

Getting married in

Medway



Welcome



Medway has a variety of historic venues - including a 16th century castle, an Elizabethan town house and a Grade I listed Guildhall.

Whether you want a small and intimate ceremony or a lavish affair, Medway has the perfect venue for you.

Medway is steeped in history, with a strong heritage. It offers some fantastic photo opportunities including Rochester Cathedral and the grounds of Rochester Castle. There are a number of local suppliers that can help you with your special day, from florists and caterers to bridal shops and car hire.

Medway also has its own register office as well as a range of licensed venues.

Transport links in Medway are excellent. It's surrounded by the M2, M25 and M20 and has regular direct trains into London.



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*Your perfect venue is
closer than you think*

Upnor Castle

Set in the picturesque riverside village of Upnor, Upnor Castle is a rare example of an Elizabethan artillery fort. Backed with rolling hills, architectural brilliance, natural beauty and wonderful photo opportunities, your special day will be captured against this unique backdrop of history; one of England's truly timeless places.

Wander back through time as you make your way down the enchanting cobbled high street to the grand entrance gates, where you will pass through the beautiful studded oak doors of the gatehouse, finding the grassed inner courtyard.

Climb the wooden stairs to the upper floor, which was once a store for munitions and now the wedding room's novel powder-barrel seating, echoing the castle's historic past.

Guests: 80 seated, 20 standing (ceremony only)

Please note: Upnor Castle is closed between 1 November to 31 March.

01634 718742

Upnor Castle, Upper Upnor, Rochester ME2 4XG









Eastgate House

Built in 1590, Eastgate House is a Grade I listed Elizabethan town house and is one of the most impressive and distinctive buildings in Rochester's historic high street.

This magnificent building has been a family home, a Victorian School and a museum - it has many tales to tell.

This venue was an inspiration to the great author Charles Dickens, featuring in *The Pickwick Papers* and *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. The splendid oak-panelled ceremony room features a gorgeous fireplace and offers a true sense of occasion.

Guests: 40 seated (ceremony only)

01634 332700

Eastgate House, High Street, Rochester ME1 1EW

The Corn Exchange is just five minutes walk along the high street – ideal for your reception. See page 18 for more details.









The Guildhall

Located in the heart of Rochester, The Guildhall is bursting with character and charm, creating a truly captivating setting for your ceremony.

Built in 1687, it has been a town hall, entertainment venue, court and a council chamber. Now a museum, it displays more than 250,000 years of Medway's history.

The chamber is a fine example of 17th century interior decoration, with its magnificent painted plaster ceilings and large decorative oil paintings.

The stunning red-carpeted, sweeping staircase leads you to the chamber entrance where you will be spellbound by the grandeur of this historic venue. The glittering chandeliers offer the perfect soft ambience for your ceremony.

Guests: 70 seated 20 standing (ceremony only)

01634 332680 (If you would like to get married on a Saturday, please phone 01634 338899)

The Guildhall, High Street, Rochester ME1 1PY

Take a one minute stroll along the high street to The Corn Exchange – ideal for your reception. See page 18 for more details.









The Corn Exchange



The sweeping staircase, high ceilings, incredible chandeliers and stunning architecture make The Corn Exchange the perfect wedding venue.

Set in the heart of historic Rochester, this exclusive venue is fully licensed, meaning you can hold your reception, wedding and civil partnership ceremonies in one place. Or if you choose to get married elsewhere we can just host your reception.

Previously known as the Clock House, this building dates back to 1698. To commemorate a visit from Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip in 1961, the two main rooms were renamed – The Queens Hall (which caters for weddings up to 300 guests) and The Princes Hall (up to 80 guests).

The Rochester Corn Exchange offers you complete flexibility. You are able to bring your own caterers, source your own music and decorate as you wish. There are a number of packages on offer which all include full use of tables and chairs, as well as a fully stocked and staffed bar (package dependant).

You have to see inside to fully appreciate its grandeur.

01634 338112

The Corn Exchange, Northgate, Rochester ME1 1LX





Medway Register Office

There are two rooms available in the register office where you can get married. If you're planning a small and intimate ceremony, then the register office room is ideal. It holds six people, including the couple and their four guests. If you would like something a little bigger, then consider the Library Room, which accommodates up to 60 guests.

If you need a venue for your reception, The Corn Exchange is only next door – see page 18 for details.

01634 338899

Medway Register Office, Northgate, Rochester, Kent ME1 1LS







Rochester

The picturesque town of Rochester boasts an array of beautiful backdrops. Walk along the historic high street towards the iconic Rochester Castle and stunning Cathedral, all of which make for beautiful wedding photos.

Rochester also offers a number of pubs and restaurants if you want a gathering after your ceremony.











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Before you marry or enter into a civil partnership, it is a legal requirement that both of you must give notice at the register office in the district where you live. If you and your partner live in different districts you will need to attend separate register offices to give notice.

Our venues can also accommodate for civil partnerships, renewal of vows and baby naming ceremonies.

You can book an appointment at Medway Register Office by

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