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PENDENNIS CASTLE
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Built for defence, Pendennis also saw wartime romance.

After the First World War broke out the castle became home to Territorial Army volunteers.

Here, on this grassed capped headland, they readied for battle.

One of these men was Tommy Glasson, a 25-year-old teacher. In a black and white photo he looks out seriously from under his cap, moustache neatly trimmed, eyes in a steady gaze. Yet Tommy had a fun side too, revealed in letters to his friend Gertrude Brooks. He tells her about football games played at the barracks and jokes about their shared love of Cornish pasties. And her letters in reply were a source of solace. Tommy recounted that 'Your letter arrived just before we marched and I can assure you I was delighted to get it. Twas like a ray of light on what had been a dull time...'

Tommy's letters show his growing affection for Gertie. He didn't survive the war, but her feelings for him did. Gertie later told her niece that 'nobody could take the place of the one I lost.' The letters that she kept take us back to a time when feelings were written by hand, and safely treasured in envelopes.

The castle and its grounds are still a site that inspires romance – either in an intimate ceremony in the keep or looking out to the horizon where the blues of sky and sea merge into one. With the choice to celebrate in the converted Royal Artillery Barracks overlooking the sea, or in a marquee on the lawn, you've every chance to make the most of the history rising around you and the views unfolding before you.



ROOM HIRE

CASTLE KEEP - LOWER GUN ROOM

CEREMONY: 120 | DRINKS: 120

Crossing a stone bridge, you enter the Keep through an arched doorway complete with its original Tudor portcullis and topped by the Royal Coat of Arms. The Lower Gun Room, steeped in nearly 500 years of history, is highly atmospheric, with traditional wooden benches and gunpowder barrels laid out to make an entrance. Tapestry hangings, red carpet, flowers and candles can complete the picture.



CASTLE CHEMISE

DRINKS: 120

Surrounding the Keep is a grassy 'chemise' within a circular stone wall. This outdoor secluded space is ideal for a drinks reception following your ceremony. For centuries the chemise was an external gun platform but now it makes an ideal focal point for your photos.



ROYAL ARTILLERY BARRACKS: KILLIGREW ROOM

CEREMONY: 90 | DINING: 120 | DRINKS/DANCE: 180

A short walk beyond the Tudor keep stands the Royal Artillery Barracks, built in 1901. It's now converted into a banqueting suite, providing a choice of contemporary rooms licensed to hold civil wedding ceremonies and where you and your guests can dine and dance the night away.



ROYAL ARTILLERY BARRACKS: MELVILL ROOM

CEREMONY: 60 | DRINKS: 60 | DINING: 50

A beautiful light and airy room within the Royal Artillery Barracks with stunning views of the Castle Keep, grounds and surrounding coastline, the Melvill Room offers a stylish alternative for smaller mid-week weddings.



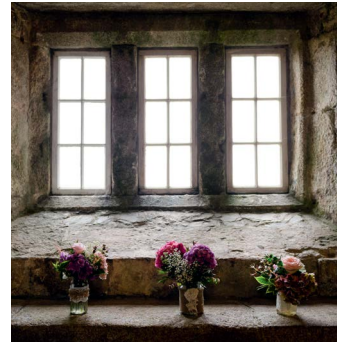
MARQUEE: CASTLE GROUNDS

DINING: 1200 | DRINKS/DANCE: 1500

The lawn provides ample room for a marquee. The castle is a magnificent backdrop, illuminated with dramatic lighting by night.



❧ SAMPLE RUNNING ORDER ❧



Congratulations on your upcoming wedding and thank you for considering Pendennis Castle. We have put together the following as a guide to costs and suppliers that may need to be considered when planning your wedding here.

Please note that this is meant as a guide, and that timings will vary according to your choice of menu and the suppliers you wish to use. Earlier starting times and later finishing times may be available, please speak to your hospitality events co-ordinator for more information.

GUESTS ARRIVAL

Guests should start to arrive from 4pm in preparation for a 4.30pm ceremony. On a Saturday you have exclusive use of the castle and grounds from 4pm. Guests are welcome to drive over the ancient granite bridge and park inside the castle grounds, enjoying the stunning 360 degree view as they make their way to the castle Keep.

CEREMONY

The ceremony should last approximately 30 minutes and will take place in the atmospheric star-shaped Lower Gun Room of the castle Keep. Wooden benches and powder barrels line the aisle, simply decorated with candles and fairy lights on two central wooden pillars with the marriage taking place at the head of the room.

This room has a capacity of 120 for a ceremony.

DRINKS RECEPTION & PHOTOS

Once the ceremony concludes at 4.30pm, you will lead your guests outside into the chemise - a circular lawn built into the ramparts surrounding the Castle, where you will be greeted with your first drink as a married couple. Guests will be offered a selection of reception drinks and the chosen selection of canapés from waiting staff if you have chosen to include this option. If photographs are being taken, we usually recommend allowing one hour for this.

❧ SAMPLE RUNNING ORDER ❧

TABLE PLANS

The drinks reception will last approximately one hour from 5pm – 6pm, leaving plenty of time for photos and mingling. Guests will then be called for dinner at 6.30pm, which can be announced either by our staff or your Best Man. Although there are many ways to allocate guests' seating arrangements, the simplest and most effective is a table plan. We can supply a board and easel for them to be displayed during the reception, which can be positioned in the entrance lobby leading into the Killigrew Room of the Royal Artillery Barracks. You may also wish to provide place names and table names to be set at each of the tables. If you would like your guests to have a reminder of your day, favours at each place setting are a good idea.

WEDDING BREAKFAST

The maximum number of guests that can be accommodated in the Killigrew Room for dinner is 120. As guests take their seats for dinner, waiters and waitresses will begin pouring a selection of your dinner drinks as the service of your dinner begins. Once dinner service has ended, coffee, if included, and your choice of toast drinks will be served in preparation for speeches (if these are taking place after dinner). You may choose this moment to cut your wedding cake.

SPEECHES

Depending on the timings of the wedding, there are many ways that speeches can be carried out;

Before Dinner

It is becoming increasingly popular to carry out the speeches before guests are seated for dinner. At Pendennis Castle, this can take place once guests are seated in the Killigrew Room and before dinner is served. Speeches can also take place inside the Castle Keep or Chemise where guests will be gathered for the drinks reception.

After Dinner

Traditionally after dessert, champagne is poured and wedding speeches take place, followed by the cutting of the cake however some couples choose to have the wedding cake as dessert.

Before the Evening Party

This option is ideal if you have additional guests for the evening as it enables these guests to hear your speeches and see the cutting of the cake.

EVENING RECEPTION

During your evening reception, depending on your chosen caterer, you can either opt for a cash bar or a free bar. Please note that we do not charge corkage. Please see our accredited supplier list for details on mobile bars.

SAMPLE COSTS

To give you an idea of costs we have put together a sample guide to help you budget for your day.*

- **VENUE HIRE** FROM £450
- **WEDDING PACKAGES** FROM £4,199**
- **CATERING** FROM £66.24pp*** (All of our caterers can offer a completely bespoke quote.)
THIS INCLUDES: Canapé reception (4 per person)
Sparkling drinks reception
3 course meal with coffee
½ bottle of house wine, jugs of iced water (per person)
Sparkling toast drink
Round tables, chairs, cake table, high top bar
Dance Floor
Hospitality events co-ordinator
Delivery and set up
- **REGISTRAR** FROM £450
- **CATERING STAFF** FROM £1,100
- **TABLEWARE & FURNITURE** FROM £9pp
- **MARQUEE HIRE (OPTIONAL)** FROM £5,620
- **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**
Evening bar, evening food, flowers, evening entertainment, cake and photographer .

For our full list of accredited suppliers, please request our full brochure.

All prices are subject to VAT.

*These prices are a guide only. Please contact us for your bespoke quotation.

**Based on 50 guests, mon-fri

***Based on a minimum of 100 guests

TESTIMONIALS

“We couldn't have been happier - everything was smoothly planned and executed right from the first meeting to the day after. The staff really went out of their way to make everything perfect”

Mr & Mrs Samuel | April 2016

“Stunning and timeless, a truly unique wedding venue”

Mr & Mrs Vocat | July 2016

“The Castle definitely had the wow factor. All our guests were blown away by the beautiful location and we felt very looked after throughout the day. We couldn't have asked for a more magical setting”

Mr & Mrs Home | July 2016

“Pendennis Castle is a beautiful setting for a wedding. Staff were friendly and supportive and helped make our day wonderful. Thank you for making our special day the best day of our lives. The whole day was breath taking”

Mr & Mrs Smith | August 2016

Contact our hospitality team for a full brochure and to arrange a viewing.

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ROOMS & GROUNDS

