MAKE EVERY EVENT UNFORGETTABLE





MERCURE MAIDSTONE, GREAT DANES HOTEL

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WELCOME TO MERCURE MAIDSTONE, GREAT DANES HOTEL



With your event in mind we have tailored packages to amaze your guests and meet your budgets. Host your celebration and you are guaranteed a fabulous night to remember.

Surrounded by 26 acres, adjacent to Leeds Castle, and easily accessible the Mercure Maidstone, Great Danes Hotel is the ideal venue to hold your event whether it is a small party, private dinner, party, charity event or birthday celebration.

Located in the heart of Kent, close to Maidstone at Junction 8 of the M20, the hotel is built around a Georgian country house and provides the perfect backdrop whatever your event.

The hotel has grown over the years and offers a variety of flexible event suites. Our largest, The Heart of Kent Suite, with its own private entrance, reception area & bar is an impressive venue for events up to 600 people.

Our most popular room for celebrations and dinner dances, the Hollingbourne Suite, also has a private bar and easy access to our extensive grounds.

With something for everyone and so much to offer, we would be delighted to show you around and to help make your event one to remember.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

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OUR EVENTS ARE AS UNIQUE AS YOU



Whether you are planning a sit down dinner, or a casino themed party, we're here to make sure every moment is perfect. From the decorations, to the dance floor, you can trust us to take care of everything.

When it comes to food, your wish is our command. We can organise canapés, a sit down meal or a buffet. Over the page are a few ideas of what we offer, but of course we are more than happy to provide a bespoke menu especially tailored to your event.

With a dedicated event planner to help everything run smoothly

Our goal is to take the pain out of organising an event. A dedicated team will work with you to create a unique event to suit your needs and budget. On the day a member of our team will be on hand to make sure everything goes according to plan.

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Our team will be happy to create a bespoke package to suit your needs.

All our event packages include:-

- Professional event planner
- Pre-event tasting for the organiser
- Designated car parking and accessible entrance for disabled guests
- Free parking for 500 cars and helipad
- Red carpet arrival if required
- Dedicated Event Ambassador to meet and greet
- Free high speed WiFi throughout the hotel
- Exclusive use of the banqueting suite
- A choice of suggested menus or tailored menus to suit

Of course, everyone has their own individual tastes – so our team will be happy to create a bespoke package to suit you.

Please call us or visit the hotel to discuss your requirements.





PRE-EVENT

Start your evening off in style with cocktails and canapés on arrival. Prices listed are per person

COCKTAILS

Bellini Fantinel Prosecco, Peach Purée	£7.50
Aperol Spritz Aperol, Fantinel Prosecco, ice, topped with soda	£7.50
Chambord Fizz Fantinel Prosecco, Chambord raspberry liqueur	£8.50
Mojito Bacardi muddled with mint, lime, cane sugar, soda	£7.50
Elderflower Collins Tanqueray Gin, elderflower, lemon juice, soda	£8.00
Bucks Fizz Fantinel Prosecco, orange juice	£7.00



CANAPÉS

A fantastic start to any event

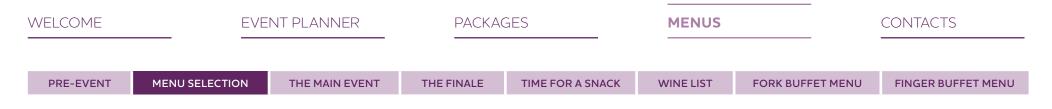
3 assorted canapés per person, please select from below: £6.00

Meat & seafood

Prawn with avocado & coriander blinis Carpaccio of beef Smooth liver parfait with onion marmalade Smoked salmon with crème fraîche blinis Mini bacon & Aberdeen Angus cheeseburger Mini Yorkshire pudding with beef & horseradish Chicken & mushroom vol-au-vent

Vegetarian

Peppered goats' cheese en croûte Roast peppers & mozzarella bruschetta Mushroom ragout with a touch of truffle tarts Sun blushed tomato, mozzarella & basil oil crostini Wild mushroom & parsley bruschetta Roasted courgette, pesto & basil en croûte



MENU SELECTION

Build your own three or four course menu from the choices below. Should you not find exactly what you are looking for, our team will be more than happy to discuss your ideas.

Starters

TO START

Soups

Soobs		Juarters
Slow roast tomato soup, basil pesto, cream (v)	£5.50	Prawn & d Mary saud
Spiced butternut squash soup, sage & onion, crème fraîche (v)	£5.50	Beetroot & dill salae
White onion & cider soup, cheddar cheese crouton (v)	£5.50	Slow cool duck terri
Chestnut mushroom & celeriac soup, truffle oil (v)	£5.75	chutney Crispy bre
Sweet potato, chilli & coconut cream soup, coriander (v)	£5.50	walnut sa Smoked s
Smoked haddock & potato chowder, chive cream	£6.50	pepper cr shallots
Rustic butterbean, tomato & chorizo soup	£6.50	Pimm's m raspberry
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50	Prawn & crayfish cocktail, Bloody Mary sauce, rustic bread	£7.25
50	Beetroot salmon gravlax, potato & dill salad, dressed watercress	£8.00
50	Slow cooked belly pork & confit duck terrine, apple & cider chutney	£7.50
75	Crispy breaded brie, pear & walnut salad, cranberry relish (v)	£6.25
50 50	Smoked salmon plate, black pepper cream cheese, capers & shallots	£8.25
50	Pimm's marinated melon, raspberry sorbet (v)	£6.50
	Warm goat's cheese & caramelised onion tart, herb salad, balsamic dressing (v)	£8.50
	Smoked duck, radish & sesame seed salad, pickled ginger & lime dressing	£7.50

Ham hock & pea terrine, pickled red onion salad, mustard dressing £6.75



INTERMEDIATE COURSE

Soups are also offered as an intermediate course, alternatively choose

Green apple sorbet, mint & apple matchsticks (v)	£3.00
Mango & passion fruit sorbet (v)	£3.00
Raspberry & mint sorbet (v)	£3.00



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THE MAIN EVENT

Choose one main course from the list below for your event, as well as a vegetarian alternative.

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Confit duck leg, smoked bacon &

Pan fried sea bass, sea salt & rosemary potatoes, red pepper

Seared salmon, crispy leeks, champagne sauce

Grilled cod loin, mussels, peas,

Roast Mediterranean vegetable & goat's cheese wellington, basil

Asparagus & creamed leek tartlet,

Beetroot & blue cheese risotto, candied walnuts, thyme (v)

Wild mushroom gnocchi, rocket pesto (v)

lemon buerre blanc

cream sauce (v)

herb sauce (v)

£18.00

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MAINS

Roast chicken supreme, red onion & thyme stuffing, roast chicken gravy	£16.00
Prosciutto wrapped chicken breast, mushroom & tarragon sauce	£18.00
Honey roast loin of pork, sea salt crackling, sage & onion stuffing, apple sauce	£16.00
Duo of pork, roast fillet & slow cooked pork belly, crispy sage & cider jus	£18.00
Roast rump of lamb, pistachio crust, port wine sauce	£23.50
Lamb two ways, mini shepherds pie & confit lamb shoulder, mint & redcurrant jelly	£19.50
Slow cooked brisket of beef, local ale, caramelised onion gravy	£17.00
Roast sirloin of beef, Yorkshire pudding, creamed horseradish	£24.00
Honey roast duck breast, caramelised plums, Chinese spiced	

plum sauce

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£19.00

MAIN COURSES WITH **A TWIST**

£17.50	Fish & chips, beer battered cod fillet, chips, pea puree, malt vinegar reduction	£18.00
£16.00	Sausage & mash, trio of sausages, buttered mash potato, crispy shallot rings, balsamic jus	£18.00
£20.00	Pizza, stone baked pizza with a topping of your choice	£16.00
£16.00	The Slider, trio of mini burgers, bacon, chilli mayo, melting cheese, chips & crunchy slaw	£16.00
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THE FINALE

"You can't buy happiness but you can buy dessert, and that's kind of the same thing."

DESSERTS

Glazed lemon tart, raspberry & mint compote	£6.00
Sticky toffee pudding with stickier toffee sauce	£6.00
Warm chocolate brownie, cappuccino ice cream	£6.50
Rhubarb & custard Eton mess	£6.00
Chocolate orange profiteroles, orange cream filled, dark chocolate	£6.00
French apple flan, vanilla ice cream dusted with cinnamon sugar	£6.50
Vanilla panna cotta, strawberry & cracked black pepper salsa	£6.50
Baileys crème brûlée, handmade shortbread	£6.00
Chocolate assiette	£8.50
Individual apple, pear & walnut crumble, vanilla custard	£6.00
Strawberry shortcake, vanilla cream	£7.50
Chocolate ganache torte, salt caramel sauce, toffee popcorn	£6.50

)	Baked vanilla New York cheesecake, apple & blackberry compote	£6.00
)	White chocolate & apricot bread & butter pudding, caramel sauce	£6.50
)	Selection of cheeses, biscuits, celery & chutney	£9.00



CHEESE PLATTERS

Cheese served as a extra course: £5.50pp or £50 for table of 10 (or £40 per table of 8)

Cheese platter, biscuits, celery, chutney

Baked Camembert for the table to share, warm crusty breads

Long clawson stilton, red onion marmalade, walnut & celery salad

Mature cheddar, piccalilli, pickled red onion & grape salad



COFFEE & TEAS

Coffee, tea & mints	£2.50
Coffee, tea & petit fours	£3.50



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TIME FOR A SNACK

Prices listed are per person

LATE NIGHT SNACK

Hot dog, caramelised onions, mustard	£3.50
Mini fish & chip cones	£3.50
Stone baked boxed pizza, selection of toppings	£3.50
Slider burger platter, pickles & sauces	£3.50
Pulled pork slider platter, spiced apple sauce	£3.50
Grilled chicken mini pitta kebab, chilli sauce & garlic mayo	£3.50
Fish finger sandwich, tartare sauce	£3.50

Treat your guests with something to feed the late night munchies.





WINE LIST

CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING WINE

Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Brut,	
France	£69.00
Mercier Brut, France	£49.00
Louis Dornier et Fils Brut, France	£40.00
Fantinel Prosecco extra dry, Italy	£29.00
Galanti Pinot Grigio Spumante	
Rosé, Italy	£27.00
Pigalle Brut, France	£25.00



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RED WINE

Portillo Pinot Noir, Valle de Uco, Argentina	£27.00
Marqués de Morano Rioja Crianza Spain	£25.00
Trambusti Chianti, Italy	£25.00
Berri Estates Shiraz, South- Eastern Australia	£23.00
Rare Vineyards Malbec, France	£23.00
Monte Verde Merlot, Central Valley, Chile	£22.00
Ayrum Tempranillo Garnacha Tinto, Spain	£20.00

ROSÉ

Vendange White Zinfandel, California	£23.00
Crusan Cinsault-Syrah Rosé, France	£22.00
Ayrum Tempranillo Garnacha Rosado, Spain	£20.00

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FORK BUFFET MENU

Choose two items from the 'Mains' selection*, two items from the 'Sides & Salads' selection and one 'Dessert' item for £17.50 per person

Choose three items from the 'Mains' selection*, two items from the 'Sides & Salads' selection and two 'Dessert' items for £25.00 per person

Additional main course items can be added for £5.00 per person, sides or salads at £2.50 per person, desserts at £2.50 per person

* It is recommended that at least one of the main items selected is suitable for vegetarians



MAIN ITEM SELECTION:

Chicken tikka balti, coriander basmati rice

Fillet of salmon, ginger, garlic & soy dressing, stir fried noodles

Moroccan chickpea & vegetable tagine, couscous, minted yoghurt (v)

Tex Mex chilli beef, tortilla chips, rice, guacamole

Fish, chips & mushy peas

Vegetable burrito, sour cream, guacamole (v)

Shepherds or cottage pie, cheddar cheese topping

Seafood pie, soft herb mash

Spinach & ricotta tortellini, light cheese sauce, toasted hazelnuts (v)

Jerk chicken, coconut rice, peas, basmati rice

Beef & local ale pie, caramelised onion mash

Smoked salmon, spinach, cream cheese, pasta, pine nut & herb crust

Thai green chicken curry, sticky rice

Thai green vegetable curry, sticky rice (v)

Chicken, asparagus & sun blush tomato lasagne, garlic, mozzarella ciabatta

SALADS & SIDES:

Caesar salad (v)

Cherry tomato & rocket salad (v)

Baby gem tuna niscoise

Beetroot & butternut squash salad, toasted hazelnuts, bramble vinaigrette (v)

Pea, mint & feta salad (v)

Grilled courgette & tomato salad, basil & olive dressing (v)

Potato, wholegrain mustard, red onion salad (v)

Penne pasta, marinated mushroom, pine nuts, basil (v)

Green garden salad, balsamic dressing (v)

Warm green bean, bacon & shallot salad

Roast root vegetables with honey & thyme (v)

Roast new potatoes, rosemary & rock salt (v)

Cheddar cheese mash (v)

Buttered new potatoes, mint (v)

Roast carrots, sesame seed dressing (v)

Steamed greens, ginger & soy dressing (v)

DESSERTS:

Mini strawberry & cream pavlova

Fresh fruit skewers, chocolate dipping sauce

Strawberry & marshmallow skewers, white chocolate dipping sauce

Fresh fruit platter

Treacle tart

Chocolate mousse shot

Chocolate brownie

TEA & COFFEE

Tea or coffee £2.50

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FINGER BUFFET MENU

The price per head includes a selection of sandwiches on brown & white breads from the list below, PLUS your choice of:

5 ltems - £15.50 6 ltems - £17.50 7 ltems - £19.00 8 ltems - £20.00

FINGER BUFFET SELECTION

Vegetable crudities, selection	Greek
of dipping sauces (v) Chorizo bites	Chine
Chorizo dites	dippin
Sticky onion & cheddar cheese quiche (v)	Stone
House made sausage rolls	Pigs ir
Chicken fillet skewers, sweet chilli dipping sauce	Smoke brushe
Mini pork pie, pickle	Mojito
Teriyaki salmon skewers	Smoke
Lamb kofta, mint yoghurt dip	Tomat
Roast tomato & herb quiche (v)	Skinny
BBQ chicken wings, sour cream & chive dip	Cajun

Greek feta & cherry tomato bite (v) Chinese vegetable spring rolls, hoisin dipping sauce (v) Stone baked pizza slices (v) Pigs in blankets, honey mustard dip Smoked salmon & cream cheese brushetta Mojito chicken skewers Smoked haddock & spring onion fishcake Tomato, olive & basil brushetta (v) Skinny fries, sea salt (v) Cajun potato wedges (v)

SANDWICH SELECTION

Honey roast ham, wholegrain mustard Chicken caesar salad Tuna, cucumber, lemon mayonnaise Cheddar cheese, pickle (v) Egg, cress, black pepper (v) Grilled mediterranean vegetables with cream cheese (v)



MINI DESSERT SELECTION

Chocolate brownie

Mini strawberry & cream pavlova

Fresh fruit skewer, chocolate dipping sauce

Strawberry & marshmallow skewer, white chocolate dipping sauce

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Fresh fruit platter

Treacle tart

Chocolate mousse shot

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FROM OUR HAPPY CUSTOMERS

'Jane and her team have provided fantastic service: the attention to detail, smiles, courtesy and willingness to help with anything has been a refreshing change. This is the best service I have had in a UK hotel and I use hotels a lot.' **Ian, Company training event**

'Fantastic service from our events co-ordinator. The food and drink were a high standard, as were the room and facilities.' **Reg, Team Building event**

I was made to feel very welcome, thank you! Lovely learning environment, plenty of parking. Thank you for supporting out day in such a lovely venue!'

Veronica, NHS Trust

'I would like to say, on behalf of myself and my mother, how well it went on the day and all the guests enjoyed themselves very much. We had a lot of compliments about the food and the service on the day and have since received many complimentary letters about the whole event. Please pass our thanks and appreciation on to all concerned.'

90th Birthday party celebrations

'Just an email from me to say thank you to you and all of the staff for Friday night. David was great and really accommodating of the fact everyone was late! Such a great event, everyone enjoyed themselves so a resounding success. Hope to come to the Mercure again soon'.

Elliot, Hospital summer ball

If you're planning an event, get in touch with your event planner today:

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Over 70 hotels in the UK and 700 worldwide.



