained royalty, aristocracy, prominent politicians and playwrights.

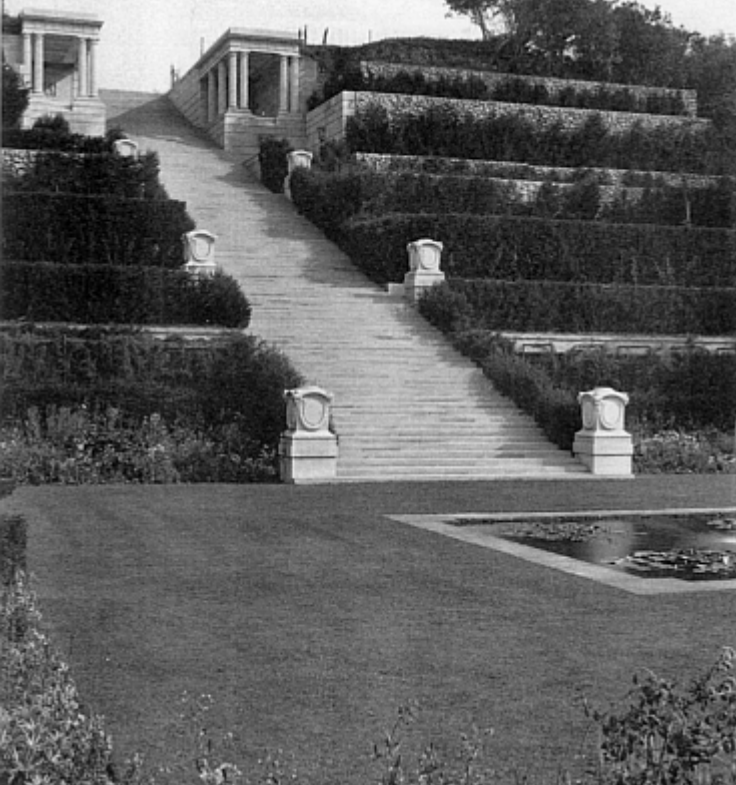
Throughout the roaring 20s, notable guests included Charlie Chaplin, the Prince of Wales, Lord Mountbatten, Sir Winston Churchill and T.E. Lawrence.

Regarded as one of England's finest country houses, Port Lympne offers a truly exceptional venue for your special day, with unforgettable backdrops steeped in a golden era.



“A house built
for entertaining
in grand style”

COUNTRY LIFE (1921)



Why Port Lympne?

A bespoke service

Your dedicated Events Coordinator will be delighted to assist you in creating a unique experience for you and your guests, putting together a tailor-made ceremony, wedding reception, entertainment and activities.

A magical and unique setting

Steeped in history, Port Lympne's 600 acres of private parkland is currently home to over 900 wild endangered animals. We recommend that you ensure enough time to enjoy the characteristic allure of nature and endless sea views to transform your special day.

Easily accessible

Getting here is so easy. We are a mere 15-minute drive from Ashford International Station, connecting you to London (40 min) and Paris (1.5 hours).

Versatile, adaptable and beautiful spaces

Our variety of private spaces are exquisitely designed and easy to tailor for you and your guests' needs, underpinned by the warmth of great British hospitality.

Multi award-winning accommodation

We can accommodate all your guests across a variety of interior designed luxury lodges, cottages, cabins and treehouses. The choice is unlimited, and yours to decide.

Delicious food and drink

Menus curated from our favourite locally-sourced ingredients, coupled with glamorous cocktails and award-winning Kentish vineyards for wine pairing, all make for an exquisite match.

Conservation led

Working alongside our charity partner The Aspinall Foundation, we protect, breed and release endangered animals back to the wild. By hosting your wedding with us, you will be supporting these wonderful conservation projects.

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VOGUE





THE MYTHICAL
ALLURE OF NATURE
AND WARMTH OF
BRITISH HOSPITALITY,
UNDERPINNED BY
A COMMITMENT
TO CONSERVATION

OUR
SPACES







“Right from the start, this was
a place with a touch of fantasy.”

FINANCIAL TIMES

The Pergola

A place to say I do...

Tucked away within Port Lympne mansion's ancient whispering walled garden is our newly-appointed garden pergola, one of the most romantic settings to exchange your vows.

Fully licensed for civil ceremonies, this quiet setting comfortably hosts up to 120 guests for a seated wedding ceremony.

Your guests will follow you out into the beautifully-tiered terraced gardens for a celebratory glass of champagne.



Artist's Impression





The Orangery

A magical place to dine and dance the night away, our stunning newly appointed glass orangery and terrace are a creative salute to the theatrical entertainment style of the Gatsby era. Truly private and available for exclusive use only, it has capacity for 160 seated guests in addition to a dance floor, cloakroom, and luxury washrooms. It includes its own fully incorporated kitchen for all fine dining requirements, as well as the option to add additional marquees or a food station on the adjoining lawn.







The Mansion

For more intimate gatherings of up to 50 guests, we offer use of the mansion drawing rooms and terraces. Built in 1913 by architects Sir Herbert Baker and Philip Tilden, the Cape Dutch-style mansion is surrounded by 14 acres of landscaped terraced gardens, providing the perfect backdrop for those special moments. The strikingly original décor is enhanced yet more by lovely sea views from the south and west facing terraces.





Moroccan Courtyard

The Moroccan courtyard, tucked away on the mansion's first floor, was the inner heart of the party for Sassoon's many influential friends during the Great Gatsby era of the 20s and 30s.

Sensitively restored in 2019, the original marble columns and floors are complemented by antique brass lanterns, tinkling water fountains and pastel pink walls draped in scented jasmine and bougainvillea.

Exclusive use of the Moroccan Courtyard and adjoining Courtyard Suite provides the perfect setting for rehearsal dinners, cocktail evenings, wedding party receptions and ceremonies of up to 24 guests.







“So perfectly done as to feel genuinely like stepping into the atrium of a Marrakesh Riad.”

FINANCIAL TIMES

OUR
FACILITIES



Food & Drink

As one of the highlights of any wedding, the perfect menu is key, and we seamlessly provide beautiful food, friendly service and a tailored, personal approach.

From start to finish, our team can take the stress out of entertaining, assisting you with everything from choice of crockery and table linens through to menu design and wine pairings.

Kent (aka The Garden of England) provides some of our country's finest ingredients, and our chef's little black book of local suppliers promises not to disappoint. Whatever your budget and dietary requirements, our Executive Chef will work with you to create a truly bespoke seasonal menu tailored to your event. We work with many award-winning local vineyards, and would be delighted to invite you down for a food and wine tasting at the hotel.

Later in the evening, we can cater to those peckish night owls with an evening buffet, offering everything from mini burgers through to gourmet cheese boards and sweet treats.

The choice is endless.



Sample Menu

Lobster ravioli, shellfish bisque, Exmoor caviar

Yellowfin tuna sashimi, heirloom tomatoes,
avocado, wasabi crème fraîche

Kentish asparagus, crispy quail's egg, hazelnut vinaigrette

Treacle-cured duck ham, orange roasted beetroots,
walnut granola, pickled grapes

Roast chicken and Morteau sausage terrine,
tarragon emulsion, pickled baby vegetables

Aged beef wellington, caramelised shallots,
truffled potatoes, bordelaise sauce

Romney marsh lamb cutlets, boulangère potatoes,
cavolo nero, green sauce

Corn fed chicken and wild garlic ballotine,
girolle mushrooms, smoked potatoes

Lemon sole, pommes dauphine, potted shrimp
and cucumber butter

Wild seabass, Jerusalem artichokes,
smoked pancetta and cider cream

Ashmore cheddar cheese soufflé, black truffle,
grilled asparagus

Chocolate cake, yoghurt parfait, salted caramel

Citrus and coconut streusel, lemon cream, pear sorbet

Coffee and Orels financier, liquorice ice cream

Preserved English summer fruits, yoghurt snow

Kent cobnut sponge, passion fruit foam, chamomile sorbet



Safari & Animal Encounters

Wildlife conservation is at the heart of all we do.

During your stay, guests are free to roam the 600 acre reserve and learn about all the incredible species we protect. With over 900 animals under our care, there is plenty for all to enjoy.

Private guided safaris and animal encounters can be arranged for you and your guests, creating perfect moments for a wedding album to rival scenes from Out of Africa.

Working with our sister charity The Aspinall Foundation, we have released over 320 endangered animals back to the wild, including 8 black rhino, 135 primates, 11 European bison, 5 cheetah and over 70 western lowland gorillas.

By hosting your wedding with us, you will be supporting our conservation work, actively helping to ensure the future of these endangered species.





Finishing Touches

Flowers

Beautiful flowers can enhance a room, lift a mood and shift the tone of your event. Whether you're looking for a simple arrangement of fresh Kentish garden flowers for a dinner party, or a show-stopping blaze of colour and fragrance for a glamorous wedding, our expert team can advise you on our recommended suppliers for the finest seasonal blooms to release the power of flowers.

Photography & Videography

We work with many talented local photographers and videographers who know all of Port Lympne's standout features and beauty spots for pictures – from idyllic winter garden scenes and golden summer sunsets, to cosy interior fireside shots.

Entertainment

Whether you're looking for a soloist or a soul band, string quartet or a hip-hop DJ, we work with the best talent across London and the South East to bring events to life!

Wedding Gifts

We work directly with The Wedding Shop, a multi-award-winning wedding gift list service that has been delighting couples for three decades, ensuring your gifts are memorable, meaningful and making you smile for years to come.

Wedding Stationery

Our recommended suppliers can provide customised wedding designs, coordinated from the very first 'Save the Date' through to the invitations, reception stationery and thank you cards.



OUR
SUITES
AND LODGES



The Courtyard Suite

The spacious octagonal Courtyard Suite is a whimsically romantic collection of rooms designed, as its name suggests, with strong Moorish tones. It offers brides a spectacularly lavish en-suite bedroom and separate dressing room, complete with your own private living area. Situated directly above the Moroccan Courtyard, the patio doors lead onto your private marble balcony overlooking the serene courtyard fountain. It's perfect for bridal party preparations and photographs, with exclusive use of the Moroccan Courtyard for hosting rehearsals as well as dinner or a wedding breakfast for immediate family.





Accommodating Your Guests

As the sun sets on your first day as a married couple, the experience does not have to end for you or your guests. With numerous rooms and suites to choose from, Port Lympne can host 350 guests across a wide range of accommodation to suit all budgets.

Luxury Lodges

Our unique luxury lodges allow you to join the lion pride or wake up in a tiger's world before exploring the rest of the park at leisure in your private buggy.

Treehouses

The Treehouse Hotel provides award-winning accommodation tucked into the canopy of Port Lympne Reserve. Voted 'Best Tourism Experience', it allows guests to immerse themselves in the 600-acre landscape from the height of luxury.

Cottages

The charmingly restored cottages, centrally located in the Port Lympne Reserve, allow you to wake up to a rhino at the bottom of your private garden or watch these majestic creatures into the evening as you unwind by the open fire pit.

Cosy Cabins

Nestled in a quiet corner of the Reserve, Leopard Creek is the perfect sanctuary, offering cosy two-person Cubs, stylish four-person Cabins or luxurious four-person Wigwams. Your guests can watch the morning mist rise across a sweeping vista towards the Kent coast, with exclusive views of our stunning Amur leopards in the adjacent enclosure.





ALL OUR
ROOMS OFFER
5* AMENITIES,
BEAUTIFUL
FURNISHINGS
AND DECOR



Tailored For You

The Day Before

- 2pm: The romance begins the moment you arrive and settle into your exclusive bridal suite with a glass of champagne and fresh strawberries.
- 4pm: Take time to let it all soak in, wander around the landscaped gardens or take a safari and meet the animals.
- 7pm: Enjoy candlelit cocktails in the Moroccan Courtyard, followed by an intimate private dinner for your nearest and dearest.

Your Big Day

- 9am: Begin your day with a champagne breakfast before hair and makeup stylists arrive. Your photographer will capture all those intimate moments as you and your bridesmaids get ready in the glorious surroundings of the Moroccan Courtyard.
- 3pm: The ceremony in The Pergola will be followed by photographs, reception drinks and a delicious array of canapés.
- 4:45pm: Your tailored wedding reception in The Orangery begins, overseen by our executive chef.
- 7:15pm: Speeches and cake cutting are followed by an evening of dancing, accompanied by a buffet supper or cheeseboard before carriages at midnight.

The Day After

The ceremony may be over, but there's plenty more celebrating to be enjoyed on the first day of your honeymoon, without even setting foot on a plane.

- 11am: After a civilised breakfast in bed or midmorning wedding brunch, there's time to explore the reserve with a private wedding party safari tour.
- 1pm: You're welcome to extend your stay with an optional lunch or afternoon tea in our Garden Room Restaurant.





HOW TO REACH US

Port Lympe Hotel & Reserve is located in the South East of England in the beautiful county of Kent, and is within easy reach of London, Surrey, Sussex, and Essex.

By Car:

Take Junction 11 off the M20 and follow the brown tourism signs to the park.

By Train

Ashford International is 15 mins away and provides high speed rail services to London St Pancras (40 min) and Paris (1.5 hours).

By Air

Both Gatwick & Heathrow Airports are within a 1.5 hour drive. For those wishing to arrive by helicopter we have our own helipad onsite.

Contact:

If you would like to enquire further about your wedding at Port Lympe, please speak to one of our dedicated team:

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