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MINTERNE HOUSE

Wedding Guide



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ABOUT MINTERNE HOUSE

Step into the timeless elegance of Minterne House, the private family home of the Digbys for generations. With historic interiors, sweeping gardens and complete exclusivity for your celebration, it provides a truly unforgettable backdrop for your wedding day. Every corner is picture-perfect, combining heritage, privacy and charm to make your day uniquely yours.



HIRE DETAILS

Ceremony Capacities

Trafalgar Hall - 160 guests

The Drawing Room - 100 guests

The Tapestry Room - 60 guests

The Garden Room - 60 guests

Wedding Breakfast Capacities

Trafalgar Hall - 100 guests

The Tapestry Room - 60 guests

Evening & Drinks Reception Capacities

Up to 160 guests

For larger guest lists, we are able to accommodate additional numbers with the use of a marquee on the grounds.





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SET-UP

You will have access the day prior your wedding from 10am-5pm to set up. Your chosen caterer will take care of the set up of any tables, linen, cutlery, crockery & table glassware ahead of the wedding day. For marquee weddings, your marquee company will have access 2 days ahead of your wedding.

BREAK-DOWN

We kindly ask that all personal belongings and decor items are removed from the venue by 11am on the morning following your wedding.

Please make arrangements with your suppliers, family or wedding party in advance to assist with collecting any remaining items.



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END OF EVENING

To ensure your celebration runs smoothly and in line with our licencing requirements, all alcohol service and music must finish by 11:30pm. We kindly ask that all guests depart the venue by midnight.

These timings help us maintain a wonderful atmosphere for you and your guests while also preserving the peaceful surroundings of Minterne House.

PARKING

On the wedding day, the front drive is kept clear for wedding cars and blue badge holders only. Drivers may drop off guests at the front of the house before parking in the large car park opposite the church. Parking signage will guide your guests. Cars may be left overnight at the owner's risk and must be collected by 11am the following day. You can find us on what3words at: [cosmetic.formation.heavy](https://www.what3words.com/cosmetic.formation.heavy)



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CARRIAGES

Please ensure that taxis are booked in advance.

Local taxi companies:

Adelaide Taxis: 01305 757515/07862 271936

Damos Taxis: 01305 250222

Cerne Abbas Taxi: 07554 702705

P&J Cabs: 01935 816877/01935 817766

Bobs Cars: 01305 269500

INSURANCE

All suppliers must hold public liability insurance. Please ensure your suppliers send a copy of their insurance certificate to: weddings@minterne.co.uk

We also strongly recommend that you take out private wedding insurance to protect against any unforeseen circumstances beyond your control.

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THE CEREMONY

CIVIL CEREMONIES

All wedding rooms at Minterne are licensed for civil ceremonies as is our beautiful South Lawn.

Dorset Registrar's Contact Details:

Email: registrars@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Tel: 01305 225153

CHURCH CEREMONIES

Our two local churches are:

- St Andrew's Church, Minterne Magna – a charming, intimate church that seats up to 60 guests
- St Mary's Church, Cerne Abbas – a larger historic church with seating for over 100 guests

Vicar's Contact Details:

Name: Revd Jonathan Still

Email: cernevicar@gmail.com

Tel: 01300 341251



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CATERING

At Minterne, we ask that you choose your caterer from our preferred suppliers list and work with them directly. The only exceptions to this are the wedding cake, sweet carts and evening food vans which you are welcome to arrange independently.

Your chosen catering team will typically provide the following:

- Tables, linen, cutlery, crockery and table glassware
- Staff to lay your tables in advance
- Glassware for your drinks reception
- Service for your welcome drinks, canapés and wedding meal
- Staff to serve your meal and replenish table wines and water





BAR & NO CORKAGE

At Minterne, we do not charge corkage, provided all bottles are taken away at the end of your stay. This gives you the flexibility to supply your own drinks for your reception and wedding meal.

All client-provided beverages will be stored after the meal and made available for collection.

If you'd like a waste management company to remove bottles, we recommend:

Junk-O-Saurus:

- Website: www.junk-o-saurus.co.uk
- Phone: 07896 935596

Some caterers also offer bottle removal services.

Bar services are delivered by our experienced bar partners, offering a range of packages to suit your celebration.

STAYING AT MINTERNE

Minterne House offers 9 bedrooms in the main house along with a selection of holiday-let properties across the estate, ideal for wedding guests.

CHECK-IN & CHECK OUT

Main House: Check-in from 3 pm, check-out by 11am

Holiday Lets: Check-in from 4 pm, check-out by 10am

Full check-in details will be provided to all guests prior to your wedding.

BOOKING

Holiday-let properties can be reserved with a deposit of one-third of the total hire fee. Accommodation pricing will be emailed after your initial viewing.

BREAKFAST & REFRESHMENTS

- Guests staying in the main house will enjoy a continental breakfast on the wedding morning and a Full English the following day. Additional guests can be added for an extra charge.
- The Minterne team can also arrange snacks or refreshments during your stay (additional charges apply).
- All holiday-let properties feature fully equipped kitchens, with a self-serve breakfast provided for the first morning.



DÉCOR & DETAILS

TABLES & CHAIRS

We provide 110 gold gilt chairs for your use. Tables are to be supplied by your chosen caterer.

CANDLES

Candles are permitted during sit-down meals, provided they are not placed beneath any paintings.

CONFETTI

Only biodegradable confetti, such as real flower petals, is permitted for use outside at Minterne House.

We do not allow glitter or confetti cannons anywhere inside the house or within the grounds.



FIREWORKS & SPARKLERS

Fireworks are permitted at Minterne House, subject to a livestock removal fee. All firework displays must be arranged through our approved fireworks supplier. All displays must be completed by 10:30pm. Sparklers are also welcome, and we will provide sand buckets for safe disposal.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

To help your chosen florist with some of the measurements at Minterne, below are details of our fireplaces:

Trafalgar Hall Fireplace: 280cm x 32cm

The Drawing Room Fireplace: 249cm x 30cm

The Garden Room Fireplace: 205cm x 17cm

The Tapestry Room Fireplace: 180cm x 15cm

PETS

Dogs belonging to the wedding couple are allowed in the main house on the wedding day if they are on a lead and chaperoned. They are also welcome in the gardens and within the holiday let accommodation. Dogs are not permitted to stay overnight in the main house accommodation.



MARQUEE WEDDINGS

If your daytime guest list exceeds 100 guests, we kindly ask that you hire a marquee at an additional cost.

We have two preferred marquee suppliers, and we ask that you choose and work with one of them directly:

DP Marquees:

Tel: 01258 452539

Email: info@dpmarquees.com

Apex Marquees:

Tel: 01934 244776

Email: info@apexmarquees.co.uk

Please note, your chosen marquee company will also need to provide a catering tent, generator, toilets and a chiller trailer.

For logistical reasons, the house will be closed once guests are seated for the wedding breakfast.



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MEETINGS & COORDINATION

We can hold your preferred wedding date for 10 days while you check availability with your registrar or church.

To secure your date, a 50% deposit of the venue hire fee is required, with the remaining balance due one month before your wedding. To book, email weddings@minterne.co.uk. We'll send the booking form and T&Cs, and once returned, we'll issue your deposit invoice to confirm your booking.

Your wedding coordinator will contact you to arrange scheduled planning meetings as part of our coordination service. Additional meetings may be arranged where necessary.

We provide support with the practical coordination of your wedding day, including timelines, floorplans, supplier liaison, onsite accommodation arrangements and trusted recommendations.

On your wedding day, your coordinator will be on-site during setup and throughout the event, acting as the main point of contact and ensuring everything runs smoothly.





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