

# *Happily* EVER AFTER

From castles to country manors, there are so many places in the UK for a romantic fairytale wedding

## CLASSIC CHIC HAWKSTONE HALL & GARDENS

Nestled in the Shropshire countryside, Hawkstone Hall is an elegant setting that's perfect for a romantic celebration. Offering a seriously pretty aesthetic, this 18th century country mansion combines heritage and modern luxury, and delivers a beautiful backdrop that will no doubt wow your guests – think pristine gardens, sophisticated decor and sweeping views across rolling Welsh hills.

Inside the venue you'll find a variety of spaces to get hitched, with both traditional detailing and splashes of contemporary styling. One of our favourites is the gorgeous Ballroom – it's fit for royalty with its elaborate gilded ceiling. If you're dreaming of an outdoor wedding instead, Hawkstone Hall also fits the bill with ceremonies licensed to take place beneath the pagoda. And, if breathtaking scenery is a must for your photos, throughout the day you'll have access to the gardens, complete with your very own chauffeur-driven love buggy!

Foodies should take note of this venue, too – it's a property that prides itself on exceptional catering. From canapés to three-course meals, you can expect a delectable offering with tasty treats that are seasonal and locally sourced.

With a range of packages and hire options, you can opt for exclusive use to make the most of your space. Plus, plenty of on-site accommodation means you can extend your celebrations and enjoy extra time with all the people you love.

Hawkstone Hall can host weddings of up to 170 people and prices start from around £9,000. [hawkstonehall.co.uk](http://hawkstonehall.co.uk)







## OPULENT LUXURY DRUMTOCHTY CASTLE

If you're set on a fairytale wedding, what could be better than marrying in a castle? Hidden in a 350-acre wild woodland glen, Drumtochty Castle is a gorgeous Scottish venue that hits the right notes.

The castle itself was built in 1812 and delivers a rich history for couples who wed within its doors. Notably, during World War II, it was bought by the Norwegian government and used as a boarding school for refugee children. Fast forward to today and the castle has been transformed into an ultra-luxurious venue and is recognised as one of Scotland's most prestigious options.

When it comes to spaces to wed, you'll certainly be spoilt for choice. For a religious ceremony you can opt for the pretty church of St Palladius, or choose the Ballroom or Gold Room within the castle instead. Alternatively, to benefit from the enchanting surroundings, consider marrying outside by the lake – it'll definitely leave a lasting impression!

If finery is your thing, your reception will feel like a regal banquet – expect a sumptuous feast with gold cutlery and fine crystal glassware. You'll also have access to interconnecting reception rooms, so there's plenty of space for a Champagne toast before dining.

As expected with a luxury venue, you'll have exclusive use of the castle, grounds and accommodation. And, when the day comes to a close, there's accommodation across the estate for 99 guests to enjoy.

Drumtochty Castle is ideal for weddings of up to 120 guests and two-night packages start from £8,000. [drumtochtycastle.com](http://drumtochtycastle.com)







## RUSTIC ROMANCE ASKHAM HALL

On the edge of the Lake District, you'll find beautiful Askham Hall – a luxurious manor house that dates back to the late 1200s. Originally built as a defensive tower, the house was extended in the 1400s and has since evolved into a majestic venue.

Full of character and historical charm, Askham Hall comprises several spaces for a romantic fairytale wedding. If you're after a relaxed and pretty vibe, you'll fall in love with the stylishly-converted Grade II Bank Barn – this charming spot boasts original features, bare stone walls and a gorgeous open-beamed ceiling. For a smaller space instead, the Medieval Hall is also licensed for ceremonies, while outdoor celebrations can take place in the garden pavilion. Religious ceremonies are an option, too, with two idyllic churches nearby:

With exclusive use, and no more than two weddings per week, this is a unique choice for your big day. It's also one where you'll have plenty of time to set up and decorate exactly as you wish! Better still, all weddings come with bespoke planning so you'll have an experienced team to make the process nice and smooth.

In terms of accommodation, your guests are covered – 19 individually-styled bedrooms are available to book within the venue. Those staying will also be treated to a luxurious heated pool, hot tub and sauna. Additional accommodation can also be found at the venue's sister property in the nearby village of Clifton.

Askham Hall can host up to 150 guests in the Bank Barn and prices start from around £5,000. [askhamhall.co.uk](http://askhamhall.co.uk)





## TIMELESS ELEGANCE FINDON PLACE

Fairytale weddings are timeless, romantic and elegant – and that is exactly what Findon Place is all about. This country estate in West Sussex is an enchanting and ultra-pretty place to get married, but it has an appeal that goes so much further than that, too. From flamboyant celebrations to intimate feasts, this is a venue that knows how to throw a party... and, with a dedicated team on hand, you can be certain of top-level service, expert attention to detail and a truly unforgettable experience.

Within the venue, you'll be treated to multiple spaces to enjoy throughout your stay, from the gracefully decorated rooms to the picturesque grounds and gardens. For an indoor wedding, we love the high-ceilinged Ballroom – this is the grandest room in the house and is a wonderful spot for a celebrant-led service or wedding breakfast. But, if you want to celebrate

outdoors, you also have the option of a marquee on the Great Lawn or a ceremony in the Pool Garden. You'll also be able to make the most of the venue's Walled Flower Garden, which delivers a tranquil setting for effortless dining.

As an exclusive hire venue, privacy and luxury are a given here, so you and your guests can fully indulge in your peaceful country retreat. You'll even have access to the swimming pool, tennis court and full-size snooker table in the Club Bar, so you won't be short of entertainment! When it comes to catching your sleep, 10 people can stay on-site, but you'll find plenty of accommodation in the local area if you have further guests wanting to stay longer.

For your wedding, Findon Place can host a maximum of 150 guests, with the Ballroom seating around 64. Prices for 2023 start from £6,000 plus VAT. [findonplace.com](http://findonplace.com)

