



YOUR WEDDING DAY

BEST WESTERN PLUS
THE CONNAUGHT HOTEL



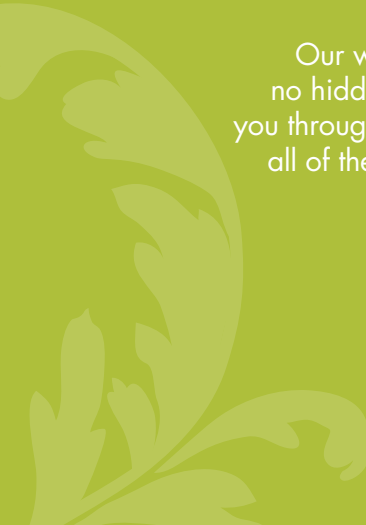


Welcome to

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Your wedding day is one of the most important days of your life and we would like to help you make this wonderful occasion one that's full of happy memories for you and your guests to treasure forever.

We promise that you'll be our only bride and groom on your wedding day so all our attention is on you. We know you'll want to put your own unique stamp, after all it's all about you; your wedding, your style, your say and we're here to make sure you have everything just as you dreamed of.



Our wedding packages have something for everyone and there are no hidden extras - our specialist wedding planners are on hand to guide you through every stage and will help you as much or as little as you like with all of the fine details, ensuring the day runs smoothly without you having to worry about anything except enjoying yourselves.



YOUR WEDDING BREAKFAST & EVENING RECEPTION SUITE

With a private bar, private lounge, natural daylight, beautiful chandeliers and a large dance floor, the Franklyn Suite really is the perfect room for your wedding breakfast and evening reception.

This beautiful suite can accommodate weddings of 60-100 guests for the wedding breakfast and 60-130 guests for your evening reception. With its modern décor and relaxed atmosphere, the Franklyn Suite is ideal for you and your guests to enjoy throughout your special day.

CIVIL CEREMONIES


We hold a full civil licence for civil weddings and civil partnerships at the hotel. Depending on the size of your party your civil ceremony can be held in the Connaught or Franklyn Suite for 60-120 or in the Boardroom for more intimate ceremonies of up to 25 guests.

Having your ceremony with us will help you to take the stress out of your day, with everything in one venue and without the concern of having guests getting from one venue to another. We'd love you to spend the whole day with us, from morning to midnight and will guide you every step of the way.



If you'd like to get married at the hotel, you will first need to contact the Bournemouth registry office on 01202 454945, we are unable to do this for you.





Eat, drink
and be merry

OUR MENU

Our award winning, double rosette kitchen understands the importance of dining on your wedding day and have assembled a selection of varied menus to suit all tastes. We take pride in our food and source as many of our ingredients as locally as possible to bring you the freshest, finest cuisine. Our highly trained chefs will gladly discuss your menu choices with you, should you so wish and can cater for any special dietary requirements.

Of course we want you to have the wedding of your dreams, so if there is something you would like for your wedding breakfast or evening reception we will gladly discuss it with you, our menus are merely a starting point.

THE DRINKS

All of our packages include arrival drinks, table wine and toast drinks - if you would like to customise any of these or would like something a little different, please ask.

The Lily

PACKAGE

Designed for 60 guests for the day and 70 guests for the evening in the Franklyn Suite

Additional Guests £45.00 for the wedding breakfast, £18.00 for the evening reception or £60.00 for the whole day.

Discounts available for Sunday-Thursday bookings.



INCLUSIVE OF

Wedding co-ordinator to help you organise your day

Red carpet, Bucks Fizz or Pimms drinks reception, glass of wine with the meal and glass of sparkling wine for toasts

Three course wedding breakfast

Chair covers and a select choice of coloured napkins and sashes

Personalised table plan, place cards and menus

A cake knife for you to keep and treasure

6 item evening finger buffet

Master of ceremonies to guide you through the day

Complimentary overnight accommodation in the Lily Room for the Bride and Groom

Favourable rates for your guests

Resident DJ and Disco

The Tulip

PACKAGE

Designed for 60 guests for the day and 80 guests for the evening in the Franklyn Suite

Additional Guests £50.00 for the wedding breakfast, £19.00 for the evening reception or £65.00 for the whole day.

Discounts available for Sunday-Thursday bookings.



INCLUSIVE OF

Wedding co-ordinator to help you organise your day

Red carpet, Bucks Fizz or Pimms drinks reception, two glasses of wine with the meal and glass of sparkling wine for toasts

Three course wedding breakfast

Chair covers and a select choice of coloured napkins and sashes

Personalised table plan, place cards and menus

A cake knife for you to keep and treasure

7 item evening finger buffet

A professional Toastmaster to guide you through the day

Complimentary overnight accommodation in the Tulip Suite for the Bride and Groom

Favourable rates for your guests

Resident DJ and Disco

The Orchid

PACKAGE

Designed for 60 guests for the day and 80 guests for the evening in the Franklyn Suite

Additional Guests £60.00 for the wedding breakfast, £20.00 for the evening reception or £75.00 for the whole day.

Discounts available for Sunday-Thursday bookings.



INCLUSIVE OF

Wedding co-ordinator to help you organise your day

Red carpet, Champagne and Canapé reception, two glasses of wine with the meal, two bottles of mineral water per table, and a glass of champagne for toasts

Four course wedding breakfast

Chair covers and a select choice of coloured napkins and sashes

Personalised table plan, place cards and menus

A cake knife for you to keep and treasure

8 item evening finger buffet

A professional Toastmaster to guide you through the day

Complimentary overnight accommodation in the Orchid Suite for the Bride and Groom

Favourable rates for your guests

Resident DJ and Disco

Buffet Menu

Freshly made dainty Sandwiches

Prawns in Filo Pastry, Sweet Chilli

Freshly Baked Pork & Sage Sausage Rolls

Mini Cheeseburgers

Chicken Satay Skewers, Satay Sauce

Slow Roast Tomatoes, Aioli, Bruschetta

Mini Duck Spring Rolls, Plum, Ginger & Soy Sauce

Vegetable Samosas

Selection of Mini Quiches

Thai Fish Cakes, Sweet Chilli

Mini Yorkshires with Rare Roast Beef, Horseradish



MENUS

The following menus are designed for you to choose your wedding breakfast,
please choose one starter, one main and one dessert for all guests

To Begin

- Rich Chicken Liver Parfait tomato chutney, toasted brioche
- Duo of Salmon - Oak Smoked Salmon, Salmon Roulade watercress, shallot and caper salad, lemon crème fraîche
- Tomato and Buffalo Mozzarella Salad balsamic jelly, pesto crème fraîche
- Glazed Goats Cheese apple and hazelnut salad, hazelnut dressing
- Ham Hock Terrine micro salad, crostini, salsa verde
- Smoked Chicken Russian salad, herb salad, citrus dressing
- Soup any soup of your choosing

The Main Course

- Roast Chicken Supreme fondant potato, market vegetables, tarragon, mushroom cream sauce
- Roast Loin of Pork crushed apple, braised red cabbage, cider jus
- Roast Sirloin of Beef honey glazed carrots, roast parsnips, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, red wine jus
- Three Hour Braised Lamb Shank creamed potato, roasted root vegetables, rosemary and thyme jus
- Confit Duck Leg pomme anna potatoes, savoy cabbage and bacon, carrots, red wine jus
- Salmon Fillet creamed potato, peas, broad beans, mussel and saffron sauce
- Seared Fillet of Bream saffron new potatoes, spring onions, fish cream

Desserts

- Classic Crème Brûlée shortbread biscuit
- Orange and Chocolate Tart blood orange juice reduction, candied orange
- Dark Chocolate and Hazelnut Delice honeycomb
- Lemon Tart crème fraîche sorbet, raspberry coulis
- Connaught Apple Crumble crème anglaise
- White Chocolate Cheesecake mixed berries, vanilla crème fraîche
- Pear & Almond Tart cinnamon ice cream
- Passion Fruit Panna Cotta exotic fruit salad, frosted pecans







KIDS PACKAGE

For the smaller wedding guest

FOR CHILDREN UP TO 12

Soup of the day
Cheesy Garlic Bread
Smoked Salmon, Brown Bread and Butter

Chicken Goujons baked beans and fries
Sausage, Mash and Peas
Cheese and Tomato Pasta

Fruit Salad
Chocolate Brownie vanilla ice cream
Ice Cream

Kids Fruit Punch on arrival
J₂O or an alternative during the wedding breakfast
Britvic Apple 55 for the Toast





The Little Extras

Our wedding packages include chair covers, sashes, coloured napkins, coloured uplighters, arrival drinks, table wine, toast wine, award winning food and fantastic entertainment - there are no hidden extras, but if you would like any help with your finishing touches we can help with your flowers, balloons and favours, whether its just ideas or arranging all the small details for you.

CHAMPAGNE, FLOWERS & CHOCOLATES

FROM £40

Make the evening extra special or say thank you to one of your guests staying overnight.



Wedding Etiquette

THE RECEIVING LINE

Traditionally the receiving line will usually take place prior to the wedding breakfast, it is the opportunity for all those important members of the wedding party to meet every individual invited to the day. In more recent times the receiving line has also taken place before the commencement of the evening reception, providing an opportunity to meet those 'reception only' guests.

THE TRADITIONAL LINE-UP IS AS FOLLOWS

Mother of the bride, Father of the bride, Bride, Groom, Mother of the groom & Father of the groom

TOP TABLE ORDER

The wedding top table is traditionally made up of the 8 members of the wedding party.

Bridesmaid
Father of the groom
Mother of the bride
Groom
Bride
Father of the bride
Mother of the groom
Best man

On occasions when there may be more bridesmaids or best men, it is acceptable to put additional members on the nearest table to the top table (usually table 1).

ORDER OF SPEECHES

Father of the Bride welcomes the son-in-law to the new family, tells a memorable story about the daughter and then toasts the happy couple.

Groom replies on behalf of the bride, thanks both sets of parents and all guests for coming and toasts all bridesmaids.

Best Man replies on behalf of the bridesmaids, says a few words about the groom (be careful!) and reads any messages from those unable to attend.



Frequently Asked Questions

Do we have to pay any room hire for our wedding?

If you are having a civil ceremony with us then a room hire charge of £299.00 will apply. This will be the only room hire charge applicable throughout the day (subject to minimum numbers being achieved).

Do you cater for more than one wedding a day?

Although on occasion we may have more than one event in the hotel, you are guaranteed to be our only Bride and Groom and can expect our full attention on your special day.

Do you allow outside caterers?

The hotel will only allow catering provided by its own chef and cannot allow any outside catering either from professional caterers or family members.

Can we bring our own wine and champagne to the wedding breakfast or reception?

Yes, the corkage charges are as follows:

£10.00 per bottle of table wine

£12.00 per bottle of sparkling wine

£20.00 per bottle of champagne

What time does the wedding reception have to finish?

The main function bar will close at 12 midnight. However, any guests staying in the hotel will be able to purchase drinks from our bar on presentation of a valid room service charge card after this time.

Can we provide our own entertainment?

Discos are included in all our packages, but you are welcome to organise your own if you prefer, in which case we will credit you with £200 and will require your DJ's contact details in case of emergency.

**If you have any questions not featured on this page
please do not hesitate to ask!**



Testimonials

“A huge thank you to all of you for making our day as special as it was. We had a fantastic day, the food, the atmosphere, and the professionalism of your team was exceptional.”

Emma & Nick Newsum

Wedding

“Our Silver Wedding Anniversary at BEST WESTERN PLUS The Connught Hotel was a successful, memorable and happy occasion. We were especially impressed by the professional and helpful service given to us by all staff we encountered.”

Dr Dave Hobbs

Silver Wedding Anniversary

“I would like to thank you for the wonderful, care and service you gave on our wedding day. We all felt extremely well looked after and found the helpfulness of all the staff added to a thoroughly enjoyable day.”

Caroline Harman

Mother of the Bride, Harman/Seraphin Wedding







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