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Wedding Collection



Cadw is a Welsh word meaning 'to keep' or 'to protect'.

With your help, Cadw works to create a Wales where historic places are cared for, understood and shared by everyone. Cadw's ambition is to:

- Conserve Wales' heritage to the best possible standard
- Help sustain the distinctive character of Wales's landscapes
- Help people understand and care about their history and Wales' in the world
 - Make a real difference to people's wellbeing in Wales

By choosing a venue from the Cadw Wedding Collection, you are contributing to these goals. All income generated through events and weddings support Cadw initiatives, projects and conservation programmes.

Solution Solution





Castell Coch

Known as the fairy tale castle for its forest setting and three awe-inspiring towers and turrets, it is a vision from a story book.

Located only 5 miles from Cardiff, Castell Coch (Red Castle) is a stunning venue looking over the Welsh capital and surrounding countryside.

Created for the third marquess of Bute by William Burges in the 1800s, the castle combines sumptuous Gothic fantasy with high Victorian architecture and is the perfect romantic wedding venue.

> Castell Coch, Cardiff, CF15 7JS & 02920 810101 ☐ CastellCoch@gov.wales Capacity for Wedding Ceremony: 30

> > Image: The Drawing Room, Castell Coch

Civil ceremonies are held in the Drawing Room. A dazzling ceiling decoratively embossed with butterflies and finished with a cascade of hand painted stars and birds overlooks an opulent fireplace, statues of Greek goddesses and beautiful murals.



Plas Mawr

Described as the finest surviving Elizabethan townhouse in Britain.

Located in the heart of Conwy, is Plas Mawr (Great Hall). Built in the 16th century, this unspoilt townhouse dominates the cobbled streets and houses of Conwy.

This exquisite, ornate building with its noble proportions and design, reflect wealth and opulence fashionable in London at the time. Inside, you will find grand rooms, rich colour and elaborate decoration. This iconic building has been used as a home, school and court. Today, it serves as a fine example of historic architecture and a beautiful wedding venue.

> Plas Mawr Elizabethan Townhouse, High St, Conwy LL32 8DE & 01492 580167

> > Image: The Great Chamber, Plas Mawr

- The house, courtyards and garden, have been meticulously restored by Cadw and provide a stunning backdrop for photography.
- Ceremonies take place in the Great Chamber, which is adorned with geometrically patterned ceiling and walled panels. Colourful emblems and flowers, teamed with large windows bring light to this room. A striking fireplace stands in the middle of the room and is the focal point where couples can exchange vows in front of loved ones.

☑ PlasMawr@gov.wales Capacity for Wedding Ceremony: 40



Tretower Court and Castle

A restored 15th century medieval courtyard house overlooked by a prominent 12th century castle.

Magnificent timberwork survives here with classical-style windows dating back to the 1630s. The castle and beautifully recreated medieval garden inside the Court is nestled in the stunning Brecon Beacons National Park. It is the perfect setting for magical photographs that can be treasured forever.

Three areas are available for your wedding ceremony: the Great Hall on ground level, accessible via the cobbled courtyard and two rooms on the first-floor, accessible by staircase.

> Tretower Court, Crickhowell, NP8 1RD & 01874 730279 ☐ Tretowercourt@gov.wales Capacity for Wedding Ceremony: 40

> > Image: Tretower Court first floor venue

If you want to invite more guests, it is also possible for a marquee near the castle grounds with special permission.

Unique to this site is a quaint cottage which may be booked at an additional cost. The cottage has spectacular views over the venue and into the Black Mountains. Refurbished and luxuriously designed to create the perfect accommodation for your first night as a newlywed couple.



Hundreds of couples have chosen our magical sites to host their weddings and created wonderful memories for life...

"Our Wedding day was spectacular and we received so many compliments from our quests on the venue. The event was a success and I commend all the staff at Cadw for their hard work and positive approach to event planning. I found that the venue was good value for money. Being able to source your own suppliers is a great way of adding those personal touches to your day and ensuring you receive a bespoke wedding."

Lowri and David married at Caerphilly Castle.

"My dream had always been to get married in a castle in the forest, so when we learned that Castell Coch allowed weddings, we were delighted. We couldn't think of a better place to hold our wedding - a castle in such a beautiful setting that is steeped in history and lovingly restored. The custodians at the castle were wonderfully helpful in making our dreams for a unique and beautiful wedding become a reality, and give us memories we will treasure forever."

Victoria and Michael married at Castell Coch.

"From the moment we booked, the staff at Plas Mawr were wonderful, we discussed decorations and flowers for our day, which the staff wonderfully placed for us on the day. After the ceremony, we had a small champagne reception in the walled garden, which was lovely and gave us a fantastic opportunity for photographs... Overall, we had the most amazing day and really couldn't have asked for anything more, Plas Mawr and the staff were wonderful and we feel very lucky to have been married in this wonderful place hidden within the town walls of Conwy."

Chris and Gary married at Plasmawr.

"We knew we wanted something a little different for our wedding. We wanted a venue that was special to us and our guests, and Tretower Court gave us this. The staff were so friendly, flexible and supportive, so that we could make sure that we had the wedding we wanted - not just a template that someone else had developed. Our guests loved exploring the castle and grounds and interacting with the re-enactors. Everything was perfect."

Leah and Anthony married at Tretower.

Image: Tretower Castle

Making a booking

Bookings may be taken up to 13 months in advance of the desired date for all venues.

A dedicated team is available at each of the Cadw Wedding Collection venues to assist you in booking your dream venue.

We encourage you to view the venue before making an initial provisional booking. Once a booking has been made, a 50% non-refundable deposit is required to confirm the booking.

Visit the wedding pages of our website for more information and to complete an initial application form.

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