



STUBTON HALL

## Getting hitched at Stubton Hall. Frequently asked questions.

Stubton Hall is an elegant 19<sup>th</sup> century country house set within 24 acres of its own parkland with commanding views over the Lincolnshire countryside close to the Nottinghamshire border and the historic market town of Newark.

### Where is Stubton Hall?

The picturesque village of Stubton lies 5 miles southeast of Newark and 10 miles northwest of Grantham in Lincolnshire close to the Nottinghamshire border. We are about 120 miles north of London, 25 miles east of Nottingham, 75 miles south of Leeds and easily accessible from mainline trains to the Newark stations.

### Why get hitched at Stubton Hall?

The Hall will be exclusively yours for the day. You will be able to take over the entire house without sharing it with any other parties, guests or residents. We will tailor-make your event to your specifications and promise not to railroad you into inflexible packages. We specialise in looking after couples who know what they want, who understand a thing or two about understated good taste and who also appreciate our own expertise in entertaining and hospitality.

Stubton Hall offers a flexible venue with overnight accommodation

- 15 individually designed bedrooms
- Choice of reception rooms & terraces
- The ability to seat 200 inside The Orangery
- 24 acres of park and gardens
- Delicious food and wines

### How much will it cost?

We're not inexpensive - but we're certainly not the most expensive. We have a unique historic setting, expertly trained staff and a cracking chef. Because we offer such a personalized service, we expect to sit down with you to finalise the cost of your special day, but we are happy to provide the following guidelines:

If you want to get married on a Saturday, the venue fee will be between £1500 to £3000, depending on the time of year. Getting married on another day of the week will be less expensive. The cost depends on the size of your party, the number of reception rooms required, whether or not you will be married at Stubton and the date of the event.

To make our pricing easier to understand, we have devised three suggested packages - Lovely, Fancy and Extravagant. The Lovely package costs £95 per person and includes everything from the reception to wedding breakfast, wines, flowers on the tables, wedding cake and more. For ease, we have uploaded PDFs explaining these packages as well as menus and wine lists on our web site. We are also delighted to work together with you to design a bespoke package to fit your dreams.

These prices do not include the cost of the civil ceremony or church blessing because these charges are payable directly to the Registrar or the Church.

### How many people can attend a wedding or civil partnership ceremony at Stubton Hall?

The Bow Room can accommodate up to 20 people for a small ceremony, the Music Room up to 90 and the Orangery up to 200. All rooms are easily accessible and air-conditioned.

### How many people can attend a drinks reception?

The Bow Room can accommodate up to 40 people for a stand-up reception, the Music Room up to 100 and the Orangery up to 200. We also have a beautiful terrace on the south side of the house overlooking the fountain gardens. A combination of these rooms ensures that a large number of people may be accommodated within the historic rooms of the old Hall.

### How many people can attend a sit-down meal?

The Orangery can seat up to 200 people while the Music Room and Conservatory can seat up to 50 people. We can also make arrangements for more intimate meals.

### Will the ceremony and reception take place in the same room?

Not necessarily. One of the wonderful things about Stubton Hall is that we have lots of space and a variety of reception rooms. We suggest a ceremony in the Music Room followed by drinks on the terrace and a sit down meal in the Orangery. For ceremonies with more than 90 guests, please speak to us about other options.

### Can we have a civil ceremony at Stubton Hall and hold our reception elsewhere?

Hmmm, we'll have to think about that. We prioritize use of our licensed rooms for guests who plan to use our full services.

### Is there a church nearby?

Yes. St Martin's Church is at the centre of the village just steps away from Stubton Hall. It is available for wedding ceremonies (if you are eligible) or for blessings of civil ceremonies.

### Can we get married elsewhere and have our reception at Stubton Hall?

By all means!



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### **What about photography?**

Whatever the weather, Stubton Hall, its lake, park and gardens offer a wide variety of beautiful places for photo opportunities. If you need a photographer, we'd be happy to recommend one.

### **What about flowers?**

We use terrific florists in Nottingham called Vaas. We include an allowance for flowers on the tables in all of our menus. Vaas will be delighted to discuss colours and types of flowers with you and are also available to make co-ordinating wedding bouquets, bridal party flowers, church flowers and additional house decorations.

### **May we throw confetti?**

Yes, but only natural petals.

### **May we decorate the tables?**

Yes, within reason and subject to prior arrangement.

### **May we bring our own wedding cake?**

Lots of couples ask if they can provide their own wedding cake. This is possible, but we discourage it. A few of our clients have had disasters when they delivered the cake, so we recommend that we supply the cake and if it topples in transport, we can fix it. Wedding cake is included in our price and we encourage you to liaise with our baker to choose your cake. However, if you insist on bringing your own cake, this is possible - provided that this is not in lieu of a dessert course - and for this our charge is from £75 to cover storage, cake stand & knife, cake cutting and boxing up.

### **May we bring our own wine or champagne?**

Sorry, this isn't possible.

### **Can you get me to the church on time?**

We have contacts for everything from limousines to horse drawn carriages, not to mention dressmakers, formal hire shops, bands, djs, photographers, and much more. Just ask!

### **What about the kids?**

Children are welcome at Stubton Hall, provided that they are looked after by a parent, responsible adult or baby sitter. Please discuss your babysitting requirements with us. We are also happy to provide meals for small kids at small rates. Meals for kids over the age of 10 are billed at adult prices.

### **Will we be sharing Stubton Hall with other bridal parties or residents?**

No. Stubton will be yours exclusively, so there will be no queuing for the best photo spots or worrying about your soon-to-be husband eyeing up other beautiful brides!

### **When will the party end?**

Our licence for drinking and music ends at midnight. By prior arrangement, drinking outside of public hours is allowed for hotel guests. Once the bar is closed, we may invite guests to use an alternative area. Out of consideration to our employees and other guests, we make no commitment to offering 'all night' drinking.

### **Can we stay overnight?**

We expect you to! Since you will be having Stubton Hall on an exclusive basis, we require that all weddings take each of the 15 super-comfy bedrooms in the Hall. Room prices range from £125-£185 b&b including VAT at 17.5%. It may also be possible to book additional nights before or after the wedding day.

### **How do we go about tying the knot at Stubton Hall?**

1. If you want to have the ceremony at Stubton Hall, you must first check the Registrar's availability and your eligibility for a civil partnership or marriage by contacting the Council: Registration and Celebratory Services  
Lincolnshire County Council  
Orchard House, Orchard Street  
Lincoln  
LN11BA  
Tel: 01522 782244  
Email: [regist@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:regist@lincolnshire.gov.uk).

After you have agreed a shortlist of dates with the Registrar, call us on 01636626187 and we will pencil in one date for you and hold it for three working days.

Once you have confirmation from the Register, call us and we will ask to see you in person within 48 hours. Sorry, we cannot confirm events without meeting you first - this part of our personal approach. We will also confirm with the Registrar that your ceremony has been booked.

If you want to have a wedding or blessing at St Martin's church, please contact the Rural Dean, Alan Megahey on 01400 273987 or by email at [rector.leadenham@btopenworld.com](mailto:rector.leadenham@btopenworld.com). Again, once you have confirmation of your date, let us know right away so that we can secure the date in our calendar.

We will ask for a minimum deposit of £1000 at the meeting after your ceremony date is confirmed. This deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable, whatever the reason, so please get your dates right the first time!

2. If you are not having a ceremony at Stubton Hall but wish to book a reception, please call us to arrange a time to meet up to fix a date. As with ceremonies that take place on site, we will ask for a non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of £1000 to secure the date.

3. Within reason, we will meet with you as many times as necessary at Stubton Hall or a convenient location to help you select your options and menus. Our caterer and florist will also be delighted to meet with you to discuss details.

4. Everything we agree with you will be confirmed in writing or by email. This will include a list of deadlines by which we require further payments, menu & wine choices, guest lists and final headcounts.



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**How do we pay?**

Payment for weddings and receptions must always be made in advance. We reserve the right to cancel, without notice, any booking for which a credit card is declined or a cheque or bank transfer referred to drawer, whatsoever the reason.

**What if we need to cancel?**

At all stages in our dealings with you, we will stipulate our cancellation charges and our deposits policy. We strongly advise couples to take out an insurance policy to cover unforeseen cancellations.

**Where do we go for more information?**

Visit [www.stubtonhall.co.uk](http://www.stubtonhall.co.uk) for downloads of more detailed guidelines of prices, menus, wine lists and more photos of the beautiful Stubton Hall.

Email us at [events@stubtonhall.co.uk](mailto:events@stubtonhall.co.uk) or call our Wedding Coordinator directly on 07816328611.