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## Tynemouth Priory and Castle

Due to its impregnable location between the river and the North Sea, Tynemouth has always been as much a fortress as a religious site.



The Priory dates back to the 7th century as an Anglian monastery and burial place of Oswin, sainted king of Northumbria. After it was destroyed by Danish raiders, the present Benedictine priory was re-founded on its site in c1090. When the Priory monks surrendered Tynemouth to Henry VIII in 1539 it was adopted as a royal castle, continuing to play a role in coastal defence against Napoleon and during the two World Wars.

The Priory ruins and the Castle are on a headland overlooking the Northumbrian coast and River Tyne estuary and offer a dramatic and romantic location.



Today the Priory is more willing to admit guests than it was in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century as the grounds are available as a spectacular setting for marquee receptions for up to 200 guests.

Holding your wedding reception at Tynemouth Priory and Castle truly allows you to be King and Queen of your own castle for the day with huge potential for spectacular lighting around the castle ruins or create a perfect finale to your special day with a breathtaking firework display.



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## Tynemouth Priory and Castle Tariff and Capacities

Prices are valid for events booked and held before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009.

### Marquee Reception (Monday - Sunday)

Marquee site	3pm – 12midnight	Up to 200 guests	£2000
Additional Time	12midnight – 1am		£750

Prices are exclusive of and subject to VAT.

Prices are for grounds hire only and are exclusive of catering, flowers and cost of marquee.  
English Heritage reserves the right to amend prices at any time without notice.

### Contact Details

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## Tynemouth Priory and Castle Accredited Suppliers

Attention to detail is part of the service. We offer a selection of suppliers, all of whom have been carefully chosen for their high standards and excellence in their own field.

### Caterers

**Epicurus Events Ltd**  
Telephone: 0191 270 8540  
[www.epicurus.co.uk](http://www.epicurus.co.uk)

**Fresh Element**  
Telephone: 0191 226 7323  
[www.freshelement.co.uk](http://www.freshelement.co.uk)

**Kings Catering**  
Telephone: 01670 732500  
[sean.kings@btinternet.com](mailto:sean.kings@btinternet.com)

**Ramside Event Catering**  
Telephone: 0191 375 3084  
[www.ramsideeventcatering.co.uk](http://www.ramsideeventcatering.co.uk)

### Marquee Suppliers

**Fairbairn Marquees**  
Telephone: 0191 418 3970  
[www.fairbairnmarquees.co.uk](http://www.fairbairnmarquees.co.uk)

**James Fletcher Marquee and Pavilion Hire**  
Telephone: 01388 527658  
[www.fletchermarquees.co.uk](http://www.fletchermarquees.co.uk)

**Field and Lawn**  
Telephone: 01757 210444  
[www.fieldandlawn.com](http://www.fieldandlawn.com)

### Lighting and Sound

**Q Music**  
Telephone: 0191 286 0176  
[www.qmusic.co.uk](http://www.qmusic.co.uk)

**Promotiontime NE Ltd**  
Telephone: 01207 503648  
[www.promotiontimene.co.uk](http://www.promotiontimene.co.uk)



## Tynemouth Priory and Castle Hirer's Guidelines

English Heritage offers facilities for events to be held within specified areas. The sites are of national importance, the safety of which is paramount. Requests for events will only be accepted if they are considered reasonable and appropriate to the site as a venue.

English Heritage properties are several centuries old, and, due to the historical nature of the site, have certain limitations in their use. For detailed information on restrictions relating to a particular property please refer to the Hospitality Co-ordinator and your contract. Your contract will have site specific guidelines which supersede the general guidelines shown below.

Some properties may not be suitable for children under 10 years of age, large groups of children, or accessible for guests with limited mobility.

Stiletto heels may not be worn in some properties due to the fragile nature of certain floors. You may be asked to advise your guests to wear appropriate footwear.

Service of food and drinks that spill easily and contain staining agents such as red wine or red berries may not be served in certain rooms.

Candles and naked flames are not permitted within the majority of English Heritage buildings.

Smoking is not permitted inside English Heritage buildings.

Confetti is not permitted on English Heritage sites, although rose petals may be permitted outside by prior arrangement.

**Suppliers.** For catering, marquees and lighting you must use the English Heritage accredited suppliers as advised to you by the Hospitality Co-ordinator. If your event requires specialist services, please seek advice from the Hospitality Co-ordinator.

**Deposit.** A non-refundable Deposit (50% of hire fee) is payable to English Heritage to confirm the booking. Full payment is required prior to the event, either immediately or one month before, whichever is greater. If another client wishes to book the same date(s) before your booking has been confirmed, you will be asked to confirm your booking and pay the Deposit within 48 hours. If the Deposit and signed Agreement are not received within this period, English Heritage reserve the right to cancel your booking.

**Cancellation.** You may cancel a booking by giving English Heritage notice in writing. English Heritage shall use its reasonable endeavours to find a replacement booking for the dates at the property and, if successful, will refund you 90% of the Deposit and the balance of the Hire Fee paid. Where English Heritage cannot find a replacement booking, it reserves the right to retain the Deposit; and where you cancel the Event less than three months in advance, to retain or charge you the balance of the Hire Fee. Some conditions may vary according to the nature of the event – please refer to your contract.

For security purposes, English Heritage requires a copy of your guest list in advance of the event. Organising personnel should not arrive on site prior to the times

agreed with the Hospitality Co-ordinator. Names are to be provided in advance and personnel will be asked to sign in and display appropriate identification.

The Hospitality Co-ordinator or a Duty Manager from the Visitor Operations Team will be on duty throughout the event.

English Heritage reserves the right to remove any guests whose behaviour is thought to endanger the safety of the site, other guests or English Heritage staff.

The hirer and guests must leave by the hire finish time. All refreshments and music must cease 30 minutes prior to the hire finish time.

The hirer, or their suppliers, are responsible for removing all litter and anything brought to site prior to public opening the next day. English Heritage will not accept responsibility for loss or damage to any articles brought to site by organisers or guests.

**Insurance.** English Heritage carries an insurance policy which provides cover for some of the risks which may arise as a result of the hiring of an English Heritage property. The policy covers claims to a maximum of £5 million (£20 million for certain properties) for damage caused to the property, contents or English Heritage employees. Cover is not provided for cancellation costs or any claims arising as a result of negligence by the hirer.

A copy of the full Terms and Conditions is available upon request

If you would like this document in a different format, please contact our Customer Services department:

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