

*“a little piece of my heart  
will always be there”*



# A vast wilderness, on an island. *Yet, only an hour from London.*

Welcome to Elmley, a unique destination wedding venue. Wild sweeping views, soulful spaces, luxe accommodation, and the freedom to create the wedding of your dreams.





*“it’s like stepping into a  
different, more peaceful, world  
with nature at its heart”*





## EMBRACED BY NATURE

Elmley is a destination like no other, a wild island escape – 3,300 acres restored to nature. The vast landscapes of our private estate and nature reserve, evocative skies and historic buildings provide an utterly breathtaking setting for your wedding.

Surrounded by watermeadows, lakes, birds and butterflies, celebrations at Elmley are embraced by nature.







## A DIFFERENT KIND OF WEDDING

Make your wedding extraordinary, with three day use of the Elmley Nature Reserve. We believe in unforgettable experiences, incredible service, and stylish modern luxury. Weddings at Elmley are bespoke and exclusive.

Weddings at Elmley are a three day celebration. As you'll have the entire 3,300 acre estate to yourself for a few days, there's plenty of time to soak in this very special place – and this incredibly special time in your lives. You and your guests are fully encouraged to experience the magic of this extraordinary place with sundowner drinks on our private beach, wild swims in the dipping pond, wildlife watching Landrover tours, wellness treatments, and yoga on the meadows.

Our wonderful team and exceptional spaces allow you the flexibility and freedom to bring your dream wedding to life, here on our wild island reserve.





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## AWARD WINNING ACCOMMODATION

Staying at Elmley is an unforgettable experience in itself. Our award winning accommodation sleeps up to 112 guests, allowing you to fully relax and spend time with your nearest and dearest – all the while surrounded by nature. Beautifully appointed with luxury Verden products, all of our accommodation is filled with special touches, while the Elmley team are on hand to make your stay exceptional.

Over the big day and throughout your stay, Elmley's team are here to take care of the details, however big or small. Our calm and discreet presence ensures everything runs flawlessly, throughout your time here.













## PLANNING YOUR WEDDING

We hold just a small number of weddings a year, and believe in freedom, flexibility and warm-hearted service. Every celebration at Elmley is completely individual.

Throughout your wedding planning journey our experienced team of wedding managers work closely with you to create your dream celebration and guide you throughout your planning.

We invite you to hold a complimentary pre wedding shoot with your photographer - and of course, you can visit Elmley as often as you like in your planning, exploring the Reserve and soaking in this special place.





And so it  
*begins...*





## WELCOME PARTY

Your celebration begins with the welcome party. Created to suit the mood of your wedding, this can be as relaxed or formal as you choose. From wood-fired pizzas beneath twinkling festoon lighting, drinks on your private beach, elegant dining in the Farmhouse or a BBQ feast in the Garden, enjoy a relaxing evening of introductions and catch ups.




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The Unbridled





*“We couldn’t recommend it enough  
or emphasise how organised and kind  
all the Elmley team are who truly  
make your day run seamlessly!”*





## WEDDING MORNING

Whether you choose to begin your day with a morning run, nature walk, dawn yoga, a wild swim in the dipping pond or at a more leisurely pace, breakfast is served to you and your guests in your accommodation.







## GET READY

Prepare for an unforgettable day ahead in the beautiful surroundings of Kingshill Farmhouse or Elmley Cottage, before making your way to your ceremony.







Olegs Samsonov



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Majat Solo







## YOUR CEREMONY

You have a choice of enchanting locations to say your 'I do's', The Farmhouse Garden, The Linhay, the Courtyard, Kingshill Barn, or for intimate ceremonies Kingshill Farmhouse.



Grace Elizabeth



Tender Photographs





Sammy Taylor



Elena Popa







## YOUR RECEPTION

Enjoy reception drinks and canapés surrounded by your favourite people, gorgeous music and the most stunning of views, before taking some time to enjoy your first special moments as a married couple.





Tender Photographs



Chris Blackledge



Bowl of Corks





Elena Pope



Chris Blackledge



Alexandra Wallace



Majat Solo





Alexandra Wallace



Photos from Sophie



Helen Abraham



## WEDDING BREAKFAST

The traditional Kentish Barn is the heart of your wedding celebrations. Its wooden vaulted ceiling is draped with twinkling lights and the huge window provides breath-taking views across miles of unspoilt landscape.

It is a stunning space for an unforgettable wedding feast.















Photos from Sophie

## GOLDEN HOUR COCKTAILS

The huge rustic barn doors open out onto a grass courtyard, encircled by wildflowers, and festoon lighting, for wedding reception drinks, games and dancing under the stars.

After dining enjoy the warm evening in the courtyard with cocktails, golden hour photos, and of course barefoot dancing.



Alec Tenters



## A PARTY LIKE NO OTHER

Party the night away with the moonlight shining off the lakes beyond. The West end of the barn is made for live bands and DJ sets. With no worries about waking the neighbours we don't have sound limiters, you can even dance under the stars.

Babysitters can be set up in the houses so that nobody need miss out on the good times.









## THE LATE NIGHT FIREPIT

When Kingshill Barn closes at midnight, the party moves to the fire-pit, set up with drinks and a marshmallow toasting station for a fully relaxed after-party and most importantly no curfew.





## THE MORNING AFTER

Gather together on the morning after the wedding for a new family breakfast in the barn, complete with bacon rolls, plenty of coffee and Bloody Mary's for those who are brave enough! A wildlife walk is just the thing to clear fuzzy heads, or perhaps a dip in the pond will be the thing to revive you?

Of course, you are welcome to extend your stay for an additional night – we'd be delighted to host you.





The  
*details*





## Food & drink

Have the freedom to choose your perfect menu and service style for your wedding day. Select from a range of our preferred catering teams who we know and trust to offer you exquisite service and delectable menus.

Throughout your stay our in-house kitchen team offers delicious options to ensure you and your guests are well fed during your stay. Have a relaxed evening under the festoon lights with some music whilst enjoying freshly made wood-fired pizzas. A buffet breakfast for all guests is included the morning after the wedding so you have more time to spend with your nearest and dearest.









## NO CORKAGE

There is no corkage fee on your daytime drinks, you have the option to serve your guests your favourite tipple.

From 7pm, our licensed bar stocked with carefully selected Kentish wines, beers, ciders and beautiful spirits and can be run as a cash bar or with a bar tab.



# The *accommodation*

Our award-winning accommodation, including the spectacular Kingshill Farmhouse, the coastal vibes of Elmley Cottage, iconic Shepherd's Huts and the festival feel of our Bell Tent village can sleep up to 112 people in total. We can cater for all of your guests who stay, and will make sure you and your guests are beautifully looked after for the duration of your time here.

Included in the houses and huts

- Tea & freshly ground coffee
- Buckets of logs
- Towels and bath robes
- Luxury VERDEN bathroom products

The houses also have:

- Welcome hamper with fresh bread, milk, cookies and a filled fruit bowl
- Wifi TVs
- Irons & ironing boards
- Games
- Roberts Radios
- Wifi







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The image shows a bright, open-plan kitchen and dining area. On the left, a dark blue kitchen island with a dark countertop holds a brass faucet and a wooden bowl of fruit. Behind it, dark blue cabinets house a refrigerator and a range hood. The backsplash features a mix of white tiles with black floral patterns. To the right, a long wooden dining table is set with fruit and candles, surrounded by dark wooden chairs. Large windows and a glass door provide a view of a brick building and greenery outside. The ceiling is high with exposed beams and modern pendant lights hang over the island and table.

*“Being able to invite our closest family and friends for the weekend meant we had so many moments with them which we otherwise wouldn’t have had.”*



## ABOUT ELMLEY

Elmley has been our family farm for over 40 years. Our dedicated team are here to look after you throughout your wedding journey. Georgina and Gareth look after the Reserve and set up the wedding experience at Elmley back in 2014. Eleanor our General Manager and Head of Events has been part of the Elmley family since 2015. Claire and Stephanie, our Wedding Managers look after all the details and are supported by our long standing farm and venue team.

Elmley is a hugely important place for nature, rewilded over four decades ago. We are proud that it is the only National Nature Reserve in the UK that you can get married within. The family-run estate operates with a fully sustainable ethos. With solar powered electricity and the Reserve's carbon capture projects, your wedding here will be a responsible choice – however lavish your feast or wild your party.



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## YOUR WEDDING AT ELMLEY

Make your wedding extraordinary, with three day use of the Elmley Nature Reserve. To give you the flexibility you need for your dream wedding, and so you can arrive and relax, we include:

- Private use of the incredible 3,300 acre Elmley Nature Reserve during your 3 day celebrations, with incredible meadow, beach & wilderness views
- The magnificent Kingshill Barn for 150 guests seated, or 200 guests for an evening reception
- A choice of beautiful indoor and outdoor ceremony areas, licensed for a civil marriage ceremony
- No curfew - after midnight have an after-party around our fire pit to keep that festival vibe going
- No corkage fee for daytime drinks
- Dedicated experienced coordinator (in the run-up, on the day and after)
- Welcome party for your first night
- Licensed evening bar for the wedding day

To enable exclusive hire of Elmley Nature Reserve, we ask our onsite accommodation for 42 guests for 2 nights to be taken alongside your venue hire.





WEEKEND PRICING *(Friday—Sunday)*

Dates	Venue Hire	Accommodation	Total Cost
May <i>(limited availability please enquire)</i>	£17,334	£10,369	£27,703
June–July	£17,655	£10,369	£28,024
August	£17,655	£10,369	£28,024
Early September <i>(up to 13th)</i>	£17,334	£10,369	£27,703
Mid-late September <i>(13–30th)</i>	£17,120	£10,369	£27,489

WEEKDAY PRICING *(Wednesday—Friday)*

Dates	Venue Hire	Accommodation	Total Cost
May <i>(limited availability please enquire)</i>	—	—	—
June–July	£11,770	£8,585	£20,355
August	£12,040	£8,585	£20,265
Early September <i>(up to 13th)</i>	£9,095	£8,585	£17,680
Mid-late September <i>(13–30th)</i>	£9,095	£8,585	£17,680





Making your  
*wedding your own*





## BELL TENT VILLAGE

Create a festival vibe by taking our optional Bell Tent Village & spend your days at Elmley with all your friends and relatives. Our Bell Tent Village sleeps up to 70 people for one or two nights. The village has 10 luxury bell tents, sleeping 2 adults and 1 child, and 10 classic wedding bell tents, sleeping 1-4 people. The village has plenty of loos and showers, a dedicated dressing room for the morning of the wedding and a festoon lit bell tent village area with camp kitchen for teas and coffees.

By taking this additional accommodation, it allows more of your friends and family to stay if they wish to. All bookings can include full catering, so your guests are well looked after during their stay.

We provide a direct booking link to send out in your invitations and your guests book directly with us. We put tents and facilities up as required by your guests and share the booking updates with you.



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## WEDDING DAY CATERING

We believe food is a really important and individual part of your wedding so, to ensure your wedding is your own, we have a preferred list of full-service wedding caterers for you to choose from for your wedding day celebrations.

We know and trust these teams to deliver the perfect menu and service to you. Our team will work alongside your chosen catering team on the day to ensure a seamless service on the day so you can relax and enjoy your celebrations. Our selection of full service caterers offer a broad range of options to suit varied budgets and tastes so get in touch with them to start talking about your ideal menu and service style. All teams will provide all staffing, equipment, tableware, food and daytime drinks service.

## EXTERNAL SUPPLIERS

We have a fantastic list of recommended suppliers that we have collected from our 10 years of hosting weddings, such as bands, photographers & florists. Please ask us for some recommendations to get you started and our planning pack covers all the details once you book.

## REGISTRAR FEES

If you would like to hold your marriage here, there is a Civil Marriage Ceremony fee which is payable directly to A Kentish Ceremony, the Kent County Council Registrars. We will make a provisional booking for you upon confirmation with us and then they will be in touch with you directly for all other details.

## EXTRA SERVICES

Bespoke activities including; private tours of the reserve, spa treatments and picnic hampers. These can be arranged as optional extras.

Any additional beds that are required and any room changeovers (with the exception of the Farmhouse rooms where a turn-down will be provided on the day of the wedding).







*“Elmley captured our hearts. It is  
an incredible place to get married  
which feels unique and special and yet  
incredibly homely.”*





## CONTACT

*Please get in touch to arrange a viewing.*

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