

Win Your Wedding – Prize Details

What is included at the venue

- ❖ Exclusive use of Darwin Suite, Canterbury campus, University of Kent, from 4pm the day before the chosen wedding date (i.e. 9th September 2022 / 10th August 2023) and the wedding day (i.e. 10th September 2022 / 11th August 2023), until midnight
- ❖ 3 x double en-suite rooms on the wedding night on the Canterbury campus and breakfast following day

What is provided by the in-house Catering, Conferences and Events Teams

Before your wedding day

- ❖ Full event organisation from the moment you win right up until the big day itself
- ❖ You are invited to a tasting event held at Darwin Suite, subject to availability (please confirm details with our Conferences and Events Team)
- ❖ A pre-wedding/engagement photoshoot to the value of £275 supplied by Ryan Cox Photography
- ❖ As part of the celebrant offering (see below), two interviews, unlimited script changes, family and friends' consultation and rehearsal with KS Celebrants with a value of £695

On your wedding day

(for 50 people on the Classic Wedding Breakfast menu)

- ❖ A wonderful 3-course meal, including a starter, main course and dessert, plus a selection of teas and Fairtrade coffee to finish
- ❖ A reception drink, half a bottle of wine and a glass of sparkling wine per person for the wedding toast
 - ❖ Still and sparkling water throughout the meal
- ❖ Pulled Pork rolls / shredded Aubergine Rolls (Ve) for the evening reception for 50 people
 - ❖ All required crockery, cutlery, glassware, and service linens
 - ❖ A Front of House Manager
 - ❖ Team of experienced serving staff
 - ❖ An easel to display your table plan
 - ❖ A cake stand and knife
- ❖ Cakepops, Cakehearts and jars with favours to the value of £300 supplied by Cakeydoodle
 - ❖ Two hours of magician entertainment with a value of £395 supplied by Guy Wade
 - ❖ Three wedding suit hire to the value of £450 supplied by Birchington Brides
- ❖ Set of 4 foot 'Love Letters' with the value of £175 supplied by Dynamix Entertainments
- ❖ Full celebrant led ceremony with KS Celebrants with a value of £695 (as per above)

The menu is available on request and will be sent to you to select your wedding breakfast. You will also have the option to upgrade your food and drink to any of our other menus should you wish to. All other drinks are available at our fully licensed bar, or by purchasing a drinks package or wine upgrade.

What is not provided

Separate fee payable to the church or registry office.
Please note that you need to book the church yourselves.

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When does the competition close?

Entry to the competition will close at midnight on Saturday 12th February 2022. Any entries received after this time will be discounted. The winner will be selected at random and contacted on Monday 14th February 2022 via the contact information provided when entering.

What's included in the prize?

For a full list of what's included if you win, please take a look at the Prize Details section above.

Is guest accommodation included?

The prize includes 3 x double en-suite rooms on the night of the wedding, but does not include guest accommodation beyond this. Our rooms will all be available for you or your guests to book on your chosen wedding date.

Can I upgrade the food and drink?

Yes, we have a range of food and drink options for you to choose from should you wish to upgrade. Please note that any additional costs will not be included in the prize.

Can I invite extra guests?

Yes, you are able to invite extra guests. Please speak to our Conferences and Events Team for rates for extra guests.

Can I use my own suppliers?

Yes of course. We have a fantastic suppliers list available to help you make your decisions, but you are more than welcome to work with whoever you wish. Please note, this does not include catering which will all be provided by our on-site team.

Can I choose a different wedding date?

No, if you win the competition, you can only choose from the two available dates stated in the prize.

Can I enter more than once?

You can only enter once and all other entries will not be counted. But you can earn yourself up to two extra chances to win by following the instructions on the **Instagram** and **Twitter** competition posts.

Can I enter on someone else's behalf?

You can only enter for yourself and the winner of the prize must be part of the couple getting married on one of the prize dates. You are not able to gift, sell or in any way transfer this prize to anyone else.

Can I visit the venue?

Yes! If you are interested in the venue we would love for you to come and visit us. You can contact weddings@kent.ac.uk to arrange yours at a time that suits you with our team. If you are our winner, we will reach out to you to arrange a time for you to come and see the venue if you haven't had a chance to previously.

Are there any rules or guidelines that apply to weddings at the venue?

We like to be as flexible as possible when it comes to your wedding, but we do have a few guidelines in place to keep the venue in fabulous condition for everyone. Please see our venue FAQs below.

Can I enter if I've already booked my wedding?

Unfortunately, this competition is for people who haven't yet booked their wedding.

When will you announce the winner?

We will be announcing the winner on Monday 14th February 2022 on Instagram and Twitter. Make sure you don't miss out on any updates by following us on **Instagram** and **Twitter**.

Venue FAQs

Who books the ceremony?

You will need to contact the local registrar to inform them of your chosen venue, your wedding date and preferred time.

Canterbury Registry Office
Wellington House
St Stephens Road
Canterbury
CT2 7RD
www.canterbury.gov.uk
ceremonies.canterbury@kent.gov.uk
03000 41 50 50

If you would prefer a church wedding, you can still make use of Darwin Suite before your ceremony. Alternatively, you may choose to arrive at Darwin Suite after your wedding ceremony.

How many can the University of Kent seat for a civil ceremony?

We can seat between 50 and 80 guests for both an indoor ceremony.

How many can the University of Kent seat for the wedding breakfast?

We can seat between 50 and 150 guests for your wedding breakfast.

What time are we able to access the venues from?

3 en-suite bedrooms will be available for you to access from 9am of the morning of your wedding. Darwin Suite will be available to access from 4pm the day before your wedding.

What time can suppliers access the venue from?

Suppliers have access to Darwin Suite from 4pm day before your wedding.

What time does the venue close?

Last orders will be called at 11:15 pm. Your booked music/entertainment will wind down at 11:30 pm. Darwin Suite will close at 12 midnight. We ask that non-residents have pre-booked taxis to collect them by 12 midnight.

Can we have candles at our wedding?

Candles are permitted at Darwin Suite however, they must be placed in suitable candle holders. Battery operated candles are also a great alternative. Please speak to your event manager for further information regarding this.

Can we have confetti at the wedding?

Yes, but we only permit real petal confetti and for it to be thrown outside/inside Darwin Suite.

Does the venue have heating and or air conditioning facilities?

Yes, we have heating and air conditioning in Darwin Suite.

Can we have sky lanterns?

Unfortunately, lanterns are not permitted.

Can we have fireworks at our wedding?

Unfortunately, fireworks are not permitted.

Can we have smoke machines at our wedding?

Unfortunately, smoke machines are not permitted.

Do you have a smoking area?

Yes, there are designated smoking areas across the University. Smoking is prohibited anywhere within University of Kent buildings, and the rest of the University grounds (unless stated as a designated smoking area).

Can we have drones?

Due to our location drones are not permitted.

Do we have to use your recommended suppliers?

Other than using our on-site caterer for any catering and drink provision, you are welcome to use your own suppliers. We have a useful list of recommended suppliers to share with you. Just ask our Events Team for further information.

Do we need to take out wedding insurance?

We strongly recommend that you take out wedding insurance. Weddings are a big investment and fingers crossed you'll never need to call on your insurance, but having it in place will cover you for a range of eventualities.