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Weddings at Highgate House
Northamptonshire



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Your Wedding

Set in idyllic, rolling Northamptonshire countryside seven miles from the town centre, the warm, historic atmosphere at Highgate House has been retained over the last three hundred and forty years. A truly enchanting property, Highgate House combines 17th century charm with 21st century comfort to entertain and amaze its guests and visitors.

Built in 1663, it started life as a Coaching Inn, changing hands many times until it was sold to Michael and Diana Chudley in 1964 as a home for their large family. Highgate House owes its existence to the creativity and energy of Diana Chudley and the many people who had the good fortune to work with her. Its continued success as one of Britain's premier country house venues is due, in large measure, to the loyalty and dedication of its staff, which uses forty years of experience and expertise to ensure the happiest day of your life is also one of the easiest. Highgate House remains, to this day, family owned and managed as part of the Sundial Group; a collection of superb properties across the United Kingdom.

With 97 individually decorated en-suite bedrooms, Highgate House can accommodate your guests in comfort, enabling them to enjoy your day without the worry of a long drive home. Our team of award-winning chefs provides cuisine of the highest quality, using fresh, local produce to create superb menus for all occasions. Accredited by the Vegetarian Society and committed to achieving consistently high standards, the kitchen at Highgate House is renowned for the excellent food it offers its guests.

Please check www.sundialweddings.com for the date of our next Celebrations Showcase. Alternatively, our Wedding and Events Planner will be pleased to show you around Highgate House and discuss your requirements for your very special occasion.

Benefits of choosing Highgate House for your wedding

- Over seven years of experience planning individual, bespoke weddings
- Support of a Dedicated Wedding Planner who will help and meet with you regularly as you plan your big day
- A wealth of contacts to help with the services you may need for your day
- Only one wedding per day held on the estate
- Flexible packages to build your dream day
- Trained staff can carry out Toastmaster duties during your event
- Your whole event under one roof – from civil ceremonies through to wedding breakfast and evening function with accommodation and leisure facilities available for bridal party and guests
- Free menu taster and consultation with Chef to create your meal
- Full wedding etiquette knowledge

Our Wedding Packages

A number of rooms are available at Highgate House to host your wedding ceremony and reception, and our Wedding and Events Planner will be happy to discuss with you the many flexible options to ensure your special day is truly memorable.

Civil Wedding Ceremonies

Highgate House is licensed to hold civil wedding ceremonies in the Baronial Hall for up to 75 guests and in the Drawing Room for up to 60 guests. For larger ceremonies, the Floyd Room can seat up to 120 guests and all rooms use the Library as a private interview room.

Room hire prices for your civil ceremony: Baronial Hall and Library - £820.00
 Drawing Room and Library - £520.00
 Floyd and Library - £360.00

The Baronial Hall Wedding Reception

If you wish to be married at Highgate House, the Drawing Room is an elegantly decorated room with a beautiful outlook suitable for parties of up to 60 guests, with the Library being made available as a private interview room. After the ceremony, reception drinks and canapés can be served on the front lawn with the Main House as a stunning backdrop for your photographs.

The splendid wood-panelled Baronial Hall, steeped in history and charm, is wonderful for a traditional wedding breakfast, comfortably seating up to 60 guests. Continue the celebration in the evening using the Main House, or, if you are being joined by many extra guests, the more contemporary Coote Room can hold up to 200 for an evening reception.

The Baronial Wedding Package includes:

- Use of the Baronial Hall for your wedding breakfast
- Contribution towards your top-table flower arrangement
- Use of the grounds for photography, or, should the weather be disagreeable, use of designated areas of the Main House
- The bridal suite for the married couple (to include full breakfast)

The Coote Wedding Reception

For larger wedding ceremonies the Baronial Hall will seat up to 75 guests and the light and spacious Floyd room can accommodate up to 120 guests using the Library for the private interview. Again, reception drinks and canapés are served on the front lawn.

Overlooking the lawn, the elegant Coote room will seat up to 140 guests for a wedding breakfast. For an evening reception a wide range of entertainment can be arranged along with an area for a dance floor. Private use of the adjacent Conservatory Bar is also included.

The Coote Wedding Package includes:

- Use of the Coote Room for your wedding breakfast
- Contribution towards your top-table flower arrangement
- Use of the grounds for photography, or, should the weather be disagreeable, use of designated areas of the Main House
- The bridal suite for the married couple (to include full breakfast)

Accommodation

Highgate House's 97 bedrooms are located in different parts of the venue, ranging from the older bedrooms in the main house to more contemporary rooms in other buildings. There is a good mixture of single, double and family bedrooms with baths, showers or both.

Single room - £72.00 B&B. Double or twin room - £92.00 B&B. Family of 3 - £120.00 B&B.

Late check-out is available on request. Cots and child beds also available on request.

Wedding Breakfast Menu

Up to 60 adults £52.00 per person | 61 adults or more £48.50 per person
(includes room hire for your wedding breakfast)
Please choose one item from each course

Starters

Sautéed Forest Mushrooms
with Pancetta on Toasted Onion Bread

Chargrilled Cajun Chicken
served on Caesar Salad with Crispy Croutons

Marinated Greek Feta Cheese and Vine Tomato Salad,
Salsa Dressing (v)

Gratinated Goat's Cheese on Toasted Brioche
with Red Onion Salad, Walnut Dressing (v)

Ham Hock and Chicken Terrine
served on Mixed Leaves, Wholegrain Mustard Dressing

Oak-Smoked Salmon
with Rocket Salad, Dill Dressing

Main Courses

Roast Honey-Glazed Loin of Pork
Apple Mashed Potato, Pink Peppercorn Sauce

Grilled Fillet of Salmon
served on a Rosti Potato, Chive and Tomato Butter Sauce

Pan-Fried Chicken Breast
Herb-Crushed New Potatoes, Sage-Scented Sauce

Roast Rack of English Lamb
Creamed Cabbage, Madeira and Pancetta Sauce

Roast Sirloin of Beef
Dauphinoise Potatoes, Forestiere Sauce

Roast Guinea Fowl*
presented on Sautéed Spinach, Prune and Armagnac Sauce
* subject to seasonal availability

Vegetarian Main Courses

Baby Spinach and Ricotta Cheese Cannelloni,
Capsicum Sauce, Crispy Leeks

Provençale Vegetable and Cheese Tart,
Sun-Dried Tomato Short Crust
Tomato and Olive Sauce

Field Mushrooms filled with Cream Cheese
and Mushroom Duxelle,
Tarragon Crust and Madeira Sauce

Asparagus and Leek Risotto,
Chervil Oil and Grated Pecorino Cheese

Aubergine, Red Onion and Goat's Cheese Frittata,
Asparagus Salad

Spiced Potato and Lentil Cakes,
Tossed Oriental Salad, Mango and Chilli Dressing

Desserts

Pecan Nut Meringue Roulade
Butterscotch Sauce, Dairy Vanilla Ice Cream

Sharp Lemon and Raspberry Tart
Raspberry Sorbet

Iced White and Dark Chocolate Parfait
Hazelnut Praline Vanilla Cream

Baked Vanilla Cheesecake
Compote of Red Berries

Warm Deep-Filled Treacle Tart
Vanilla Ice Cream, Grilled Figs

Hot Apple, Cinnamon and Praline Strudel
Amaretto Anglaise and Vanilla Ice Cream

If your favourite dish is not amongst our selections, our Head Chef will be happy to discuss alternative options with you.

Wedding Drinks Packages

Platinum – £36.00 per person

On Arrival (1 glass)	Moët Champagne with strawberries or, Kir Royale - Champagne with Crème de Cassis
With the Wedding Breakfast (1/2 bottle per person)	Pinot Grigio - Dry with an intense fruit and soft golden colour or, Merlot - Youthful plum and cherry fruits with warm peppery finish
Toast (1 glass)	Moët Champagne

Gold – £26.00 per person

On Arrival (1 glass)	Bucks Fizz with Orange Juice or Peach
With the Wedding Breakfast (1/2 bottle per person)	Chardonnay - A full-bodied, buttery wine with an abundance of tropical fruit flavours or, Shiraz - Deep coloured, full-flavoured and elegant with a distinct smoky aroma
Toast (1 glass)	Baron de Beaupre Champagne

Silver – £21.00 per person

On Arrival (1 glass)	Pimms Cocktail or, Sunnycliff Sparkling Brut
With the Wedding Breakfast (1/2 bottle per person)	House White - Crisp, clean dry wine with underlying fruitiness or, House Red - Elegant, soft and smooth red with good depth of flavour
Toast (1 glass)	Sunnycliff Brut

Rosé – £30.00 per person

On Arrival (1 glass)	Rosé Champagne with strawberries
With the Wedding Breakfast (1/2 bottle per person)	White Zinfandel - Crisp and fruity, delicate salmon pink colour or, Chenin Blanc - Rich bouquet, well balanced acidity and good ripe fruit
Toast (1 glass)	Rosé Champagne - A lovely salmon colour with intense fresh fruit aromas

Children's Choice – £7.50 per child

For guests under the age of 18 years	
On Arrival (1 glass)	Non-alcoholic Cocktail
With the Wedding Breakfast	Orange or Apple Juice
Toast	Lemonade served in a Champagne Glass



Canapés

3 items - £5.50 per person | 6 items - £10.50 per person

Please make your selection from the following:

Ham, Pine Nut & Cheddar Beignets
Green Olive Tapenade and Parma Ham on Bruschetta, Lemon Oil
Blinis with Smoked Salmon and Cream Cheese
Crab Hollandaise or Asparagus and Bearnaise Tarts
Croque-Monsieur
Baby Spinach, Roasted Pepper and Stilton Frittata (v)
Warmed Capricorn Goat's Cheese Canapés, Basil Oil (v)
Oriental King Prawns or Breaded Lobster Tails & Dips*
Savory Scone with Creamed Roquefort Cheese (v)
Tuna, Baby Plum Tomatoes, Feta and Rosemary Skewers
Spiced Lentil Cakes with Mango Relish (v)
Cheese Straws (v)

* subject to seasonal availability

Evening Finger Buffet

(includes room hire for evening reception until midnight)

We invite you to create your own menu by selecting

6 items - £15.50 per person | 8 items - £17.50 per person | 10 items - £19.75 per person

Toasted French Bread topped with Tomato, Pepperoni and Parmesan
Hot Lamb Koftas in Pitta Bread with Yoghurt Dip
Tortilla Wraps with Hoi Sin Duck
Cocktail Sandwiches (v)
Vegetable Chinese Dim Sums and Dipping Sauces (v)
Poached Salmon with Cucumber and Dill Mayonnaise
Toasted Ciabatta with Onion Marmalade, Brie and Mozzarella Cheese (v)
Cocktail Sausages tossed in Honey and Sesame, Grain Mustard
Jacket Wedges with Sour Cream Dip (v)
Goujons of Plaice with Tartare
Mini Bagels filled with Smoked Salmon and Cream Cheese; Parma Ham
Assorted Mini Quiche
Assorted Chicken Kebabs
Mini Indian Bites with Yoghurt Dip (v)

Chocolate Baby Eclairs (v)
Fruit Tartlets (v)
Chocolate Brownies (v)

Supplements

In addition to our wedding package, we would like to offer the following supplements:

<u>For your drinks reception</u>	<u>per person</u>
Strawberries and cream	£4.60
Chocolate dipped strawberries	£3.85
Additional reception drink	From £4.50
Giant games and croquet	Complimentary

<u>For your wedding breakfast</u>	<u>per person</u>
Intermediate course	£6.50 (menu available on request)
Cheese course	£4.75
Glass of Port	£2.80
Glass of Brandy with coffee	£3.50
Place cards	50p each

Coote ceiling drapes £390.00 supplement

<u>For your evening reception</u>	
Reception drink for evening guests	From £4.50 per person
Chocolate fountain	£500
Extension of your cash bar after midnight	£100 per hour (maximum 2am)

<u>For your bedroom</u>	
Use of dressing gown and slippers	£8 per gown
Fruit basket	£8.25 per basket
Box of delicious chocolates	£8.25
Bouquet of fresh flowers	From £30.00
Champagne on ice with two glasses	From £36.00
Traditional Main House bedroom	£25 supplement

The Small Important People at your Wedding

In addition to the Children's Choice Drinks Package, we also offer a Children's Meal to all guests under 12 years of age. Our Children's Meal consists of Garlic Bread starter, Home-made Chicken Nuggets with Chips for main course and Ice Cream for dessert. Alternatively, they may have a smaller portion of your Wedding Breakfast.

- Prices: Infants 0-3 - free of charge; Children 4-12 - half price; Age over 12 - full price.
- If you would like to keep children amused during the day, entertainment contacts can be given.

Additional Information

- Please contact our wedding co-ordinator (+44 (0)1604 731999) to arrange your own personal viewing of the property and grounds at Highgate House.
- A no-obligation provisional booking can be held for 14 days.
- A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of £1,500 is payable upon confirmation of your booking by signed contract.
- 50% of the contracted value of your event will be payable 120 days before your event, with the final balance payable 35 days before your event.
- We strongly advise you to take out Event Insurance. Cancellation charges will apply in case of postponement or total cancellation and event insurance may well cover the reasons for cancellation.
- You will be invited to up to 3 meetings with our wedding planner at mutually convenient times.
- A copy of our terms and conditions is available on request.
- **The prices in this brochure are valid for Weddings & Civil Partnerships taking place in 2011.**
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- Wheelchair access to some of our facilities may be restricted owing to the historic nature and/or listed status of our properties.



- Sundial Group Venues have induction loops on site for the hard of hearing.



- Our promotional literature is available in large print and spoken word format.



- Our kitchen is accredited by the Vegetarian Society and is also happy to accommodate any special dietary requirement.

In all instances please contact the relevant venue for specific information and assistance prior to your arrival. We will endeavour to help in any way we can.

Ask about our special offers*

Friday or Sunday weddings - "Big Day, Small Price"

Thursday weddings - 10% Discount

Off-peak months - 10% Discount

*Subject to availability



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