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The perfect venue

WEDDINGS & PRIVATE PARTIES

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Welcome to Tofte Manor, the perfect venue

If you are looking for a private, intimate venue of exceptional beauty in which to host your event, then look no further. The magic of Tofte Manor is held in its gardens, its labyrinth, its history and the lovingly restored interiors of this wonderful 17th century manor house. What makes Tofte Manor different is the harmonious, holistic environment we provide, as well as the fact that the manor house still retains its purpose as a home, which gives it a unique atmosphere of privacy and comfort whilst still delivering top quality service, accommodation and catering.

Tofte Manor is the perfect venue for private, intimate events, allowing you to make this beautiful house and grounds your own for a day or longer.

Whatever style of wedding you choose to host at Tofte Manor, our team will guarantee that it is organised beautifully and flawlessly.

Welcome to Tofte Manor - a hidden gem

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Weddings

The Tofte Manor grounds and interiors provide a stunning and magical setting for weddings. The perfect venue where you can create a truly personal and individual occasion, from grand weddings to smaller, more private and intimate functions and unique labyrinth blessings.

For large scale, formal weddings we can accommodate up to 200 people in a marquee. Guests arrive in style through the hallway of the manor house spilling out into the gardens.

In the house we can seat 40 people to dine formally in our magnificent dining room. For a more relaxed celebration, the Stables Courtyard is the perfect setting for smaller weddings of around 120 guests.

We are licensed for civil wedding services and have two rooms in which your wedding ceremony can take place – the Drawing Room and the Crystal Room.

At night the gardens can be lit with flares and twinkling fairy lights, or a shower of fireworks, to celebrate your evening.

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Labyrinth weddings and blessings

For a less traditional wedding ceremony, re-dedication of vows or celebration of commitment and love reflecting the depth of your feelings, then a special blessing on the Tofte labyrinth could provide the magic you are looking for.

The Tofte labyrinth provides the unique opportunity to create your own personal vows and dedications to honour your relationship. These vows are beautifully woven into a ceremony on the labyrinth and may be blessed by an inter–faith minister or celebrant.

The labyrinth is a symbol of the union of marriage, the intertwining of opposites, male and female, in their quest for love, harmony and balance.

During the ceremony, you walk into the labyrinth separately – symbolising your individual journeys in life up to the moment of commitment and union. This union is crystallised and set in the centre of the labyrinth, where you say your personal vows and the blessing takes place. You then walk out of the labyrinth together, symbolising your wish to walk alongside each other in support and love for the rest of your lives.

A True Blessing!

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Wedding suppliers and services

Whatever style of reception you choose, we have an extensive source book of recommended, tried and tested suppliers which you are welcome to refer to.

We have lists for everything including catering, flowers, marquees, wedding planners, fine wine and champagne bars, staffing, car hire, helicopters, DJs and entertainers, photographers, musicians, accommodation, portable conveniences, fireworks, lighting and sound engineers.

Our list of suppliers will give you a variety of price ranges to choose from to suit your budget and your personal needs.

In the run up to your event our experienced staff will oversee all deliveries and organisation of your chosen suppliers, ensuring everything runs smoothly without hitches on the day.

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Party planning

If you wish your wedding to be organised and every last detail carried out to perfection, we can put you in touch with our professional wedding planners, ensuring that you are able to totally relax and enjoy your event.

The team can advise on all details, from marquee décor to colour schemes, menus, lighting, table gifts, music, or ideas for personal wedding vows.

Let your imagination run riot and picture your ultimate party, from dancing in the moonlight or strolling through twinkling gardens with the scent of roses hanging in the air, to sitting at a grand dining table laid with glinting crystal and silver.

At Tofte, there are infinite possibilities limited only by imagination.

We will provide the perfect setting; all you need to do is invite the guests!

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Private Parties & Events

Tofte Manor is the perfect setting to host a party to celebrate a special occasion - either al fresco, in the glorious grounds, inside the grand manor house or in the Stables Courtyard.

Whatever scale of function you are planning, be it a gala presentation, fund-raising ball, corporate entertainment, significant birthday or anniversary - there will be a perfect place to hold it here at Tofte Manor.

Imagine your ultimate party. Perhaps dancing to live music or a discotheque, perhaps a formal dinner served at a grand dining table laid with crystal and silver glittering in the light from the candelabra, or sitting around the fire pit talking into the night with fireworks lighting up the sky, maybe a barbecue on the terrace in the evening as the sun sets. The choices are as wide as your imagination!

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Glorious gardens and magical places

Five acres of beautiful landscaped gardens provide a wonderful backdrop. As you wander around, you will find secret places, statuary, rose arbours, ancient trees and planting schemes that fill the senses.

Magnificent sweeping lawns drift off into the fields. Soft herbaceous borders crammed with colour, shape and forms are held by formal box hedging which edges the lawns. Steps lead down to a sunken garden with a rose arbour, a stunning crystal ball water feature and ageless statues set amongst formal box parterres.

You will find unusual swings hidden amongst stately trees, mystical giant crystals in curious places, an outdoor heated swimming pool, tennis court, and of course the labyrinth.

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The labyrinth

The labyrinth at Tofte Manor is a source of inspiration and peace. Nestled in a quiet secluded part of the garden, it is filled with a sense of tranquillity and ageless beauty, stirring feelings of enchantment.

This labyrinth copies the design of the ancient pattern of the labyrinth in Chartres Cathedral in France, but with a unique twist. It incorporates all the elements in its design; earth; air; fire and water. The water that runs through the labyrinth pathway can be drunk. It is delicious, pure and vital, and is served to all our guests during their stay.

Research has shown that walking a labyrinth creates balance in the body and brings peace to the mind. The benefits of walking labyrinths are now recognised by many universities, hospitals, hospices, schools, inner city councils and cathedrals.

New labyrinths are being built by these institutions all over the world, providing spaces for contemplation, creative thinking, healing and stillness. As a setting and tool for inspirational workshops and retreats, it is unbeatable.

ACCOMMODATION

The Manor House and Stables Courtyard

The interior of the Manor House has been sympathetically and exquisitely restored, featuring interesting architecture, beautiful antiques, paintings and harmonious interior décor.

The Manor House has eight luxurious bedrooms with shared bathrooms, created with imagination and attention to detail for your comfort. Three of the rooms are doubles, and two are twin-bedded, which can be converted to doubles if required. All rooms have tea and coffee facilities, as well as access to TV and Wi-Fi internet.

The old Stables Courtyard has been carefully restored and converted into beautifully designed contemporary cottages surrounding a central courtyard.

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The Stables Courtyard has seven bedrooms, which are a mixture of en-suite doubles or twin-bedded rooms, with two bedrooms sharing a bathroom. The accommodation is flexible with additional beds being added where needed, making it ideal for families or groups willing to share. Two of the cottages have fully equipped kitchens providing self-catering facilities. All rooms in the Stables have access to computer terminals.

The Manor House and Stables Courtyard accommodates up to 34 people. Larger groups can be accommodated in luxury yurts or tents, with outdoor hot water showers and conveniences. Further accommodation is available in local B&Bs and hotels.

Breakfast the morning after, is served in our beautiful dining room, giving your close friends and family a chance to continue celebrating.

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Function rooms, facilities and services

Tofte Manor has a great range of rooms and areas of varied sizes and styles to suit your choice of event.

The **Drawing Room** and the **Dining Room can each hold up to** 70 guests. The elegant **Dining Room can seat** up to 40 diners. Guests are also welcome to use the **Library** and the **Television/ Music Room,** which are smaller, more intimate rooms.

Within the **Stables Courtyard,** the **Sekmet Cottage** is a great private space for the bridal couple. The Courtyard is popular for less formal events. A marquee can be erected in the centre, adjoining the **Crystal Room** which overlooks the parterre garden. The Crystal Room is equipped with a state-of-the-art music system, overhead projector and screen, ideal for dancing and nostalgic videos, and is also licensed for civil wedding ceremonies.

The Sanctuary is hidden in the grounds, surrounded by nature. It is an octagonal room housing a collection of crystals and geometric stars hanging from the ceiling. It is equipped with a kitchen, shower and cloakroom. This clear, tranquil space is ideal for picnic-style wedding celebrations.

The five acres of **glorious gardens** and 50 acres of surrounding grounds hold many options for delightful gatherings, and are ideal for firework displays to celebrate your event. We have a heated outdoor swimming pool and a tennis court.

The terrace overlooks the sunken garden and makes an idyllic setting for breakfasts, tea parties, barbecues, cocktails, or outdoor dinners on warm, balmy nights.

Our delicious **catering** is produced by trusted chefs and specialist caterers, providing an excellent service to suit your requirements.

Party planning assistance can be provided by our team helping you with all the organisational aspects of your event, as well as paying attention to the smallest detail, ensuring your peace of mind.

Chauffeur service can be arranged for guests wishing to be collected from the station or airport. We are within easy reach of Heathrow, Luton and Stansted airports.

Luxury camping is available for those wanting to experience outdoor life and get closer to nature. We have 50 acres in which you can set up camp in comfortable yurts or luxury tents, with outdoor hot water showers and ablution facilities set up for your comfort. **Helicopte**r landing facilities are available on the property.

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Location

Tofte Manor is centrally located approximately 60 miles north of London, and is easily accessible by car or train. It is situated in the village of Sharnbrook, between Cambridge and Northampton, and lies north of Bedford. Trains run regularly from St Pancras Station in London to Bedford, linking with Eurostar to Paris. We can arrange collection from the station, or taxis provide a regular service. If travelling by car, we are twenty minutes off the M1, just south of Northampton. Heathrow, Stansted and Luton airports are within easy reach of Tofte Manor.

Detailed directions and a map can be found on our website:
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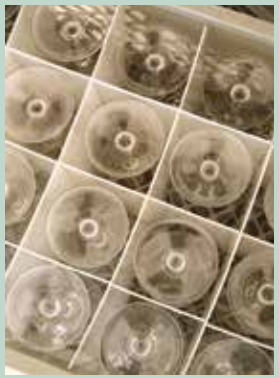

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- INSPIRATIONAL WORKSHOPS
- RETREATS

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