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Introduction

Dating back to the 14th century, Hever Castle was once the childhood home of Anne Boleyn, second wife of Henry VIII and mother of Elizabeth I. This charming Castle in Kent formed the unlikely backdrop to a sequence of tumultuous events that changed the course of Britain's history, monarchy and religion forever.

Although Hever Castle has a rich and varied history, much of what you see today is the result of the remarkable efforts of a wealthy American, William Waldorf Astor, who used his fortune to restore and extend the Castle. In 1903 Astor set about restoring Hever Castle to its former glory and he added the Astor Wing, a private wing built in the style of a Tudor

village, connected to the Castle via a covered bridge. He also commissioned the installation of a 38 acre lake and created the beautiful Italian Garden, designed to display his collection of Italian sculptures.

Today, the Astor Wing, together with the Guthrie Pavilion in the Italian Garden and areas of the Castle itself, are available to hire for corporate hospitality and private events. Each venue has its own unique character, offering privacy, outstanding surrounds and top class service in one of the most historic and beautiful settings in England.



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Images: 1 The Guthrie Pavilion, 2 The Tudor Suite, 3 Hever Castle, 4 The Astor Wing

Corporate Hospitality

Only 40 minutes from Central London and 30 minutes from Gatwick Airport, Hever Castle offers two venues for corporate hospitality:

The Astor Wing: When William Waldorf Astor purchased the Castle in 1903, he created the Astor Wing, in the style of a Tudor Village connected to the Castle via a covered bridge. Internally connected throughout, the Astor Wing features beautiful oak panelling and leaded windows, with stunning views onto the surrounding private lawns. Facilities include an outdoor heated swimming pool, tennis court, croquet lawn and billiards room. Further information can be found on **page 4**.

The Guthrie Pavilion: a contemporary conference venue with a lake side location set within the award winning Italian Garden. Further information can be found on **page 7**.

During your time with us, play golf at Hever Castle Golf & Wellbeing, partake in motorised activities and outdoor pursuits in the grounds or simply enjoy the peace and tranquillity of this special place where you can meet with guaranteed privacy away from the city.

Corporate Hospitality is available for full day bookings with or without an overnight stay. We also offer the venue to clients who are looking for a venue for an evening only event.



Corporate Hospitality

ASTOR WING

Arrive at the private gated entrance and discover the Astor Wing, a charming Edwardian wing of Hever Castle, designed in Tudor style and commissioned by William Waldorf Astor in 1903. Craftsman used traditional Tudor tools in order to retain the authenticity of the Tudor era. The result is a series of beautiful interconnected Tudor style buildings joined to Hever Castle, offering magnificent oak panelling, ornate fireplaces, antique furnishings and an eclectic art collection. Today, the Astor Wing offers the potential for exclusive use hire in one of the most historic and beautiful settings in England.

The meeting rooms within the Astor Wing are referred to as the Tudor Suite, a series of three interconnecting panelled rooms to be used as determined by your requirements. The Tudor Suite provides

access to a private terrace and beautiful lawns with views over the Castle and moat, tennis court and the outdoor heated swimming pool.

There are two additional meeting rooms should you require syndicate facilities and a rather magnificent Billiards Room where delegates can relax and recharge. Also within the Astor Wing there is the Music Room offering sumptuous sofas for relaxation and a working fireplace. The splendour of the Castle Inner Hall can be incorporated into your event for evening drinks receptions and the Castle Dining Room for evening dinners. If your itinerary allows, there is the opportunity to incorporate a Private Guided Tour of the castle to fully engage with the history of Hever Castle.

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Images: 1 The Tudor Suite, 2 Lawn Croquet, 3 The Tudor Suite, 4 The Billiards Room

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Images: 1 The Loggia, 2 The Guthrie Pavilion, 3 The Guthrie Pavilion, 4 The Guthrie Pavilion



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Corporate Hospitality

THE GUTHRIE PAVILION

The Guthrie Pavilion is located within the award winning Italian Garden. Palladian in style, it offers a contemporary, spacious and versatile venue in a beautiful and tranquil setting. Generous sized windows allow for an abundance of natural daylight, wifi is available and audio visual facilities can be provided if required. With a neutral colour scheme and a generous floor space, the Guthrie Pavilion offers a blank canvas to be used as found or themed to suit your requirements.

The Guthrie Pavilion is situated next to Hever Castle's 38 acre lake and the Loggia, a stunning Italian style stone structure flanked by pillared colonnades, a classical stone fountain, inspired by the Trevi Fountain in Rome and a lake side piazza. The Loggia can be hired for drinks receptions as part of your event and provides the perfect setting for your guests to relax and network.

Located adjacent to an activities field, the Guthrie Pavilion provides an inspiring base for team building activity days combining outdoor pursuits and motorised sports.



Team Building

With over 600 acres of glorious Kent countryside and a 38 acre lake to take advantage of, there can be no finer historical venue to host a team building activity day than Hever Castle. Whether you're combining activities around a meeting being held at our prestigious venue, or organising a full day of outdoor pursuits, Hever Castle can deliver an exciting itinerary of activities on all levels.

Our dedicated team of Event Coordinators can organise a range of activities from archery, clay shooting and duck herding through to motorised sports such as quad bikes, apache rally cars, digger driving and reverse steer Land Rover driving.

Treasure hunts and boat races on the Lake can be arranged or a nature trail ramble around the lake.

We work with one of the leading corporate event organisers in the UK who will consider your objectives and numbers together with your timeframe, to deliver an experience that will motivate, lift morale and promote teamwork.

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Images: 1 Archery, 2 Apache Rally Cars, 3 Quad Biking



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Yew Maze



Family Fun Days

There is something at Hever Castle for adults and children alike, be it the regal history offered by the 13th century Castle and the award winning gardens, the Adventure Playground, the Water Maze or boating on the Lake. So if it's time to organise a family fun day to thank your team, celebrate success or lift morale, a day out at Hever Castle is the place to come.

Depending on numbers, we can host a family fun day in either of our venues. For larger groups, a marquee can be arranged on the Winter Garden Lawn offering spectacular views from the marquee over the Castle. Choose from an eclectic selection of menus, be it a barbeque, or a 'Chef's Table' buffet or perhaps an afternoon tea.

Summer Parties

Nothing is more quintessentially English than a rose garden in full bloom and the award winning rose gardens at Hever Castle, with more than 5,000 beautifully displayed bushes, create a kaleidoscope of colour and wonderfully perfumed aromas. As lazy summer days lengthen, the Mediterranean-style planting bursts into life throughout the Hever Castle estate, with exotic treats such as olives, kiwis, figs and pomegranate's.

With acres of glorious vibrant gardens, Hever Castle's award winning venues offer the perfect treat to combine summer living with timeless beauty. Whether you choose a simple drinks reception on the Tudor Suite Lawns, cocktails and canapés on the Loggia terrace, a barbeque under the camellia clad pergola, or a dinner dance in the lakeside location of the Guthrie Pavilion, the dazzling display of beautifully laid gardens never fails to deliver a summer party venue that impresses at every turn.

Golf Days

Only 1 mile from Hever Castle's main entrance or a short scenic golf buggy drive from the Astor Wing, Hever Castle Golf & Wellbeing adds to the wealth of facilities on offer on the estate. Whether you are an avid golfer or a beginner to the game, Hever Castle's Club offers you fantastic golf and hospitality facilities to make your visit truly memorable.

Our Golf facilities include the 18 hole Championship Course which plays to 7002 yards at its fullest length and is complimented by the 9 hole Princes course.

All levels of experience are welcome from beginners to experienced players. The club professionals at Hever play a very important role, bringing together considerable knowledge of the game, specialist advice and skills that help golfers enjoy the game and realise their ambitions.

The character Tudor style clubhouse facilities, are set in a stunning, unspoilt countryside location, with The Waterside Bar, Restaurant & Terrace overlooking the picturesque golf course.

Also available at the Club is the Wellbeing Centre which offers a wide variety of treatments and classes that assist with mindfulness and wellbeing.

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Images 1 & 4: Championship Course, 2 Golf Days,
3 The Waterside Terrace

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Private Events

Over the last 600 years, Hever Castle has played host to many notable social occasions and has entertained guests from around the globe.

Whether you're planning an anniversary celebration, a significant birthday or a 'just because' gathering of family and friends, Hever Castle offers a choice of beautiful venues.

Choose from the **Astor Wing** (page 14) the **Castle** (page 17) or the **Guthrie Pavilion** (page 18).

We can advise upon a selection of recommended entertainment providers. These range from a Tudor Minstrel dressed in traditional costume, knights on horseback, to murder mystery companies and an eclectic selection of talented musicians.



Images: 1 Accommodation,
2 The Tudor Suite, 3 The Guthrie Pavilion

Private Events

ASTOR WING

Arrive to the private gated entrance and enjoy the comfort and country house charm of this historic venue. Created in Tudor style, the Astor Wing is a private Edwardian Wing connected to Hever Castle, taking on the appearance of a Tudor village.

Within the Astor Wing there are three interconnecting, beautifully appointed function rooms that make up the Tudor Suite.

Surrounded by the beautiful Tudor Suite lawns there's an outside terrace area for drinks receptions with stunning views of the Castle.

After your event, relax in the comfy sofas of the Music Room or challenge your guests to a game in the Billiards Room.

Exclusive use and upgrades to combine the function rooms within the Castle, in conjunction with an Astor Wing event, can be arranged subject to availability.

Images: 1 Musicians in The Tudor Suite, 2 The Billiards Room, 3 The Tudor Suite, 4 Lawn Croquet



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Images: 1 Astor Wing Bedroom,
2 Castle Inner Hall, 3 Portcullis,
4 Castle Great Hall

Private Events

CASTLE

The unrivalled splendour of the beautiful rooms available within the Castle, combined with its rich and varied history, allows for a dining experience truly fit for royalty

The fine panelling with carved columns made of Italian walnut, antique furniture, an impressive working fireplace surmounted by the Boleyn coat of arms and a fine art collection, makes the Castle an unrivalled destination for your celebration.

Drinks receptions take place in the Castle Inner Hall where there is a beautiful gallery inspired by the Kings College Chapel in Cambridge. After a reception, lead your guests through to the Castle Dining Hall and dine from the Elizabethan oak tables overlooking an ornately carved stone fireplace and an impressive 16th century wall tapestry.

The Castle can be booked for private events most evenings and daytime events on days when the Castle is closed to the visiting public.



Private Events

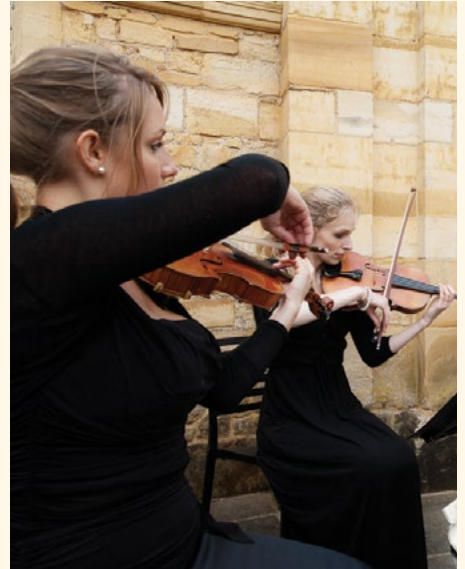
THE GUTHRIE PAVILION

Located in the award winning Italian Garden, Hever Castle offers the Guthrie Pavilion as a venue for larger private events.

Perfectly situated adjacent to the Rose Garden and next to the lake, the Guthrie Pavilion can be hired in conjunction with the Loggia, a stunning architectural covered structure, flanked by pillared colonnades with a lake side piazza and a classical stone fountain inspired by the Trevi Fountain in Rome. During the spring

and summer months this striking setting really comes into its own, with drinks and canapés being served on the Italian Loggia as long balmy evenings are filled with the scents of a multitude of floral blooms.

The neutral colour scheme within the Guthrie Pavilion presents a stylish contemporary venue for private events and lends itself well for theming opportunities and personal touches.







Accommodation

Hever Castle offers 27 five star bedrooms, each individually styled with its own unique charm and character, combining original features with modern day luxuries.

Within the collection of bedrooms you will find some four poster beds and roll top baths. There is an abundance of antique furnishings, panelled walls, chaises longues and stunning views through leaded windows. Original aspects fused with more contemporary comforts create a perfect match for a luxurious stay.

There are twin bedded rooms and single bedrooms, however the majority are double. There are rooms that can accommodate children, an accessible room and for an extra slice of pure decadence, there's the Edward VII Suite, offering breathtaking views across Anne Boleyn's Orchard to the Castle.

The 27 bedrooms are located across the Astor Wing and the Anne Boleyn Wing. Please speak to a member of our events team for details regarding booking bedrooms as part of your event.



Catering

The stunning location in the heart of the Garden of England is complemented by a varied menu which offers a choice of seasonal dishes, produced by our own highly acclaimed and talented team of chefs.

Our commitment to quality is never compromised. Providing the best food possible to you and your guests is our highest priority. Where possible, we buy from local suppliers and use

ingredients that are at their peak flavour ensuring that we deliver quality, time after time.

Providing a bespoke experience is important for us and so our carefully thought-out menus are sure to compliment a range of tastes. Should you have any specific requirements, our chef is happy to discuss them with you.



Directions

BY ROAD

Hever Castle is located 30 miles from central London, 3 miles South East of Edenbridge off the B2026 between Sevenoaks and East Grinstead in the village of Hever.

It can be reached via junction 10 of the M23, and is signposted from junctions 5 and 6 of the M25 and the Hildenborough exit of the A21. Satellite navigation users: Post Code TN8 7NG

Coach drivers are advised to check the route before travel as there are a number of low bridges in the surrounding area. Single decker coaches only can access all venue car parks.

Parking is free and accessible parking is available.

BY RAIL

London Victoria/London Bridge (via Oxted or East Croydon) to Edenbridge Town (3 miles – taxis available). Hever Station (1 mile rural walk – no taxis available).

BY AIR

Heathrow 1 hour drive.
Gatwick ½ hour drive.

BY SEA

Dover is 1¾ hours drive. Channel Tunnel: Eurotunnel Folkestone is 1¼ hours drive.





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