



# Weddings

at Warwick Castle

*‘I always dreamed of getting married in a castle, but I never imagined it was going to be as wonderful as it was!’*

Rhiannon and Garen, February 2020

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# Fall in love with Warwick Castle

Welcome to Warwick Castle, a medieval fortress and wedding venue on the banks of the River Avon in the heart of Warwickshire.

## *We're bespoke and tailored to you*

Whether you want to get married at your local church, on top of a tower, or under our stunning chandelier, we understand that no two weddings are the same and will help create the perfect wedding package for you.

## *We're here for you*

From your initial enquiry, to your first visit, and from your first dance to your last, our team are here to support you. We are on hand, virtually and in person, throughout the booking and planning stages and will be there on the big day itself right up until the last guests have left.

## *We're your castle*

We only have one wedding per day so whilst there may be other events taking place, you won't be sharing your special day with another couple. Our Great Hall and State Rooms remain yours from the castle closing time until you head to bed, and if the weather is on your side, the Central Courtyard is yours too.



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# Real Life Castle Weddings



Ben and Laura – February 2020

*“It was more perfect than we could have imagined.”*

On a stormy winter’s day, Ben and Laura’s wedding was the perfect mix of elegance and fun within the warmth of the castle. A beautiful candle-lit entrance and guitarist greeted the guests, many of whom had provided delicious homemade treats for the cake table. The ceremony took place in the State Dining Room where light jars lined the aisle, followed by a three-course wedding breakfast in the Great Hall. The evening was spent dancing to the Big Moose Ceilidh Band whilst enjoying a delicious cheese table, before the couple retired to their tower for the night.

Photos by Katie Ingram ([katieingram.co.uk](http://katieingram.co.uk))



Caroline and Simon – June 2018



Caroline and Simon created an elegant summer garden party feel for their wedding, with lots of floral touches including dramatic pedestals framing the Great Hall’s grand entrance. After a ceremony in a local church, guests were treated to a champagne reception in the picturesque Peacock Garden with our

Bellini string trio playing romantic tunes. A three-course wedding breakfast followed, and the night ended with homemade sloe gin, locally brewed beer and an evening of music from the Funtime Frankies.

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Emily and Jamie – December 2019

*"I feel like I've overused the adjective 'magical' in every conversation about our wedding, but it really, really was."*

Under the twinkling lights of the 20 foot Christmas Tree, in the beautifully decked Great Hall, Emily and Jamie said 'I Do' before kicking off their wedding reception with mulled wine and Christmas canapés in the festively decorated State Rooms.

Whilst guests enjoyed mingling to the sounds of a singer, the Great Hall was transformed from rows of ceremony chairs to long banqueting tables to bring the couple's wedding breakfast vision to life, with festive flower rings by Sarah Horne and glowing candelabra. Little did the guests know, whilst the transformation was happening, a Knight was hiding himself within the Great Hall's suits of armour. Once guests were seated, he sprang to life and started duelling with the Master of Ceremonies right in front of their eyes!

After a delicious meal and heart-wrenching speeches, the couple kicked off the evening with a first dance under the glimmering tree before guests joined them to dance the night away.

With a grand exit, waved off by sparklers as they retired to their suite, Emily and Jamie's wedding celebration was nearly complete, but not before a skate around the castle's ice rink the next morning with all their guests!

Photos: Amy Rose Photography ([amy-rose.co.uk](http://amy-rose.co.uk))



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# Plan Your Castle Wedding

## Your Venue

Enjoy exclusive use of the Great Hall and State Rooms, including the State Dining Room and our suite of drawing rooms! All of these beautiful rooms will be available to you however many guests you have, and in summer months you can make the most of our idyllic outdoor spaces too.



## Great Hall

At the heart of the castle lies the Great Hall, the focal point of many unforgettable weddings. This awe-inspiring room is steeped in history and the perfect spot for not only saying “I Do”, but for wedding breakfasts, banquets and dancing the night away too.

Capacities: Ceremony 120 | Seated meal 120 | Evening reception 180





## State Dining Room

Exchange your vows under our stunning chandelier, or enjoy an intimate wedding breakfast with your nearest and dearest in the grandest of dining rooms—the State Dining Room. This impressive room is also the perfect bar area for Great Hall receptions, so guests can kick off their shoes and relax before heading back onto the dancefloor.

Capacities: Ceremony 95 | Seated meal 40



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## State Rooms

Following your ceremony, greet your guests with a celebratory glass of bubbles in our suite of State Rooms - a warm and welcoming location for your drinks reception during the winter months or as an indoor alternative during the Great British summer. The Green Drawing Room is also licenced for a cosy ceremony.

Capacities: Ceremony (Green Drawing Room) 80 | Drinks reception 120



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## Grounds and Gardens

### Central Courtyard

Surrounded by the towers and ramparts, you will be truly submersed in the castle and its history in the Central Courtyard. Relax and mingle with a drink whilst enjoying one of our many entertainment options, or end the night with sparklers or fireworks in this spectacular spot.



### East Front

The East Front is the most iconic view of the castle, proudly welcoming your guests as they are escorted to your wedding by your Master of Ceremonies. It's a stunning location for wedding photos in all seasons, and a breath-taking backdrop for an outdoor ceremony!

### Peacock Garden

Home to our colourful peacocks and Conservatory Teahouse, the Peacock Garden is an idyllic spot for your wedding photos with stunning views of our Pageant Field and River Avon beyond, whilst guests enjoy a glass of bubbles on the terrace.





## Your Food

Your wedding reception is a celebration of your marriage and typically includes a drinks reception followed by your wedding breakfast (the first meal of your married life, not the first meal of the day!). Our flexible menu options allow you to choose your style, whether that's a traditional seated meal or a more informal party.

### Traditional Wedding Breakfast

Dine in style with our traditional three course wedding breakfast. This option includes:

- ♦ Two glasses of Prosecco, Pimm's or Mulled Wine per guest during your drinks reception
- ♦ Four handmade canapés per guest
- ♦ Three course set menu - chosen at a complimentary menu tasting event
- ♦ Half a bottle of house wine per person during the wedding breakfast
- ♦ A glass of Prosecco per person for your toasts
- ♦ Water on the tables
- ♦ Tea, coffee and castle shortbread served to the table after your meal

Menu and drinks package upgrades are available – just ask for more information.

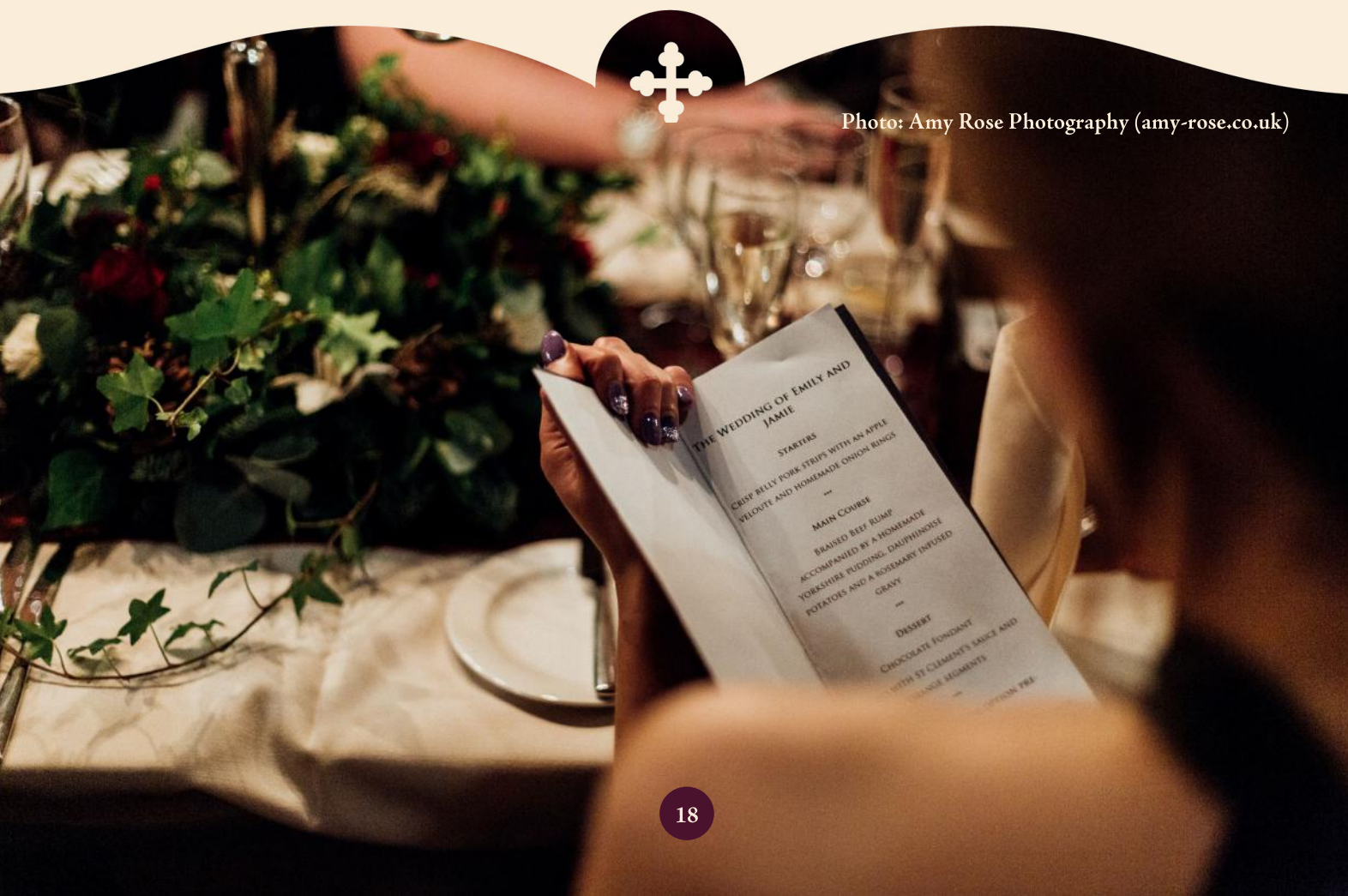


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## Bowl Food Wedding Breakfast

For a more relaxed dining experience, this style offers a selection of food served either to mingling guests or to the table. This option includes:

- ♦ Two glasses of Prosecco, Pimm's or Mulled Wine per guest during your drinks reception
- ♦ Two course bowl food, with up to 3 options per course
- ♦ Half a bottle of house wine per person during the wedding breakfast
- ♦ A glass of Prosecco per person for your toasts
- ♦ Water on the tables
- ♦ Tea and coffee station

### Hog Roast Wedding Breakfast

Perfect for an outdoor wedding celebration, our Hog Roast adds theatre to your party! This option includes:

- ♦ Two glasses of Prosecco, Pimm's or Mulled Wine per guest during your drinks reception
- ♦ Two course hog roast served from the Central Courtyard
- ♦ Two vouchers per person for your guests to spend at the bar. Drinks include: wine, beer, single spirits, and soft drinks.
- ♦ A glass of Prosecco per person for your toasts
- ♦ Water available
- ♦ Tea and coffee station

We also offer a hog roast for your evening food!

### Medieval Banquet Wedding Breakfast

Our Great Hall is the perfect location for a themed dining experience. This option includes:

- ♦ Two glasses of Prosecco, Mead or Mulled Wine per person during your drinks reception
- ♦ Three course set banquet menu - chosen at a complimentary menu tasting event
- ♦ Half a bottle of house wine per person during the wedding breakfast
- ♦ A glass of Prosecco or Mead per person for your toasts
- ♦ Water on the tables
- ♦ Tea, coffee and castle shortbread served to the table after your meal

Add on a range of medieval themed entertainment to create an authentic banquet wedding!

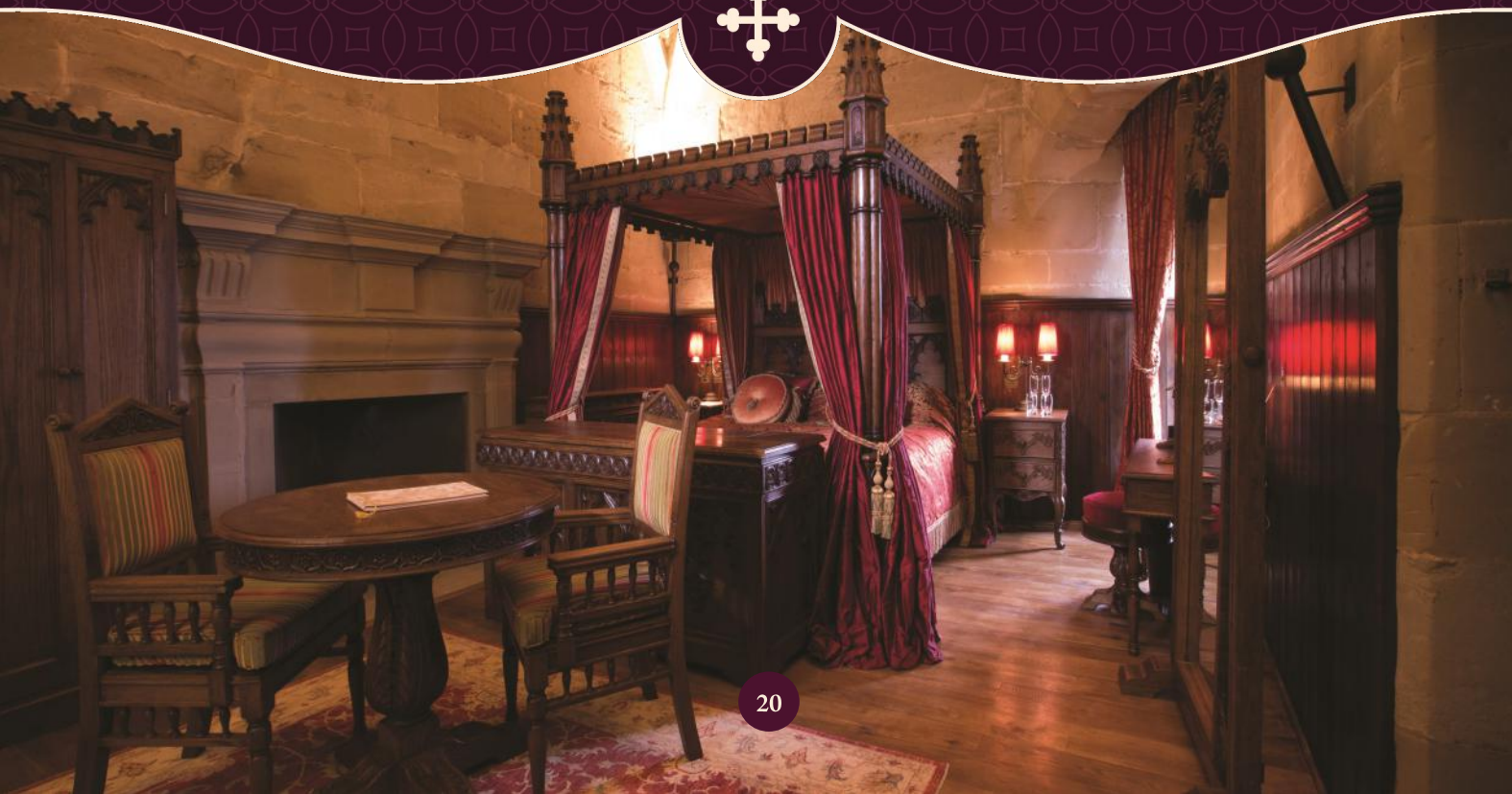




## Your Accommodation

### Tower Suites

The perfect bridal suite is hidden within the castle itself. Check into your tower in the afternoon, with bridesmaids, hairdresser, and makeup artist in tow, and have a relaxing time getting ready with a glass of fizz. Invite your photographer into your suite to capture some special pre-wedding moments before they head off to photograph your guests faces as they see the castle for the first time. Retire to your tower as a newly wedded couple to unwind in your private suite, before enjoying breakfast in our stunning State Rooms.



### Knight's Village

After dancing the night away, family and friends can put their feet up in one of our cosy lodges or seasonal glamping tents. Our Woodland Lodges sleep up to 5 guests, with our larger Knight's Lodges sleeping up to 7 – perfect for your bridal party! If your guests are slightly more adventurous, they might enjoy a night under the stars in our Warwick Tents or luxury King's Tents, both sleeping four guests. Our Knight's Village accommodation is easily bookable on our website and guests can even add on castle entry tickets for the day after the wedding.

### Local Hotels

Just a 2 minute walk from the castle is the Warwick Arms Hotel, perfect for couples who wish to make a weekend of your wedding. There are also many hotels within a 5 minute drive of the castle, including a Holiday Inn Express, Premier Inn and Delta by Marriott, as well as the Warwickshire Country Club and Mallory Court Hotel and Spa within 15 minutes.



## Your Enhancements

Getting married at Warwick Castle is a truly unique experience and whilst creating your perfect package, we offer many enhancements to take your special day to the next level.

Start your wedding with a wow moment for your guests and welcome them with our *Knight on Horseback* dressed in colours to match your theme, before he leads the procession to the castle.

As King and Queen of the castle for the evening, it is only fitting that you should fly your *flag* from our magnificent Guy's Tower, which guests will see not only on arrival, but throughout the wedding.

Walk down the aisle to the dulcet tones of our *Harpist*, before treating your guests to a meet and greet with our *Bird's of Prey* during your drinks reception, whilst our *String Quartet* play romantic tunes in the background.

In true Warwick Castle fashion, commence your wedding breakfast with our *Mannequin Knights* - our suits of armour will spring to life before your very eyes and engage in a fight for your entertainment. A talking point for years to come!

*“Every wedding should start with a sword fight!”*

*Emily and Jamie, December 2019*



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With our *decorative enhancements*, the Great Hall and State Rooms can be transformed into elegant ballrooms, medieval banqueting halls, or a winter wonderland. Our range of candelabra, linens and crockery can help you personalise your wedding without the stress of hiring your own stylist. What's more, we'll set it all up for you!

Start your evening reception with a bang by adding *Fireworks* to your package, before whisking the whole party off their feet for a dance you'll never forget with our *DJ* or even our *Ceilidh*, a traditional guided folk dance and one of our most popular upgrades.





# How To Book Your Warwick Castle Wedding

Booking your wedding with us couldn't be any easier! Our flexible venue hire and food options make creating your ideal package simple, and we can even tailor any of our options further to make your wedding truly one of a kind. Follow our simple steps to book your Warwick Castle wedding.

## 1. Choose your date

Whatever the season, our venue hire allows you to enjoy Warwick Castle to its full potential.

The price includes:

- ◆ Exclusive use of the Great Hall & State Rooms from castle closing time to midnight, for your ceremony and reception
- ◆ Use of our Central Courtyard for outdoor drinks receptions and entertainment in the summer, or fireworks all-year round.
- ◆ Access to our landscaped grounds and gardens for your photographs with many stunning locations whatever the weather
- ◆ Our Master of Ceremonies, your very own Knight in Shining Armour
- ◆ Your chosen rooms set up by our team with ivory linen, chair covers, and a chair sash in a colour of your choice – we'll work alongside your suppliers to ensure you don't need to worry about setting up anything on the day
- ◆ Our sword to make the first cut into your wedding cake
- ◆ Our bar throughout the evening\*
- ◆ Our dedicated Weddings Team—a wealth of knowledge and experience!

## Venue Hire Prices

	Winter (January - March & November)	Spring & Autumn (April – June & October)	Summer (July – September)	Christmas (December)
Monday - Thursday	£5,000	£6,000	£7,000	£6,000
Friday & Sunday	£6,000	£7,000	£8,500	£8,000
Saturday	£7,000	£9,000	£10,000	£9,000

Prices include VAT. Minimum guest numbers apply: 80 adult (ages 12+) guests on Saturday's in April—October and December, 50 adult guests on Friday's in April—October and December. All other dates are subject to a minimum of 20 adult guests.

\*For weddings of under 50 guests, a minimum bar spend of £300 applies which can be used as a non-refundable bar tab.

## 2. Choose your style

Choose your food style from one of our most popular options, upgrade it to make it your own, and add on evening snacks to keep you dancing all night!

- ◆ Traditional Wedding Breakfast - from £80 per person
- ◆ Bowl Food Wedding Breakfast - from £50 per person
- ◆ Hog Roast Wedding Breakfast - from £50 per person (minimum 50 guests)
- ◆ Medieval Banquet Wedding Breakfast - from £70 per person
- ◆ Evening Food - from £4.50 per person
- ◆ Drinks Upgrades - from £0.75 per person

Children ages 4-11 are charged at half the adult price, with children under 4 charged at £20.

## 3. Choose your enhancements

We have a wide range of additions from musical enhancements, decorative extras, and exciting entertainment to make your wedding truly memorable. Ask for our full list of extras.

## 4. Get in touch!

Fill out our online enquiry form or email [events@warwick-castle.com](mailto:events@warwick-castle.com) and we'll send you a complete quote. We can also hold dates provisionally for you for up to 4 weeks whilst we create your ideal package!

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### *When can I view the castle?*

Viewings of the castle and grounds are available by appointment only on most weekdays and selected weekends. Please contact the team on [events@warwick-castle.com](mailto:events@warwick-castle.com) to book.

### *Is the castle licensed for Civil Ceremonies?*

The castle is licensed with Warwickshire County Council. All enquiries regarding ceremonies and giving notice should be directed to [warwickro@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:warwickro@warwickshire.gov.uk).

### *Can I provisionally book a date before viewing the castle?*

Yes, we can hold provisional bookings for up to 4 weeks, in which time you are welcome to visit us to put together your ideal package.

### *Will the castle remain open to daytime visitors?*

The castle closes to the public at varying times throughout the year. We will start your wedding as soon as the castle closes, usually at 4pm or 5pm, so will shut the rooms required an hour before the castle itself closes to allow our team to set up.

### *What time should my day guests arrive?*

Day guests should arrive half an hour before the ceremony to allow time for us to seat them before you walk down the aisle. If you are having your ceremony offsite, guests can arrive at the castle closing time for your drinks reception to commence straight away.

### *What time should I invite my evening guests to arrive?*

We will add a suggested arrival time for evening guests to your timetable, usually between 8.30pm and 9.30pm depending on the start time of your wedding. If you would like a longer evening reception, you can either extend your evening or we have various tips and tricks up our sleeves to bring the arrival time forwards!

### *Do you have wheelchair access?*

We have a wheelchair lift to the first floor of the main house including the Great Hall and State Rooms. The Central Courtyard and Conservatory are also both accessible.

### *Can we use confetti?*

Confetti is permitted, but it must be biodegradable – we suggest dried rose petals.

### *Can we bring in our own caterers?*

Our in-house chef team cater for most of our weddings and events and can be flexible in meeting your requirements.

### *Can we bring in our own alcohol?*

We include drinks in all our standard packages – all of which can be upgraded to any drinks we have in our cellars. If you wish to bring your own, we do charge corkage fees and can discuss this with you based on your specific requirements.

### *When can we drop off supplies for our wedding?*

We have limited storage space in the castle so suggest dropping off any items the day before the wedding ready for our team to set up. Suppliers are welcome to come onsite before the castle opens on the wedding day.

### *Can we leave anything at the castle overnight after the wedding?*

Yes, you are welcome to leave items overnight, but these should be collected by you or your family the morning after the wedding. You don't have to worry about clearing away, we'll do that bit.

### *Do you have a list of suppliers?*

Yes, we have a list of recommended suppliers who are all approved to work onsite. We don't limit you to using suppliers on this list, but we do know that they understand the castle and how it works!





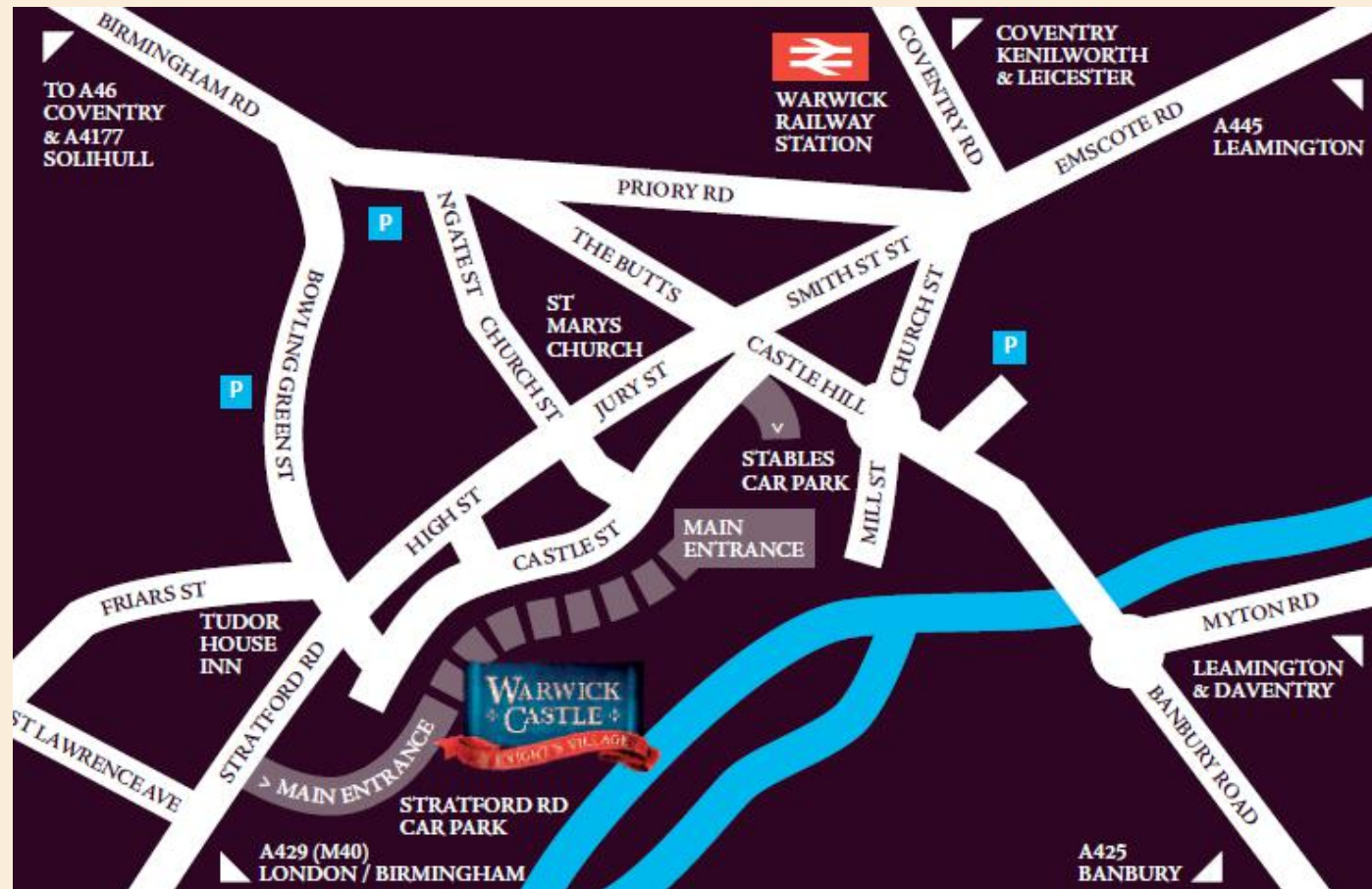


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## Find Us

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*“Getting married in a castle is a dream come true; with Warwick Castle’s Events Team it’s easily achieved.”*

Gabi and Tim, September 2019

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