

WEDDINGS



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WELCOME

St Giles House is an award-winning family home that has been lovingly restored for weddings and bespoke events. Every detail of your day has been carefully considered, from our elegant rooms and beautiful gardens, to the after-hours cellar nightclub and striking Riding House accommodation.

Let us take you on a journey you will never forget.



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BRIDAL SUITE

St Giles House provides the wedding party with a stylish, intimate suite in which to prepare for the day ahead. Surround yourself with your nearest and dearest and relax with a glass of champagne relishing those final moments before walking down the aisle to see the love of your life.





"THE MOST NATURAL BEAUTY
IN THE WORLD IS HONESTY,
AND MORAL TRUTH.
FOR ALL BEAUTY IS TRUTH"

Anthony Ashley-Cooper 3rd Earl
of Shaftesbury

CEREMONY

St Giles House is licensed to hold civil ceremonies in any of the principle rooms in the house (max 120 guests). In the park, we have a beautiful 18th century Grotto, lined with shells brought back from the Caribbean, which provides a unique and intimate setting for your ceremony (max 20 guests). For larger gatherings a ceremony can be organised outside, (providing the declaration and register is signed within a licensed room). For a traditional Christian ceremony, St Giles Church is a 5 minute walk away.

Whatever location you choose our aim is to help you make it uniquely yours, and we love discussing new ideas to create the perfect ceremony for you.






RECEPTION

Celebrate your first meal as a married couple with friends & family by candlelight in a stunning setting full of history. Surrounded by fireplaces and old master paintings you can choose from a variety of principal rooms that will make the moment truly magical.

Create a bespoke menu with one of our carefully chosen caterers, who will prepare delicious food to suit your requirements.

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a long, flowing white dress, is sitting on a dark wooden floor. She is looking towards the camera. The room has ornate, patterned wallpaper and a large window on the right side. A large, ornate gold frame is visible on the wall behind her.

"WHATEVER OUR
SOULS ARE MADE OF,
HIS AND MINE ARE
THE SAME"

Emily Bronte

AFTER HOURS

Invite your guests to join you after the meal in our award-winning nightclub and bar. Designed with a state of the art light and sound system and with no neighbours to tell you to turn the music down. You are free to dance the night away to your favourite band or DJ. Late night extensions available on request.





ACCOMMODATION

Included in your hire is a two night stay in our 17th century Riding House, located within the grounds of St Giles House. The Riding House has seven double bedrooms and one larger accessible bedroom that sleeps four.

The rooms, some of them stables, have been carefully converted into unique living spaces, all with luxurious bathrooms and a high attention to detail. The upstairs has an open lounge space and bar, perfect for relaxing with your friends. Downstairs there is a large dining room for breakfast and dinners. The Riding House is available with catered or self-catered options.

To accompany the Riding House, our wedding packages also includes a two night stay in our Grooms Cottages, the Scullery and the Tack Room. There is an option of our Pepperpot Lodges which are available on request. Total accommodation can be provided for 30 guests.

Our St Giles House bedrooms are now completed and are available exclusively to wedding couples only and only six times a year.




HIRE & BOOKING

St Giles House hire is from 10am until midnight and includes exclusive use of the venue during this time. For an additional charge the venue can stay open until 2am. For guests using the house, the Library, Drawing Rooms and Great Dining Room will close after dinner and guests will have use of the Tapestry Room, Bar and Nightclub in the cellar.

Bookings will be confirmed upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit and dates will be held for a maximum of 2 weeks. Your hire includes a 2 night stay with breakfast in both the Riding House and East and West Pepperpot Lodges.



A classical painting depicting three figures, likely from Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. The figures are shown in a dramatic, possibly divine or celestial setting. In the foreground, there is a golden chalice or goblet. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

"THE UNPATHED WATERS AND THE UNDREAMED SHORES"

William Shakespeare

DRINKS

Choose from our curated selection of new and old world wines, with prices starting from £25 per head.

Alternatively, you may provide your own drinks for the ceremony and wedding meal (terms and conditions apply). The upstairs bar can be available throughout the day if required.

As the night progresses, our house bar is on hand serving an excellent selection of spirits, local craft ales and cocktails.

DAIMLER

Arrive to your wedding in style in the family DE36 Daimler. The car dates back to 1947 and was recently recovered from Malta in 2013. It was a Royal favourite before the Rolls Royce.

Originally acquired by the 9th Earl of Shaftesbury as a chauffeur driven car for official visits. The Daimler is still in remarkable condition and driving as well as ever.



"THERE IS NO WAY
TO HAPPINESS – HAPPINESS
IS THE WAY"

Thich Nhat Hanh





"I LOVE HER.
AND THAT'S THE
BEGINNING AND END
OF EVERYTHING"

F Scott
Fitzgerald

COSTS

2023

2024

Thursday

£13,200

£14,760

Includes 2 nights of
accommodation for 22 guests

Friday & Saturday

£18,000

£19,800

Includes 2 nights of
accommodation for 26 guests



FAQS

Can I provisionally book a date?

We can hold a date for you for two weeks after your viewing. If we have not heard from you after two weeks we will release the date.

How do I confirm a booking?

We require a non-refundable deposit of £2000 along with a signed booking form agreeing to our terms and conditions.

How early can we have access to the venue?

The hire period starts from 10am although access to the venue can sometimes be arranged from 9am if required. All preparations and deliveries to be arranged with the wedding co-ordinator.

Do we need to contact the Registrars?

As soon as you have decided on a date please ensure you check availability with the registrar. Payment for your ceremony is to be made directly with the registrars and once booked please Advise us of the ceremony time.

T: 01305 225153

E: registrationinformation@dorsetcc.gov.uk

Is the venue wheelchair accessible?

We have a lift and a ramp (if required) for guests With walking difficulties and / or wheelchairs that Provides access to all the rooms.

FAQS

Can we provide our own catering?

All food, with the exception of the wedding cake and Sweet carts, is to be provided by one of our nominated caterers. If alternative caterers are required for ethnic or religious reasons this can be arranged and an additional fee will apply.

Can we supply our own alcohol?

You are welcome to supply your own drinks for the daytime reception and Wedding meal. Corkage charges will apply and are detailed in our wedding terms and conditions.

What are the bar and music finish times?

The bar and music must stop by 11.45pm to allow guests time to leave the premises by midnight. Extensions up to 2am are available on request and will incur an additional fee.

Is confetti permitted on site?

Confetti is not permitted on the premises although organic petals are allowed outside.

Do you supply a PA System?

Yes, we have a portable bluetooth speaker for you to use during the day and a nightclub for your party. The use of both can be discussed with the wedding coordinator.

FAQS

Do you supply high chairs?

We have four highchairs available. If you require more, these are available from the caterers.

Do you have round tables or banqueting tables?

We are fortunate to be able to offer you both. Our round tables can seat up to 12 and both the round and long tables are 6ft.

Can we have fireworks?

Fireworks and sky lanterns are not permitted, although we do allow hand held sparklers.

Are candles and tea lights allowed at the venue?

Candles and tealights can be used provided they are in fireproof containers. The positioning of these must be agreed with the venue.

Can we release balloons?

The release of balloons is not permitted on the Estate.

Can we have additional evening guests?

We can have a maximum of 200 guests in the evening, to include daytime and evening guests.

Is there a cash point on site?

No, however we accept both cash and card payments. The nearest cash point is about 7 miles away.

FAQS

Can guests park overnight?

Yes, guests can park in the guest car park overnight. However, all cars must be removed by 10am the following morning.

Is there additional accommodation nearby

The Riding House and Pepperpot lodges can accommodate up to 22 guests. For further accommodation, you can hire the Grooms Cottage (8 guests) which is adjacent to the Riding House.

Home Farm House, All Hallows Farmhouse and Brook House are all located in the village and guests can book directly.

Can we collect our belongings

the next day?

All personal items must be gathered up at the end of your event and taken with you. Access to the house is not permitted on a Sunday. Arrangements may be made to collect certain items on a Monday.

Any other questions?

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