



HAPPILY EVER AFTERS AT
THE NARROWBOAT

If you're looking for a charming and unique wedding venue in the heart of Reading, look no further than the Narrowboat.

The Narrowboat is a beautiful newly refurbished pumping house turned gastropub and hotel, right on the riverside of the Kennet and Avon Canal at Blake's Lock.

One of the most unique wedding venues in Reading and the surrounding Berkshire area, the Narrowboat boasts a beautiful, historic dining hall which can seat up to 120 guests - as well as its own quirky private hire barge, the Majestic Bel.

With a fantastic central location close to Reading town centre and public transport links, this is a reception venue of both character and convenience - perfect for pictures, and ideal when you have wedding guests travelling from afar.

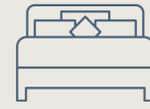
Our dedicated Events Manager will be with you every step of the way to create your perfect wedding day and will help to come up with a wedding package to suit your budget and vision.



KEY TO VENUE FACILITIES



Fully licenced to conduct your wedding on site



5 bedrooms available at special rates (4 double, 1 single)



Private dining spaces to seat 20-120 guests



Live music license in the main restaurant



3-course set menu dining options



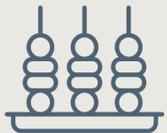
Late license for those wanting to party later available on request



Buffet menu available



10 minutes walk from Reading Train Station



Canape menu available



On-site parking available



Drinks packages and drinks reception deals



Main restaurant fully accessible



The Majestic Bel, private dining barge for hire



No hire fees but minimum spends calculated dependent on space, time and date requested



Outdoor terrace seating for 100 guests





THE DINING HALL

The restaurant sits in the historic original part of the main building, and features high ceilings, beautiful stained glass windows and exposed pumphouse mechanisms. The open hall makes the perfect atmospheric space for your guests to dine, before being turned into a dancefloor for you to party the night away.

Every wedding we host is completely bespoke and the team on hand are here to assist in making your big day as special as possible, and if you'd like to hire the whole site exclusively for your special day (including the Majestic Bel, the restaurant, terrace and bar area) this is also something we would be happy to discuss.



Fully licenced to conduct your wedding on-site



Late licence for those wanting to party later available on request



Accommodates up to 120 guests for a sit-down meal



Live music license with plenty of space to accommodate a DJ/band



Accommodates up to 200 guests for a standing buffet



Fully accessible



THE MAJESTIC BEL

One of the venue's most unique features is our private dining barge, the Majestic Bel. Situated on the Kennet and Avon Canal, the barge is a quirky and truly romantic place to host your wedding, as well as being completely private from the main restaurant and bar.

Gather your friends and family aboard the boat for an intimate wedding ceremony, before spilling out onto our modern bar or beautiful terrace for a celebratory glass of champagne or canape reception. While you sip and sup, we'll transform the boat into the perfect dining space for your wedding breakfast.



Accommodates up to 50 guests for a sit-down meal



Accommodates up to 70 guests for a standing buffet



Fully licenced to conduct your wedding on board



Speaker system available but no live music



Accessed by a set of 8-steps, not accessibility friendly



£1000 minimum spend, 10% to be paid upfront as a deposit





MACCLESFIELD

MAJESTIC BEL

RIVERSIDE MUSEUM

Drinks Packages

Standard Package

A glass of Saomi Prosecco D.O.C on arrival

Half a bottle of Corte de Mori Vermentino or L'Artista Cabernet wine on the table

Tea or Filter Coffee with desserts

£17 per person

Premium Package

A glass of Laurent Perrier champagne on arrival

Half a bottle of Ca' Maritta Pinot Grigio or La Vuelta Malbec wine on the table

Tea or Filter Coffee with desserts

£25 per person

Alcohol-Free Package

A glass of sparkling Elderflower on arrival

Choose from:

Two bottles of Heineken 0% or

Two pints of Pepsi, Lemonade or Juice

£10 per person

Buckets of beer

Get 20% off a crate of bottled beers when ordered in advance. Choose from Peroni, Peroni Capri, Asahi or Meantime Pale Ale

To toast

Add a glass of fizz for just £5 per person (£2.50 for our non-alcoholic sparkling alternative)

Cocktails

Why not treat your guests to a cocktail reception - fruity glass of Pimms anyone? Cocktail jugs priced on request



Canapes

FROM THE LAND

Miniature Yorkshire puddings, rare roast beef,
horseradish
Chorizo scotch egg
Chicken liver parfait, crostini
Grilled chicken satay

FROM THE SEA

Fuller's London Porter smoked salmon blinis,
chive crème fraiche
King prawns, lemon, coriander (gf)
Smoked mackerel pate on toast

FROM THE GARDEN

Squash arancini, chilli jam (v)
Goat's cheese and red pepper crostini (v)
Aubergine and chickpea balls (pb)
Pistachio, kalamata olives and tomato (pb) (gf)
Smashed avocado, charred tomato, crostini
(pb)

SOMETHING SWEET

Profiteroles, chocolate sauce (v)
Molasses and hop sticky toffee pudding (v)
Chocolate brownie (v)

**£3.50 per canape, per person. Please select at least 3
different canapes. For a minimum of 20 guests.**



Wedding Breakfast

TO START

Ham Hock terrine, golden beetroot, picalilli, wholemeal toast
Prawn cocktail, Marie Rose sauce, buttered wholemeal bread
Roasted butternut squash soup, toasted pumpkin seeds (v)
Baked cauliflower, toasted almonds, sesame and tahini dressing (pb) (gf)

TO EAT

Pan-roasted Norfolk chicken breast, crushed new potatoes, spinach, wild mushrooms, white wine sauce
Confit Romsey pork belly, spring onion mash, wilted spinach, black pudding, red wine jus
Pan-fried salmon, leek and potato cake, spinach and dill cream sauce
Charred aubergine, minted coconut yoghurt, confit garlic, sumac, cumin, flatbread (pb)

TO TREAT

Molasses sticky toffee pudding, Fuller's salted caramel ice cream (v)
Chocolate brownie, Fuller's salted caramel ice cream
Glazed lemon tart, Fuller's raspberry sorbet (v)
Apple and blackberry crumble, coconut ice cream (pb) (gf)

TO INDULGE

Bread and butter with your starters (supplement £2 per person)
Raspberry sorbet (pb) (gf) to cleanse your palette (supplement £2 per person)
British Cheese Board with Snowdonia Black Bomber Cheddar, Yorkshire Blue Monday, Waterloo Brie, Smoked Applewood, quince, fruit, artisan crackers (gf) (supplement £7 per person)

£30 for 2-courses, £37 for 3-courses

Fancy something a little different? Speak to our Events Manager to build your perfect menu.



Evening Buffet

SAUSAGES & BURGERS

Chalcroft Farm beef burger
Jerk chicken burger
Lamb kofta, tzatziki
Buffaloumi, roasted red pepper, cholla bun (v)
BBQ jackfruit burger (pb)
Bratwurst, soft roll

SKEWERS

Peanut pork satay skewer
Mango and chilli jerk chicken skewer
Cajun herb salmon skewer
Roasted vegetable, red onion and buffaloumi
skewer (v)
Soya, sesame and chilli tofu skewer (pb)

TASTY ADDITIONS

Corn on the cob, scotch bonnet butter (v)
New potato & chive salad (v)
Coleslaw (pb)
Buttered new potatoes (v)
Triple cooked chips, rosemary salt (v)
Isle of Wight tomato, basil, red onion and
sourdough crouton salad (pb)
Mixed leaf salad (pb) (gf)

FINGER FOOD

Lamb kofta bites, minted yoghurt
Cornish Orchards sausage roll
Vietnamese spicy chicken wings (gf)
Sticky sausages
Buttermilk chicken slider
Chalcroft Farm beef slider
BBQ jackfruit slider (v)
Falafel and mint coconut yoghurt slider (v) (pb)
Salt and pepper squid, sriracha aioli
Harissa prawn skewers, sriracha and honey
mayo
Mini fish & chips
Smoked mackerel pâté on toast
Spinach, potato and onion samosa (v) (pb)
Sweetcorn Fritters, roasted tomato salsa (v)
(pb) (gf)
Hummus and flatbread (v) (pb)

SOMETHING SIMPLE

Mrs Owton's bacon bap
Pork sausage bap
Fried egg and mushroom bap (v)
Vegetarian sausage bap (v) (pb)

SWEET TREATS

Molasses and hop sticky toffee pudding (v)
Chocolate brownie (v)

For a minimum of 20 guests. Pricing dependent on choices.



All in one place...

We also have five beautiful boutique bedrooms which are available to all wedding guests at a preferential rate. Experience the perfect blend of comfort, charm, and convenience as you settle into uniquely designed rooms that exude character and warmth.

Spend the night before the big day apart and enjoy a relaxing morning getting ready in our cosy hotel rooms before you make your grand entrance. Then let yourself loose knowing you don't have far to stumble home at the end of the night!



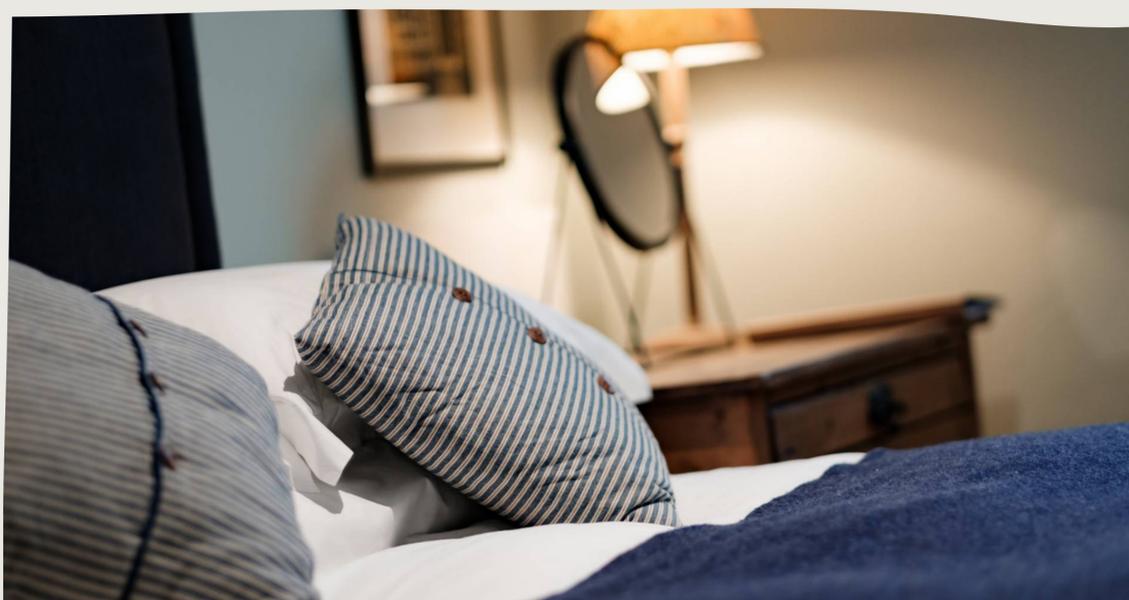


We have two Premium Doubles, two Standard Doubles, and one single bedroom.

All rooms come fully equipped with a comfortable bed, HD TV, a tea and coffee station, en-suite bathrooms, free luxury toiletries, and superfast Wi-Fi access.



There is free on-site parking for all guests and convenient public transport links (10-minute walk from Reading Station) for any guests travelling from further afield.



Complimentary breakfast is included with all hotel stays, so why not indulge in a wonderful breakfast with your loved ones as you relive memories from your special day.

FAQs

What are your room hire fees?

Unlike many other venues, we do not charge any room hire fees. Instead, a required minimum spend will be calculated based on date, time and space required. This minimum spend is made up entirely from any food, drinks and bar tab. It does not include spend on Hotel rooms.

How much of a deposit is required?

A minimum spend calculated on date requested, time and area will be calculated by the Events Manager following your initial meeting. 10% of this to be paid upfront to confirm the date of your choice. A payment schedule will then be agreed between yourselves and the Event Manager, and a contract drawn up to confirm this. Additional deposits can be made at any time if you would like to reduce your final balance.

How do I book my registrar?

All initial booking enquiries should be sent via register.office@reading.gov.uk. There will be a booking fee which is paid directly to the Ceremonies office, and after agreeing a date between the Council and our venue, final payment and details will be organised solely between yourselves and the registrar.

Can I use external suppliers?

We have some amazing, recommended suppliers however as a venue we do not object to you using external suppliers for your wedding day. We would require a copy of their public liability insurance for any Band or Disco and PAT testing certificate. Please note the Hotel does not take any responsibility for the loss or damage of any items brought into the Hotel. Your suppliers can gain access on the day from a time agreed with the Event Manager.

Can we bring in our own decorations and items?

You are responsible for any additional decorations or table dressing. The venue will provide basic table linen, cutlery, candles, crockery and napkins. We ask that items are delivered the day prior to your wedding and clearly labelled with your names and date of your wedding if possible.

When can I set up for the wedding?

We know how exciting it is to start setting up your wedding. However, the venue is only secured from the time agreed in your contract. You are welcome to have decorations delivered in advance but early access time will depend on bookings outside of your confirmed time, and may need to be confirmed closer to the date.

Is there a corkage fee?

No wines, spirits, food or beverage may be brought into the Hotel or grounds by or on behalf of yourselves.

What about food from external suppliers?

Wedding Cakes supplied by external suppliers are of course more than welcome, however no other food is permitted.

Can I use confetti or petals?

Confetti or Petals are permitted, as long as they are bio-degradable and preferably used in the outside areas.

Are dogs allowed in the hotel or at the wedding?

Dogs are not permitted in the hotel rooms, but are more than welcome in our bar, terrace or privately hired areas.

Is the venue accessible friendly?

We have clearly marked accessible parking and toilets.

Is the hotel accessible friendly?

There are no lifts to the hotel and the rooms can only be accessed by a staircase.





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