

HEVER CASTLE

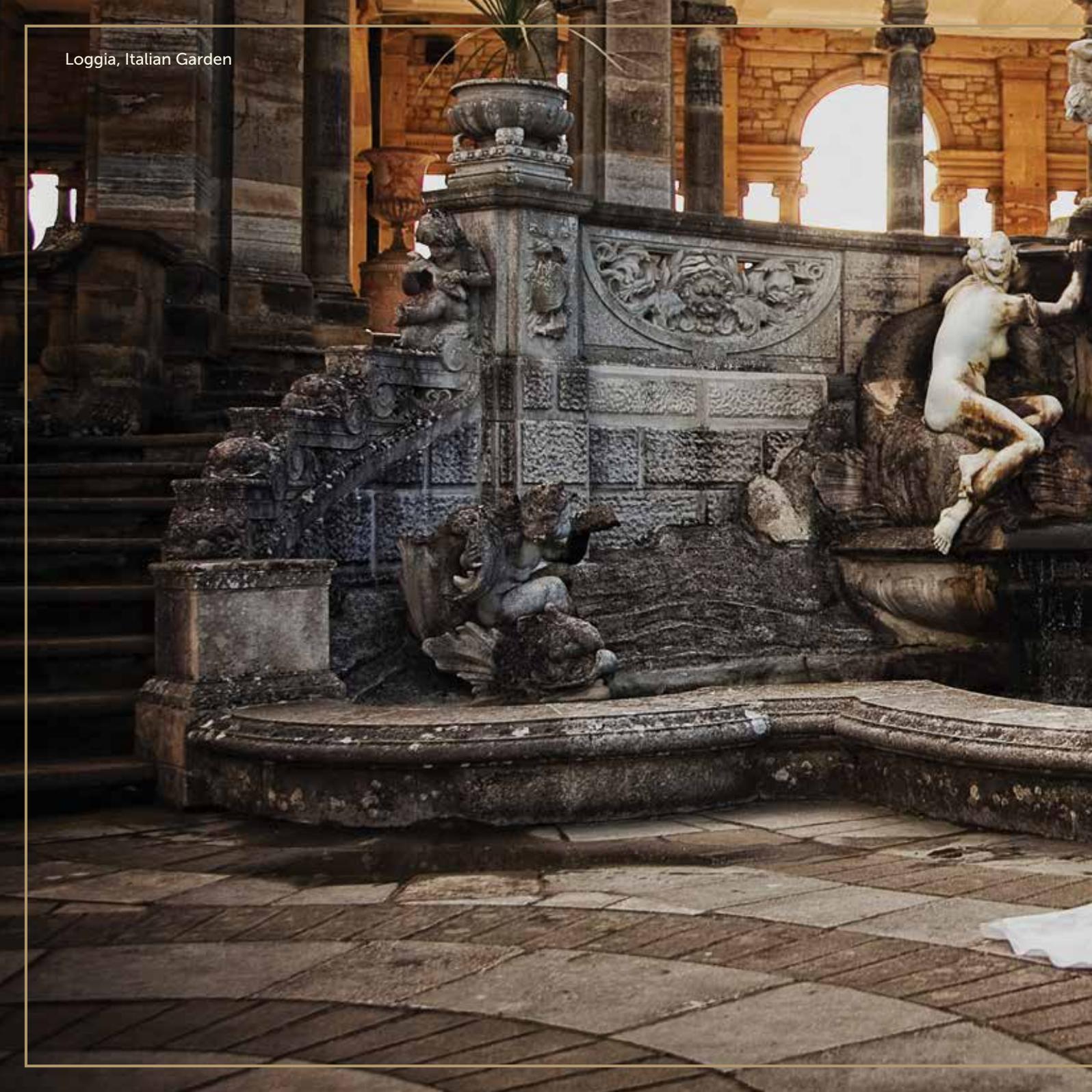


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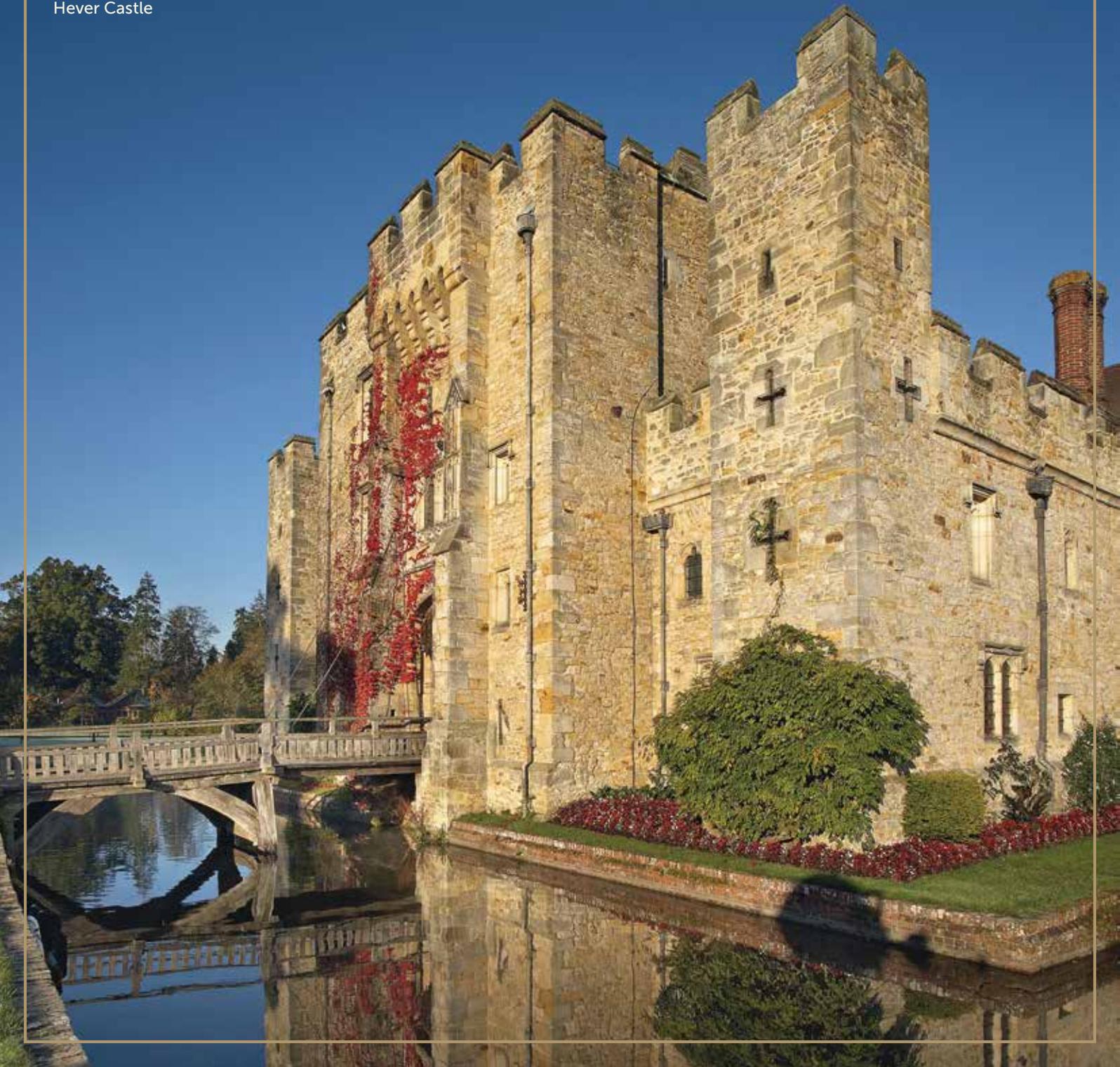


Loggia, Italian Garden





Hever Castle





# THE HISTORY OF HEVER CASTLE

Set in 625 acres of idyllic Kent countryside, Hever Castle has a rich and varied history dating back more than 700 years.

Today's peaceful setting belies a tumultuous past involving events that changed the course of Britain's monarchy, religion and history.

The original medieval defensive Castle was built in 1270 and grew in the 15th and 16th centuries to become the childhood home of Hever's most famous inhabitant, Anne Boleyn, King Henry VIII's second wife.

It was Henry's love for Anne and her insistence that she became his wife, rather than remain his mistress, that led to the King renouncing Catholicism and creating the Church of England.

Hever Castle later passed into the ownership of another of Henry VIII's wives, Anne of Cleves and from 1557 onwards it was owned by a number of families but gradually fell into decline.

In 1903, the wealthy American, William Waldorf Astor, invested vast amounts of time, money and imagination, restoring the Castle, building the adjoining Astor Wing and creating the magnificent gardens and lake. Much of what visitors see today is the result of his remarkable efforts to create a lavish family home that also indulged his passion for history.

Hever Castle is now privately owned by the Guthrie family who are as passionate as their predecessors about preserving this uniquely beautiful historic estate for generations to come.



ANNE  
BOLEYN

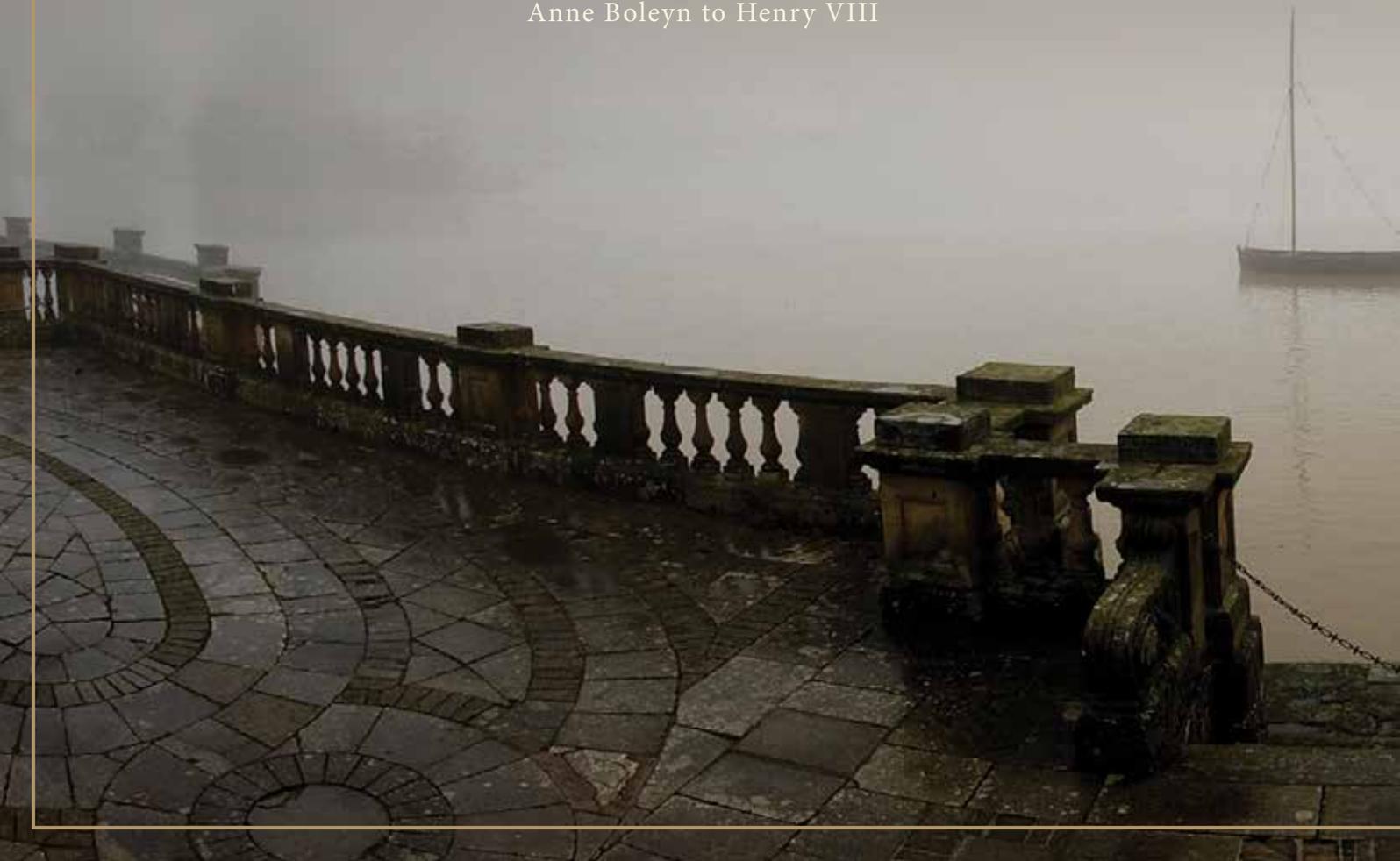


KING  
HENRY VIII

Loggia, Italian Garden

"MY HEART AND I  
SURRENDER THEMSELVES  
INTO YOUR HANDS"

Anne Boleyn to Henry VIII







# THE VENUES

Your wedding is one of the most important days of your life, a day that you and your guests will hold forever as a treasured memory.

With this in mind, Haver Castle is proud to offer a selection of award-winning venues. Whether it be the stately grandeur of the Castle itself, the country house atmosphere of the

Astor Wing or the stunning lakeside location of the Italian Garden, Haver Castle can offer a wedding venue to suit all your wedding day dreams, throughout all seasons.

So let your imagination run wild and let us turn your wedding day dreams into reality at Haver Castle.



CASTLE  
WEDDINGS



ASTOR WING  
WEDDINGS



ITALIAN GARDEN  
WEDDINGS



MARQUEE  
WEDDINGS



Castle Dining Hall



CEREMONY – Castle Inner Hall  
DRINKS RECEPTION – Courtyard or Tudor Suite  
DINING – Castle Dining Hall  
EVENING RECEPTION – Moat Restaurant

CAPACITY FOR CEREMONY – 60  
(48 seated, 12 standing)  
DRINKS RECEPTION CAPACITY – 60  
WEDDING BREAKFAST CAPACITY – 40  
EVENING RECEPTION CAPACITY – 120

ONSITE ACCOMMODATION ✓  
SECURE AND PRIVATE PARKING ✓  
DISABLED ACCESS ✓

AVAILABILITY – From midday on days the Castle is closed to the public. From 6.30pm on days when the Castle is open to the public. Please speak to the events team for further information.



## CASTLE WEDDINGS

If history is the order of the day, then what better place to celebrate your wedding than within the walls of the historic Castle itself. The magnificent wood panelling with richly carved columns made of Italian walnut, together with a fine collection of antique furniture dating from the 17th and 18th centuries, makes the Castle an unrivalled location for your wedding celebrations.

Ceremonies take place in the Castle Inner Hall, on the walls are portraits of three generations of Tudor monarchs: Henry VII, Henry VIII and Edward VI. There is a beautiful

gallery inspired by Kings College Chapel, Cambridge, ideal for musicians to position themselves upon.

A banquet-style wedding breakfast can be hosted in the Castle Dining Hall, also boasting a stunning minstrels' gallery, fine wood panelling and an ornately carved stone fireplace. The solid oak tables and ancient tapestry of the dining room, enhance the Tudor atmosphere.

Please speak to the events team for further details.





# ASTOR WING WEDDINGS

William Waldorf Astor commissioned the Astor Wing in 1903. Craftsman used traditional Tudor tools in order to retain the authenticity of the Tudor era. The result is a series of beautiful interconnecting Tudor style buildings joined to the Castle.

The function space within the Astor Wing is formed of three interconnecting rooms known as the Tudor Suite. Oak panelled throughout, the Tudor Suite has unparalleled views of the Castle, moat and gardens. Leaded windows fill the rooms with light, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Ceremonies take place in the Tudor Suite Sitting Room overlooking the Castle and moat. Drinks receptions can either be held in the nearby Music Room or, weather permitting, outside on the Tudor Suite lawns, in full view of the Castle, but private to the visiting public.

Wedding breakfasts are held in the Tudor Suite Dining Room, a classic oak panelled room offering stunning chandeliers and an ornately carved Clipsham stone working fireplace.

Should you wish to extend to an evening reception, this will be held at the nearby Moat Restaurant. Only a short walk away and overlooking the Castle, the Moat Restaurant is licensed until midnight and offers bar facilities, an area for dancing to your live band or disco and an area for an evening buffet.

The Tudor Suite can also be booked in conjunction with function rooms in the Castle.

Please speak to the events team for further details.



## Tudor Suite Dining Room



CEREMONY – Tudor Suite Sitting Room  
DRINKS RECEPTION – Music Room/Tudor Suite Lawns  
DINING – Tudor Suite Dining Room  
EVENING RECEPTION – The Moat Restaurant

CAPACITY FOR CEREMONY – 60  
(48 seated, 12 standing)  
DRINKS RECEPTION CAPACITY – 60  
WEDDING BREAKFAST CAPACITY – 60  
EVENING RECEPTION CAPACITY – 120

ONSITE ACCOMMODATION ✓  
SECURE AND PRIVATE PARKING ✓  
DISABLED ACCESS – Subject to numbers

AVAILABILITY – All year round

*Disclaimer - Complimentary covers for banqueting chairs are provided for numbers over 54. For numbers 54 and under, Tudor Suite chairs are provided which do not require chair covers.*



CEREMONY – Loggia  
DRINKS RECEPTION – Loggia Terrace  
DINING – Guthrie Pavilion  
EVENING RECEPTION – Guthrie Pavilion

CAPACITY FOR CEREMONY – 180  
DRINKS RECEPTION CAPACITY – 180  
WEDDING BREAKFAST CAPACITY – 180  
EVENING RECEPTION CAPACITY TOTAL – 220

ONSITE ACCOMMODATION ✓  
SECURE AND PRIVATE PARKING ✓  
DISABLED ACCESS ✓

LOGGIA CEREMONIES AVAILABILITY  
– April to October excluding school holidays  
and bank holiday weekends  
GUTHRIE PAVILION RECEPTION AVAILABILITY  
– All year round excluding school holidays



# ITALIAN GARDEN WEDDINGS

One of the most magnificent areas of the gardens at Hever Castle is the Italian Garden, which was designed to display William Waldorf Astor's collection of Italian sculpture. Over 1,000 men worked on the great design with around 800 men taking 2 years to dig out the 38 acre lake. The garden is only now reaching its full maturity and includes the colourful Rose Garden which contains over 4,000 plants.

Summer months see this award winning garden come to life as ceremonies take place under the beautiful arched columns of the Italian Loggia overlooking the lake. This magical lakeside location can also be extended to your drinks reception where guests can take in the views from the stone piazza complete with our very own Trevi-inspired fountain.

A short walk away through the Rose Garden is the Guthrie Pavilion which plays host to an Italian Garden wedding breakfast. Extensively refurbished in Palladian style, the vaulted ceilings and full length arched windows make for a light and airy atmosphere from day into night without losing the romantic backdrop of the lake and gardens.

Licensed until 1.00am, the Guthrie Pavilion can also host your evening reception accommodating an evening buffet, disco or live band and bar facilities.

Please speak to the events team for further details.





# MARQUEE WEDDINGS

The beautiful gardens at Hever Castle were laid out between 1904 and 1908 turning what was then marshland into the spectacular gardens you see today. For a marquee wedding reception, Hever Castle offers the beautiful Winter Garden Lawn, a private lawn ideally located by the side of the moat with spectacular views overlooking the Castle.

The Winter Garden Lawn can accommodate a marquee for up to 600 guests.

Catering must be provided by the on-site catering team unless non-European cuisine is required, for which we have a list of nominated suppliers.

Please speak to the events team for further details.



# CEREMONY ONLY OPTIONS

If you are interested in booking just a wedding ceremony and not a reception, we offer ceremony only weddings. However, please note that these options are only available on certain days and with a shorter lead in time to booking a date than if you were planning the whole day with us.

## ASTOR WING CEREMONY ONLY

An Astor Wing ceremony only wedding takes place in the Astor Wing of Hever Castle in the oak panelled Tudor Suite Sitting Room which overlooks the Castle and formal lawns.

Following a ceremony we request that the wedding party stays to enjoy a drinks reception either within the Tudor Suite or, if weather allows, on the private Tudor Suite lawns with the Castle as a spectacular backdrop for photographs.

An Astor Wing ceremony can be conducted between midday and 3pm. Bookings can be taken up to a year in advance for a Sunday or a Monday and two months in advance for a Saturday.

Minimum numbers for an Astor Wing ceremony only wedding are 25 and maximum numbers are 64.

## ITALIAN GARDEN CEREMONY ONLY

An Italian Garden ceremony only wedding is available between April and October (excluding school holiday dates and bank holiday weekends). It is conducted under the beautiful arched columns of the Italian Loggia with views across the 38 acre lake. This magical lakeside location can be extended to a drinks reception where guests can take in the views from the stone piazza complete with its very own Trevi-inspired fountain.

As the Loggia is located in an area of the Estate that is part of the day visitor attraction, an Italian Garden ceremony only wedding takes place at 10am with guests arriving from 9.30am. Drinks would follow from 10.30am to 12.00pm with photographs in designated areas of the grounds. The Castle grounds open to the general public at 10.30am but the Loggia will have restricted access to members of the public until midday.

Minimum numbers for an Italian Garden ceremony only wedding are 25 and maximum numbers are 180. For an Italian Garden ceremony only wedding, bookings can be taken up to a year in advance for Sunday – Thursdays and two months in advance for a Friday or a Saturday.



# PLANNING YOUR WEDDING

Our dedicated team of professional wedding coordinators will be with you every step of the way, from the moment you place an enquiry with us, through to the big day itself.

Let us take care of setting up your function rooms to suit your requirements, placing name cards and favours as required, allowing you to focus on getting yourself ready and enjoying the morning of your wedding with your family and friends. Throughout your special day at Hever Castle, one of our dedicated function managers will be discreetly present from the moment you arrive to the end of your day.

We are happy to assist you as much or as little as you require with regards to recommending musicians, photographers or other suppliers.

The numerous breathtaking photographic opportunities alone mean that any wedding day at Hever Castle is captured forever as a cherished memory.

*"Thank you for everything you did to make our wedding so perfect! Your true professionalism and attention to detail made the day a special and memorable occasion."*

PHIL & RACHAEL

*"Without exception, all of your staff involved performed to the highest standards and contributed to making the day perfect. Our views are mirrored by all our guests and their abiding memories will be of a wedding fit for royalty."*

SARAH & CALLUM

*"We would like to say a huge thanks to the whole team of Hever Castle for making our wedding day the most special and unforgettable event of our lives! It was absolutely fantastic, not only for us, but for all the guests as well. The level of professionalism, coordination and attention to detail was outstanding."*

LUBA & GUILHERME

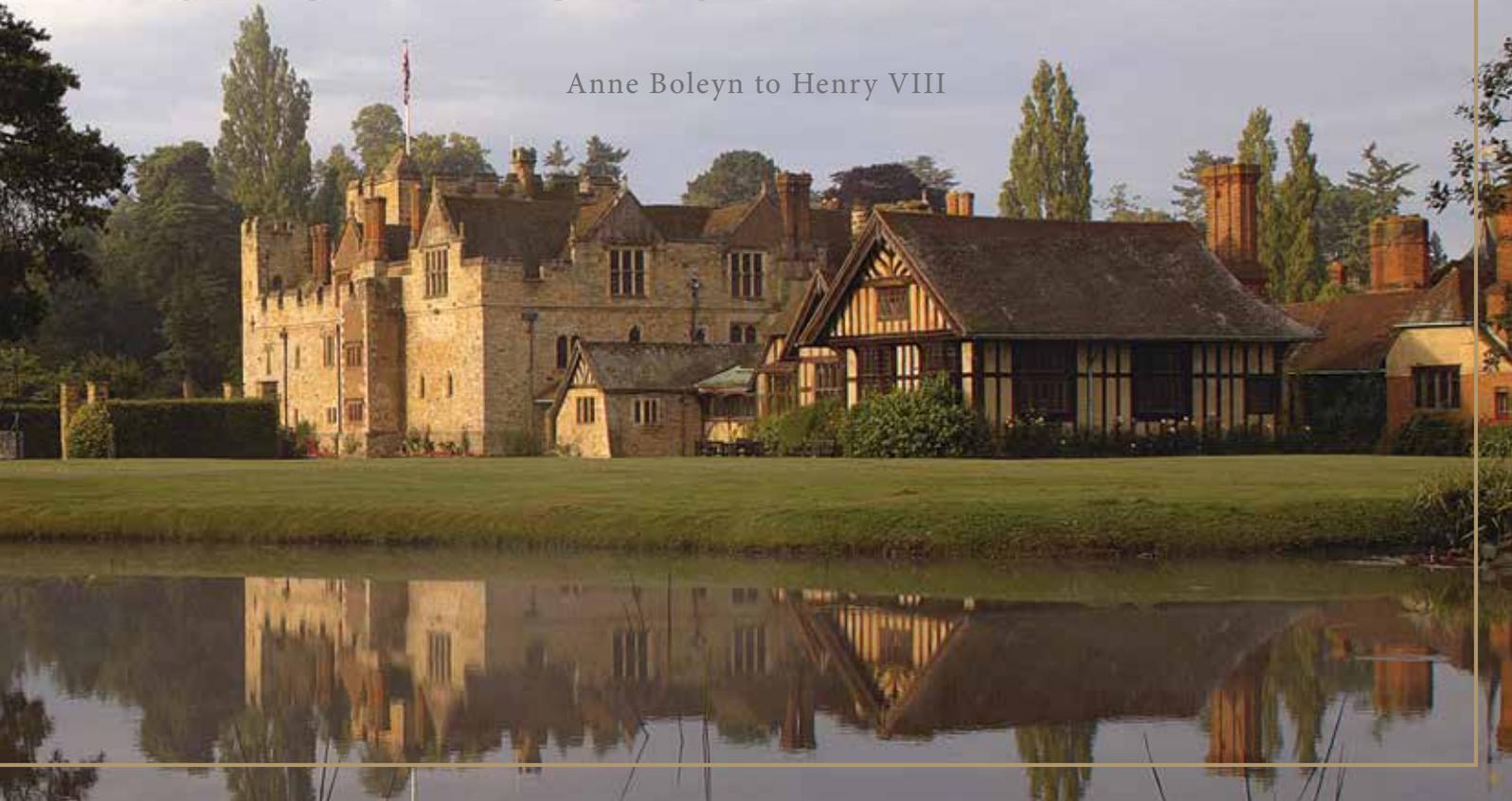






"THE JOY THAT I FEEL IN  
BEING LOVED BY A KING  
WHOM I ADORE, AND  
TO WHOM I WOULD  
WITH PLEASURE MAKE A  
SACRIFICE OF MY HEART"

Anne Boleyn to Henry VIII







# EXCLUSIVE CATERING

We will work closely with you from the start of your wedding journey at Hever Castle to ensure that all of your catering requirements are met. From the drinks reception and canapés through to our extensive selection of wedding breakfast menus and various evening reception options, our catering team will certainly make an impression on your guests.

Wedding couples are offered a complimentary tasting ahead of their special day, with the opportunity to sample items off our seasonal menus as well as discuss any questions they may have with our highly talented chefs and wine experts.\*

*"All of our guests have been very complimentary about the venue, the service and the food, so thank you again. We will definitely be back for lunch in the New Year to show you the photos!"*

EMMA & DANIEL

*"Please pass on all our thanks to your chef. Not only did the wedding breakfast look and taste delicious it was of such a high standard."*

HEIDI & LUCA





## STAY WITH US

Hever Castle offers 28 bedrooms, each with unique charm and character, recently refurbished to an exceptionally high standard whilst still retaining the classic and historic influences of their surroundings.

Hever Castle has recently been awarded with a Five Star Gold for Guest Accommodation, the highest possible rating and accolade achievable. Each of the 28 en-suite bedrooms are unique in style, some offer four poster beds, some roll top baths. There are an abundance of antique furnishings, panelled walls, chaise longue and stunning views through leaded windows. Original aspects fused with more contemporary comforts create a perfect match for a luxurious stay.

Amongst the collection of rooms there are twin bedded rooms and single bedrooms, however the majority are double. There are rooms that can accommodate children, an accessible room and for an extra slice of pure decadence there is the Edward VII Suite, offering breathtaking views across Anne Boleyn's Orchard to the Castle.

The 28 bedrooms are located across the Astor Wing and the Anne Boleyn Wing. Please speak to a member of our events team for details regarding booking bedrooms as part of your wedding.

In addition to these 28 bedrooms, or as an alternative, guests can choose to stay at Medley Court, a luxurious four bedroom property available on a self catering basis. It sleeps up to eight.



Primrose Bedroom, Astor Wing





# DIRECTIONS

## BY ROAD

Hever Castle is located 30 miles from central London, 3 miles South East of Edenbridge off the B2026 between Sevenoaks and East Grinstead in the village of Hever.

It can be reached via junction 10 of the M23, and is signposted from junctions 5 and 6 of the M25 and the Hildenborough exit of the A21. Satellite navigation users: Postcode TN8 7NG

Coach drivers are advised to check the route before travel as there are a number of low bridges in the surrounding area. Single decker coaches only can access all venue car parks.

## BY RAIL

London Victoria/London Bridge (via Oxted or East Croydon) to Edenbridge Town (3 miles – taxis available).  
Hever Station (1 mile rural walk – no taxis available).  
Eurotunnel Ebbsfleet International 1 hour by road.

## BY AIR

Heathrow 1 hour drive.  
Gatwick ½ hour drive.

## BY SEA

Dover is 1¾ hours drive.  
Channel Tunnel: Eurotunnel Folkestone is 1¾ hours drive.



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