

Historic Royal Palaces
Hampton Court Palace



“As soon go kindle fire
with snow, as seek to
quench the fire of love
with words”

William Shakespeare, *Two Gentlemen of Verona*.
In 1603 Shakespeare performed in the Great Hall
at Hampton Court with his players 'The King's Men'



A magical stage

For centuries this magnificent palace dazzled audiences with lavish parties and gala celebrations hosted by powerful monarchs.

England's kings and queens – from Henry VIII and his six wives to William III and Mary II – amazed guests with the spectacle and romance of Hampton Court.

Today, its timeless majesty will enchant and delight, as you celebrate your love among family and friends.

Whether you are planning a spectacular wedding or a more intimate reception, Hampton Court Palace's inspirational venues guarantee you and your guests a stirring atmosphere – and a day you will always remember.

Splendid formal gardens, elegant cobbled courtyards and magnificent Tudor and Baroque architecture make this 500-year-old treasure a spectacular backdrop for your wedding.



Your palace awaits



Our full attention

You are hiring an unforgettable setting – but as our clients you will also get a dedicated, personal service from an experienced events team.

As we meet with you regularly to help realise your vision, we will bring the benefit of our expertise and our knowledge of the venues. We will also introduce you to a first-class range of suppliers. Their familiarity with the palace means everything will run smoothly.

Whatever you can imagine for your ideal day, we will help you make the most of this magnificent and versatile venue.

Stunning spaces

Your specialist event manager will show you the available spaces, including two beautiful venues licensed for civil ceremonies. The Garden Room (pp 6-7) and Little Banqueting House (pp 10-11) are both available for day and evening hire.

Several spectacular rooms inside the palace are also available for evening receptions, from the fabulous Cartoon Gallery and beautiful Orangery to the palace's crown jewel – Henry VIII's glorious Great Hall.

Picture perfect

Rose red Tudor brick, glorious stone archways and immaculate gardens are just a few features that make Hampton Court Palace such a picturesque backdrop all year round. Wedding photography at the palace is exclusive to couples hiring the venue.



Revellynge since 1514

Hampton Court's royal residents have always enjoyed their palace to the full. King Henry VIII hosted legendarily lavish celebrations. James I and his courtiers were well known for merrily occupying the magnificent Great Hall deep into the night. William III and Mary II later added glorious Baroque state rooms where courtiers would congregate in their honour.



Garden Room

Capacity

180 for civil ceremony
300 for reception
180 for dinner and dancing

Available for day and evening hire

The space

Light and airy, this beautiful room opens out into a vast garden reserved exclusively for you and your guests. Enjoy a champagne toast under ancient trees in the lush greenery, followed by dinner and dancing in this spacious and versatile 1920s-style orangery.

Features

- Access the tranquil gardens once used by King Henry VIII via the beautiful wall of French doors
- A perfect venue for live music, DJs and dancing
- Immaculate facilities include catering kitchen, easily accessible toilets and cloakroom

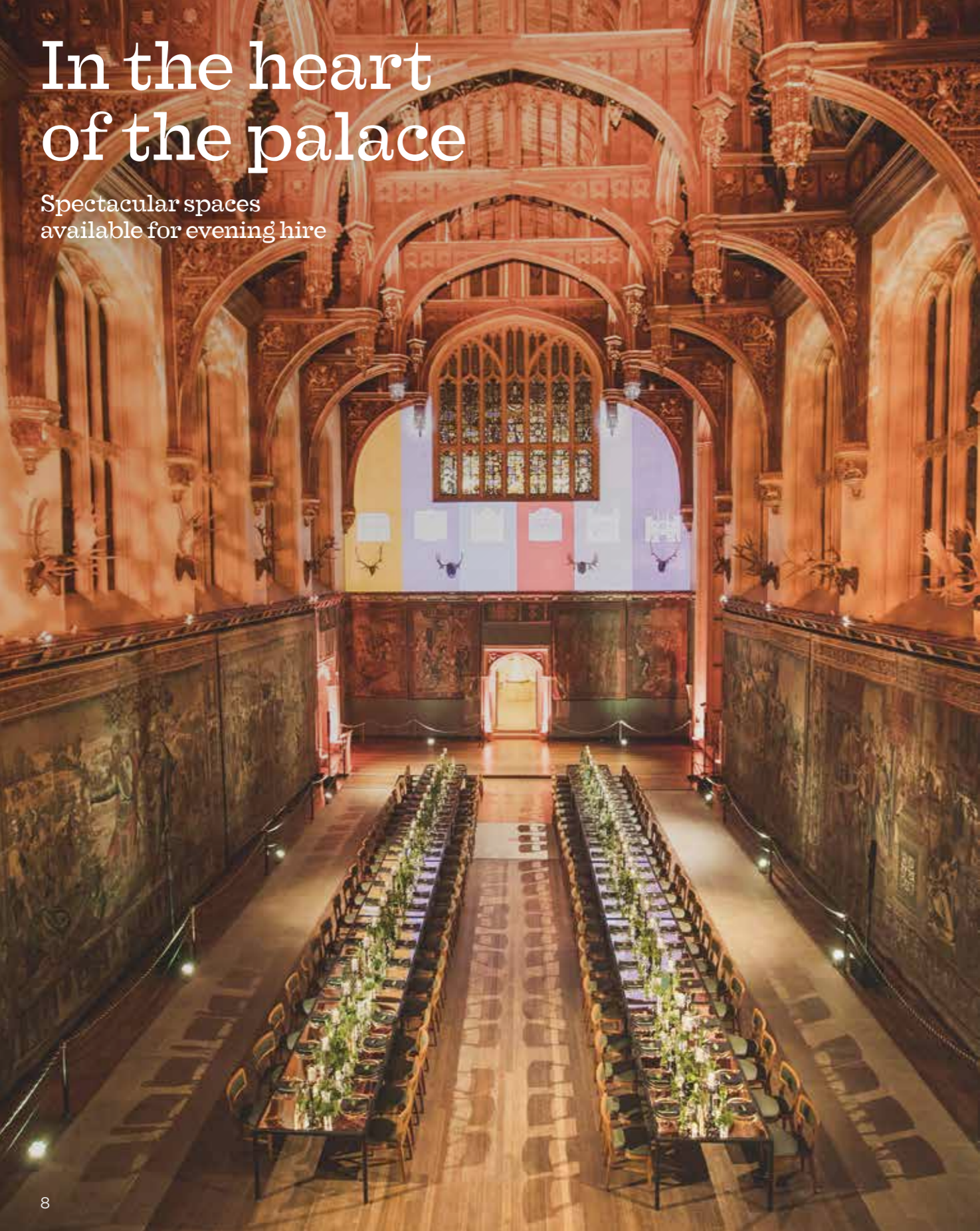
“I’ve often thought I should like to live at Hampton Court ... it is such a dear old place to ramble in the early morning before many people are about.”

Jerome K Jerome, Three Men in a Boat



In the heart of the palace

Spectacular spaces available for evening hire



Great Hall

400 for reception
270 for dinner

Simply one of the most spectacular spaces in Britain, England's last and greatest medieval hall is where royal residents dined with courtiers, entertained dignitaries and danced and celebrated until the early hours underneath its magnificent hammer beam ceiling.



Undercroft

250 for reception
220 for dancing
180 for dinner

Once Henry VIII's beer cellar, the atmospheric Undercroft complements the majestic hall above, offering the perfect venue for dancing and after-dinner entertainment. Together with the Great Hall, the two spaces make a gorgeous setting for an unforgettable wedding.

“Hampton Court is as noble and uniform a pile, and as capacious as any Gothic architecture can have made it ... The great hall is a most magnificent room”

John Evelyn, diarist, 1662



Orangery and Privy Garden

250 for reception
150 for dinner

This long, graceful room was originally designed as a private greenhouse for King William III. Today, drinks receptions spill out into the immaculate Privy Garden and can be followed by a procession through the magnificent State Apartments to one of the palace's glorious dining rooms.

Cartoon Gallery

300 for reception
200 for dinner

Your guests will marvel as they climb the grand King's Staircase en route to this fabulous oak-panelled room that once displayed awesome 'cartoons' by Renaissance master Raphael. Wonderful 17th-century copies of Raphael's originals, and beautiful views of Fountain Court, are certain to impress during an unforgettable evening reception or dinner.





Little Banqueting House

Capacity

50 for civil ceremony
80 for reception
50 for dinner

Available for day and evening hire

The space

Picturesque and welcoming, the Little Banqueting House is perfect for intimate celebrations. Set peacefully among palace gardens and spectacularly decorated, the interior's 18th-century paintings and murals by Antonio Verrio offer a classic backdrop for your civil ceremony, reception or dinner. Along with beautiful views of the Thames, you will enjoy a wonderful vista of the Tudor and Baroque architecture from the stone terrace.

Features

- Originally built by King William III for personal entertaining
- Opposite the beautiful Sunken Garden and includes its own idyllic private walled garden
- Just as guests of the King once did, yours may wish to make an entrance and arrive by river
- Catering kitchen available on site



All our best To the happy couple...



We would like to offer sincere congratulations on your engagement – and our very best wishes as you prepare to celebrate a defining moment in both your lives.

With much to prepare in the coming months, we are sure you know choosing a venue is one of your most important decisions.

If we can help in any way, then please call us. Our event managers will answer any questions about weddings at the palace, and discuss how Hampton Court could fit into your plans, with absolutely no obligation.

You can also visit the palace and see the venues for yourself. We would love to show you around.

We look forward to hearing from you, and wish you all the best during this happy time.

Sincerely yours,

**The Historic Royal Palaces
events team**

**Call us for more information about hiring any
of its magnificent venues for your wedding.**

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majestic surroundings and a
storied past make Hampton Court
– simply put – one of the greatest
palaces ever built.**



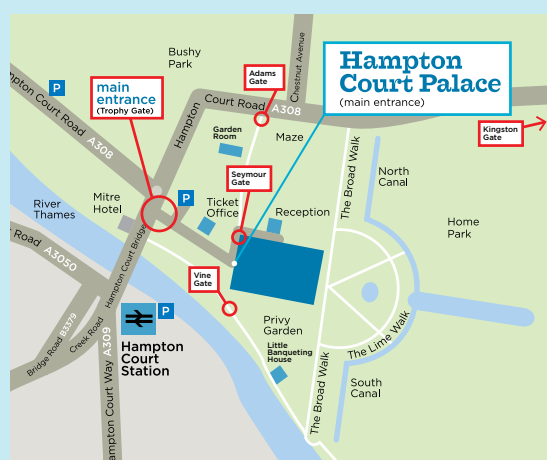
Wedding gifts

If you are looking for bridal jewellery, including tiaras, groom and usher accessories, unusual favours, gifts for bridesmaids or gifts to add to your wedding list, may we suggest that you look to Historic Royal Palaces for inspiration.

Please contact us if you would like help in making the right choice. We pride ourselves in offering high quality products, unrivalled customer service and working with all our customers' varied requirements to provide the complete gift service.

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Getting here



By car

The palace is on the A308 and easily reached by road from London, Heathrow and surrounding areas by the M4, M3 and M25 motorways. Hampton Court Palace is just 15 miles from London's West End. Parking is available within the grounds.

By train

Train service is half-hourly at Hampton Court British Rail station, only a short walk from the palace. Journeys from London Waterloo take just 35 minutes via Wimbledon and Clapham Junction.

River launch

Independent river launch operators serving the palaces have a variety of boats for private hire – our team can provide more details on request.



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Henry VIII and Hampton Court Palace are closely linked both in history and the popular imagination. Of Henry's great Tudor palace, half survives. The rest was rebuilt by William III as a stunning baroque palace. We use Henry's royal coat of arms, which is supported by the Tudor symbols of the red dragon of Wales and a greyhound.

Henry's Chapel Royal at the palace boasts a flamboyant vaulted ceiling with gold stars set against a blue ground, and this inspires the Hampton Court Palace pattern.

We raise all our own funds and depend on the support of our visitors, members, donors, sponsors and volunteers.

Call us to arrange a viewing
of the palace's magnificent
wedding venues

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