

Westonbirt Weddings



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Welcome

Westonbirt House is set in a 210 acre estate in the heart of the beautiful Cotswolds. A spectacular Victorian mansion house designed by architect Lewis Vulliamy, Westonbirt House is the perfect venue for a wedding at any time of year. Whether a small and intimate spring or winter wedding, or an extravagant summer celebration, the stunning staterooms with their period features combine to make a warm welcome for your guests, and the grounds and gardens are exclusively yours to enjoy on your special day.

Formerly the private home of the Holford Family, Westonbirt House is both grand from the outside and architecturally rich within. With backdrops at every turn, Westonbirt House is the perfect place in the Cotswolds to host and capture your day.

A wedding day designed by you

A wedding at Westonbirt House is designed by you. Our experienced in-house team will work with you to tailor your perfect day. And once your day has been designed, the team will ensure every detail is managed creating a unique and exclusive wedding experience for you and your guests.



The staterooms

Design your day around a choice of rooms for the civil ceremony, guest reception, wedding breakfast and evening celebration. Described as 'one of the finest examples of Victorian architecture, landscape and gardens in The Cotswolds' by Country Life Magazine, Westonbirt House has a rich history and tapestry of period details woven throughout its interiors.

The Library

80 seated around circular tables | 120 for a civil ceremony

One of the most exquisite rooms, with its ornate gilded ceiling, historic silk-covered walls and spectacular picture windows overlooking the lawns, The Library is a warm and welcoming space. Entering from the charismatic Ante-Library, it is a popular choice for civil ceremonies and the beautiful light-filled room with easy access to The Terraces, is a favourite for wedding breakfasts and guest gatherings.



The Reading Room

90 seated at long tables or around circular tables | 75 for civil ceremony

A versatile room with beautiful brocatelle-silk walls, ornate carved ceiling and direct access to the Upper Terrace and lawns. Most often chosen to host the drinks reception, especially in the summer where guests can flow onto the Terraces and beyond, The Reading Room can also be the backdrop for your civil ceremony, wedding breakfast or evening reception.



The Great Hall

150 seated at long tables or 120 seated around circular tables | 150 for a civil ceremony

On passing through the marble-floored Entrance Hall on arrival, you enter into the magnificent double-height Great Hall. With an historically noteworthy marble fireplace, ornamental ceiling and galleried balcony above, the Great Hall lies at the heart of the house. Ideal for large ceremonies, wedding breakfasts and perfect as an impressive reception space for evening celebrations.



The Dining Room

100 seated at long tables or around circular tables

Retaining many of its original features, period decoration and with an ornate gilded ceiling, The Dining Room is a stunning space to host a special dining occasions. Benefitting from the beautiful warm light cast through the double aspect windows throughout the year, The Dining Room is the perfect place to host your wedding breakfast whatever the season.



The gardens

Laid out between 1830 and 1885 by owner Robert Holford, the gardens were inspired by the picturesque aesthetic. The formal terraces and lawns gradually give way to picture-perfect intimate spaces and sweeping pastures beyond.

The Italian Gardens, ornamental lake and carefully placed specimen trees are typical of the Romantic movement and the licensed locations for outdoor ceremonies, special spaces for wedding photographs and places for guests to gather make Westonbirt House a photographers dream.





St Catherine's Chapel

Wedding Blessings



Within the grounds of Westonbirt House is St Catherine's Chapel which dates back to 12th century and is dedicated to St Catherine of Alexandra, the patron saint of young women and education. Whilst only those closely connected with Westonbirt School can formally marry here, the enchanting chapel is available for blessings.



The ceremony

With several rooms and outside spaces licensed to host a civil ceremony, the opportunity to create your entire bespoke wedding day on the estate is endless. From a small intimate winter ceremony against the backdrop of an open fire, to a large al fresco family gathering in the grounds. Any season, Westonbirt House is perfect.



CEREMONIES AT A GLANCE

The Gardens

The Ha-Ha | The Terraces | The Italian Garden | The Lake

The House

The Great Hall 160 | The Library 120 | The Reading Room 75



Exclusive use

A wedding at Westonbirt House means exclusive use of the staterooms and gardens for the whole of your wedding day. Your personal choice of rooms and romantic outside spaces means every Westonbirt Wedding is unique. Perfect, whatever the size or season, Westonbirt House is a special place to make memories that will last a lifetime.



The wedding breakfast

Locally sourced and prepared by hand by our professional chefs, your seasonal wedding breakfast will be served by our experienced catering staff. When you book a wedding at Westonbirt House, you will be invited to a menu and wine tasting so that you can be assured of the very best experience for you guests on the day. In addition to your menu choice, our comprehensive drink packages are often created in partnership with local wine producers Woodchester Valley Vineyard and Poulton Vale Vineyard. Vineyard visits can be arranged, so that even your wine selection is a personal and immersive experience. Further details and prices can be found on the website.



SAMPLE MENU

Starters

Hot smoked salmon, leek and chive mascarpone tart with mixed leaves and Italian dressing

Gloucestershire pulled pork terrine with spiced fig chutney, brioche toast and mixed leaves

Chargrilled butternut squash, with a parmesan flake, crispy sage and pomegranate (V)

Home smoked chicken breast with bacon jam mascarpone cream, crispy chicken skin shard and smoked pimento jus

Mains

Cotswold roasted lamb rump with minted crushed peas and a red wine jus served with Dauphinoise potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Buttered breast of chicken with confit leg wrapped in pancetta with butternut mash, tarragon Lyonnaise potatoes and roasted heritage carrots

Fillet of salmon with a basil and parmesan crust, saffron fondant potatoes, petit ratatouille, finished with a white wine velouté

Mushroom, roasted garlic & goats cheese Wellington served with a creamy mushroom sauce

Desserts

Vanilla panna cotta with a strawberry compote raspberry curd and shortbread crumb

Traditional tarte Tatin served warm with clotted cream ice cream

Sloe gin infused rhubarb compote topped with an elderflower cream, maple syrup glazed seeds

Sticky toffee pudding, toffee sauce and whisky ice cream

The preparations

In addition to exclusive use of the staterooms and grounds across the day, the bride and her bridal party have a dedicated room in which to prepare. Perfect for brides keen to capture informal photographs ahead of the ceremony.



Cultural weddings

Having hosted a number of cultural weddings at Westonbirt House the team have plenty of experience in delivering large family celebrations. With plenty of space for guests to gather and be part of your wedding day, Westonbirt House is perfect large parties up to 500. For a traditional cultural wedding banquet, couples can bring in their own caterers. Our team can provide you with further details. A marquee on the lawns can be a great addition for a large wedding, and we work with local suppliers to help you design your day.



We look forward to welcoming you to
Westonbirt House.

Your wedding venue, in the heart of the Cotswolds.



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