

WEDDINGS AT THE ROYAL PAVILION



Royal Pavilion & Museums Trust



WELCOME

We are delighted that you are considering holding your wedding at the Royal Pavilion and would like to offer you our warmest congratulations.

This breath-taking former royal palace, a remarkable monument to the romantic era of the Regency period, is one of the most unique and exotically beautiful buildings in Britain. Located in the heart of Brighton & Hove's Cultural Quarter, a stone's throw from Brighton's famous beach, it offers an unmatched setting for holding your special day.



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A UNIQUE VENUE

The Royal Pavilion was built as King George IV's pleasure palace when Brighton was the heart of fashionable Regency society. Steeped in history it has welcomed royalty and distinguished guests since the 1780s and many a royal romance has played out within its walls. Following the passing of King George IV the palace was also used by his brother King William IV and niece Queen Victoria.

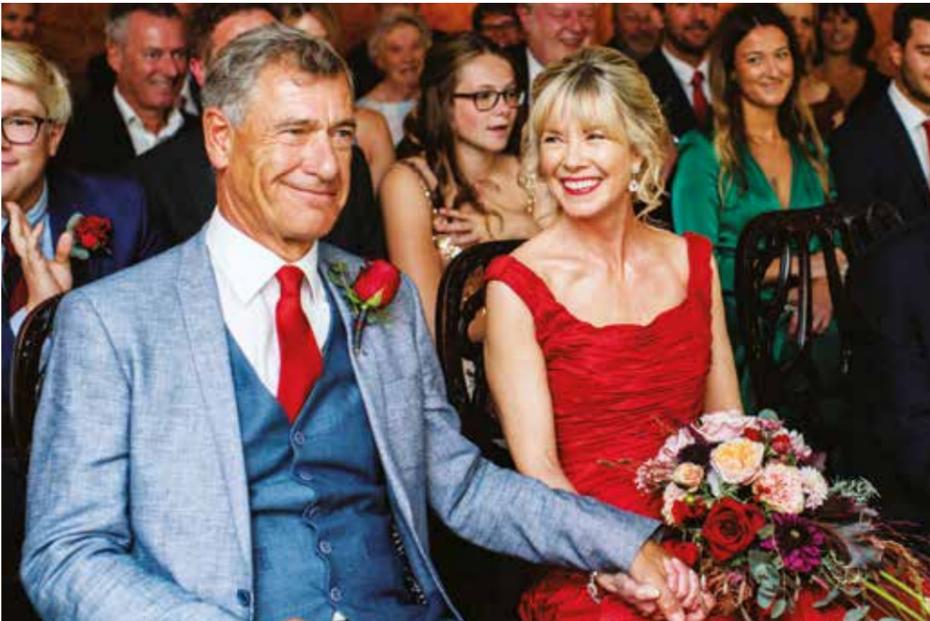
Completed in 1823, the Indian architecture comprising of domes, towers and minarets contrast with exotic interiors inspired by China to create a truly unique setting for your special day. There simply is no other venue in Britain quite like it.



YOUR CEREMONY

There are two rooms within the Royal Pavilion licensed for civil ceremonies, our elegant and intimate Red Drawing Room and our magnificent Music Room. Whilst we provide the venue all civil ceremonies are performed by Brighton & Hove Register Office and an additional fee is payable directly to them for this service.

We can also host other services including blessings, renewal of vows or a commitment ceremony and you are free to choose a celebrant of your choice.



RED DRAWING ROOM

This striking historic room was a place where the King's distinguished female guests would withdraw to following lavish dinners in the palace's Banqueting Room. It retains much of its original 1820s decorative scheme incorporating the Royal Pavilion's distinctive dragon wallpaper and palm tree pillars. Located on the ground floor and not open to the general public, it benefits from its own private entrance, affording the feel of true exclusivity to this area of the palace on your special day.

Hire the Red Drawing Room alone for your ceremony or with the King William IV Room for your reception.

Due to the historic nature of this room guests are not permitted to stand during ceremonies.



AVAILABLE FOR

Day and evening hire
(except Christmas & Boxing Day)

CAPACITY

Up to 44 seated (including the couple)



MUSIC ROOM

Exchange your vows in the dazzling splendour of our Music Room. If you are looking for a ceremony setting that will simply take your breath away the Music Room could be for you.

You and your guests will enter via the main grand entrance of the palace and be led to the Music Room via the Long Gallery which is lined with exotic pieces of decorative art and furniture. This room is one of our most spectacular and impressive state rooms. The walls are decorated with painted canvases in gold on a crimson background depicting Chinese scenes, the windows are dressed with lavish silk curtains supported by carved dragons and serpents, and from the domed gilded ceiling hang exquisite lotus shaped chandeliers. It has featured widely in news, film and media and was the setting for one of the first same sex weddings to take place in the UK.

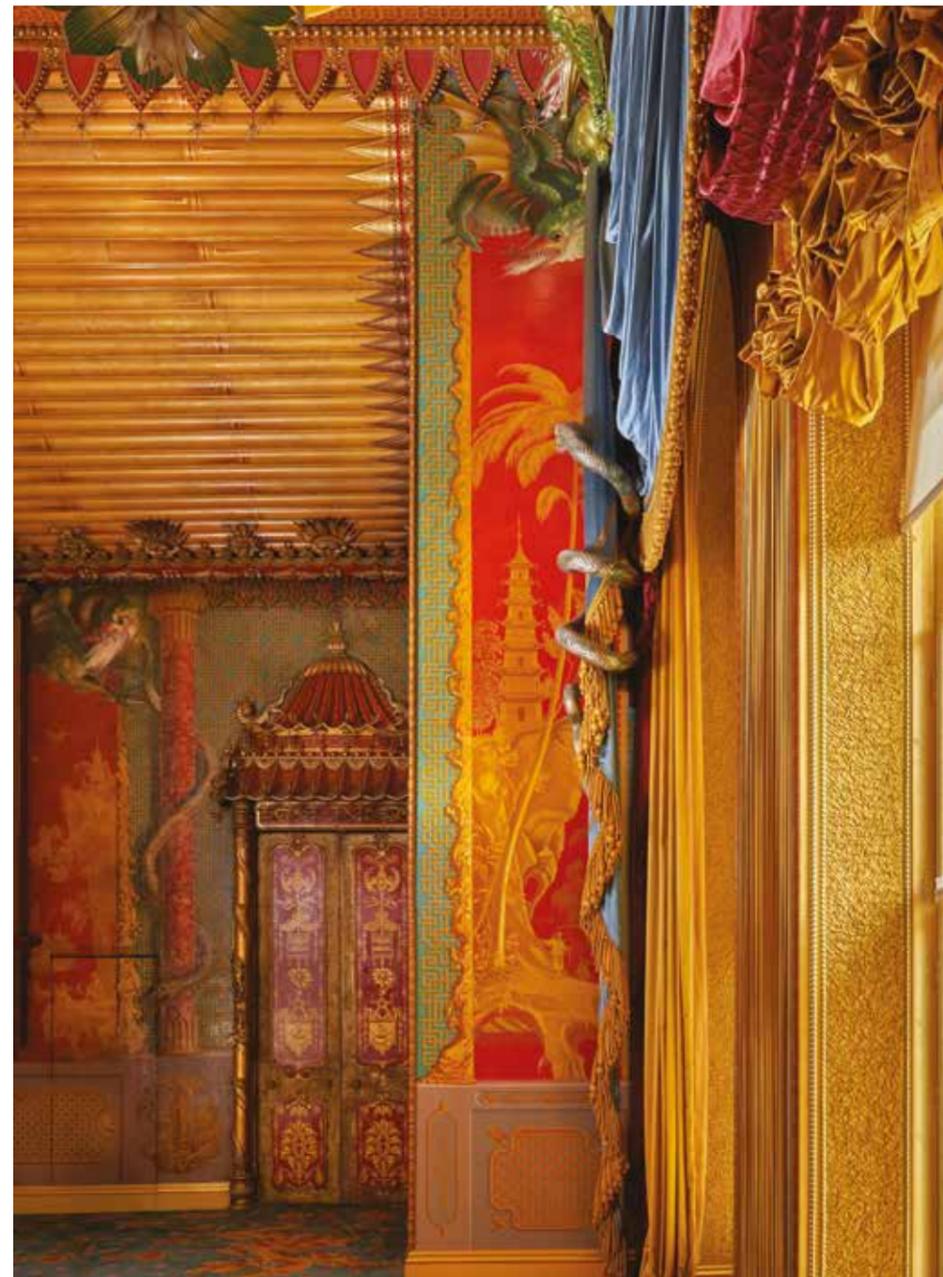
AVAILABLE FOR

Evening hire only (excluding Christmas & Boxing Day)
April to September from 7pm onwards
October to March from 6.30pm onwards

CAPACITY

Up to 90 seated (including the couple)





YOUR RECEPTION

King William IV Room

For your reception, the Royal Pavilion can offer you the exclusive use of our King William IV Room, situated on the first floor above the Red Drawing Room.

Exquisitely decorated in Chinese style, this light and airy room features hand-painted wallpaper and oriental lanterns. This room benefits from its own private entrance leading directly from the palace's garden.

Our Weddings & Events Team will ensure that the setting will be wonderful, and that a warm and gracious welcome awaits you and your guests.

All catering is to be provided by your choice of one of our approved catering suppliers.

Hire the King William IV Room alone or with the Red Drawing Room for your ceremony.

Regrettably, due to the historic nature of the building the Royal Pavilion is not suitable for parties, and DJ's and dancing are not permitted.

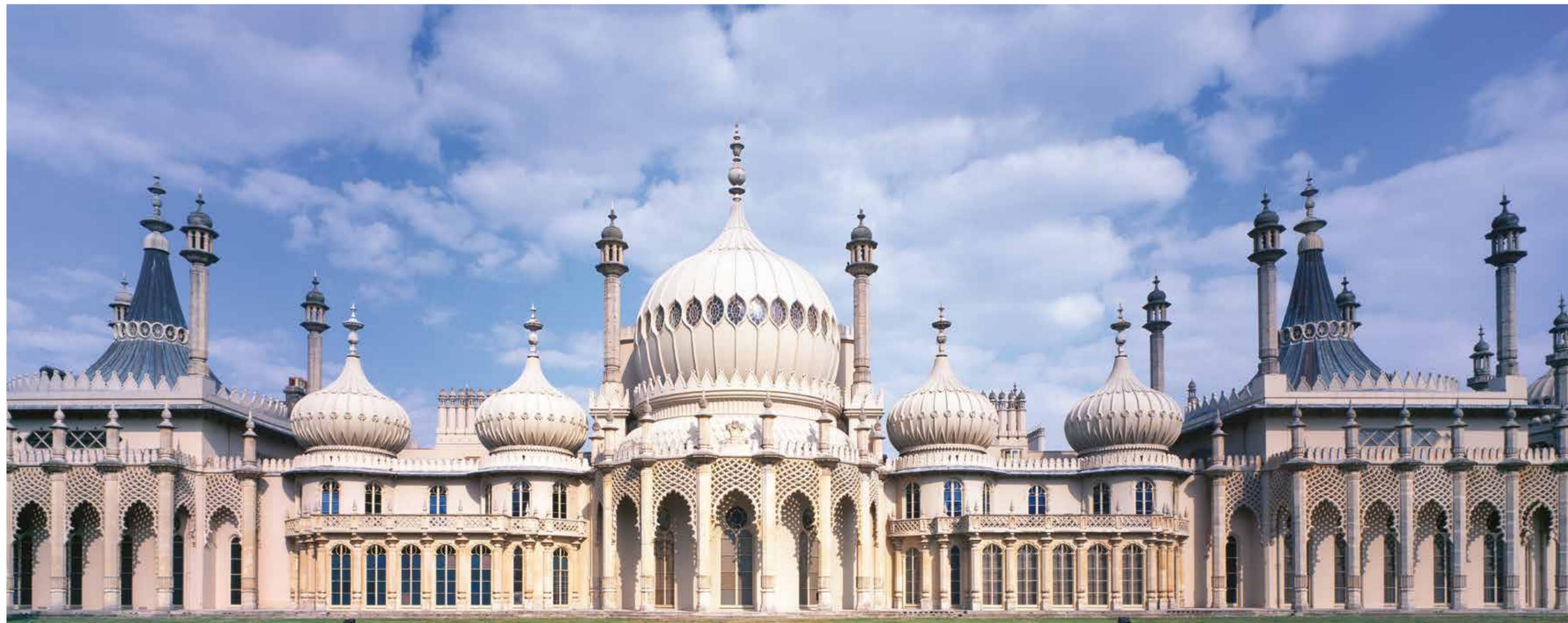
AVAILABLE FOR

Day and evening hire (except Christmas & Boxing Day)

CAPACITY

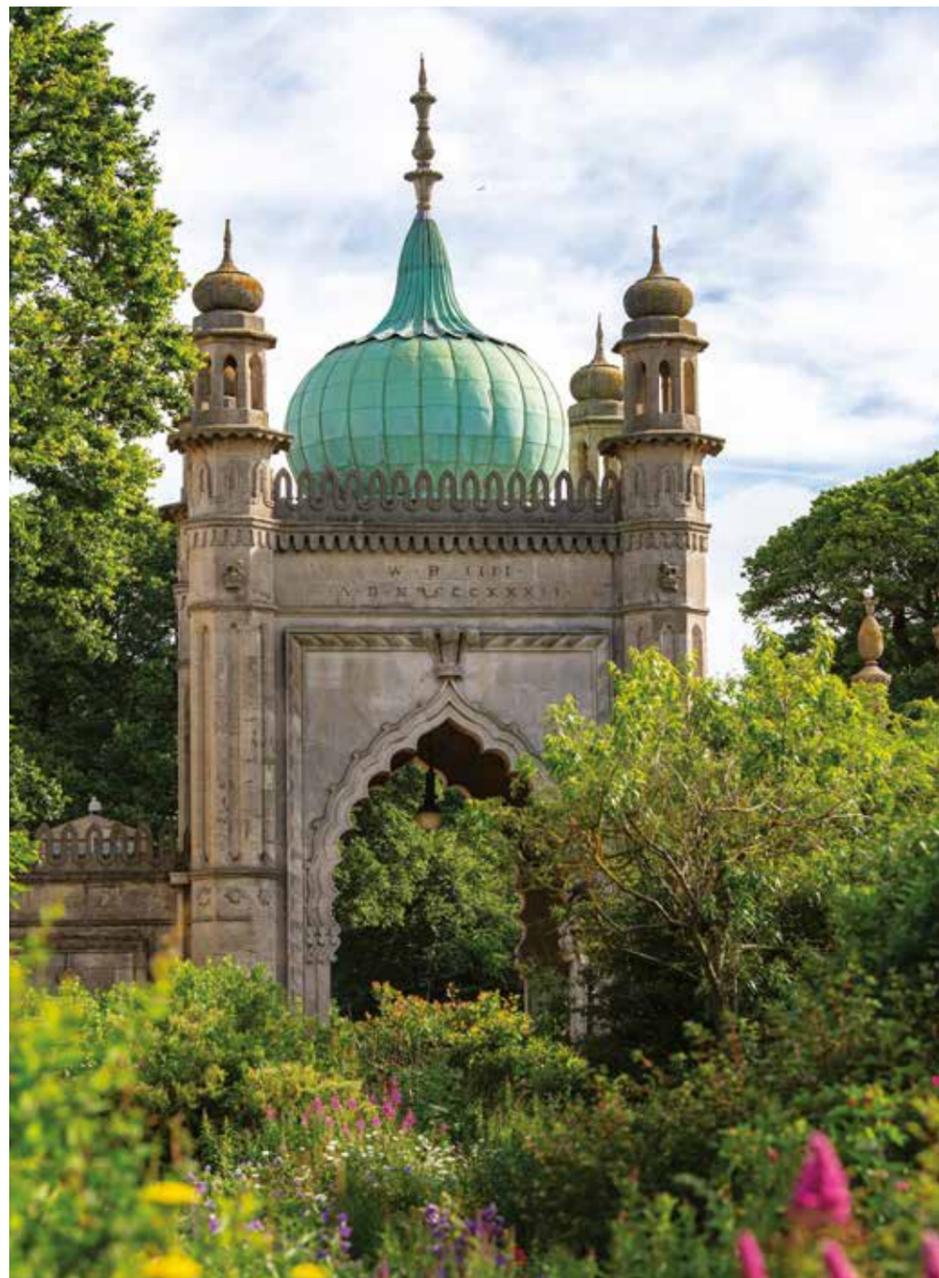
Up to 60 seated, 80 for a standing reception 70 for a standing buffet





A PICTURE PERFECT SETTING

The Royal Pavilion's Regency garden and terraces are the perfect settings for your all important wedding photographs. One of the few fully reinstated Regency gardens in the country, with groups of flowers and flourishing evergreens that frame striking views of the palace creating a backdrop unlike any other.





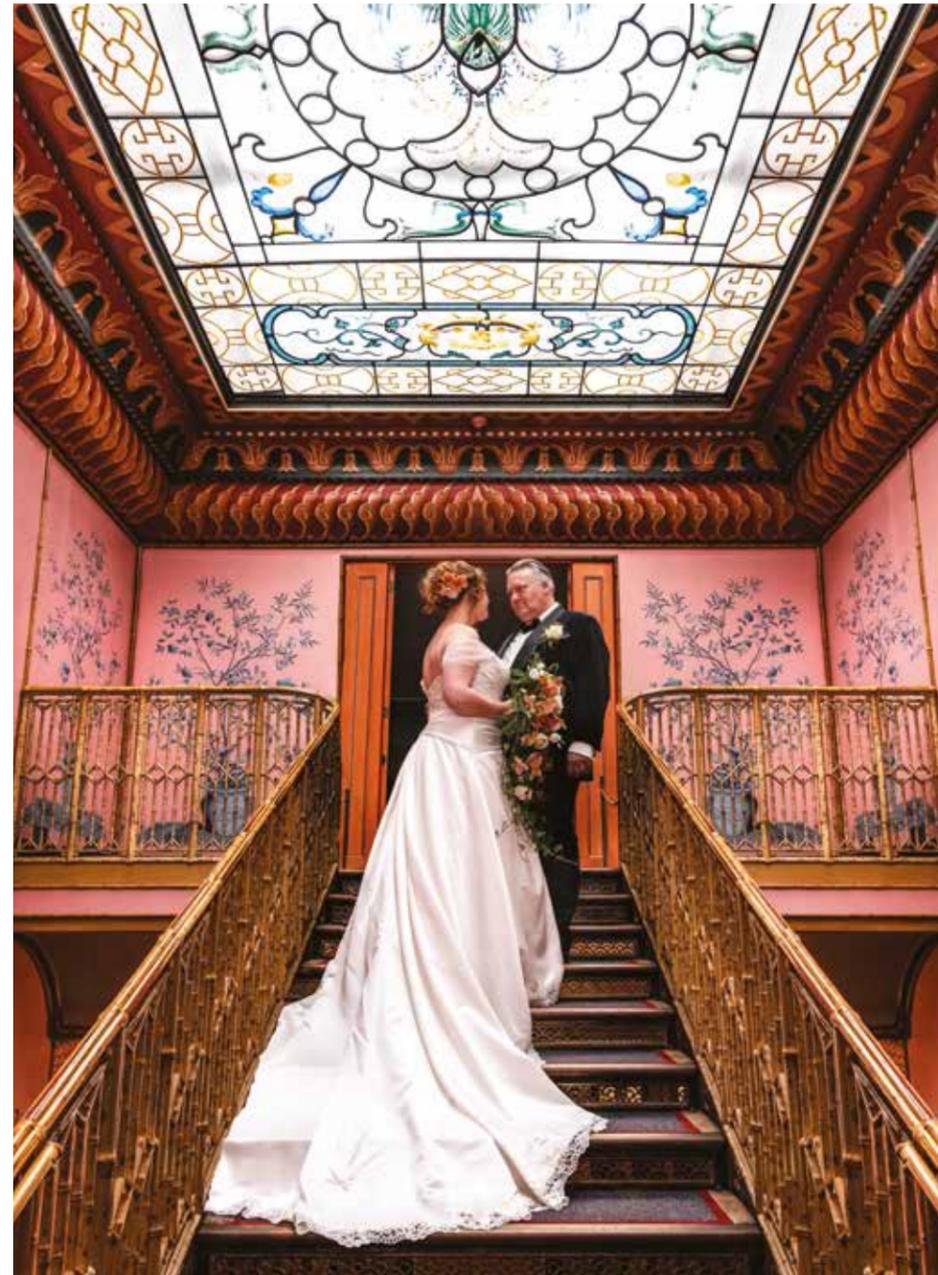
Red Drawing Room Ceremonies Portrait & Group Photography

For those choosing to marry in the Red Drawing Room, once you've said 'I do' you will be led, with your photographer, to the palace's magnificent Music Room for your portrait photographs. You will then join your guests in the Regency garden for your group photographs.



Music Room Ceremonies Portrait & Group Photography

For those choosing to marry in the Music Room your post ceremony portrait and group images may be taken in the Music Room, followed by portrait images only in the palace's Saloon and Long Gallery. Group photographs can also be taken in the Regency garden.





Ten Steps To Booking Your Wedding

1. Decide on a possible date or time of year for your wedding day.
2. Telephone 03000 290905 or email weddings@rpmt.org and we will inform you of availability.
3. Book an appointment to visit the Royal Pavilion and make a provisional booking if required.
4. Contact the Brighton & Hove Register Office, by telephone 01273 292016 or email ceremonies@brighton-hove.gov.uk to check if they have the date and time available to carry out your ceremony. If yes, book the date and time with them and pay them immediately for this service.
5. To fully confirm your booking with us please provide us with both of your names, your address, a contact number and the date and time of your ceremony and or reception. We will then draw up your Venue Hire Agreement.
6. Contact your local Register Office (nearest to where you both live) to book an appointment to give notice. You and your partner will need to give notice separately if you live in different registration districts. NB You are required to give notice at least 29 days prior to your ceremony date and notice can be given up to 12 months in advance.
7. On receipt of your Venue Hire Agreement please sign and return it to us within the time-frame specified on the agreement.
8. On returning your signed agreement pay your 30% deposit to us.
9. At least eight weeks prior to your wedding day pay your final balance to us.
10. One week prior to your wedding day, contact us to go through all the final details of your booking with us.



Our Team

The Royal Pavilion & Museum's dedicated Weddings & Events Team have a wealth of experience and are renowned for their friendly, bespoke and personal service and over the years have hosted some of the most beautiful and unique weddings. From your first visit to your wedding day they are on hand to ensure everything runs smoothly.

Accessibility

The Royal Pavilion has two floors and the ground floor is fully accessible to wheelchair users.

The King William IV Room, on the first floor, can be accessed via a lift for wheelchair users and those with limited mobility.

Wheelchairs are available on request in advance.

Accessible toilet available on the ground floor.

Our Catering Suppliers

We have a selection of approved caterers for you to choose from to cater for your reception. They have been carefully selected for their expertise and comprehensive knowledge of the palace. You are required to contact them directly to get quotes on catering costs.

All catering costs are separate to our venue hire fees.

Other Suppliers

You are free to choose any other suppliers of your choice. Over the years we have worked with many photographers, florists, musicians and AV suppliers and would be happy to recommend accordingly suiting your wedding's requirements and budget.

How To Find Us

By Foot

The Royal Pavilion Estate is situated in the heart of Brighton & Hove's Cultural Quarter, close to the Lanes and North Laine shopping areas and only a 5 minute walk from the sea. From Brighton Rail Station 15 minutes walk. From Pool Valley Coach Station, National Express stop, 5 minutes walk.

By Train

Train journey time is just 50 minutes from London Victoria and 35 minutes from Gatwick airport.

Parking

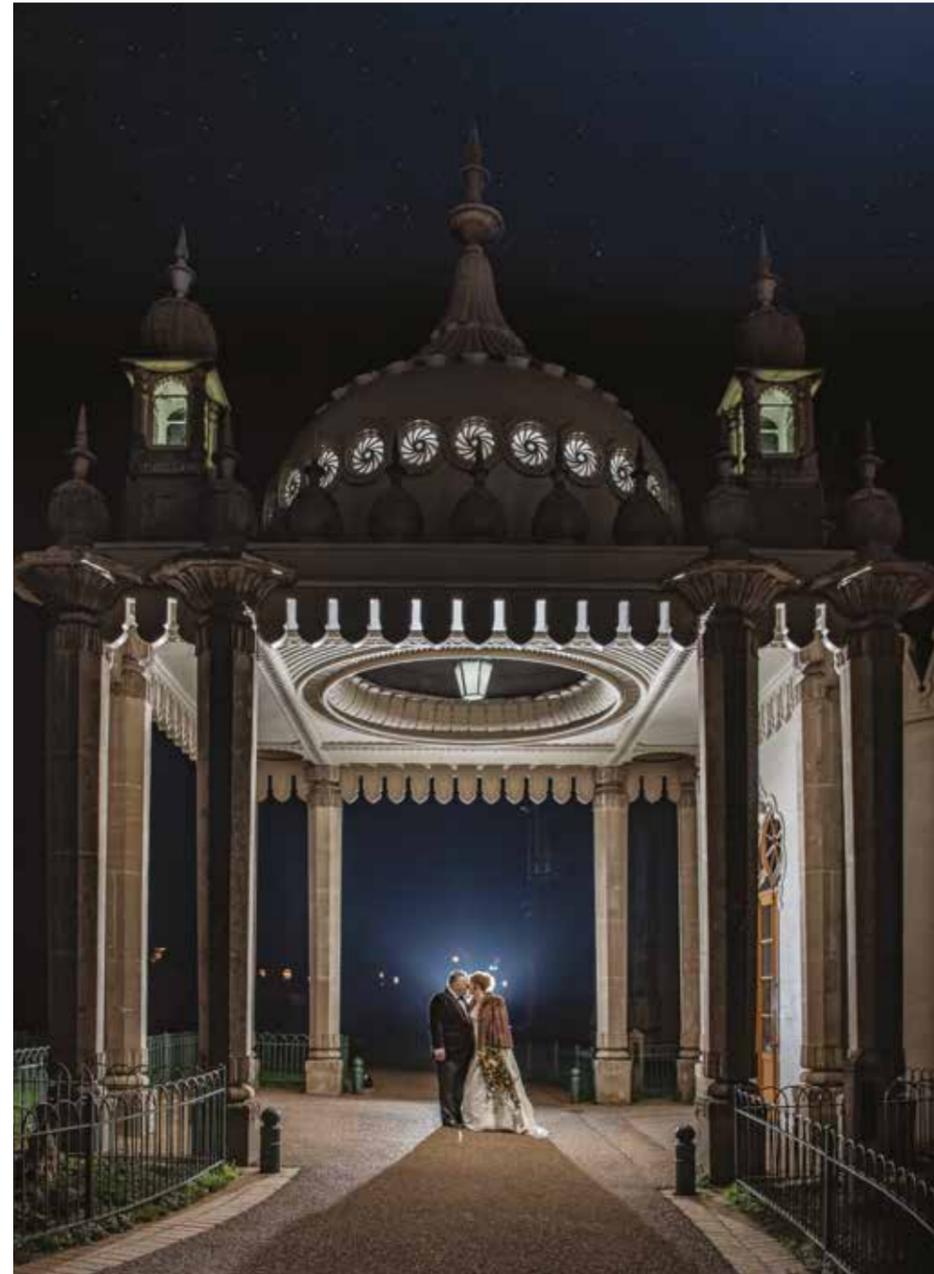
We can provide parking for one wedding car only, guest parking is not available within the Royal Pavilion Estate. There are however many city center and NCP car parks within a 3 to 10 minute walk of the estate.

Coach Parking

Coaches bringing your guests to the estate should drop off in Church Street in the allocated coach parking bays and then proceed to park at Madeira Drive on the seafront during your time at the Royal Pavilion and return to collect your guests from Church Street.

Taxis

There is a taxi rank a 2 minute walk from the estate.



With Thanks

The Royal Pavilion & Museums would like to thank the following photographers for supplying us with photographs for this brochure. Also, another thank you to the many wonderful couples that have agreed to allow us to use their images of their wedding day.

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