





# Your Wedding Day

A fairytale wedding needs a fairytale setting, and with its fabulous frontage and sweeping drive, The Assembly House provides the perfect backdrop for your perfect day.

Undoubtedly one of the most elegant and romantic settings for a wedding in Norfolk, our historic House offers a touch of Georgian splendour which will bring your wedding photographs to life and provide a venue your guests will be talking about for years to come.

Our in-house wedding planner will guide you every step of the way towards the day of your dreams, whether you are planning an intimate wedding for close friends and family or a large-scale event with a reception for several hundred guests.

We have a selection of sumptuously-decorated rooms to choose from or you can book the entire House: everyone dresses to impress on their wedding day and The Assembly House is no exception, from our glittering chandeliers to our private gardens, our pretty courtyard and fountain to our opulent Grand Hall, we are always ready for our close-up.

Georgina and her team can help you plan every last detail, from colour schemes to floral displays, an infinite number of dining options to entertainment and decorations - we ensure that a wedding at The Assembly House is a truly unforgettable experience.

And with only one wedding hosted each day, your bridal party is guaranteed to feel special as our award-winning Front of House team look after you every step of the way.

We have 11 stunning luxury bedrooms for your guests to stay in which includes our fabulous bridal suite which boasts a beautifully appointed trio of rooms which fuse period features with modern facilities, a solid marble double bathroom, a secret garden all of your own, a lounge to relax in and a gorgeous bedroom.

A day you'll remember forever deserves a setting you'll never forget — at The Assembly House we can make your dream wedding a reality.





# The Setting

This Georgian gem in the heart of the city has been hosting fabulous celebrations for centuries.

Designed by architect Thomas Ivory in 1754, no expense was spared in the construction of The Assembly House and while historians view it as one of the most important buildings in Norwich and a magnificent example of historic architecture, we would simply describe it as the most beautiful wedding venue in Norfolk.

The Grade I-listed splendour of the House is evident from the moment you approach our sweeping driveway and, once inside, there is romance hidden around every corner, from the sparkling chandeliers that make evenings and ceremonies glitter to the gorgeous gardens where you can sip ice-cold Champagne, the beautiful balconies that are perfect for photo opportunities to the luxury bedrooms packed with sumptuous details.



Every wedding is tailored to your exact requirements and with only one wedding taking place at a time at The Assembly House, you can be assured that you will be the centre of attention from the moment you arrive until the moment you leave thanks to our dedicated wedding planners and award-winning Front of House team.

We are licensed for marriages and civil partnership ceremonies every day of the week and offer a fabulous selection of rooms in a choice of sizes and styles for the wonderful day when you become Mr and Mrs, Mrs and Mrs or Mr and Mr!



# The House Rooms

#### THE GRAND HALL

Glittering chandeliers, heavenly high ceilings, a beautiful balcony and the perfect place to enjoy an arrival drink, our Grand Hall is a show-stopping space that will set the tone for a spectacular wedding. In the winter, the open fireplace is lit creating a cosy place to gather as you prepare for your ceremony, wedding breakfast or reception.



#### THE NOVERRE BALLROOM AND GARDEN

This beautiful ballroom makes a stunning backdrop for larger occasions thanks to its high ceilings, crystal chandeliers and polished wooden floor. This impressive space is decorated with paintings of the Noverre family, from whom the room takes its name, and is where the people of Norwich first learned classical dance. One of the largest function rooms in Norwich, it is perfect for wedding breakfasts and evening parties and boasts staging, a private bar, a private entrance and its very own secret garden, an enclosed space reached through French doors that offers the perfect place for al fresco drinks.









#### THE MUSIC ROOM

Our light-filled Georgian Music room is a wonderful space for a wedding. Newlydecorated, it boasts spectacular chandeliers, detailed cornicing, a beautiful balcony that's perfect for photo opportunities, a stage, a dance floor, a licensed bar, a minstrels' gallery and a Steinway grand piano. Licensed for civil ceremonies, it is the most regal room in the House.

#### THE HOBART

With pretty views of our fountain and courtyard, the Hobart is one of our smaller, yet perfectly-formed, rooms. Offering couples an intimate yet grand space for their big day, the room is beautifully proportioned, has a stunning feature fireplace and huge sash windows which make a great backdrop for an intimate wedding.

#### PIERCE, SEXTON AND KENT

Our trio of beautiful rooms on the first floor overlook the main courtyard and fountain and offer guests and couples a commanding view of the House. Based in one of the most peaceful areas of the building, each room boasts striking architectural features. The Pierce Room is licensed for civil ceremonies and is a wonderful setting for an intimate wedding.



# The Food

From a sumptuous seven-course tasting menu to homemade pizza served in boxes for your evening guests, the chefs at The Assembly House really can offer you food, glorious food in all its fabulous forms under the personal supervision of chef director Richard Hughes.

Whether you'd like to serve guests a classic wedding breakfast, tapas-style sharing tables, a beautiful buffet, moreish morsels in the form of stunning canapes or 'takeaway' food with a twist, we can tempt every taste bud.

And then, of course, there is our famous Afternoon Tea, which arrives to your guests' tables in spectacular style, our award-winning front of house team forming a guard of honour as they fan out to deliver glittering glass stands packed with stunning cakes, sandwiches, scones and desserts.

Our Afternoon Tea epitomises the glamour, elegance and sparkling style of The Assembly House and we are confident that our menus offer you and your guests the very best wedding food in the county, served in the city's most beautiful rooms.









# Outside Catering

If you can't make it to The Assembly House for your big day, let The Assembly House come to you!

We are now able to offer a bespoke catering service which brings the beautiful food and the award-winning service of our front of house team to your venue.

Our afternoon tea is famous in Norfolk and is a spectacular way to celebrate your wedding, blending an informal way of dining with elegance, high spectacle and tradition. Dainty sandwiches, light-as-air scones, perfect pastries and delicious cakes — enjoy a slice of luxury at your own venue, delivered to your door.

We can also offer a huge variety of canapés and other options that will ensure a touch of Assembly House magic on your special day.



From our sumptuous Bridal Suite with its secret garden to our romantic garret suites with panoramic views over the heart of Norwich we have the perfect rooms for you and your guests

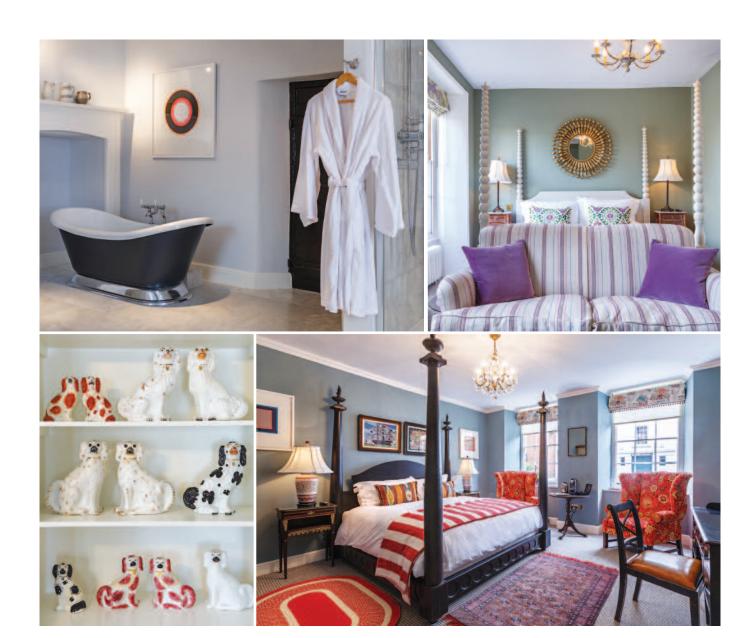


# Assembly House Bedrooms

Immerse yourself in Georgian splendour by booking one of our stunning new rooms for the first night of your new life together.

Our sumptuous Bridal Suite is the jewel in The Assembly House's crown with its beautiful luxury bedroom, private lounge and stunning solid marble bathroom with freestanding, dual-bathing bath and romantic secret garden and we have another 10 relaxing and opulent rooms to choose from, each designed with you and your guests' needs in mind.

From romantic garret suites with panoramic views over central Norwich to gorgeous rooms with their own balconies, quirky, antique-filled rooms with double aspect views over the gardens and the House and easily-accessible ground-floor rooms with their own gardens, every element of our rooms from décor to ambiance has been designed to ensure the most memorable and elegant stay imaginable.





Every room boasts restored period features which reflect The Assembly House's heritage and charm, gorgeous artwork, fabulous antiques, en-suite bathrooms and top-of-the-range luxury fixtures and fittings.

We can even offer you our gorgeous guest bedrooms for you and your wedding guests' exclusive use making The Assembly House your own private townhouse for the night.

After enjoying the best night's sleep in central Norwich, you and your loved ones will come together once again in our beautiful dining rooms to share a spectacular breakfast made to order from locally-sourced, seasonally-inspired ingredients while you recount the highlights of one of the most important days in your life.



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# YOUR WEDDING DAY

A day you'll remember forever deserves a setting you'll never forget and at The Assembly House we promise to make your dream wedding a reality.

Our brochure offers you just a taste of what's hiding behind the impressive front door of our impressive Georgian townhouse in the heart of Norwich — from the sweeping driveway and sparkling fountain to our magnificent Grand Hall and stunning Music Room, The Assembly House offers a picture-perfect venue for your big day.

We would love to show you round the House and gardens and introduce you to our wedding team, simply contact us to arrange a private viewing.

Thank you for your interest in The Assembly House, we look forward to making memories with you and being part of your big adventure.

Yours faithfully,

Tess Matthews, Wedding Manager

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# MARRIAGES, CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS AND RENEWAL OF VOWS

The Assembly House has four beautiful rooms which are licensed for wedding ceremonies but we only host one wedding at a time to ensure that you, your partner and your guests have our full attention. While we would love to take care of your entire day, we are also happy for you to simply hold your ceremony with us.

#### THE MUSIC ROOM AND NOVERRE BALLROOM

Monday to Friday: £600 Saturday and Sunday: £750

#### PIERCE AND HOBART ROOMS

Monday to Thursday: £350 Friday to Sunday: £500

The above prices include the room hire and layout for your ceremony, a red carpet and the services of our dedicated wedding team. Please note that we can offer you a 20 per cent discount on the above prices for your civil ceremony in The Music Room or Noverre Ballroom if you hold your wedding reception at The Assembly House. The price also includes the use of the Grand Hall where you can offer your guests a drinks and canapé reception.

#### YOUR ASSEMBLY HOUSE WEDDING INCLUDES:

Your choice of The Assembly House Freesia, Rose, Hydrangea or Orchid Wedding A menu-tasting session

Exclusive use of the Noverre Garden

The services of our dedicated wedding planner and award-winning team

A choice of rooms for your wedding ceremony, breakfast and evening reception

Bespoke flower arrangements for each of your guests' tables from our nominated florist

Personalised wedding menus

The use of our wedding cake stand and cake knife

A changing room if required

The opportunity to book our beautiful new bedrooms for the evening before and night of your wedding for you and your guests including our amazing amazing bridal suite — car parking is included for guests who have booked into our rooms

A first anniversary Assembly House Afternoon Tea voucher for two  $A \, \pounds 100 \ voucher \ to \ spend \ on \ an \ \ overnight \ stay \ at \ one \ of \ our \ associated \ businesses$ 

We have the capacity to host weddings of all sizes, for hundreds of guests or just your very closest friends and family members.

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Civil ceremonies: up to 140 guests
Wedding breakfasts: up to 100 (a minimum of 40 guests, 45 on Saturdays)
Evening functions: up to 140 guests

# THE NOVERRE BALLROOM AND GARDEN

This beautiful ballroom makes a stunning backdrop for larger occasions thanks to its high ceilings, crystal chandeliers and polished wooden floor. One of the largest function rooms in Norwich, it is perfect for wedding breakfasts and evening parties and boasts staging, a private bar, a private entrance and its very own secret garden, an enclosed space reached through French doors that offers the perfect place for al fresco drinks.

Civil ceremonies: up to 250 guests

Wedding breakfasts: up to 152 (a minimum of 80 guests)

Evening functions: up to 250 guests

## THE HOBART

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Civil ceremonies: up to 40 guests Wedding breakfasts: up to 36 guests (a minimum of 14 guests)

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Civil ceremonies: up to 40 guests Wedding breakfasts: up to 40 guests (a minimum of 14 guests)

## FREESIA WEDDING

A drinks reception offering each guest one glass of sparkling wine or Pimm's

Two glasses of House white or red wine with your meal

The Assembly House three-course traditional formal seated menu

A glass of sparkling wine for the toast

## ROSE WEDDING

A drinks reception offering each guest one glass of Champagne
One glass of Champagne served with The Assembly House Afternoon Tea
The Assembly House Afternoon Tea
One glass of Champagne for the toast

# HYDRANGEA WEDDING

A drinks reception offering each guest one glass of sparkling wine
Two glasses of House white or red wine with your meal
The Assembly House Tapas Menu
A glass of sparkling wine for the toast

Freesia, Rose and Hydrangea: 2017; £78.00 per person (2018; £80.00 per person)

# ORCHID WEDDING

For the most distinguished of wedding parties:

A drinks reception offering each guest one glass of Champagne
The Assembly House canapés
Two glasses of bespoke white or red wine with your meal
The Assembly House three-course traditional formal seated menu
Glass of Champagne for the toast
Chair covers with organza or silk bows to match your colour scheme

Orchid: 2017; £96.00 per person (2018; £98.00 per person)

#### REDUCTIONS

Prices for guests under the age of five: £10, prices for guests aged between six and 11: half price

We offer a 10 per cent reduction on our wedding packages for weddings taking place between

Mondays and Thursdays, inclusive

There is a five per cent reduction on wedding packages for weddings taking place on Fridays

There is a 10 per cent reduction for all weddings booked to take place in November or January

(minimum numbers apply)

There is a 15 per cent discount on accommodation prices in our luxury bedrooms for your wedding guests

All prices include VAT at 20 per cent

# ORCHID AND FREESIA WEDDINGS

#### TRADITIONAL MENU

#### TO START

(Please choose one starter and a vegetarian alternative for all your party)

Norfolk smoked salmon mousse, cucumber pickle, treacle loaf, horseradish crème fraiche
Terrine of local chicken, pistachio and prune, sticky fig chutney

Whipped Binham Blue cheese, pickled vegetables, sourdough (v)

Warm leek and goats' cheese tart, red onion marmalade, mustard-dressed leaf (v)

Heritage tomato and feta salad, olive and aubergine, spring onion fritter (v)

Pressed Norfolk cider ham hock, Bramley apple chutney, granary toasts

Sweet potato soup, smoked paprika, crème fraiche (v)

Roasted tomato and sweet pepper soup, sour cream and chives (v)

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Leek, potato and watercress soup (v)

The Norfolk Sharer; (to be served sharing-style to all guests) Potted ham hock, smoked mackerel paste, whipped Binham Blue, heritage tomato salad, artisan breads, house pickles and chutneys

#### MAIN COURSES

(Please choose one dish for your party)

Roasted rump of lamb, Provençale vegetables, olives, tomato and thyme
Pan-roasted duck breast, celeriac fondant, creamed Savoy cabbage, bacon and chestnuts
Slow-cooked pork belly and tenderloin, wholegrain mustard mash, honey-glazed root vegetables, Aspall Cyder cream
Eight-hour cooked Norfolk beef cheek, smoked mash potato, glazed root vegetables, Nelson's Revenge beer gravy
Best Norfolk sausages, wholegrain mustard mash potatoes, seasonal greens, Woodforde's Wherry gravy, onion jam
The Norfolk Roast; Choose your joint from roasted beef, loin of pork, butter roasted chicken, with all the trimmings
Pan-roasted beef fillet, gratin potato, glazed root vegetables, whiskey and peppercorn cream (£4 per person supplement)
Roasted cod fillet, ragout of chorizo, butter bean, red pepper and tomato, baby leaf spinach, black olive
Grilled salmon fillet, crushed herby new potatoes, seasonal greens, orange and chive butter sauce
Pan-seared sea bass fillet, new potatoes, peas, baby gem, spinach and Chardonnay cream, warm tomato and herb dressing

#### VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSES

(Please choose one dish for your party)

Savoury carrot and smoked paprika cake, baked fig, soft herb cream cheese, buttered greens
Pan-fried spinach and herb gnocchi, creamed wild mushrooms, glazed carrots and parsnip crisps
Roasted onion, Norfolk Peer potato and beetroot tarte tatin, fresh herb salad, Smoked Dapple shavings
Wild mushroom, shallot and mozzarella fritters, tomato and red pepper fondue, dressed rocket

#### **DESSERTS**

(Please choose one or two for your party)

Passion fruit tart, lime and mango syrup, mango sorbet

Warm chocolate brownie, vanilla pod ice cream, dark chocolate sauce

Strawberry delice, strawberry sorbet, vanilla sauce, strawberry crisps

Baked vanilla cheesecake, cherry compote, Kirsch syrup, cherry ice cream

Spiced Norfolk Bramley apple toffee pudding, butterscotch, custard

Vanilla panna cotta, macerated seasonal berries

A trio of our favourite desserts (to be served to all guests)

Warm chocolate brownie, baked vanilla cheesecake, passion fruit tart, mango sorbet

Coffee and something sweet

## ROSE WEDDING

#### THE ASSEMBLY HOUSE AFTERNOON TEA

The most regal way to enjoy The Assembly House (It's what we're famous for!)

A little soup appetiser

Choose from either pea and mint or sweet potato and paprika
A selection of delicate finger sandwiches to include:

Rare roast beef, creamed horseradish

Smoked salmon and black pepper

Norfolk ham, Colman's Mustard mayonnaise

Hummus, roast Mediterranean vegetables

Cucumber and cream cheese

Cheese, Colman's Mustard and chive scone

Fruit scone, strawberry jam and clotted cream

A selection of dainty cakes and pastries:

Our signature cake, the multi-layered Gateau Assembly personalised with your initials

A seasonal tartlet

A raspberry macaron with salted caramel

Please also choose one from each of the following selections: Limoncello posset or Eton Mess or passion fruit syllabub Lemon drizzle cake or vanilla shortbread or ginger cake Your choice of loose leaf teas and speciality coffees

## HYDRANGEA WEDDING

#### TAPAS MENU

Served to your table to share and enjoy!

Baked chicken mojo picon, smoked paprika, red peppers and olive oil

Spiced meatballs, tomato, chilli and baby leaf spinach

Gambas al pil pil

Mixed bean, chorizo and red wine stew

Continental cold meat board

Patatas bravas con queso

Roasted mixed peppers, basil and olive oil

Slow-roasted tomato and herb salad

Baked field mushrooms with garlic, lemon and parsley crumb

Dressed baby leaf, sheeps' milk cheese and marinated olives

Home-baked Mediterranean breads

Plated dessert of orange and polenta cake, Catalan cream, rich chocolate mousse

Coffee and warm cinnamon churros

# THE ASSEMBLY HOUSE CANAPÉS

Choose a selection of six for your reception, with six pieces served per person at £6.95 per head

#### HOT CANAPÉS

Crispy chorizo, smoked tomato relish
Warm Colman's Mustard scone, bacon jam
Wild mushroom arancini
Roasted pumpkin arancini
Sun blush tomato and basil fritters
Spiced plaice goujons, tartare dip
Crispy crab and coriander cakes
Butternut squash and smoked paprika soup
Warm Binham Blue and leek tarts
Smoked Dapple and Woodforde's Wherry rarebit toasts
Onion bhajis

#### COLD CANAPÉS

Red pepper scone, cream cheese, black olive
Norfolk Dapple cheese and chive scone, piccalilli
Smoked salmon, horseradish cream cheese
Marinated gamba prawn
Marinated courgette, chilli and goats' cheese
Chilled gazpacho shot
Crab mayonnaise, avocado, toast
Warm truffle popcorn

# **EVENING BUFFET**

(Only available to be served following a wedding breakfast)

#### THE GREAT BRITISH CHEESEBOARD

A selection of Great British artisan cheeses, pork pies, bread, biscuits, fruit, pickles and chutney £10 per person

#### THE NORFOLK HOG ROAST

Roast local pork shoulder, crackling, sage and onion stuffing, apple sauce. Served by our chefs  $\pounds 12$  per person

#### FISH AND CHIPS

Served in cones with chip shop forks £8 per person

#### SANDWICH PLATTER

Chef's selection of sandwiches and wraps.

Warm sausage rolls.

Spiced onion bhajis, mint yogurt

Sage and cheddar scone, cream cheese, chorizo

Quiche Lorraine fingers

£10 per person

#### PIZZA

Homemade Pizza, Margherita and Chorizo. Served in takeaway pizza boxes  $\pounds 7.50$  per person

#### HOT BACON ROLLS

£4.95 per person

#### HOT DOGS:

£4.95 per person

If no evening buffet is required, there will be a charge of £1.50 per person made for the cutting and laying-out of the wedding cake

## **FLOWERS**

House florist Libby Ferris can create fantastic floral designs for your special day from table decorations to pedestal arrangements, gifts for guests, bouquets for brides and bridesmaids and buttonholes. Traditional or contemporary, classic or dramatic, Libby Ferris will work alongside you to bring your floral fantasies to life!

Contact Sophie on 01603 886123 or by email on info@libbyferrisflowers.co.uk

## ELEGANT HEN PARTIES

Discerning ladies who crave a blend of decadence, style and class can luxuriate in the Georgian splendour of The Assembly House at the most elegant hen parties in Norfolk.

Celebrate your upcoming wedding with your sister hens over Champagne Afternoon Tea or book one of our beautiful function rooms for an evening party. Or why not make a weekend of it by gathering your girlfriends together to stay in our luxury bedrooms — make The Assembly House your private Townhouse for a day or two!

Call us to discuss a whole range of glamorous options for you and your hens.

With grateful thanks for our beautiful photography to the following

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#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Here are our terms and conditions. Let us know if you have any questions!

#### PROVISIONAL BOOKINGS

We are happy to hold your booking for 14 days, we just require your full contact details.

#### MINIMIUM NUMBERS

Each one of our beautiful rooms has a minimum number of adult guests for the room. This is the number you will be charged for even if you have fewer guests.

#### CONFIRMATION AND DEPOSITS

The Assembly House requires written confirmation of a booking together with a payment of £1,000. This amount is non-refundable and non-transferable in the event of cancellation.

#### **CANCELLATION FEES**

Should you have to cancel your wedding, the following charges will apply: 48 hours or less 100 per cent estimated cost, 30 days or less 80 per cent, 31 to 90 days 60 per cent, 91-120 days 40 per cent.

#### CONFIRMING FINAL NUMBERS

A payment of 100 per cent of the total estimated cost is due one month prior to the wedding and the confirmed numbers of guests attending are required 10 days prior to the big day. We would kindly ask that the remainder of the invoice is paid within seven days of the final invoice being received.

#### FOOD AND BEVERAGES

Only food and drink purchased from The Assembly House is to be consumed on the premises. The Assembly House reserves the right to remove products bought externally and to charge the client for loss of revenue.

#### CONDUCT

The Assembly House reserves the right to refuse entry and, should it be deemed necessary, to close down an event without notice.



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