



Wedding Celebrations

Love Among the Ruins

CENTRED AROUND THE SITE OF A 12TH-CENTURY MONASTERY, MARRIAGE HAS NOT ALWAYS FEATURED STRONGLY IN THE HISTORY OF FOUNTAINS ABBEY & STUDLEY ROYAL!

Today in the hands of the National Trust, the estate offers a very different prospect. Since the creation of the landscaped gardens in the 18th-century by owner John Aislabie and his son, William, visitors have been falling in love with - and sometimes in - these magnificent grounds, nestled in the secluded Skell Valley in the beautiful Yorkshire Dales.

Unlike the monks, for Aislabie and the generations since, Fountains Abbey has been a place for the pursuit of pleasure – and what could be more pleasurable than holding your wedding day in this idyllic location?

Civil ceremonies and wedding breakfasts are held within Fountains Hall, an Elizabethan manor house built a few decades after the dissolution of the monastery.

To make weddings at Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal truly special, the National Trust has teamed up with Ripon based event and catering company, Yorkshire Party, providing the highest quality food and service, you can rest assured that your celebrations will be an experience to savour.

We are also able to offer a very exclusive venue – a sumptuously appointed marquee only yards from the ruins of Fountains Abbey itself.

This brochure aims to explain the venues and options available for wedding celebrations on the estate and to help you form a picture of the possibilities— and the practicalities!— of planning your own historic day at Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal.

To discuss your wedding day at Fountains Abbey please call our Functions Co-ordinator on 01765 643198 or email info@fountainsabbey.org.uk.



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Civil Ceremonies



Fountains Hall

FIT FOR FUTURE KINGS... AND THE OCCASIONAL QUEEN MOTHER

In its 400-year history Fountains Hall has extended hospitality to more than one visitor later destined to wear the crown. Guests entertained at Fountains Hall can count themselves among some rather regal company. In 1604, the builder of the Hall - Sir Stephen Proctor - played host to the young Prince destined to become the ill-fated Charles I during his first royal progress from London to Edinburgh.

More recently, during the 1920s and 1930s, The Duke and Duchess of York - later better known as George VI and the Queen Mother - frequently resided at Fountains Hall while paying visits to their close friends, Clare and Doris Vyner. The Vyners were the last private owners of the Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal estate.

The Great Chamber

Civil ceremonies in Fountains Hall take place within the Great Chamber, with its wall of glass windows decorated with Jacobean hand-painted heraldry and its immense 400-year old stone fireplace.

- **The Great Chamber can accommodate up to 80 ceremony guests including the bride and groom.**

The Oak Room

Once the bedchamber of the visiting Queen Mother, the panelled Oak Room is available to couples looking for an intimate ceremony in a special location.

- **The Oak Room can accommodate up to 20 ceremony guests including the bride and groom.**



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Drinks Receptions

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ALE AND WINE RATIONS FOR THE MONKS OF FOUNTAINS ABBEY WAS RESTRICTED. HAPPILY FOR TODAY'S WEDDING GUESTS, MONASTIC RULE NO LONGER APPLIES.

After the ceremony, you and your guests have the opportunity to soak up the ancient atmosphere – and a glass or two of champagne – at one of our stunning drinks reception venues. This is also the time to take advantage of the endless array of photogenic locations around the grounds and romantic Abbey ruins.

In certain seasons the Abbey and Hall can be floodlit to spectacular effect, adding a whole new dimension to your wedding day.

Fountains Hall Lawns & The Stone Hall

The Hall's twin geometric lawns bordered by clipped yew hedges, lie conveniently at the foot of the Hall steps. With the stunning façade of the Elizabethan house as a backdrop, the Lawns are an ideal location for photographs while drinks and canapés are served.

In colder months or inclement weather, the Stone Hall of Fountains Hall with its Tudor beamed ceiling and minstrels' gallery can be used as an alternative.

- **Fountains Hall Lawns & The Stone Hall can both accommodate up to 120 guests.**

The Elizabethan Garden

Bordered by the gently flowing Mill Leat stream on one side and mellow stone walls on the others, the Elizabethan Garden is a private reception area available for exclusive use by your party. The garden features climbing roses, aromatic herb beds, an Edwardian summerhouse, and again benefits from magnificent views of Fountains Hall.

- **The Elizabethan Garden accommodates up to 120 guests.**

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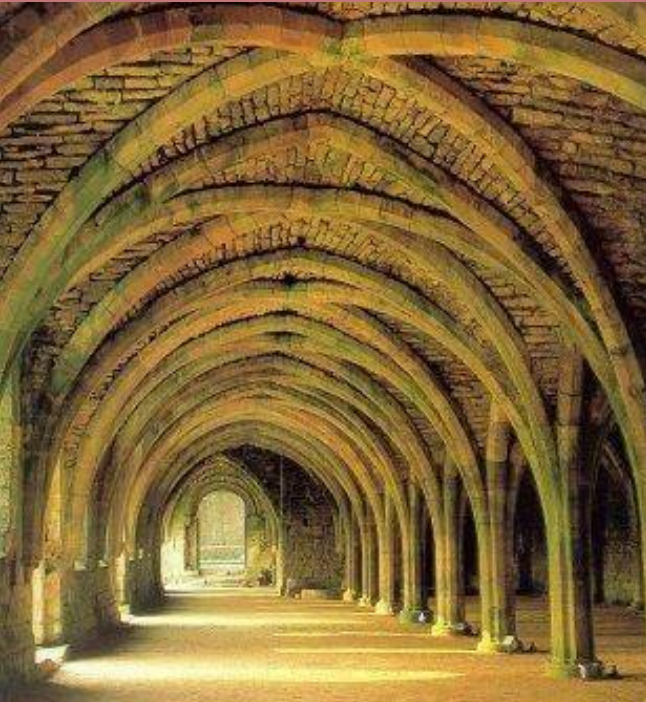
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Drinks Receptions



The Abbey Cellarium

Dramatic and awe-inspiring, the Cellarium of Fountains Abbey is a vast chamber spanned by a magnificent vaulted ceiling. Its original purpose was to provide storage as well as living and eating areas for the monastery's two hundred lay brothers. Open to the public during the day – and to the elements through its open doors and windows! – the Cellarium is always available as a location for photographs, and after visiting hours can be used for drinks receptions.

- **The Cellarium can accommodate parties of most sizes, its maximum capacity being 600.**
- **It is also available for hire as a Drinks Reception venue**

Floodlighting

During the months of September to December the Abbey ruins and Fountains Hall can be floodlit to spectacular effect. Floodlighting during these months for private parties is available upon consultation. For pricing, please contact our Functions Co-ordinator

Drinks & Canapés

If you wish to hold a civil ceremony and drinks reception at Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal but not a wedding breakfast or marquee dinner and evening reception, then the National Trust's in-house catering team will provide for your drinks reception. Please enquire for current wine list and menu information.

Saturday civil ceremony & drinks reception bookings

If you wish to hold a civil ceremony or a civil ceremony and drinks reception on a Saturday at Fountains Abbey without a wedding breakfast or evening reception, we ask that the ceremony be scheduled to commence no later than 12.30pm.

To discuss booking your wedding or civil partnership at Fountains Abbey call our Functions Co-ordinator on 01765 643198 or email info@fountainsabbey.org.uk.



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Wedding Breakfasts

Fountains Hall

THE BUILDER OF FOUNTAINS HALL, SIR STEPHEN PROCTOR, A PURITANICAL PROTESTANT, PROBABLY DID NOT ENVISAGE HIS HOUSE AS A LOCATION FOR GASTRONOMIC DELIGHT. LUCKILY, WE HAD OTHER IDEAS...



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The Great Chamber

Wedding breakfasts can be taken in the Great Chamber of the Hall with its beautiful leaded windows and high ornate ceiling.

- **The Great Chamber can accommodate up to 60 guests for dining.**

The Oak Room

For small parties, dinner can be served in the Oak Room where guests can take in the same views of the beautiful Skell valley once enjoyed by HM The Queen Mother.

- **The Oak Room can accommodate up to 20 diners.**



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Wedding breakfasts in Fountains Hall can take place between 12.00hrs and 21.30hrs and can be followed by an evening reception in Fountains Restaurant

To discuss your wedding breakfast at Fountains Hall please call the Functions Co-ordinator on 01765 643198

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Dinners and Evening Receptions

Fountains Restaurant

FROM MEDIEVAL TO MODERN EVEN THE MOST FASCINATING HISTORIC SITE BENEFITS FROM CONTEMPORARY AMENITIES

Situated in the modern, architectural award-winning Visitor Centre, Fountains Restaurant is a large, light and airy space constructed primarily from natural materials to reflect the wider estate. It has high curved ceilings and walls of glass windows. Along the south side of the building a number of glazed double doors open out on to patio and lawn areas, giving views across the fields to the Abbey tower.

Fountains Restaurant is available to hire as a venue for evening wedding breakfasts, dinners and celebrations between 19.00hrs and 00.30hrs. A dance floor and bar are provided to allow you to enjoy the final hours of your wedding day in a more informal manner than it may have begun!

Food at Fountains Restaurant is freshly prepared on the premises by The National Trust's in-house team of experienced chefs using locally sourced produce, traceable to its origins, wherever possible. We procure food produced to high standards of animal welfare, encourage the use of seasonal produce, pay our suppliers a fair price for their produce and only use ethically traded ingredients.

All this means that, not only can you dine at Fountains Restaurant happy in the knowledge that your menu has been prepared to the highest ethical standards, but you can be assured it will taste pretty fabulous too.

Fountains Restaurant is available for private hire between 19.30hrs and 00.30hrs and can accommodate up to 120 guests for a wedding breakfast and 150 for an evening reception

For more information on holding your wedding breakfast or evening reception in Fountains Restaurant, or to see our wide range of menus, please contact our Functions Co-ordinator on 01765 643198 or email info@fountainsabbey.org.uk



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Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal

Dinners and Evening Receptions

Abbey View Marquee Site



HENRY VIII ORDERED THE DISSOLUTION OF THE CISTERCIAN MONASTERY AT FOUNTAINS IN 1539. AMAZINGLY, FOUR CENTURIES LATER SO MUCH OF BOTH ITS STONES AND SPIRIT SURVIVES.

Our Abbey View site nestles just yards across the river from the romantic and beautiful ruins of Fountains Abbey. The site allows couples the exclusive opportunity for an external catering company provide a lavishly appointed marquee in which to hold your wedding celebrations.

The ground hire for use of the Abbey View site includes complimentary use of one of our stunning drinks reception venues before sitting down to dinner in the marquee.

Events at Abbey View can be held between the hours of 11.00am and midnight.

- **A marquee on the Abbey View site can accommodate up to 150 guests.**
- **Abbey View site hire £1600.00 + VAT (does not include marquee) . Use of drinks reception venue included.**



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**To discuss our marquee site options with a Yorkshire Party Event Manager please call
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Email: info@fountainsabbey.org.uk**

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Venue Hire Charges 2010 /2011

Usage	Venue	Capacity	2010 charges		2011 charges	
			Excluding VAT	Including 17.5% VAT	Excluding VAT	Including 17.5% VAT
Ceremony venues	Fountains Hall: Great Chamber	80	£700.00	£822.50	£750.00	£881.25
	Fountains Hall: Oak Room	20	£450.00	£528.75	£500.00	£587.50
Drinks Reception venue	Fountains Hall Lawns & the Stone Hall	120	£200.00	£235.00	£250.00	£293.75
	Elizabethan Garden	120	£350.00	£411.25	£400.00	£470.00
	Abbey Cellarium	Up to 600	£400.00	£470.00	£450.00	£528.75
Wedding Breakfast venue	Fountains Hall: Great Chamber	60	£650.00	£763.75	£650.00	£763.75
	Fountains Hall: Great Chamber (following ceremony and drinks at same venue)	60	£450.00	£528.75	£450.00	£528.75
	Fountains Hall: Oak Room	20	£500.00	£587.50	£500.00	£587.50
	Fountains Hall: Oak Room (following ceremony and drinks at same venue)	20	£350.00	£411.25	£350.00	£411.25
	Abbey View marquee site (site hire only)	120	£1600.00	£1880.00	£1600.00	£1880.00
	Fountains Restaurant	150	£400.00	£470.00	£400.00	£470.00

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Room Capacities

AN AT-A-GLANCE GUIDE TO ROOM CAPACITIES TO HELP YOU DECIDE WHICH OF OUR VENUES ARE RIGHT FOR YOUR EVENT

Venue	Ceremony	Drinks Reception	Wedding Breakfast/ Dinner	Dinner / Evening Reception	Catered by
Fountains Hall: Great Chamber	80	×	60	×	NT
Fountains Hall: Oak Room	20	×	20	×	NT
Marquee at Abbey View	×	×	150	150	Yorkshire Party
Fountains Restaurant	×	×	×	150	National Trust
Fountains Hall Lawns & Stone Hall	×	120	×	×	Yorkshire Party When also catering for marquee reception
Elizabethan Garden	×	120	×	×	
Abbey Cellarium	×	Up to 600	×	×	National Trust — if only drinks reception booked

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Accommodation

**WAKE UP TO 900 YEARS OF HISTORY
OUTSIDE YOUR WINDOW**

Holiday Cottages and Apartments

Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal has such a wealth of natural and historic delights it is difficult to appreciate the full scope of this World Heritage Site in just one day. For couples or guests wishing to linger a while longer we have a small number of holiday cottages and apartments on the estate itself.

Two apartments are situated within Fountains Hall, perfect for use as bridal suites.

For further information and bookings:

Tel: 0870 458 4422

Email: cottages@nationaltrust.org.uk

www.nationaltrustcottages.co.uk

Hotels and Bed & Breakfast

The nearest hotel accommodation is situated within the ancient city of Ripon, 4 miles away.

A wide range of hotels to fit all tastes and budgets can be found in the elegant spa town of Harrogate, which lies only 12 miles to the south.

In addition, the Dales villages immediately surrounding the estate are home to a number of high quality bed & breakfast establishments providing a warm Yorkshire welcome.

For a comprehensive accommodation list contact:

**Accommodation Bureau, Tourist Information Centre,
Royal Baths Assembly Rooms, Crescent Road, Harrogate,
HG1 2RR**

Tel: 01423 537300

Email: tic@harrogate.gov.uk

www.enjoyharrogate.com

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Important Information

ESSENTIAL DETAILS TO HELP YOU PLAN YOUR SPECIAL DAY

Registrars

Weddings and civil partnerships at Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal are performed by Registrars from the Harrogate Registry Office. Once we have provisionally agreed a date and time for your ceremony, it will be necessary for you to contact the registry office directly to confirm a Registrar will be available to conduct the ceremony.

The Registrars at Harrogate are in great demand, especially on Saturdays during the summer months. If you have your heart set on a particular date it is advisable to contact the Registrars as soon as possible to check their availability.

Disabled Access

Regrettably, Fountains Hall is only accessible via stairs, of which there are a significant number. The Great Chamber is situated on the 3rd floor. **Wheelchairs and other mobility vehicles cannot be allowed access due to the risk posed should the room need to be evacuated in the event of an emergency.**

Please be aware that Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal is primarily a large outdoor estate. There are walking distances of varying lengths between most venues and steep inclines on some routes.

Can I get married in...?

We are frequently asked about the possibility of performing ceremonies in other areas of the estate:

- It is not possible to be married in the Abbey ruins or out-of-doors on the estate.
- The church of St. Mary's in the Studley Royal Deer Park is a redundant church and not in general use.
- The Banqueting House in Studley Royal Water Garden is no longer licensed for civil ceremonies.

Contact details:

**The Registrar Office, Bilton
House, 31 Park Parade,
Harrogate, North Yorkshire,
HG1 5AG
Tel: 08450 349480**

Smoking

We operate a non-smoking policy in all our buildings.

Candles and Open Flames

Candles and other open flames are not permitted within any of the estate's historic buildings. They may be used within a marquee on our Abbey View site.

Confetti

To ensure the grounds are kept looking as pristine as our visitors expect and to prevent harm to our abundant bird and wildlife, we do not allow paper confetti, rice or bird seed to be thrown at weddings.

We are very happy for your guests to use rose petals, fresh or freeze dried, in pale colours as an alternative.

Wedding Suppliers

Our Functions Co-ordinator will be very happy to provide recommendations for high quality suppliers, such as photographers, florists, musicians and entertainment should you need them.

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