HAMPTON COURT HOUSE

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Built in 1757 by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Halifax, Hampton Court House was intended as an extravagant gift for his beautiful mistress, Anna-Maria Donaldson. The Earl, a lovable cad if ever there was one, met Anna-Marie while she was singing at London's Marylebone Gardens. Rumour has it that the Earl was so impressed by her, he reportedly 'fainted with ecstasy'.

The house was designed by the renowned architect of the time Thomas Wright, who was also responsible for a number of other very special period features, such as the heart shaped lake and the exquisitely decorated shell grotto. The grotto served as a summerhouse, which was the venue of many moonlit parties. Today the grotto is a rare blend of two upper class obsessions of the time; Rococo garden design and shell collecting.

Anna-Maria left Hampton Court House following the Earl's death in 1771. Since then it has been the home to numerous distinguished, and not so distinguished, owners, including the 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Sandwich. Best remembered as a compulsive gambler and inventor of the sandwich, the Earl would save having to leave the card table to take a meal, by calling for a piece of beef to be brought over to him, between two slices of bread.

Within easy reach from the centre of London, whether by car, train, helicopter or boat, today Hampton Court House and its grounds is as spectacular as ever, making it the perfect choice for both private and corporate functions.



# A Brief History of HAMPTON COURT HOUSE





Overlooking one of London's most secluded Royal Parks, Hampton Court House is a stunning Georgian mansion set within nine acres of enchanting 18<sup>th</sup> Century gardens. With unique architectural features and superbly well-maintained rooms, this is the perfect venue for civil ceremonies, wedding receptions and both private and corporate functions.

Hampton Court House was once described as 'an elegant and recherché mansion, suitable for a wealthy merchant Prince'. Today the house boasts a stunning main hall, conservatory, theatre, dining room and a plethora of exquisitely decorated private rooms.



#### Unforgettable Events at Hampton Court House

#### The House















The landscaped sunken gardens were designed by the famous astronomer Thomas Wright. Providing a wonderfully private and romantic environment, the gardens contain several magnificent features, including a winter garden with palm trees, a heart shaped lake and an enchanting shell lined grotto.





## The Shell Grotto & Gardens





Hampton Court House have a carefully selected list of vetted caterers offering a variety of cuisines to cater for any occasion; from a 3-course dinner for 150 in the dining room to a relaxed summer BBQ in the beautiful gardens.

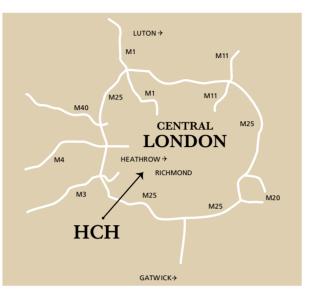
Hampton Court House is the ideal venue for intimate dinners, large, lavish parties and corporate events of any size. We also hold a licence for civil ceremonies for up to 150 people. The dining room can seat 150 people and the conservatory can seat up to 70 people.



### Catering

## Capacity







#### Location

Hampton Court House is 7 miles from Heathrow and 15 miles from the centre of London. The nearest station is Hampton Court which has direct trains from London Waterloo. The house also has plenty of parking and a helipad.

Hampton Court House has an approved premises licence to hold public events.

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