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at Maidstone, Great Danes Hotel

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It's wonderful being in love!

Congratulations on your engagement. Now comes the most exciting time of all: the months or weeks spent organising every little detail to make sure you both have the best day of your lives.

And rest assured that we'll help you get it just right.

At Mercure Maidstone, Great Danes Hotel we'll get to know you, your tastes, your wishes – and help make those dreams come true. We have the people, the spaces, the food and drink, and all the extra little touches to create your perfect celebration!



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We pride ourselves on creating perfect wedding days – or, more accurately, the wedding day that's perfect for you. However you'd like it to happen, we'll plan it that way, and fill it with so many magical and memorable moments for you and your guests. And because we take care of everything, there'll be no hassle or worries for you.

With our compliments and included as part of all wedding packages:

- Experienced wedding planner to help you plan
 - Free menu trial for the happy couple
 - A red carpet arrival
- Wedding host to give you a main contact on your wedding day
 - Complimentary use of the hotel's cake stand and knife
- Free overnight accommodation for the happy couple with breakfast the next day
 - Discounted accommodation rates for your wedding guests
 - A personal memory box to keep your special mementos safe
- Celebrate your first anniversary with a complimentary dinner in the hotel
 - Price guarantee: the price we agree at the time of booking will not increase for 18 months

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Great Danes Hotel

Make 'the Garden of England' the backdrop for your big day. Exchange vows in our gazebo set in the picturesque Kentish Weald, in the Park View Suite or the Heart of Kent Suite. With three event rooms to choose from, we can cater for parties for 20 to 320 guests for your wedding breakfast, and up to 500 evening guests.

Begin the process by getting in touch with our Wedding Planner. They'll give you a tour of the hotel and find out about the kind of day you have in mind, covering every aspect from drinks to décor, food to favours, and any special touches or themes you'd like featured. They'll also suggest ideas if you can't decide.

Most importantly they can take as much responsibility for your celebration as you like, ensuring everything runs smoothly and working hard to guarantee a day of magic and pure enjoyment for you and your partner.



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Ceremonies

Mercure Maidstone, Great Danes Hotel is a fully licensed establishment for the solemnisation of civil marriages and formation of civil partnerships. You can choose from a number of locations in the hotel in which to say your vows.

Kent County Council registrars are available to provide a service and marry you 364 days a year. We will be pleased to make these arrangements for you. Our gazebo, in our beautiful landscaped gardens, is licensed for weddings and civil partnerships, enabling you to say your vows in the great outdoors.

Civil marriages and partnership ceremonies

Room	Min. number	Max. number
Gazebo	8	600
Park View	20	100
Heart of Kent	120	600

Registrar contact details

Once you have decided on your date, your wedding planner will book the Registrar for you to guarantee the time and date of your ceremony.

Please note that there are ceremony fees payable directly to Kent County Council in addition to any hotel costs.

www.akentishceremony.com

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Lavender Package

Our Lavender Package includes:

Reception drinks*

One glass per person: Buck's Fizz or orange juice.

Three-course wedding breakfast with coffee

This package includes a starter, main and dessert from Menu 1 to enjoy with your friends and family.

Wine with your meal*

Your guests will be offered one glass of our house selection of red or white wine served with their meal.

Toast*

As coffee is served, everyone will have their glasses charged with sparkling wine to toast and celebrate your special day.

Evening reception

Finger buffet consisting of a selection of sandwiches and your choice of three additional items from the finger buffet menu. Private bar.

Room hire

Room hire for the wedding breakfast and evening function. Please note that an additional charge is made for civil ceremony room hire.

* Wine upgrades available.

Packages do not include the cost of the Registrar. Please refer to our brochure for local Registrar contact details. A children's menu is available. Prices are inclusive of VAT at the current rate.



Prices

2017 - £69.00 per person.

Additional evening guests £15.00 per person.

2018 - £75.00 per person.

Additional evening guests £16.50 per person.

2019 - £80.00 per person.

Additional evening guests £18.00 per person.

Our personal touches, with the compliments of our hotel:

- Experienced wedding planner to help you plan
- Free menu trial for the happy couple
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And there's more:

- Resident DJ and disco
- Complimentary one-night break voucher for two people, to say thank you to the person who has helped you the most

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Rose Package

Our Rose Package includes:

Reception drinks*

One glass per person: Buck's Fizz, traditional Pimm's, sparkling wine or orange juice.

Three-course wedding breakfast with coffee

This package includes a starter, main and dessert to enjoy with your friends and family. Please see Menu 1 or Menu 2.

Wine with your meal*

Your guests will be offered half a bottle of our house selection of red or white wine served with their meal.

Toast*

As coffee is served, everyone will have their glasses charged with a glass of sparkling wine to toast and celebrate your special day.

Evening reception

Finger buffet consisting of a selection of sandwiches and your choice of five additional items from the buffet menu. Private bar.

Room hire

Room hire for the wedding breakfast and evening function. Please note that an additional charge is made for civil ceremony room hire.

* Wine upgrades available.

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Prices

2017 - £79.00 per person.

Additional evening guests £17.00 per person.

2018 - £89.00 per person.

Additional evening guests £19.00 per person.

2019 - £99.00 per person.

Additional evening guests £21.00 per person.

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- A red carpet arrival
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- Complimentary use of the hotel's cake stand and knife
- Free overnight accommodation for the happy couple with breakfast the next day
- Discounted accommodation rates for your wedding guests
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- Celebrate your first anniversary with a complimentary dinner in the hotel
- Complimentary weekend break voucher for two people to say thank you to the person that has helped you the most
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And there's more:

- Resident DJ and disco
- Chair covers with coloured sash of your choice
- Complimentary one-night break voucher for two people, to say thank you to the person who has helped you the most

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Orchid Package

Our Orchid Package includes:

Reception drinks*

One glass per person: Buck's Fizz, traditional Pimm's or sparkling Kir, sparkling wine or orange juice served with two canapés per person.

Three-course wedding breakfast with coffee

This package includes a starter, main and dessert to enjoy with your friends and family. Please see Menu 1, 2 or 3.

Wine with your meal*

Your guests will be offered half a bottle of our house selection of red or white wine served with their meal.

Toast*

As coffee is served, everyone will have their glasses charged with chilled sparkling wine to toast and celebrate your special day.

Evening reception

Finger buffet consisting of a selection of sandwiches and your choice of six additional items from the finger buffet menu. Private bar.

Room hire

Room hire for the wedding breakfast and evening function.

* Wine upgrades available.

Packages do not include the cost of the Registrar. Please refer to our brochure for local Registrar contact details. A children's menu is available. Prices are inclusive of VAT at the current rate.



Prices

2017 - £99.00 per person.

Additional evening guests £20.00 per person.

2018 - £119.00 per person.

Additional evening guests £22.50 per person.

2019 - £129.00 per person.

Additional evening guests £25.00 per person.

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And there's more:

- Resident DJ and disco
- Civil ceremony venue hire included (excludes registrar fees)
- Chair covers with coloured sash of your choice
- Midnight snack – one per person
- Complimentary one-night break voucher for two people, to say thank you to the person who has helped you the most

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Delicious Menus

Our expertly trained chefs have years of experience so you can savour a delicious wedding day meal.

We have included a selection of menu options for your review. For the smooth running of your wedding we have made the choosing of your menus as easy as possible. Simply choose one item from each course.

Should you not find exactly what you are looking for, our team will be more than happy to discuss your ideas. To make your day even more special your wedding planner will be happy to arrange a bespoke menu. If there are guests with different dietary requirements, you can leave it with us to accommodate any special arrangements.

Menu 1

Starters

Slow-roast tomato soup,
basil pesto cream (v)
Prawn and crayfish cocktail, bloody
Mary sauce, rustic bread
Ham hock and pea terrine, pickled
red onion salad, mustard dressing
Pimm's marinated melon,
raspberry sorbet (v)

Mains

Prosciutto-wrapped chicken breast,
mushroom and tarragon sauce
Honey-roast loin of pork, sea salt
crackling, sage and onion stuffing,
apple sauce
Seared salmon, crispy leeks,
Champagne sauce
Beetroot and blue cheese risotto,
candied walnuts, thyme (v)

Desserts

Rhubarb and custard
Eton mess
Chocolate orange profiteroles,
orange cream filled,
dark chocolate
Individual apple, pear and walnut
crumble, vanilla custard
Tea or coffee, chocolate mint



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Menu 2

Starters

Sweet potato, chilli and coconut cream soup, coriander (v)

Crispy breaded Brie, pear and walnut salad, cranberry relish (v)

Smoked salmon plate, black pepper cream cheese, capers and shallots

Slow-cooked belly pork and confit duck terrine, apple and cider chutney

Mains

Lamb two-ways: mini shepherd's pie and confit lamb shoulder, mint and redcurrant jelly

Slow-cooked brisket of beef, local ale, caramelised onion gravy

Grilled cod loin, mussels, peas, lemon beurre blanc

Asparagus and creamed leek tartlet, herb sauce (v)

Desserts

Glazed lemon tart, raspberry and mint compote

Baileys crème brûlée, homemade shortbread

Sticky toffee pudding with stickier toffee sauce

Tea or coffee, chocolate mint

Menu 3

Starters

Chestnut mushroom and celeriac soup, truffle oil (v)

Warm goat's cheese and caramelised onion tart, herb salad, balsamic dressing (v)

Beetroot salmon gravlax, potato and dill salad, dressed watercress

Smoked duck, radish and sesame seed salad, pickled ginger and lime dressing

Mains

Roast sirloin of beef, Yorkshire puddings, creamed horseradish

Honey-roast duck breast, caramelised plums, Chinese spiced plum sauce

Pan-fried sea bass, sea salt and rosemary potatoes, red pepper butter

Roast Mediterranean vegetable and goat's cheese Wellington, basil cream sauce (v)

Desserts

Chocolate assiette

Strawberry shortcake, vanilla cream

White chocolate and apricot bread and butter pudding, caramel sauce

Tea or coffee, chocolate mint



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On Arrival

Start your wedding in style with cocktails and canapés on arrival.

Prices listed are per person

Cocktails

Signature G&T (Bartender's favourite)

Tanqueray gin, cloudy apple juice, tonic, rosemary sprig, lime

French Martini
Ketel One vodka, Chambord, pineapple juice

£9.00

Elderflower Collins

Tanqueray gin, fresh lemon juice, mint, sugar & soda

Classic Mojito
Bacardi rum muddled with fresh mint, lime, brown sugar, topped with soda

£8.50

Aperol Spritz
Aperol, soda topped with Prosecco

Bellini
Galanti Prosecco, peach puree

£8.00

Mocktails

Nojito
Fresh mint, lime and sugar with either strawberry, raspberry or peach puree

Forest Fizz
Raspberry and strawberry puree shaken with cranberry juice and almond syrup

£5.00

Canapés

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

Meat and seafood

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

Vegetarian

Peppered goat's cheese en croûte
Roast pepper and mozzarella bruschetta
Mushroom ragout tarts with a touch of truffle
Sun-blushed tomato, mozzarella and basil oil crostini
Wild mushroom and parsley bruschetta
Roasted courgette, pesto and basil en croûte

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Finger Buffet

The price per head includes a selection of sandwiches on brown and white breads from the list below
PLUS your choice of items from the finger buffet and mini dessert selection:

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)

Finger buffet and mini dessert selection

- Vegetable crudities, selection of dipping sauces (v)
- Chorizo bites
- Sticky onion and Cheddar cheese quiche (v)
- House-made sausage rolls
- Chicken fillet skewers, sweet chilli dipping sauce
- Mini pork pie, pickle
- Teriyaki salmon skewers
- Lamb kofta, mint yoghurt dip
- Roast tomato and herb quiche (v)
- BBQ chicken wings, sour cream and chive dip
- Greek feta and 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 and cream cheese bruschetta
- Mojito chicken skewers
- Smoked haddock and spring onion fishcake
- Tomato, olive and basil bruschetta (v)
- Skinny fries, sea salt (v)
- Cajun potato wedges (v)
- Chocolate brownie
- Mini strawberry and cream pavlova
- Fresh fruit skewer, chocolate dipping sauce
- Strawberry and marshmallow skewer, white chocolate dipping sauce
- Fresh fruit platter
- Treacle tart
- Chocolate mousse shot

5 items – £16.50

6 items – £19.00

7 items – £21.00

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Late Night Snacks

Feeling peckish? Following on from your finger buffet, treat your guests to some delicious evening nibbles

Prices listed are per person

Late-night snacks

Hot dog, caramelised onions, mustard	£4.50
Mini fish and chip cones	£4.50
Stone baked Margherita pizza wedge (v)	£3.50
Slider burger platter, pickles and sauces	£4.50
Pulled pork slider platter, spiced apple sauce	£3.50
Grilled chicken mini pitta kebab, chilli sauce and garlic mayo	£3.50
Fish finger sandwich, tartare sauce	£3.50

Late-night snacks are in addition to the finger buffet and are not an alternative.

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Champagne and sparkling wine

Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Brut, France	£80.00
G.H. Mumm Brut Rose, France	£72.00
GH Mumm Cordon Rouge, France	£60.00
Louis Dornier et Fils Brut, France	£45.00
Fantinel Prosecco Extra Dry, Italy	£30.00
Pigalle Brut, France	£26.00

Red wine

Don Jacobo Rioja Reserva, Spain	£38.00
Portillo Malbec, Argentina	£30.00
Trambusti Chianti, Italy	£26.00
Berri Estates Shiraz, Australia	£24.00
Rare Vineyards Pinot Noir, France	£27.00
Monte Verde Merlot, Chile	£23.00
Ayrum Tempranillo Garnacha Tinto, Spain	£21.00



White wine

Chablis, Paul Deloux, France	£42.00
Errázuriz 1870 Sauvignon Blanc, Chile	£29.00
Solstice Pinot Grigio delle Venezie, Italy	£24.00
Nederburg 'The Manor' Chardonnay, Western Cape, South Africa	£26.00
Waipara Hills Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand	£33.00
Cuvée Des Vignerons, France	£24.00
Ayrum Airén Blanco Albali, Spain	£21.00

Rosé wine

Vendange White Zinfandel, California, USA	£25.00
Antonio Rubini Pinot Grigio Rosé, Italy	£24.00
Ayrum Tempranillo Garnacha Rosado, Spain	£21.00

Water

750ml still and sparkling mineral water	£4.00
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