

WEDDING INSPIRATION

{ YOUR LOCAL GUIDE TO THE BIG DAY }



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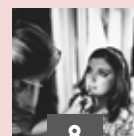
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PERFECT DAY

*Our pick of the finest wedding venues
in south west London*

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Duke's residence

The magnificent home of the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland, Syon Park, is one of London's most sought after wedding venues. You can opt for a ceremony in the Great Hall or the State Dining Room, and proceed to dance the night away in the Great Conservatory after drinks in the charming Inner Courtyard Garden.

See syonpark.co.uk



Palace party

The tranquil Fulham Palace provides a historical backdrop for stunning wedding pictures. Rooms to hire vary in style from Tudor to Georgian. Four rooms are licensed for civil ceremonies including the ornate Bishop Terrick's Drawing Room and the classical Great Hall, and the surrounding thirteen acres are ideal for balmy garden parties.

See fulhampalace.org



Court intrigue

Set amidst magical 18th century gardens, Hampton Court House is a glamorous, picture-perfect venue within easy reach of south west London. Designed by Thomas Wright for the mistress of a love-struck Earl, today it can host your very own love story. With a licence for civil ceremonies for up to 150 people, and large marquees for up to 500, you're sure to have a ball.

See hchevents.com



Parkland oasis

Morden Hall, set in a National Trust park beside the River Wandle, is perfect for a country-style wedding in south London. After extensive renovation in 2015, there's a collection of exquisite spaces to enjoy and excellent catering from Galloping Gourmet.

See mordenhall.com



Theatrical flair

Eclectic historical architecture including an impressive marble staircase, a bustling foyer and a striking Council Chamber - the Battersea Arts Centre is a truly dramatic location for a wedding that stands out from the crowd. There's also plenty of space to dance as you take centre stage on your special day.

See bac.org.uk



Traditional ceremony

The Sacred Heart Catholic church in Wimbledon, just next to Wimbledon College, is the perfect church for solemn vows. Organ music can be arranged via the Director of Music, as can soloists and even a choir.

The Gothic revival architecture is equally as striking on the outside, viewed from Edge Hill, as it is on the inside.

See sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk



Urban warehouse

Brixton East 1871 on Gresham Road was once a furniture warehouse, and extends to over 4500 square feet.

Wooden beams, bare concrete and minimal finishing make for an industrial backdrop to a truly modern, chic wedding in SW2. Complete the look with shimmering candles, twinkling lights and all your loved ones.

See brixtoneast1871.co.uk

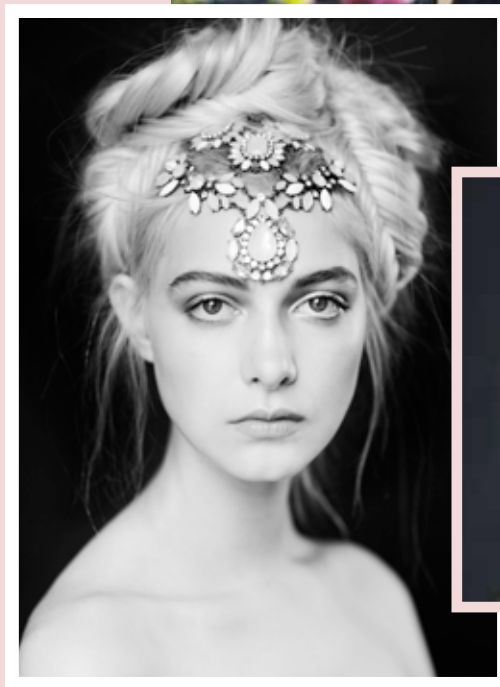
BRIDAL HAIR TREND

Discover how to create wonderful wedding hair this winter – who needs those summer blooms?



Whether you're the bride or you have a long awaited invitation to a winter wedding, ditch the traditional flowers this season and embrace the new hair accessories. Designers such as Dolce and Gabbana, Prada and Roksander are still showcasing hair accessories within their collections from simple headbands to full on crowns – but all you need is a little imagination and access to your mothers sewing box.

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Understated chic, above, and the statement head piece, left, and below, the hair stencil trend

1 For understated, Jil Sander-style chic, try a deep side parting and use a velvet ribbon to tie back a low ponytail, or be inspired by Chanel and recreate their recent revival of velvet headbands combined with a lot of backcombing for a modern beehive.

2 Rodarte and Dolce and Gabbana embraced statement headpieces at their recent shows, so for a more dramatic winter look try recycling one of your long forgotten pieces of costume jewellery or just go out and buy yourself that perfect crown. With the addition of a few hair pieces and the skill of your hairdresser you can tailor the look to become an ethereal, romantic princess or even a bejeweled ice queen.

3 If you can't bear to lose the flowers completely then try bringing your look bang up to date by using multiple springs of blooms (fake flowers are ok too) and adding coloured elastic to create a modern day Grecian style.

4 Still a barefoot, festival girl at heart? Then ditch the hair accessories altogether and try stenciling instead – just make sure to remember your umbrella, as this is a trend that's definitely not waterproof.



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Local EXPERTS

Exceptional ideas to ensure you experience the perfect wedding



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ROB VAN HELDEN FLORAL DESIGN

Rob's unique skill lies in an ability to express and enhance moods with flowers, turning each event into a one-of-a-kind experience – and it is little wonder that his floral creations are recognised as pieces of art in their own right. Whether an exotic party in the Caribbean or an intimate gathering in Chelsea – RVH is to flowers what Valentino is to couture.

Rob Van Helden Floral Design Ltd, 8 Tun Yard, Peardon Street, SW8 3HT; 020 7720 6774; rvhfloraldesign.com



RADIANCE LONDON

There is no better way to look healthy and feel great than with the warm glow of a tan. Radiance London near Clapham South boasts a luxury tanning experience, and aims to separate itself from the usual clichés of tanning shops. Established by James Brown and Patrick Howell, Radiance London promises to provide the very best quality UV and spray tanning experiences anywhere in the capital. As well as spray booths, stand-up and lay down beds, Radiance also supplies luxurious, organic products to help you maximise your results.

29 Balham Hill, SW12 9DX; 020 8675 7888; radiance.london



THE SOURCE

Giant light up letters, twilight trees, reportage style photography, roving bands, food bars, nitro ice cream, cocktails on tap, flash mobs and bespoke entertainment, jaw dropping florals and beautiful stationery are just a selection of what's on offer at The Source to help you create the perfect weddings and events. A start-up co-founded by Aron Schlagman and Talya Zysblat, The Source will take you on an exciting journey through trend-led inspiring articles and a diverse selection of innovative and trusted brands that can help you plan your special day.

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BRIDAL BEAUTY

Wandsworth-based hair and make-up artist Tracey Baden will make sure everyone looks on in awe as you walk down the aisle. Having specialised in bridal hair and make-up for ten years, she uses only the best products to make sure you look your best and feel confident all day long.
traceybaden.com



Engaged To Be Married

Fine art wedding photographer Natasha Hurley is based in Streatham. As well as photographs to frame and treasure on your mantelpiece, Hurley can also capture your wedding day on film. Her romantic engagement photography is pretty and whimsical – we love the casual ease of this recent shoot on Tooting Bec Common. Visit natashahurley.com for more examples of her work

WEDDING NOTEBOOK

The specialists to make sure it's a wonderful day

IF THE SHOE FITS

Charlotte Mills bridal accessories are now stocked at Luella's Bridal Boutique in Wimbledon
luellas.co.uk



Clapham Couture

Juliet Poyser offers an exclusive, full couture wedding dress design service from her studio in Clapham Old Town. Three fittings ensure the perfect fit, and the beading and embroidery is all finished by hand. The look is timeless and elegant, and a hint of Grace Kelly-esque drama comes from her clever use of tailoring and corsetry. Full skirts and crisp organza jackets complete the look.
Julietpoyser.co.uk



Floral Artistry

Vanilla Rose florists in Putney have a small, creative team practised in the art of beautiful wedding flowers. Their attention to detail and passion for floristry shines through in their designs, giving you one less thing to worry about getting just right. As well as traditional bouquets, you can hire a range of vases, urns, mirror plates, bay trees and olive trees from the studio to complement your theme.
vanillarose.co.uk