



DOWER HOUSE HOTEL

Congratulations on your forthcoming marriage and thank you for your enquiry. We are delighted that you are considering The Dower House as the venue for your wedding.

The Dower House is one of England's most exclusive country house wedding venues. We are different from most wedding venues as we deliberately limit the number of weddings we hold in order to reinforce our exclusivity and uniqueness. We are also very transparent on price with no hidden extras which we believe sets us apart from other wedding venues. We offer complete privacy in our secluded location and you and your guests will have exclusive use of The Dower House, its beautiful grounds and heated swimming pool as we think it is important that you spend as much time as possible with your family and friends without being distracted by other hotel guests. Our beautiful Victorian house makes the ideal backdrop to your perfect day. The Dower House and gardens have a friendly and intimate atmosphere providing a unique homely experience that makes every wedding feel special as if it were in your own home.

Your wedding day is one of the most important days of your life, and we also believe that it is critical that the wedding venue is uniquely tailored to your expectations as much as possible. Boutique wedding receptions for up to 30 guests are held within the house itself. Larger wedding receptions for up to 150 guests are held in the grounds in a luxury marquee that is designed specifically to each and every couple's tastes and requirements. In addition a variety of different food and food serving styles are available for your consideration ranging from a traditional wedding breakfast to stonebaked pizza and afternoon cream tea.

A wedding with us is inclusive of bed & breakfast accommodation for 20 guests in our ten bedrooms, additional guests can be accommodated in certain rooms if required. A dedicated wedding planner will be on hand throughout the planning process, who will welcome you and your guests when you arrive and will be on hand for your wedding day. We aspire to be as flexible as possible to your needs and requirements and are happy to discuss any ideas that you may have. We will work closely with you to ensure that your wedding reflects the vision you have for your special day.

We welcome you to visit the Dower House so you can see our venue in all its glory and appreciate all that it has to offer.

Neil and Rosemarie

MARQUEE WEDDING RECEPTIONS

What's included?

Exclusive hire of the Dower House for two days and nights, from 2 o'clock of the day before until midday of the day after your wedding.

(This includes 10 double rooms/suites with breakfast for 20 guests, additional guests are charged at £25 per head).

A dedicated Wedding Planner is available to assist you throughout the planning process and will welcome you and your guests when you arrive and be on hand for the whole of your wedding day.

The Luxury Marquee presents the perfect scene for your welcome drinks and wedding breakfast up to 150 guests, including a stage and dance floor, and your reception includes:

- Welcome Drink of Sparkling Wine, Bucks Fizz, Pimms or Orange Juice
- Canapes
- Three Course Wedding Breakfast
- Coffee
- Half a bottle of wine per guest from our Trinity package
- Glass of sparkling wine for toasts
- Evening buffet
- Furniture, table linens, table settings and staff

For a party of 100 the cost is £19,999.

For each additional guest over 100 and up to 150 guests the cost is £128 per guest.

For marquee weddings with parties between 30 and 100 smaller marquees may be used that will be tailored to your specific requirements and costings will be prepared on an individual basis.

All Prices are inclusive of VAT @ 20%

WEDDING BREAKFAST MENU

Canapes

Cold Selection

Chicken liver pate

With onion jam on toasted brioche,

Fresh Lyme Bay Crab

With chilli, lime and coriander on focaccia toasts, micro herbs

Hot Selection

Welsh rarebit vol au vents

With smoked bacon

Roasted new potatoes

With stilton, onion jam and chives (v)

Starter

Please choose TWO

Ham hock terrine

Served with homemade piccalilli and focaccia toasts

Charred mackerel and watercress salad

Served with apple puree and watercress oil

Roasted asparagus

Served with grated hen's egg, artichoke hearts, parmesan shaving, radish and mustard vinaigrette (v)

Main Course

Please choose Two

Sausage and Mash

A trio of local butchers sausages served with creamy mashed potatoes, onion gravy and roasted root vegetables

Poached chicken breast

With a creamy wild mushroom and sherry sauce, braised leeks and mashed potatoes

Lemon sole Florentine

With spinach and cream sauce, served with green beans and buttered potatoes

Spinach and Ricotta Cannelloni

With a roasted tomato sauce (v)

Dessert

Please choose TWO

Treacle Tart

With a hint of ginger & orange, double cream

Chocolate & Hazelnut Brownie

With butterscotch sauce & Devon clotted cream

Summer Fruits

With Chantilly cream, crushed meringues and fruit coulis

Other menu options available at a supplement, please chat with us about your preferences

NEXT STEPS

Contact us to arrange a viewing on 01297 21047 or info@dhhotel.com

Reserve the date - We can hold the date for you for up to two weeks to enable you to confirm other arrangements such as church/registrars

Terms and conditions

Confirmation:

On behalf of the hotel; The booking is not confirmed until the hotel is in receipt of the appropriate deposit and a signed set of terms and conditions.

On behalf of the guest; The booking is not confirmed until they are in receipt of a confirmation letter detailing an outline of the booking and a receipt for the paid deposit.

Deposits and Payments:

A non-refundable deposit is required by the hotel, as part of the confirmation for all bookings

All events require an initial deposit of £1,500

A subsequent deposit of £3,000 will be due 9 months before the wedding date.

Full payments of all pre-booked items must be received three months prior to the date of the wedding.

Cancellations:

We strongly recommend that you take private insurance to ensure that you can make any cancellation charges in the unlikely event that you need to cancel your wedding day.

In the event of you needing to cancel your wedding the following charges will be applied.

Cancellation with less than 9 month notice – Loss of deposits

Cancellation with less than 3 month notice – 100%

For cancellations purposes the cost and charges will be based on the costs and the minimum numbers confirmed at the time of booking.

Costs and numbers:

The cost and minimum numbers agreed at the time of the booking will form part of the agreement between the hotel and the event organiser. We may offer discounts on varying dates during the year this applies solely to new bookings and not to dates previously sold.

The chargeable numbers will be the greater of the minimum numbers agreed or the numbers on the day. Final numbers must be confirmed 3 months before & menu choices are to be provided six weeks before the day of the event.

Accommodation:

Bedrooms are available from 2pm on the day of arrival and all bedrooms are to be vacated by 12 noon on day of departure.

Damages and losses:

The hotel reserves the right to charge the bride and groom for any replacements or repairs required resulting directly from his or her action or those of their guests. The hotel shall not be held liable for any loss or damage to any items brought on to the premises by either the organiser, their suppliers or their guests.

FAQ's

How many wedding guests can we have?

- Inside the Hotel we can comfortably seat 30 for a sit down wedding breakfast however are happy to discuss your requirements with you for up to 70 in the hotel in the summer months although for numbers greater than 30 (if a marquee is not being utilised) a buffet service style will be required and the food options will be limited to those appropriate for this service style. We also have space for a Marquee in our grounds and can accommodate parties of up to 150 from April to October.

Do you allow confetti at weddings?

- Yes as long as it is dried rose petals/biodegradable and preferably outside.

How many weddings do you do in a day?

- We are exclusive to the couple for the whole duration of your stay.

Are you a licensed wedding venue?

- No we are not currently licenced for Civil Marriages but are willing to consider this option at an additional fee of £2,000.

Do you allow fireworks and paper lanterns?

- We do allow fireworks and sparklers but as we are surrounded by farmland, paper lanterns are prohibited.

Are candles permitted in the venue

- Yes they are as long as they are in sturdy candle holders or hurricane lanterns. No live flames are allowed in the bedrooms

Is there car parking for our guests?

- Yes there is extensive parking for guests on site.

When does your licence end for the bar and music?

- Our licence ends at midnight.

Can we bring our own drinks for the wedding day?

- Corkage is not permitted, all drinks must be purchased through the hotel.

Can we use our own caterers?

- We manage all of the catering but can offer anything you require from sandwiches to sushi, please get in touch to discuss your preferences.

Can I use my own suppliers?

- Of course but we do have an extensive range of suppliers to suit all budgets if you need a helping hand.

Do you provide menu tastings?

Yes - a complimentary menu tasting is offered to all couples booking a wedding with us.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIERS

Floristry

Vintage China Hire

Seat Covers & Decor

Hanging Lanterns, Bunting and Lighting

Disk Jockey

Wedding Planner

West Country Wedding Planner

Please call: **07521 671615**

www.westcountryweddingplanner.co.uk

Photographer

Matt Austin, Lyme Regis

Please call: Matt or Marie **07519 647890**

www.maustinpics.wix.com

Videographer

I Do Film Weddings

Please call: Rich **07894 943525**

www.idofilmweddings.co.uk

Stationery

Knots and Kisses

Please call: Nikki **07976 625201**

www.knotsandkisses.co.uk

Bands

Mammoth

Please call: Paddy **07962 215745**

www.mammothband.co.uk

Charlie Miller and the Soul Agents

Please call: Simon **07597 151473**

www.soulagentslive.com

Magician

Dan Brazier

Please Call: **07855 451355**

www.danbrazier.com