



THE WINCHESTER
HOTEL & SPA

WEDDINGS & CEREMONIES

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THE BEGINNING OF YOUR *FOREVER*

At The Winchester Hotel & Spa, your story unfolds in a setting filled with light, warmth and celebration

Just moments from the historic heart of Winchester, The Winchester Hotel & Spa offers a crystal-lit function space that feels bright, modern and full of possibility. Chandeliers glow softly overhead, glasses catch the light, and the room transforms effortlessly from ceremony to celebration. It is a beautiful backdrop for vows, laughter and a dance floor that stays busy long into the evening.

From your first enquiry to the final toast, the team works alongside you with warmth and steady expertise. Every detail is handled with care. Every question answered with reassurance. The atmosphere is calm, organised and genuinely supportive, so you can focus on what matters most. Being together, celebrating fully, and taking in each moment as it happens.

Beyond the celebration, the spa offers a welcome pause. Book in for pre-wedding treatments to feel polished and prepared, or return the next day to unwind and reset. It is a thoughtful addition that turns your wedding into more than a single event. It becomes a relaxed, joyful experience to savour from beginning to end, and long after the music fades.



STAYING *THE NIGHT*

When the final song fades and the celebration softens into quiet goodnights, the next chapter begins

At The Winchester Hotel & Spa, your wedding night is treated as part of the experience, not an afterthought. Choose from one of our beautifully appointed suites and step into a space designed for relaxation after a day filled with emotion, laughter, and celebration. It is a private pause where you can relive the highlights, still wrapped in the glow of the occasion.

For your guests, the celebration continues with the ease of staying close. With the option to reserve bedrooms at a favourable rate, friends and family can retire just moments away.

Our collection of 96 contemporary bedrooms and suites blends style with comfort. Thoughtfully designed interiors, ensuite bathrooms, spacious storage, smart televisions, and tea and coffee facilities create an inviting retreat. Whether preparing for the day ahead or unwinding after the festivities, every detail supports a stay that feels effortless.

Because the perfect wedding is not only about the hours you celebrate, but the moments before and after that make the experience complete.



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THE CEREMONY

Get to know the spaces where your love story takes centre stage

THE CRYSTAL ROOM

Walk the aisle beneath a ceiling that gently reflects the light, creating a bright and welcoming atmosphere from the very first moment. The Crystal Room pairs clean, contemporary design with soft illumination, offering a setting that feels considered, comfortable and ready for celebration. Every vow and shared glance feels naturally framed by a space that understands the significance of the day.

As guests take their seats and anticipation builds, the room settles into a warm, intimate ambience that draws focus to the aisle. Stylish without feeling overstated, it strikes a thoughtful balance between modern surroundings and genuine closeness, allowing your ceremony to feel personal, meaningful and beautifully composed.



Hosting up to 130 guests, the Crystal Room adapts effortlessly to suit the scale of your celebration. For more intimate ceremonies of up to 50 guests, the space can be thoughtfully reduced to maintain atmosphere and closeness, ensuring the room always feels perfectly proportioned to your day.

Following your ceremony, the experience flows seamlessly into celebration. While you and your guests enjoy your drinks reception, the room is elegantly transformed in preparation for your wedding breakfast. This effortless transition keeps the energy of the day moving naturally, allowing you to savour every moment in a space that evolves with your celebration.



THE TERRACE

The terrace offers a ceremony setting that feels relaxed, contemporary, and beautifully alive. It is a space where laughter carries easily and vows unfold beneath open skies, creating a celebration that feels both intimate and expansive.

Licensed for ceremonies of up to 60 guests, the terrace balances atmosphere with versatility. A retractable roof allows the space to respond to the moment, welcoming

sunshine when it appears while offering shelter and comfort when needed. Discreet heating ensures warmth as the day moves into evening, so the celebration continues without interruption.

From your first steps down the aisle to the clink of glasses during your drinks reception, the terrace creates a setting that feels effortlessly joyful. A place where love is celebrated in the open, surrounded by the people who matter most.



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EVERY DETAIL
CONSIDERED,
EVERY MOMENT
TREASURED.

HAMPSHIRE REGISTER OFFICE

Timeless surroundings for a moment that
is entirely yours

Set within the elegant 19th-century buildings of Castle Hill, the Hampshire Register Office offers a ceremony setting defined by character, heritage, and quiet grandeur. From the moment you arrive, the architecture creates a natural sense of occasion, framing your vows in surroundings that feel timeless and meaningful.

Couples can choose from four beautifully appointed ceremony rooms, each offering its own atmosphere while maintaining a warm, intimate feel. Whether your celebration is small and personal or shared with a wider circle of guests, the setting allows the focus to remain where it belongs, on the promises being made and the moment you begin your next chapter.

Beyond the ceremony, the surrounding streets of historic Winchester provide an effortless extension of the celebration. Architectural backdrops, charming corners, and city views create natural photo opportunities that capture both the elegance of the day and the spirit of the location. These moments, framed by Winchester's history, become lasting memories of a truly special occasion.



IN CONVERSATION

Read our Q&A to get expert insight from the team at the Winchester Register Office

Timing is everything, when should couples book their ceremony, and how far ahead do you usually recommend?

When it comes to weddings, early planning pays off. For couples with a dream venue or date in mind, booking 12 to 24 months ahead is ideal - especially for peak seasons like spring and summer. Popular spots fill up fast, and securing your ceremony early gives you the best chance to lock in your vision. If you're planning something smaller or more spontaneous, a shorter timeline can work, just be flexible with dates and vendors.

The Winchester Register Office has such character, what ceremony spaces are available, and how do couples decide which is right for them?

Castle Hill offers four distinct ceremony rooms, each with its own unique character.

- **Castle Room:** Featuring the striking "River of Life" stained-glass artwork, this elegant space seats up to 42 guests and is ideal for larger gatherings.
- **Basing Room:** A beautiful blend of grandeur and intimacy, this room hosts up to 32 guests beneath a stunning chandelier.
- **Westgate Room:** Perfect for smaller ceremonies, this modern space accommodates up to 16 guests.
- **Avalon Room:** A romantic, intimate setting designed for up to 6 guests.

Choosing the right room depends on your guest list, your style, and the atmosphere you envision for your day. Our top tip? Visit in person. Touring the rooms gives you a true feel for each space and helps you picture your ceremony coming to life.

On the big day, what can couples expect from the moment they arrive to the moment they say 'I do'?

From the moment couples arrive, the day is carefully choreographed to ensure every detail feels seamless, personal, and full of heart. A warm welcome sets the tone as the registrar team guides the couple through a short pre-ceremony interview, usually held separately to confirm everything is in place. It's a calm, reassuring moment to pause, breathe, and ask any final questions before the ceremony begins.

As guests gather, they're welcomed into the ceremony space with soft music playing and loved ones settling into their seats. Then the ceremony begins. Led by the registrar, couples can personalise elements such as readings, music, and vows while fulfilling the



legal requirements. With warmth and professionalism, the registrar guides them through their declarations, ring exchange, and the all-important legal words that make everything official.

The signing of the schedule follows, often accompanied by music and photographs, before the couple is presented to their guests as newlyweds. It's a moment filled with joy, applause, and often a few happy tears. From start to finish, a registrar-led ceremony is about more than legalities. It's about creating a meaningful experience that reflects the couple's story, values, and hopes for the future.



What are the must dos every couple should have sorted before the ceremony?

When it comes to preparing for your ceremony, there are two essential steps every couple must complete:

- **Give Notice:** This is the legal declaration of your intent to marry or form a civil partnership. It must be done in person at your local registration office and at least 28 days before your ceremony. Without it, the ceremony can't go ahead.
- **Complete your planning form:** This form lets you personalise your ceremony! Think about the atmosphere you want - whether that's through decorations, music, readings or personal vows - and confirm it all with our team ahead of time so that everything runs smoothly on the day.

If you could share one golden tip for a seamless, stress-free ceremony, what would it be?

If we could share just one golden tip for a smooth ceremony, it would be this: plan your entrance - especially if you have flower girls, page boys, or bridesmaids walking down the aisle. To avoid any awkward moments at the front, create a clear seating plan. Make sure everyone involved in the entrance knows exactly where they'll be sitting, and place reserved tags with their names on those seats. It's a small detail that makes a big difference! A well-organised entrance sets the tone for the whole celebration. It's one of those behind-the-scenes touches that helps everything flow beautifully.

Every couple wants their ceremony to feel like their own, what little touches or choices can make it personal?

No two couples are the same - which means no two ceremonies should be either. The best way to make your ceremony feel truly personal is to start with your ceremony planning form. This is your opportunity to choose readings that resonate, music that reflects your journey, and even write your own vows. These thoughtful choices help shape a ceremony that feels authentic and meaningful. Don't overlook the power of people. Involving loved ones - whether through readings, walking down the aisle, giving someone the honour of "giving away," or including symbolic gestures - adds warmth and connection to the moment. Ultimately, it's about making choices that reflect who you are as a couple. Whether it's a quiet moment or a bold statement, those personal touches are what transform a ceremony into your ceremony.

You must get asked the same things all the time, what are the most common questions, and what are your go-to answers?

While every couple's journey is unique, there are a few questions we hear time and again. These are all really important questions, but we also get asked something new almost every day. That's exactly why we created our FAQ section and our Celebrate in Hampshire guide - to give couples clear, helpful information throughout their planning journey. Whether you're just starting out or finalising the details, we're here to make sure you feel confident, informed, and excited for your special day.

What is the difference between celebrants and Registrars?

- A Registrar is employed by the local council and is authorised to conduct legally binding civil ceremonies. A Celebrant is an independent officiant who creates and leads non-legally binding ceremonies.

Can we personalise our ceremony?

- Absolutely! Your ceremony is more than just a formality—it's a reflection of your love story, your personalities, and the journey you're about to embark on together. In Hampshire, you have lots of opportunities to add personal elements that are special to you.

Can we decorate the ceremony room in a Registration Office?

- Yes, in all our Registration offices you have access to the ceremony room 30 minutes before the ceremony, and 30 minutes after, for setting up decorations. All we ask is that couples please discuss their plans with our ceremonies team beforehand. Alternatively, if you're looking to decorate your ceremony room in an affordable way, without the stress of arranging it yourself - you can opt for our decorations package!

Will we get to meet the Registrar or know the name of our Registrar before the day?

- Couples won't meet, nor know the name of their registrar before the day. We do this so that no couple is disappointed on the day, should unforeseen circumstances arise, and another registrar need to step in. It allows for flexibility and helps maintain a smooth and stress-free experience.

THE RECEPTION

Where the celebration begins and memories are made

As your wedding day moves from ceremony to celebration, the Crystal Room transforms effortlessly into a space designed for gathering, laughter, and unforgettable moments. Fully air-conditioned and complete with your own private bar, the room comfortably hosts a wedding breakfast for up to 130 guests, creating an atmosphere that feels both grand and welcoming.

The room's contemporary design provides a beautiful backdrop for dining and toasts, allowing your chosen styling to shine while maintaining an elegant sense of occasion. It is a space that feels celebratory without ever overwhelming the moment, striking the perfect balance between sophistication and warmth.

While you enjoy your drinks reception, the Crystal Room is thoughtfully reimaged behind the scenes. Tables are cleared, lighting subtly shifts, and the anticipation of the evening builds as the room prepares for its next chapter. The transition feels seamless, allowing your celebration to continue without pause.



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Your first dance marks the beginning of the evening festivities, a moment shared in a room filled with loved ones and energy. Whether you choose a live band or DJ, the Crystal Room adapts beautifully to your vision, carrying the atmosphere from elegant dining into a lively reception where the dance floor quickly becomes the heart of the celebration.

As the evening unfolds, the space comes alive with music, movement, and shared memories. From heartfelt speeches to spontaneous laughter and late-night dancing, the Crystal Room provides a setting where every part of your reception feels connected, effortless, and entirely your own.

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THE CRYSTAL ROOM



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From candlelit toasts to your first dance, the Crystal Room carries your celebration effortlessly into the night.



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EAT, DRINK & CELEBRATE

Thoughtfully prepared, beautifully served



Celebrate your first moments as a married couple gathered around the table, sharing exceptional food with the people who matter most. With a curated range of menu options, you can tailor your dining experience to reflect your tastes and the style of your celebration.

Our dedicated chefs craft each dish with creativity and care, using locally sourced, seasonal ingredients wherever possible. From elegant starters to indulgent desserts, every plate is designed to be as beautiful as it is delicious, creating a memorable first meal together as newlyweds.

Your wedding coordinator will guide you through every aspect of your catering, from welcome cocktails and delicate canapés to your wedding breakfast and evening buffet. Every detail is thoughtfully planned, resulting in a dining experience that feels seamless, personal, and perfectly suited to your day.

THE FINISHING *TOUCHES*

Where thoughtful details become lasting memories

WELCOME CARPET

We want you to feel special on your wedding day, by rolling out the red carpet for your arrival, or an elegant cream carpet to walk down the aisle during your ceremony.

TABLES

We supply two types of tables, round and banqueting tables. The round (6ft) tables seat 9 guests. Our banqueting tables can be provided on request, dependant on guest numbers.

TABLE PLANS AND NAME CARDS

Please let us know your final table plan at least two weeks prior to your wedding. If your reception room is available the day before your wedding you are very welcome to set up your name cards, favours and decorations yourself. If this isn't possible we can arrange set-up for you.

MUSIC

Our entertainment license is valid from Monday to Sunday until midnight each night.

LINEN

We provide white table linen for all our table setups. If you would like to use coloured linen or chair sashes, we have trusted suppliers who we can recommend.

CONFETTI

We have a wonderful confetti throwing location at the front of our hotel, making for an excellent wedding photo. We require that all confetti used by your wedding party is biodegradable.

MENUS

As part of our service we will supply a printed menu for each table if required.

CHILDREN

Younger guests aged 12 and under are considered to be children for catering purposes. We can supply smaller portions from the main menu or you may prefer to select from our children's menu.

Highchairs can be supplied at no additional charge. Please include any requests for these when you are making final arrangements so that we can ensure there are enough available on the day.

SUPPLIERS

We can recommend a range of excellent suppliers, all of whom have good experiences of working at The Winchester Hotel & Spa. Please ask your wedding specialist for further information and contact details. We welcome site tours with suppliers so they can view the space in advance.

INSURANCE

We possess public liability insurance, but we strongly recommend that you also consider wedding insurance that will provide cover against illness, failure of suppliers and so on.

WEDDING CAKE

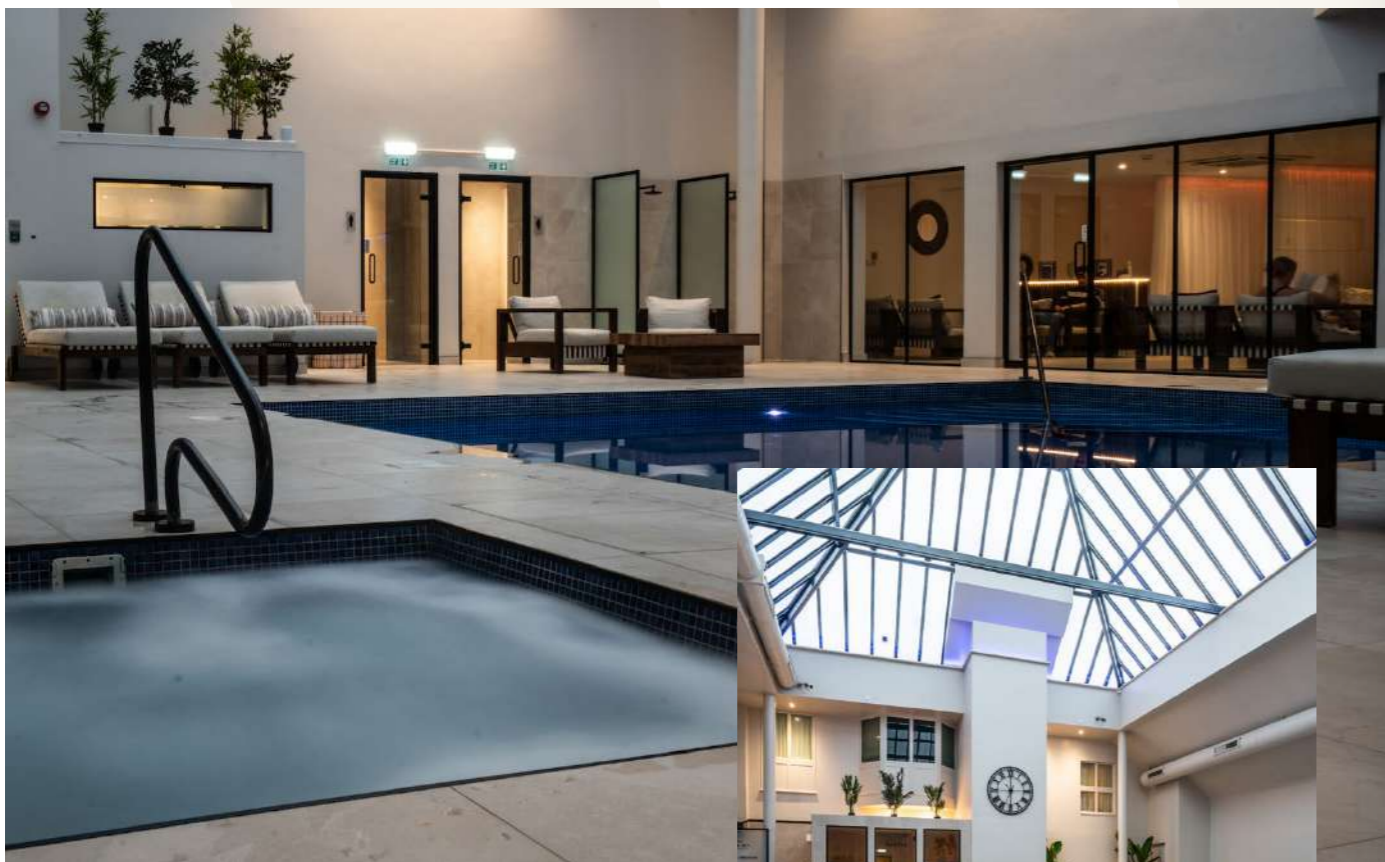
Please ask your cake supplier to deliver on the day of your wedding. We have a range of cake stands to choose from for your big day, with a silver knife available on a complimentary basis.

FLOWERS

We can work with your florist to arrange for your flowers to arrive on site and set up for your big day. This can be arranged for either the night before or the morning of your wedding.



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RELAX AT *THE SPA*

Restore, relax, and savour the moments around your celebration

Complete your wedding experience with time set aside to unwind at The Spa. Whether you are preparing for the day ahead or easing into newlywed life, our in-house spa offers a peaceful retreat designed for relaxation and connection. Choose from a collection of holistic and beauty treatments for you and your guests, creating moments of calm within the excitement of your celebration.

Featuring treatments by ESPA and Nails by Mii, The Spa combines expert care with thoughtful surroundings. Dual

treatment rooms allow you to enjoy appointments side by side, perfect for sharing the experience with a partner, friend, or family member. Many couples choose to gather loved ones for a pre-wedding spa day or stylish hen celebration, turning preparation into part of the memory. It is an opportunity to slow down, reconnect, and savour the anticipation together.

Access to The Spa is included with all room stays, inviting you to extend your relaxation beyond a single treatment and fully enjoy this tranquil space throughout your visit.

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Before the vows
or after the last
dance, find time
to truly relax.

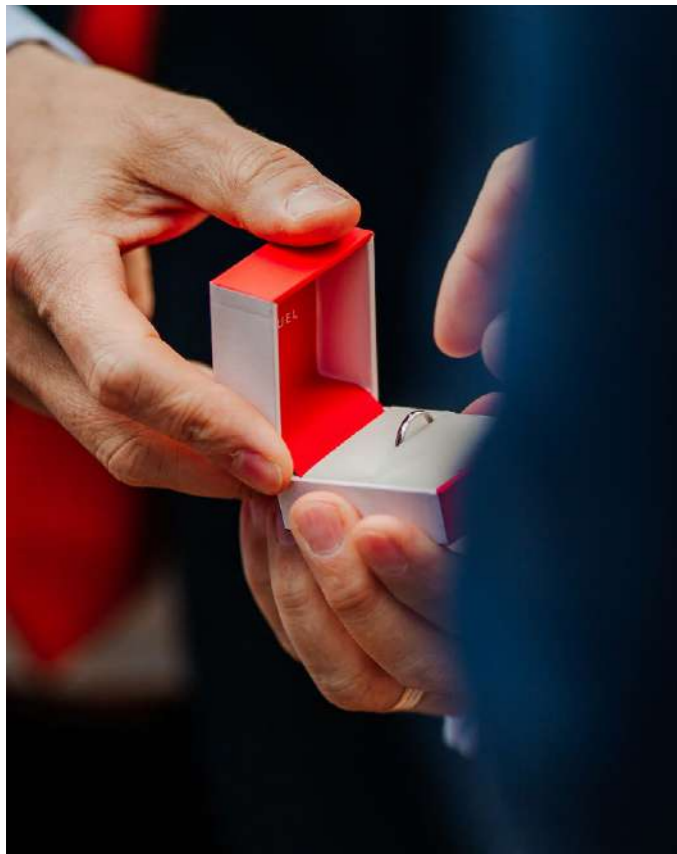




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BEGIN YOUR *STORY*

Start planning your celebration at The Winchester Hotel & Spa



Your wedding journey begins with a conversation. Whether you are newly engaged or finalising the details of your day, our dedicated wedding team is here to guide you with care, creativity, and expertise. From your first enquiry to the final toast, we work alongside you to shape a celebration that feels effortless and unmistakably yours.

We invite you to visit, explore the spaces, and imagine your day unfolding here. Our coordinators are delighted to answer questions, share ideas, and help you discover how your vision can come to life.

To arrange a viewing or speak with the team, simply get in touch. Your story starts here, and we would be honoured to be part of it.

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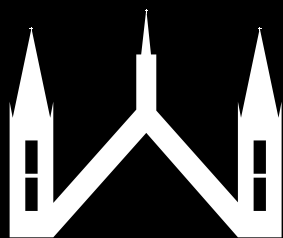
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I love you not only
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when I am with *you*.

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