

WEDDING

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THE PERFECT SPEECH

So there's not a dry eye in the room!

HOT, HOT, HOT

- Stunning gowns
- Summer hairstyles
- Gorgeous shoes
- Sparkly rings

Delicious!

Favours and cakes to wow your guests

WIN!

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& BEAUTIFUL

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10 OF THE BEST...

WATERSIDE VENUES

Fancy a sea view or romantic lakeside ceremony? We've found some of the best venues with views to die for



DON'T MISS...
A stroll along the river path at night. From nearby Blackfriars Bridge, the views west towards the London Eye and the Houses of Parliament are among the best you get.



THE RIVER ROOMS, LONDON

Need to know: For great city views, London's River Rooms is hard to beat with its panoramic view of the Thames and the Tate Modern and the South Bank directly opposite. It's licensed for ceremonies and couples can marry overlooking the river or in a setting of their choice. The Lower River Room can cater for up to 200 guests and both the Upper River Room and the Queenhithe Room can seat up to 150. Catering is by the team at Create Food who will tailor-make fantastic menus. **Capacity:** Up to 200 for the ceremony and wedding breakfast. **Contact:** riverrooms.co.uk.

NEW HALL HOTEL & SPA, BIRMINGHAM

Need to know: A fine example of medieval architecture, New Hall started life as a hunting lodge in the 13th century, giving it the reputation of being England's oldest listed, inhabited moated house. It's now a 60-bedroom hotel complete with a drawbridge over the moat. **Capacity:** Up to 75 for the ceremony and up to 150 for the wedding breakfast. **Contact:** handpickedhotels.co.uk/newhall.



Enjoy breathtaking views of Mawgan Porth beach from the terrace

THE SCARLET HOTEL, CORNWALL

Need to know: A luxury eco-hotel for grown-ups, you're guaranteed peace, quiet and clifftop hot tubs at this coastal gem. The Scarlet can cater for weddings of just two to six people or, for up to 78 guests, you can have exclusive hire for two nights. Its eco credentials are second to none – it even uses sustainably sourced seaweed in the spa. **Capacity:** Exclusive use for up to 78 people. **Contact:** scarlethotel.co.uk.



SEAHAM HALL, CO DURHAM

Need to know: This modern boutique hotel has a dramatic clifftop location. If that's not enough, the Georgian country house also has an award-winning spa for pre- or post-wedding pampering. Couples can marry in the Courtyard atrium with a vaulted glass ceiling or in the more intimate Byron Room. **Capacity:** Up to 120 guests for the ceremony and reception. **Contact:** seaham-hall.co.uk.



LAKE VRYNWX, WALES

Need to know: Lake Vyrnwy Hotel is a dream lakeside wedding venue, with panoramic views of wooded hillsides, mountains, moorlands, the lake and its iconic fairytale tower. All of the the four licensed rooms at the hotel have views over the lake and for pre-wedding pampering check in to the luxurious ESPA spa. **Capacity:** Up to 130 for the ceremony and up to 220 for the wedding breakfast. **Contact:** lakevyrnwy.com.



Say "I do" in a thatched gazebo overlooking the sea

TUNNELS BEACHES, DEVON

Need to know: Tunnels Beaches is nestled within the Devon cliffs. A network of hand-carved tunnels leads to the venue, which has a tidal Victorian bathing pool. At the entrance is the Bath House, which can accommodate up to 18 adults and six children overnight. **Capacity:** Up to 90 guests for the ceremony and wedding breakfast (up to 120 by 2017). **Contact:** tunnelsbeaches.co.uk.



THE FENNES, ESSEX

Need to know: Weddings at The Fennes are exclusive use, which means you and your guests get to enjoy the elegant Georgian manor house, its pavilion and 100 acres of beautiful grounds and tranquil North Essex countryside all to yourselves. You can marry in a number of locations but water lovers should check out the garden gazebo. **Capacity:** Up to 300 for the ceremony and 250 for the wedding breakfast. **Contact:** fennes.co.uk.

ISLAND HALL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Need to know: Island Hall is an elegant riverside mansion. There are plenty of ceremony locations to choose from, in the house and outside, but wherever you marry you can take advantage of the riverside location by arriving and leaving by boat. A replica of an 18th-century Chinese bridge provides a great backdrop for photographs. **Capacity:** Up to 80 guests for the ceremony and the wedding breakfast (more with a marquee). **Contact:** islandhall.com.



LEEDS CASTLE, KENT

Need to know: If you want to feel like royalty on your wedding day, Leeds Castle will tick all your boxes. Couples can hold their day in the castle's magnificent state rooms, with a ceremony in the newly refurbished Ceremony Room before a formal wedding breakfast in the Banqueting Hall, with its views across the moat. **Capacity:** Up to 70 for the ceremony and wedding breakfast. **Contact:** leeds-castle.com.



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DON'T MISS... Pre-dinner drinks under the tandem pavilions that jut out over the lake. The setting is serene and tranquil, with a gentle breeze that blows across the water, even on a hot summer's day.

THE DAIRY AT WADDES DON MANOR, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Need to know: The Waddesdon Estate was created for Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild in the 19th century and has been the country retreat of the Rothschild family for more than 100 years. The Dairy is a private building on the estate in a tranquil waterside setting amid glorious gardens. The elegant rooms offer roaring log fires in winter and a wide terrace with two pavilions for summer drinks receptions. **Capacity:** Up to 130 for the ceremony and wedding breakfast. **Contact:** waddesdon.org.uk/weddings-at-waddesdon.

