



CASTLE GORING

*Simply The Perfect Venue*



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## The History of Castle Goring

Castle Goring is a magnificent and unique 18th century building regarded as one of the most important houses architecturally in the country. It was the first house ever built with a dual façade, Greco-Roman on the South side and Castellated Gothic on the North. Castle Goring is Grade I Listed and is located within the South Downs National Park with easy access via the A27 from Worthing, Brighton even London which is an hour and a half away.

The famous architect John Biagio-Rebecca, who was renowned in the Sussex area was the original architect. The South Palladian (Greco-Roman) aspect is yellow brick and is thought to be a copy of the famous Villa Lante near Rome. The Gothic aspect is constructed of flint and sandstone, and it was designed to replicate Arundel Castle which lies approximately 5 miles to the west.

Castle Goring is set within its own park of approximately 8 acres of land. The property has a number of fine rooms on the ground and first floors, with ornate ceilings and detailed plaster work.

Castle Goring has an intriguing history and is understood to be the only large house in Sussex built by the Shelley family. Sir Bysshe Shelley, grandfather of the great romantic poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, commissioned the property. Construction began in the 1790s and continued for a period of 15 years or more. The intention was that the property would be lived in by Percy Shelley, however, following his tragic death from drowning aged 29, this never materialised.

In 1825, the building was let to Captain (later Vice Admiral) Sir George Brooke-Pechell, fourth Baronet of Paglesham, and Lord of the Manor of Angmering, who was also the MP for Brighton from 1835-1860.

In 1835, Mary Shelley, who remains famous to this day as the authoress of *Frankenstein*, sold the property, which she inherited from her late husband Percy Shelley, to Brooke-Pechell. Brooke-Pechell's daughter, Adelaide married Sir Alfred F C Somerset. He was Deputy Lieutenant and Justice of the Peace for Middlesex. Their daughter Gwendoline married her cousin Arthur Fitzroy Somerset, the famous cricketer who held the same offices for Sussex.

The property was occupied by the Somerset family until it was requisitioned during the Second World War for use by the Canadian Army. After the war, the castle was let out to be used as a language school, as well as associated residential and business purposes. The property remained in the Somerset family until sold to the famous authoress, socialite and television personality Lady Colin Campbell in 2014.



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## The Perfect Location

Your wedding is one of the most important days of your life, a day that you and your guests will hold forever as a treasured memory.

With this in mind, Castle Goring is proud to offer a selection of locations to celebrate and create those special memories. Whether it be the grandeur of the State Rooms in the main building, the magnificent West Wing with its double height ceiling or on the South Lawns in a Marquee with Castle Goring as your back drop. Castle Goring offers you a wedding venue to suit all of your wedding dreams whichever season you choose.

So let your imagination run away with itself and let us turn your wedding day dreams into a reality at Castle Goring. It really is simply the perfect venue!

### *Love's Philosophy* by Percy Shelley

*The fountains mingle with the river,  
And the rivers with the ocean;  
The winds of heaven mix forever,  
With a sweet emotion;  
Nothing in the world is single;  
All things by a law divine  
In one another's being mingle: -  
Why not I with thine?  
See! the mountains kiss high heaven,  
And the waves clasp one another;  
Now sister flower would be forgiven  
If it disdained its brother;  
And the sunlight clasps the earth,  
And the moonbeams kiss the sea: -  
What are all these kissing's worth,  
If thou kiss not me?*



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## **The Setting**

### **The Ceremonial Hall**

The Ceremonial Hall is a beautiful oval room accessed via grand double doors. Licenced for ceremonies, the Ceremonial Hall can seat up to 100 guests with additional room for standing. For more intimate weddings at Castle Goring, the Ceremonial Hall would be transformed into the dining area after a ceremony and will seat 70-80 guests.

The Ceremonial Hall is also the evening reception venue and offers dance floor and a full bar service for up to 175 guests.

### **State Rooms, Queen Victoria Rooms & Dining Room**

On the first floor within the main building sit 3 large interconnecting State Rooms, perfect for the colder months for couples to enjoy reception drinks. The space has been decorated with wonderful art and elegantly furnished. For more intimate weddings the Dining Room can also be used instead of the Ceremonial Hall and seats up to 60 guests. There are also two smaller interconnecting rooms which can be used as chill out rooms these are the Queen Victoria Rooms.

### **Terrace**

Our stunning terrace is also licenced for ceremonies and offers the perfect setting for an outdoor wedding. This is also another delightful space to enjoy your reception with guests spilling onto the South Lawns enjoying the tranquil surroundings or even a game of croquet. The balcony and staircases which adorn the back of the Castle link directly back into the Aphrodite Drawing Room so guests are also free to explore the property whilst you are busy getting those all-important photographs.

### **Marquee Weddings**

For larger weddings at Castle Goring couples would dine within a beautiful clear span marquee located on the South Lawns. To take advantage of the stunningly elegant backdrop the marquee has a full clear span wall and gable end. The marquee has ivory lining with coconut matting or carpet.

- Dining – 80-120 guests (extensions can be supplied for larger weddings)

### **Chapel**

Here at Castle Goring we are proud to have a beautiful, recently restored chapel within the main building. We can offer intimate blessings for our couples with up to 30 people in attendance.





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## **The Accommodation**

### **Percy & Mary Shelley Bridal Suite**

Our Bridal Suite is located to the rear of the Castle on the ground floor. The Suite is bright with 3 large windows flooding the room with natural light, perfect for those final touches before you head down the aisle. The suite hosts a beautiful French double bed and fantastic domed canopy. There are also comfortable sofas and statement furniture offering the perfect backdrop for pre-wedding photos. The bridal suite also has a large en suite bathroom with elegant roll top bath and shower facilities.

### **Lord Byron Suite**

The Lord Byron Suite is decorated with a statement black and lilac colour scheme. The room is again furnished with French antique furniture and luxurious double bed. This Suite can be found on the ground floor to the rear of the Castle on the opposite side to the Bridal Suite. This room is included when a ceremony takes place at Castle Goring for the Bride and Bridal party to use from 10am on the day of the wedding for getting ready.



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## The Hire Costs

Below are the prices for the hire of Castle Goring. Please note these prices do not include VAT which is charged at 20%. To secure the venue for your wedding we require 50% as a non-refundable deposit.

### 2018 Hire Rates

Saturday or BH - £3,750.00

All Other Days - £3,250.00

**Ceremony** - £350.00

**Bridal Suite** - £375.00

**Marquee (80-120)** - £2000.00

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### Included

**Internal Weddings** include use of the Ceremonial Hall for Dining and Evening Reception and use of the First Floor State Rooms within the main building for the Drinks Reception as well as the staircase for photographs. (Up to 80 day guests)

**Marquee Weddings** include use of the Ceremonial Hall for the Drinks Reception (if inclement weather conditions) & Evening Reception as well as the Lawns for Marquee use and the staircase for photographs. (80+ day guests)

### Within all Packages

**Exclusive Use** of the venue on the day of your wedding.

**Dedicated Events Team** – Castle Goring's wedding co-ordinator will be your point of contact throughout the lead up to your wedding and will ensure that your day runs seamlessly from start to finish.

### Furniture

- 15x 5ft6 Round Dining tables
- Trestle Tables (Long Top Table, Gift Table etc)
- 3ft Round Cake Table
- 150x Lime Wash Chairs with Ivory Seat Pads
- Easel for your table plan
- Dance Floor



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## **The Castle Kitchen**

The Kitchen at Castle Goring is overseen by Dan Clarke, Master Chef of Great Britain. Dan and his team Red Anywhere, along with Castle Goring's wedding coordinator, have over 35 years' experience in the hospitality and events industry. With Dan's reputation for delivering exceptional food and drink paired with outstanding service and event management you know your wedding is in safe hands.

Please contact Dan and his team for further details and they will happily put together a bespoke proposal incorporating everything you require for your day.

Prices start from £55.00 per person + VAT and will include everything you need to celebrate your special day in style.

Please contact the team on 01903 790250 or email [caterers@castlegoring.com](mailto:caterers@castlegoring.com)

## **The Marquee**

Our Marquee is a clear span framed marquee with white PVC walls. We offer maxi-clear panoramic clear walls and ceiling panel. The interior is ivory lined from ceiling to walls with carpet or coconut matting as standard for the flooring. We can also source wooden hard floors upon request.

The marquee, with its clear walls and ceiling panels offers wonderful panoramic views of the South Terrace, Lawns and stunning architecture of the Castle. The marquee is a 'blank canvas' and allows couples to style the space to their tastes and theme.

The price to hire the marquee which can seat 80-120 guests would be £2,000.00

## **Other Suppliers**

Castle Goring has a list of recommended suppliers who have worked with us over the years and come highly recommended. Please do get in touch for further details regarding our suppliers list.