

GWRYCH CASTLE

Wedding Brochure



AN IDYLIC VENUE FOR YOUR SPECIAL DAY

Gwrych Castle is licensed to hold civil ceremonies in seven of the principal areas inside the castle, and its gardens. The Castle is the ideal wedding venue for couples who are looking to get married in a place which they will never forget, surrounded by history and expansive views.

Renowned for being one of the largest castles in Europe, it also has an intimate and relaxed atmosphere. Located near the town of Abergele in North Wales, Gwrych Castle is a Grade 1 listed country house set within 300 acres of private parkland and overlooking the Irish Sea. Its frontage is 1,500 feet in length, and it has 18 battlemented towers inspired by the great medieval castles of Wales.

Gwrych Castle is one of the most important buildings of its type in Europe, and has a history going back over several hundred years. In recent years, it has been world famous as the UK home of "I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here!".





Gwrych Castle provides an idyllic setting to make your day memorable. We understand how important it is that your wedding day becomes one of the most memorable, special and happiest days of your life. Our experienced and friendly staff will be on hand throughout the day - our professional yet relaxed style of service will help your day to run smoothly whilst you and your guests are made to feel at home. Please be advised we do not offer any assistance with planning or other services, simply the hire of the venue. We have several spaces available for hire:

- Coach House
- The Chapel
- Entrance Hall
- Dining Room
- East Lawn
- Conservatory
- West Terrace

Our on-site car park can accommodate up to 80 cars, and the largest outdoor marquees, from our preferred supplier, can house up to 400 guests on the West Terrace.

While you are not obligated to use our preferred vendors list, it is a directory of dedicated suppliers who are sympathetic to the historic nature of the castle, and know it well.

A 20% deposit is required upon booking to secure your venue hire date.



COACH HOUSE

Located on the north side of Coach House Court, this charming indoor space is fully accessible and ideal for every aspect of your wedding day. Large double doors open out onto the courtyard, making it a seamless setting for your ceremony, reception, or evening celebration.

Adjoining the main space is the Coachman's Lodgings which is a smaller, more intimate room complete with its own bar, perfect for drinks receptions or quiet moments with close guests.

The Coach House can be styled to suit your vision, from rustic charm to modern elegance. Its connection to the courtyard also allows you to blend indoor comfort with outdoor charm.

**Capacity: 60 seated guests comfortably;
over 80 standing.**





THE CHAPEL

Originally built in the 1820s as a carpenter's workshop by Lloyd Hesketh Bamford-Hesketh, the building was transformed into a chapel in 1870 by Ellen Bamford-Hesketh, following designs by renowned architect George Edmund Street. Though only briefly used as a place of worship, it remains one of the estate's most atmospheric and historic venues, rich with character and charm.



A large, ornate north-facing window fills the space with natural light and offers breathtaking views across the East Lawn, Park, and Vale of Clwyd. The intricate architectural details and serene ambience create a truly special backdrop for exchanging vows. Recently restored to an exquisite standard, the Chapel offers a romantic and timeless setting for your ceremony, blending historic elegance with an intimate atmosphere.

Capacity: Up to 60 seated guests.

ENTRANCE HALL

One of the oldest parts of Gwrych Castle, the Entrance Hall was once the main access into the house. It features a dramatic full-height stone fireplace and a striking Gothic window, designed in 1816 by Thomas Rickman, which fills the space with natural light. The combination of historic stonework and high ceilings makes it a distinctive setting for ceremonies or drinks receptions.

At the far end, elegant arches open into the partially restored Inner Hall, adding atmosphere and a sense of history. With its raw beauty and evolving character, the Entrance Hall offers a romantic, intimate space for those seeking something truly unique.

Capacity: 50 seated guests.





DINING ROOM

Built in the early 1820s by Lloyd Hesketh Bamford-Hesketh, the Dining Room overlooks the East Lawn and Formal Gardens. With three magnificent full-height cast iron windows, the room is flooded with natural light and offers views across some of the castle's most picturesque grounds. Originally used for formal entertaining, it now provides a grand yet intimate setting for wedding breakfasts and receptions.



Accessed via a private balcony from the East Lawn, the room combines period elegance with a welcoming atmosphere. By prior arrangement, couples can also access the nearby Marble Staircase for stunning wedding photography, making the Dining Room a refined and versatile choice for your celebration.

Capacity: 80 seated guests.

WEST TERRACE

The West Terrace offers one of the most breathtaking settings at Gwrych Castle. Set against the dramatic main façade, it provides panoramic views across the Vale of Clwyd, taking in landmarks such as the 13th century Rhuddlan Castle and the medieval tower of St Michael's Church in Abergele. Built between 1812 and 1822 by Lloyd Hesketh Bamford-Hesketh in memory of his ancestors, the terrace is steeped in history and grandeur.

This expansive outdoor space is ideal for larger celebrations, drinks receptions, or al fresco dining. Its elevated position and architectural backdrop create a truly unforgettable atmosphere for your guests. With ample room for marquees and styling, the West Terrace can be adapted to suit a wide range of wedding styles, from timeless elegance to contemporary chic.

Capacity: Marquees can be erected to accommodate your guest numbers.





FORMAL GARDENS, EAST LAWN & CONSERVATORY

The Formal Gardens & East Lawn

Designed in the 1830s and inspired by Queen Eleanor's garden at Conwy Castle, our Formal Gardens feature central raised beds radiating from a circular pool, constructed with handmade Welsh bricks. Originally planted with white and silver blooms to be enjoyed by moonlight, the gardens provide a romantic backdrop for your celebration.



The Conservatory

The original 1830s cast iron conservatory was partly lost to wartime bombing, but the surviving Gardener's Tower—modelled on Rhuddlan Castle's Water Tower—was beautifully restored in 2015. The first floor houses the intimate 'Countess's Writing Room', originally built as Lady Emily Hesketh's private retreat from the conservatory.



These spaces offer enchanting settings for your wedding photography and celebrations.



CEREMONY HIRE

ROOMS	SUN - THURS	FRI - SAT
Entrance Hall	£500	£600
Dining Room	£650	£750
The Chapel	£750	£1,000
Coach House	£650	£800
East Lawn	£550	£650
West Terrace	£550	£650

- The price provided doesn't include the registrar. We have more information under 'Booking Your Wedding'.
- Maximum duration of 2 hours for the civil ceremony, to include ceremony and photos (or an agreed time period)
- A table and 2 chairs for the couple to sign are provided from the Castle's collections.
- Room dressing is additional and to be arranged by the customer.





EVENING HIRE

Evening hire at Gwrych Castle offers a unique opportunity to experience the castle's magic after hours. Whether you're marking a milestone, hosting a reception, or simply continuing your celebration into the evening, our historic surroundings create an unforgettable setting. With flexible spaces and a stunning backdrop, your event can be as relaxed or as formal as you envision.

We have several spaces to use for you to dress and use as you wish, providing the perfect end to your special day.

- Maximum duration of 5 hours from 6pm (or an agreed time)
- Room dressing is additional and to be arranged by the customer
- We have available space on the West Terrace for marquee hire

Get in touch for more information on costs.





TAN-YR-OGO LODGE

Tan-yr-Ogo Lodge was once the grand entrance to Gwrych Castle and sits below Lady Emily's Tower and the cave of Cefn yr Ogof. The lodge has been beautifully restored and is now a holiday let. It's perfect for couples wanting a relaxed space to get ready on their wedding day, surrounded by family and the stunning setting of the castle. The lodge sleeps up to 6 people and is dog friendly.



GOTHIC BEDROOM

The Gothic Bedroom is a self-contained room set within the tower of Tan-yr-Ogo Lodge, offering a cosy and characterful alternative to a hotel stay. It has its own entrance, a double bed that can be split into twins and a hidden shower room. Parking is included, and the location offers easy access to local pubs, the A55, and attractions like Llandudno and Snowdonia.

INFORMATION FOR CIVIL CEREMONIES

This information has been compiled to assist you in making your wedding day a truly memorable occasion. If you require any further assistance, or would like to discuss your requirements in more detail, please email us weddings@gwrychcastle.co.uk

We would like to make your wedding a unique and memorable occasion at Gwrych Castle and Gardens, and we invite you to consider this fairy-tale venue for your special day.

On The Day

Gwrych Castle will be open an hour prior to the time of your wedding, with staff on duty to greet and direct your guests. Your guests must park in the main Visitor Car Park, however, if the weather is poor or guests have walking difficulties, they may be dropped off closer to main building where possible.

Family Admission Pass

Free entry to Gwrych Castle for two adults and up to three children is gifted to couples holding their wedding ceremony at Gwrych Castle.

Photography

Use of the Buildings, Gardens and Grounds may be available for photographs depending on the type of hire you choose.

Viewing

If you are considering Gwrych Castle for your ceremony, we recommend a preliminary visit. Our team would be delighted to discuss the requirements for your special day.



A FEW FINAL POINTS..

- Smoking is not permitted inside the Castle or in any adjacent building. Please use the designated terracotta pots provided in the grounds.
- We only permit the throwing of biodegradable confetti. Bubbles make a delightful alternative.
- If you have guests with disabilities, please contact us for advice on how we can assist.
- You may provide your own minibus, or similar, to transport guests from the car park.
- All mobile phones should be switched off prior to entry.
- Photography and video filming is permitted by an official wedding photographer and your guests.
- Suppliers can access the Castle from 9am on the morning of the wedding.
- Please be reminded that the marshalling of your guests is the responsibility of you and your ushers.
- Gwrych Castle cannot be held responsible for damage or loss of property by persons attending an event or function at the property.
- Persons attending an event at the property do so at their own risk and neither Gwrych Castle nor its representatives accept liability for death or personal injury. It is essential that public liability insurance is purchased, and that the certificate is provided a minimum of eight weeks prior to your wedding day. Cover of up to £2million is required for accidents/damage within Gwrych Castle & Gardens.

BOOKING YOUR WEDDING

Check your preferred date and time with our team, then contact the Superintendent Registrar at Registration Services, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno, LL30 2UP.

Telephone: (01492) 576525 to be advised of the appropriate fees (payable separately) and availability before confirming your booking with Gwrych Castle.

Approximately six weeks prior to your wedding you will be invited to attend your final venue meeting, where we will discuss your day in detail. If you have any questions before then with regard to the venue, please do not hesitate to contact us.

To conclude, you are respectfully reminded that the Castle is a historically important building. As such, it is your responsibility to ensure that all your guests respect and enjoy the unique atmosphere of the building and its grounds.



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