

A
HISTORIC
SETTING FOR
A DAY YOU'LL
REMEMBER
FOREVER





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Royalty and romance

Royalty and romance go hand in hand at the Old Royal Naval College. You could be tying the knot close to the very spot where King Henry VIII married his first wife Catherine of Aragon in 1509, to whom he was married for 23 years. His daughter, who became Queen Elizabeth I, was christened here and Henry married his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, in Greenwich Palace in 1540.



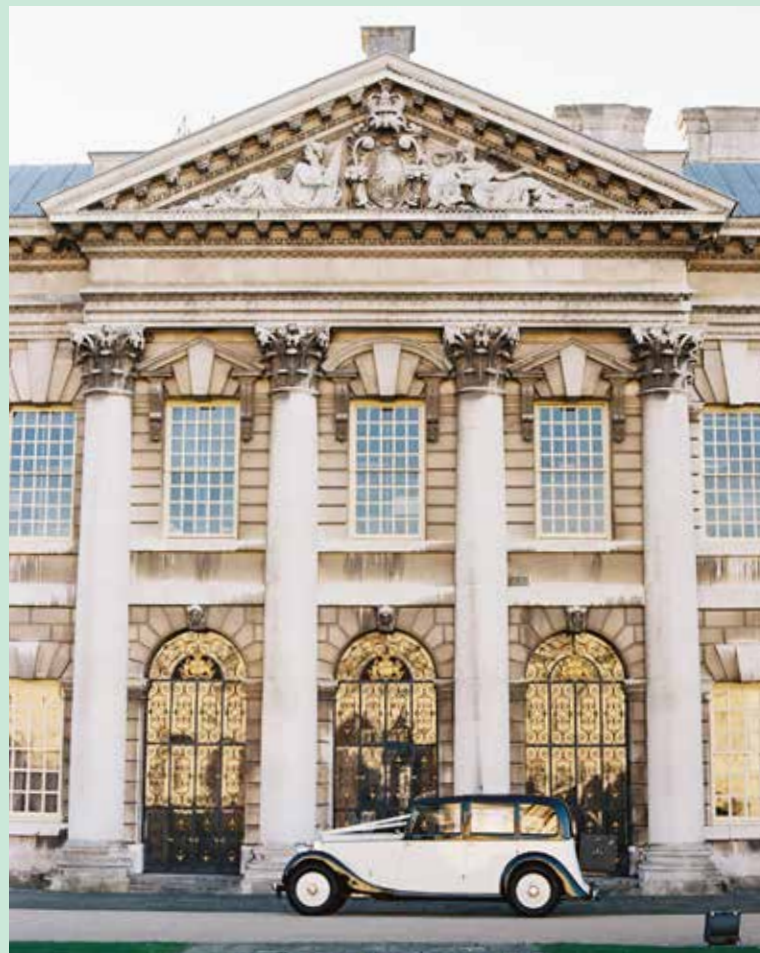
A DAY OF JOY AND MAGIC, CENTRED AROUND YOU

Your long-cherished dreams of romance and joy will come to life in magical style when you tie the knot at one of the breathtakingly beautiful buildings of the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich.

Gracing the banks of the River Thames, the timeless elegance and striking symmetry of this architectural masterpiece will enchant you and your guests from the very moment you arrive, creating memories to treasure forever, whatever the time of year.

The fairy-tale opulence and awesome grandeur of the Painted Hall provides a dramatic and magnificent setting for the most important day of your life, whilst the Admiral's House offers intimate charm and rare versatility in traditional town-house style.

The riverside location of The College offers you the chance to make a spectacular entrance by boat. Or you could celebrate the uniqueness of London by arriving in an iconic black cab or Routemaster bus.



ADMIRAL'S HOUSE: ELEGANT INTIMACY

The Admiral's House can be your own romantic haven for the day; its special intimacy invites you to create your very own atmosphere, full of warmth and love.

This venue exudes a sense of peace and timeless continuity, embracing you as you start your journey of married life. A series of elegant rooms offer choice and flexibility - there is even a private retreat where you can enjoy precious moments together or a glass of champagne with your bridesmaids.

Every moment of your wedding ceremony in the Webb Room, with fine wood panelling and river views, will become a cherished memory. A drinks reception and photographs can be enjoyed next to the lawn or in the lower lobby before your wedding breakfast upstairs in the light-filled Wren Room.

After a heaven-sent meal, it's time to party, with the Hardwick Room offering the perfect backdrop for your first dance, cutting the cake and revelling in your joyful celebration.



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The most famous Admiral

Designed by one of the world's finest architects, Sir Christopher Wren, the Admiral's House was commissioned by King Charles II in 1660 to rival the magnificence of Versailles. It became the official residence of the Governor of the Hospital where Admiral Lord Nelson came to recuperate after losing his arm in battle in 1797.



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Thornhill's masterpiece

Sir James Thornhill (1675 - 1734) spent 19 years planning and painting the magnificent Painted Hall and was then commissioned to paint the dome of St Paul's Cathedral. These two awe-inspiring works established Thornhill as the foremost decorative painter in England. The Painted Hall has been now been restored to its full glory thanks to an £8.5million makeover completed in 2019.

PAINTED HALL:
"THE FINEST
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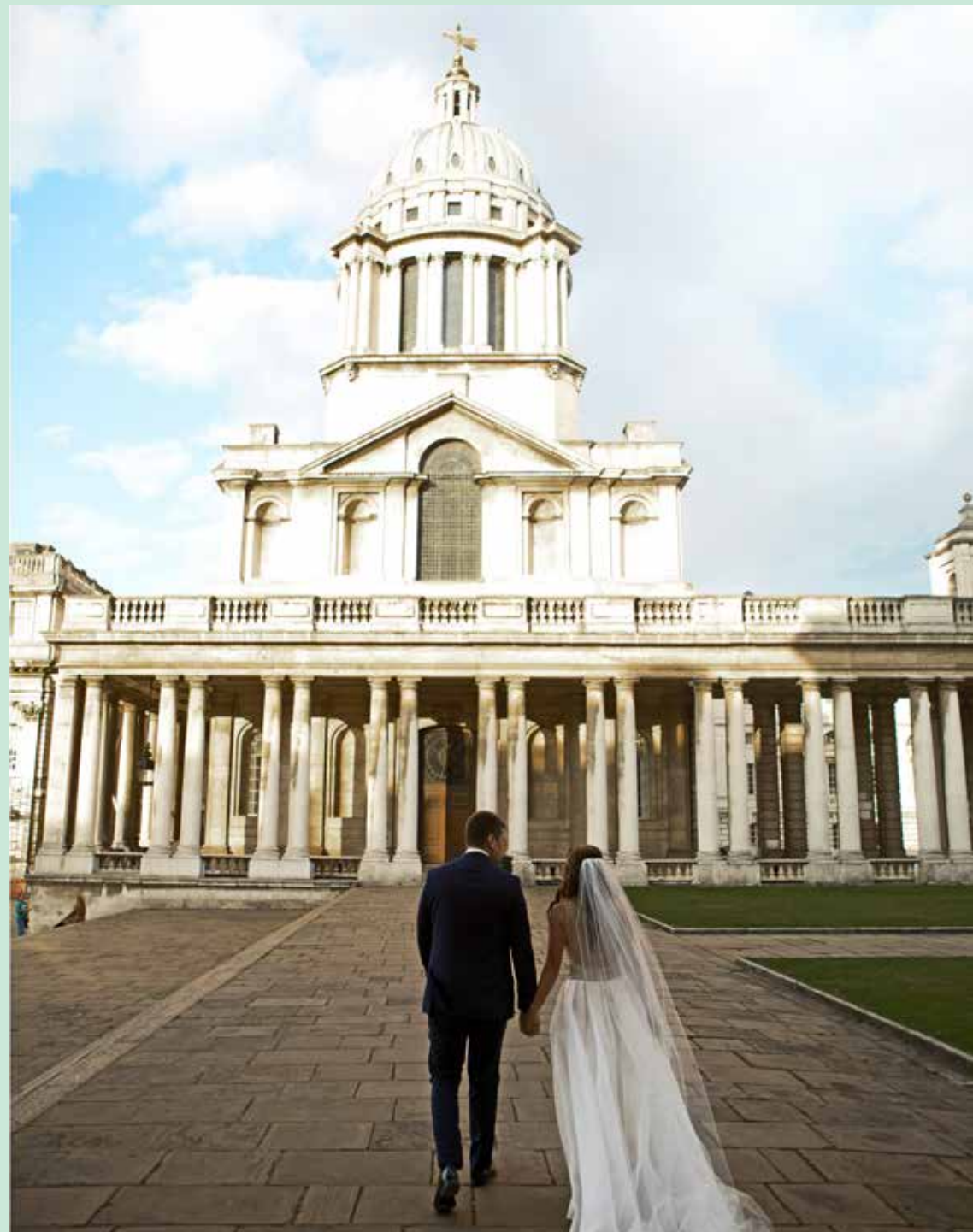
You will fall in love all over again and leave your guests spell-bound as you and your beloved make your wedding vows in the majestic beauty of the Painted Hall, one of the finest interiors of the Baroque era.

Created by Sir Christopher Wren and Sir James Thornhill, this timeless masterpiece is the perfect place to celebrate your eternal promise and the most important day of your life.

Before your wedding breakfast, you are invited to wander through graceful Colonnades and world-famous grounds, with unrivalled views over the river creating the most spectacular backdrop for photographs.

The magnificent Painted Hall is then ready for your celebration, creating a magical blend of opulence, warmth and grandeur that you and your guests will remember forever.





QUEEN MARY UNDERCROFT: ATMOSPHERE AND STYLE

The atmospheric Queen Mary Undercroft is the perfect place to party the night away after the formality of your ceremony and wedding breakfast.

With elegant Portland stone columns and high-vaulted ceiling, this venue combines heritage, style and sophistication for a celebration that is uniquely yours.

Your guests can even take a break from dancing to try their hand at skittles in our authentic Victorian Skittle Alley!



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Shakespeare's footsteps

In 1594 during Queen Elizabeth I's colourful Christmas celebrations, Her Majesty was famously entertained by the Lord Chamberlain's Men at Greenwich Palace. William Shakespeare was one the actors and the play is thought to have been of his most enduring masterpieces, *A Comedy of Errors*.



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Seen all over the world

The Old Royal Naval College has been described as “the most popular film location in the world”. Its architectural magnificence has lit up the screen in numerous film and TV productions including *The Crown*, *Skyfall*, and *Sense and Sensibility*. It was also seen by audiences around the world as the stunning setting for Equestrian events in the 2012 London Olympics.

THE GROUNDS: A TIMELESS MASTERPIECE

The glorious neoclassical grounds of the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich are one of the most memorable and iconic sights of London.

With immaculate lawns and supremely elegant buildings, colonnades and walkways designed by Sir Christopher Wren and Nicholas Hawksmoor, the grounds are simply a wedding photograph waiting to happen.

Marrying at the Old Royal Naval College gives you exclusive permission to take photographs in the grounds with the river and fine baroque architecture as a backdrop.





VISUAL PERFECTION, SUBLIME TASTES

The renowned chefs at award-winning caterers CH&CO are dedicated to creating innovative, mouth-watering and visually stunning dishes from the very finest local seasonal ingredients, designed to surpass your expectations and reflect the sophistication of this unique location.

Whether you opt for a lavish banquet, relaxed buffet or chic canapés and on-trend bowl food, we will work with you to create a highly personalised dining experience to remember.

Our unrivalled attention to detail and first class service, will be delivered with love and understanding of the momentous significance of this most romantic of days.



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Fit for a King

Famously extravagant, *bon viveur* and man of exotic taste, King Henry VIII hosted lavish parties, sumptuous banquets and thrilling jousting matches at Greenwich, said to have been his favourite royal palace. His Christmas party of 1516 has gone down in history as the first masquerade party ever seen in England.





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