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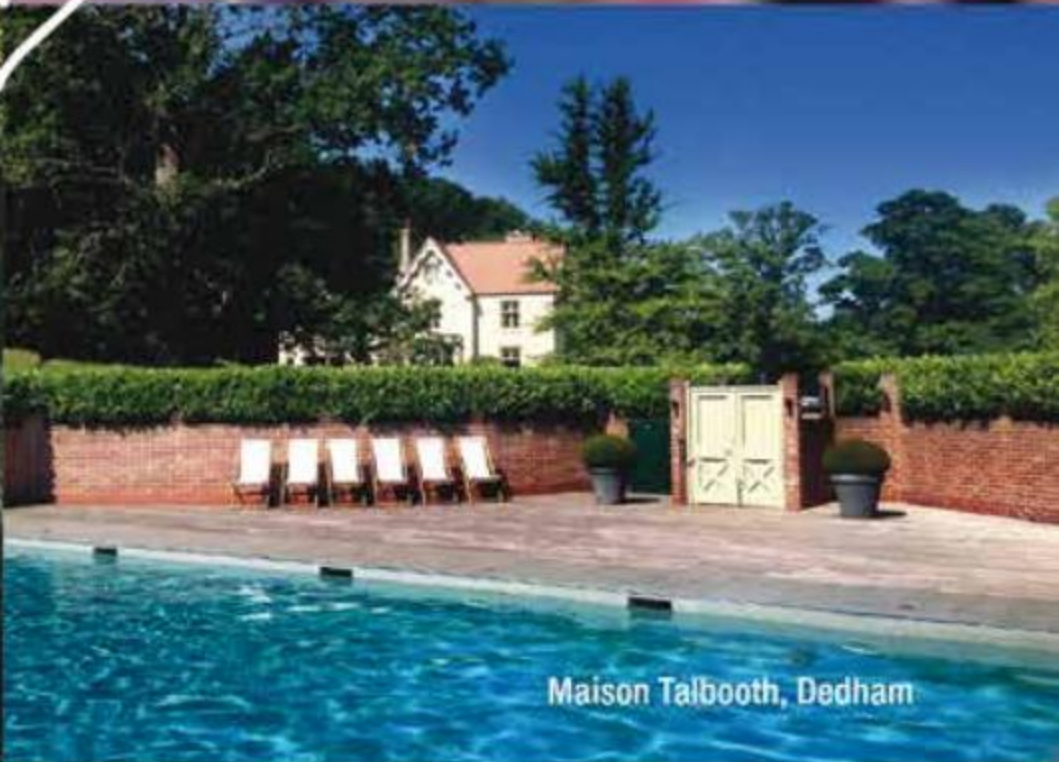
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# Your Wedding Dress Shape

How to pick the perfect dress.

## TOP TIP

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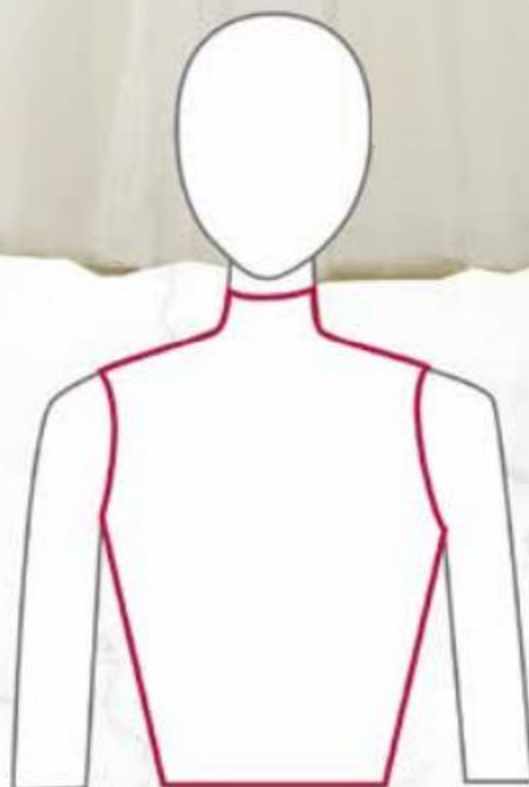
A lovely style for those with a small bust and boyish figures. This is also great for petites.

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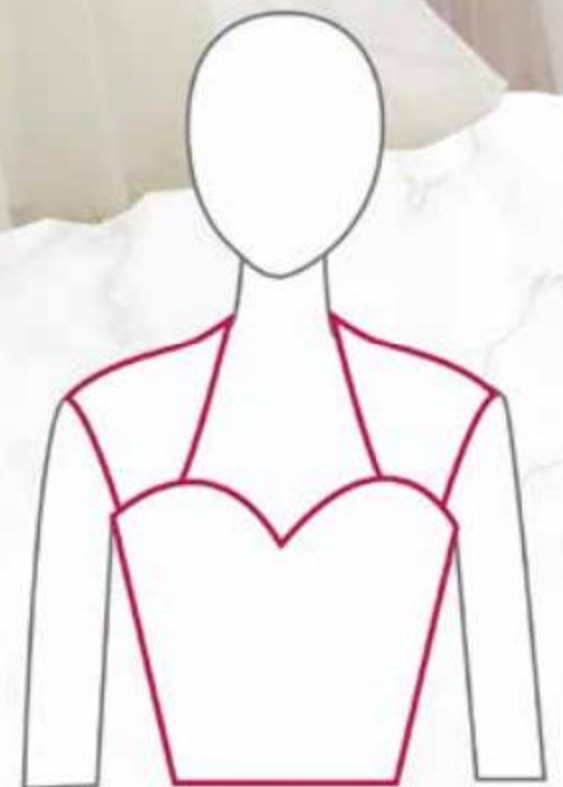
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# Flawless Fake Tan

## Seven steps to fake tanning before your big day

The hair and beauty whizzes at Hairtrade.com have shared their top tips to getting the perfect bronzed look for your wedding without risking the possibility of ending up Tango-ed.

### 1 Hair removal

Whether you're shaving, waxing or using a removal cream this should be done at least 24 hours prior to tanning, to prevent the fake tan is sticking into the pores and hair follicles, creating unattractive dark dots across your skin.

### 2 Exfoliate

This is the most imperative step to flawless fake tan that many beginners tend to skip over, but if you don't exfoliate you'll likely be left with patchy, uneven tan that's hard to wash off.

### 3 Moisturise

Apply a good body moisturiser to all the dry areas of your body such as knees and elbow and let it sink in at least 30 minutes before applying your tan.

### 4 Use a tanning mitt

You should use a good quality tanning mitt to avoid nasty smears and patchiness in your tan, and those unsightly orange palms!

### 5 Don't rush

If you're using a gradual tanner, it's best to apply tan in the evening and let it develop overnight (most tans need at least 4-6 hours). also make sure that your fake tan is fully dry before dressing. You can also try brushing a light layer of talc-free baby powder all over to stop the tanner from transferring on to your clothes.

### 6 Technique

For fool-proof application, it's best to start from the bottom up and apply methodically so you don't miss any patches. Apply to your skin using light, sweeping, vertical movements and follow this technique with gentle circular motions to work the tan fully into the skin.

### 7 Maintain

Once you're looking bronzed and beautiful, you're going to want to keep it long-lasting and when it does start to fade, you'll want it to fade evenly. The best way to do this is to keep gently exfoliating and moisturising every 1 or 2 days. If, along the way, blotches do appear, try rubbing half a lemon on the problem area for a couple of minutes, before lightly buffing with a damp towel.

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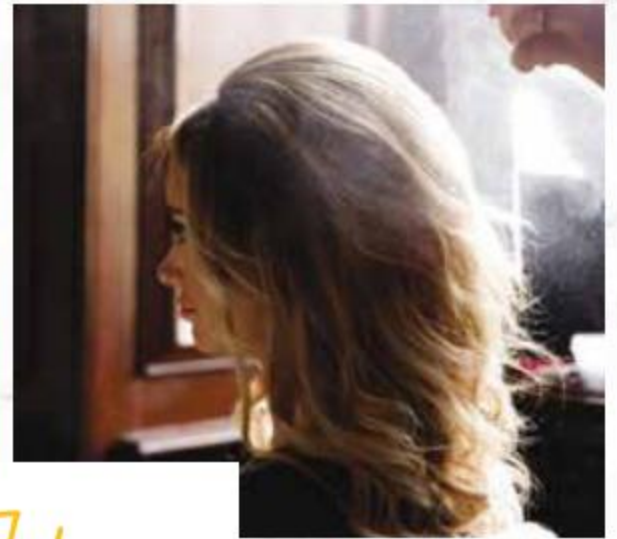
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# Wedding News

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Sunday 7th October	Old Thorns Manor Hotel, Liphook
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Sunday 24th February	Audleys Wood Hotel, Basingstoke

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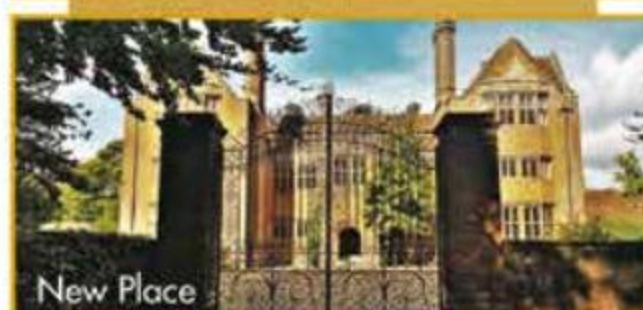
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# Top Tips

## How to save money when planning a wedding

Your wedding will undoubtedly be one of the most special days of your life, but unfortunately it may also be one of the most expensive. Last year, Brides Magazine reported that the average budget for a wedding is over £30,000, which is only slightly less than the average house deposit. With this in mind, short-term loan provider Wonga have compiled a list of tips and tricks to help keep the costs down when planning your big day.

While some wedding costs are well-known, there are many hidden expenses which engaged couples may not factor into their budgets. For information and advice on how to avoid such fees, visit:

[www.wonga.com/cashsmart/articles/image-articles/hidden-wedding-costs/](http://www.wonga.com/cashsmart/articles/image-articles/hidden-wedding-costs/)

### Weekend woes

While weddings traditionally take place on Saturdays, tying the knot on a weekday (or even a Sunday) can save you thousands. Venues often offer discounts for non-Saturday events so break the mould, not the bank!

### Supermarket saviours

Don't be afraid to buy wedding day accessories from your local supermarket. Things like flowers and cakes can all be modified to add a personal touch and by avoiding the big-name brands, you can really keep the costs down. Why not make your own tiered cake by simply buying smaller ones and stacking them up?

### Creative cuisine

Catering was second only to honeymoons on Brides Magazine's list of wedding expenses, with the lucky couple spending an average of nearly £4,000 on food and drink. Choosing an unconventional dining option can save you a huge chunk of money, with pizza vans, fish and chips and hog roasts just some of the far cheaper and quirkier alternatives.

### Pipped by the post

With the cost of sending a large letter now 98p, just sending out the invitations in the traditional way could add a hefty £100 to your budget. Consider creating a gorgeous invite online instead which can be emailed out for nothing. Alternatively, consider making your own invitations instead of buying professionally made cards. This will save you money while also adding a personal touch.

### Helping hands

If someone offers to help out with some part of the wedding, don't be shy in accepting! Your guests may be able to fill traditionally expensive wedding day roles, such as the DJ or music act. You could even ask for friends and family to contribute to the event in some way instead of bringing gifts, e.g. baking a cake or doing your hair and makeup. You'll save money and allow your guests to feel really involved in your special day.

# Wedding Shows and Fairs

Wedding Shows & Fairs are the perfect place to start planning your big day. From your wedding stationery to your venue and of course your dress you will find lots to inspire you. We have listed below this seasons must see wedding fairs and shows. For more details on individual shows please visit the organiser's website, where they will have times and entry fees to all the shows.



Winning 'Best Wedding Fayre Organisers UK 2018', PMN Wedding Fayres are also approaching their 10th Anniversary this July; visit one of their many fayres across Hampshire, Surrey & Sussex – held at unique, established & prestigious wedding venues, for ideas & inspiration for your Special Day. With a vast selection of wedding services and business showcasing, \*fashion shows, also pick up one of their Deluxe Tote Bridal Bags worth over £10 each! (\*at specific fayres)

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# Countdown to your Big Day

12 - 18 MONTHS TO GO

First things first,  
set the date.

This might need to be flexible if you  
have your heart set on a venue or  
overseas wedding.

The Date



Book your Church  
or Registrar.

NOTES:

The Venue



Work out your guest list.

Be prepared for this to take a while!

No of guests: .....

The Budget



## TOP TIP

Have 2 lists, 1 with everyone  
on & 1 with just family & close  
friends. Once your budget &  
venue is set, start with 1 list and  
either add or take away to fit.

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Set your budget & allow  
a small amount for  
contingency.

Try to be as realistic as possible & if the  
budget is tight just pick what's important  
to you. With the budget in mind, take  
out wedding insurance.

## 9 - 12 MONTHS TO GO

Now that the planning is well under way, it's time to start booking some of the essentials.

The Photographer



Decide on your entertainment.

You might be looking at having a DJ for the evening, but what to have during the day? Now's the time to decide and start booking it in.



DAY:

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EVENING:

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The Cake Artist



Book hotel rooms at your venue for your wedding party if needed.

Find & send out your Save The Date cards

The Florist



Book your honeymoon



The best bit begins...  
...looking for your wedding dress, bridesmaids & flower girl dresses

The Videographer



### TOP TIP

It's important to meet your photographer before you book, it's not just about their style but knowing that you like them and feel comfortable with them as this will ensure relaxed and beautiful photographs.

6 - 9 MONTHS TO GO

Plan your perfect honeymoon

Visit & book your caterer

Choose your hairstylist & makeup artist

MY TOP 5 DESTINATIONS:

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Choose your gift list



Choose your wedding rings

Check your passports are in date

Send out your invitations

Send them to your wedding party, relatives and definite guests.



Book your wedding transport.

There's more to planning your transport than you might think. You'll need to work out timings and allow for traffic & do you want to transport all your guests as well?.

BUDGET:

.....  
MY IDEAL TRANSPORT:  
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TOP TIP

If your budget won't stretch to the perfect honeymoon & you already have the usual wedding gifts: toaster/kettle etc, why not opt for a honeymoon gift list ?

Buy your shoes, underwear & accessories.



## 3 - 6 MONTHS TO GO

Go for your 2nd dress fitting.



Start writing your vows



Finalise your honeymoon



Choose your Groomswear.

Consult with each other about colours and themes, to guide you on the shirts, ties/cravats & socks!

Choose readings, poems & hymns



Agree order of service



Book your florist



Choose your music



Start planning those hen & stag parties.  
This really should be the job of your best man and maid of honour...

## 3 MONTHS TO GO

- Finalise your guest list
- Sort out your seating plan
- Buy gifts for your bridesmaids, best man etc

Sort out who's doing what and plan your day.

Write your speeches  
& thank yous

### TOP TIP

Now is the time to start with facials and testing different make-up - you don't want any nasty reactions on the day!



Meet with your photographer to finalise everything for the day.

## 1 MONTH TO GO

Reconfirm everything you have booked so far & that everything has been paid for

Go for your final wedding dress fitting



Contact anyone who hasn't responded to your invite

## 1 WEEK TO GO

It's time to pack for your honeymoon if it's straight after your wedding



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Collect your dress & groomswear



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# Photography Guide

## Traditional or Classic

These are staged, formal images where sections of the Bridal party are asked to pose for specific photographs



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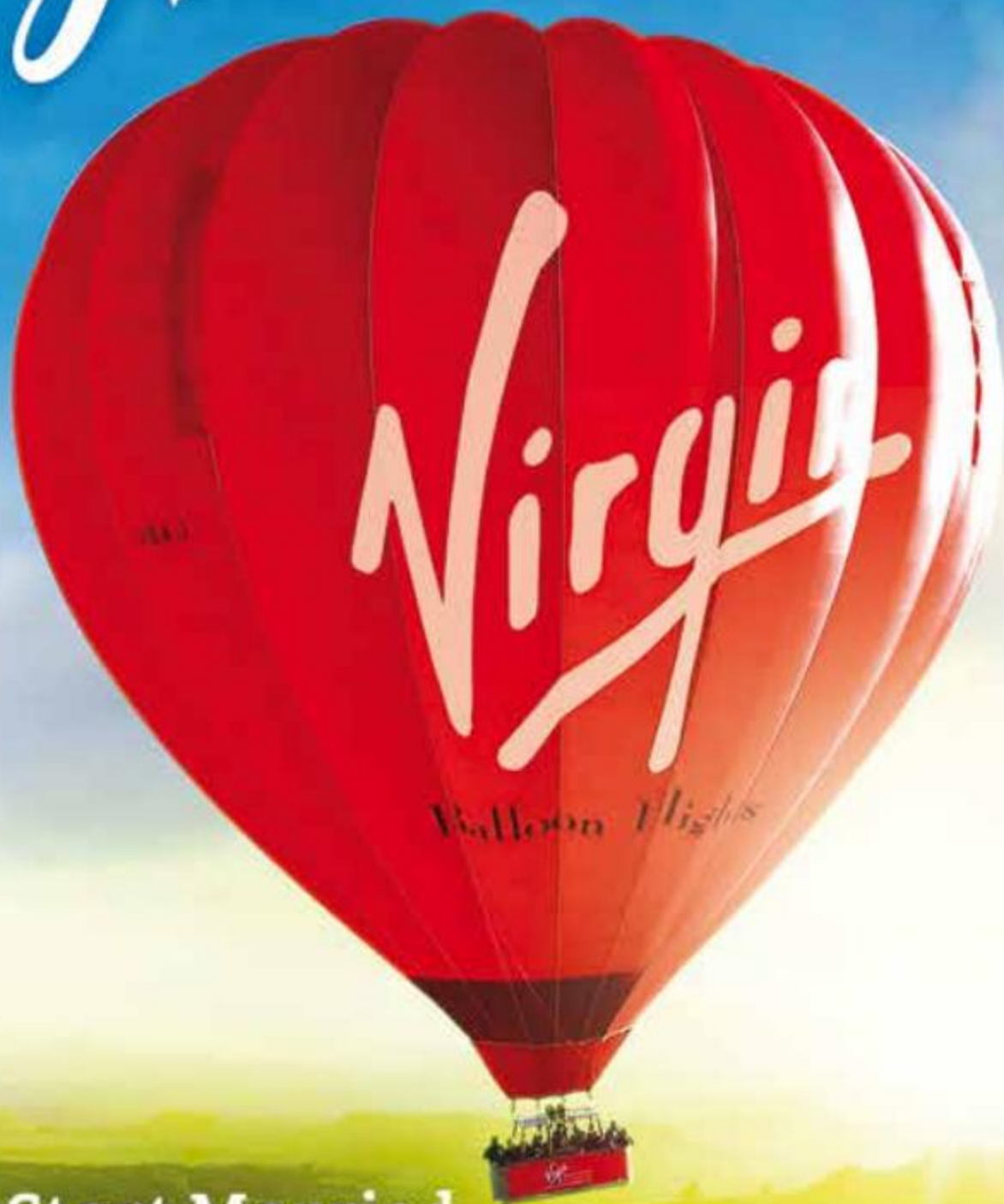
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# Top Tips

## 5 Stress Busting Wedding Tips

Former wedding planner Stephanie Varda [www.svardalifecoach.com](http://www.svardalifecoach.com) is now a life coach specialising in stress management and bridal coaching and shares her top 5 stress busting wedding tips.

**"We all know by now that weddings, whilst wonderful occasions, are also extremely stressful. Having worked in the wedding industry I've seen it all, but brides can still be surprised by just how overwhelmed by planning a wedding they can get."**

### 1 Ditch the Dull and Grow the Glow

Often brides get caught up in the little details of their wedding and forget the things that really matter. The most important thing is approaching your wedding in the right frame of mind. Ditch the Dull and Grow the Glow is a saying that you can use to remind yourself that your emotional readiness outweighs things like the colour of the favours. Set aside time to reflect on your current thoughts and feelings, how ready are you feeling to get married? When we deal with the bigger emotional issues, we are less likely to stress over the little things.

### 2 Work out your non-negotiables

The non-negotiables are the elements that you feel to be essential for your wedding day. Perhaps it's having close family around you or maybe you've always dreamt of a particular venue. Often though, our true non-negotiables aren't quite as simple as we might imagine, which can lead to discontent after the big day. It's always advisable to undertake some self-discovery so you have a strong understanding of who you really are, and what matters. This time taken at the outset can save oodles of stress later on.

### 3 From Dreaming to Gleaming

Whether your wedding is going to be a lavish affair or something more intimate, it is useful to work on a vision for your big day. Pinterest away to your hearts content and in doing so you will create a vision that aligns to your values and your non-negotiables for the day. The great thing is that you can then share this vision with those that are involved in the wedding planning process, whilst clearly explaining your reasoning. Having this confidence and belief in your vision can reduce stress related to disagreements over wedding planning. Everyone is on the same page, and you can go from Dreaming to Gleaming!

### 4 Creating the Confidence

Stress before the big day can often be related to fear. Not only are you about to embark on a whole new chapter of your life, but there may be fears around the day itself- after all this is the one day in your life when all eyes will be on you! And when your confidence and self-esteem aren't as high as they could be, you can end up feeling really stressed. Take this time to bolster your confidence, as it will not only help you on your wedding day but in your future life too.

### 5 The Happy Ever After

Planning a wedding is a huge life event and it's also a huge learning experience. When the wedding is all over, take time to reflect on what you learnt about yourself and your reactions to potentially stressful situations. If you've used the process as an opportunity to develop your understanding of yourself, you can build on this and maintain that inner sparkle.

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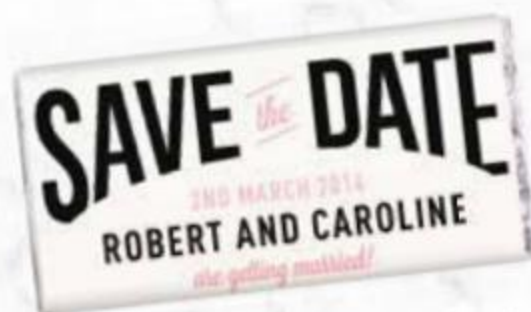
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# Venues Guide



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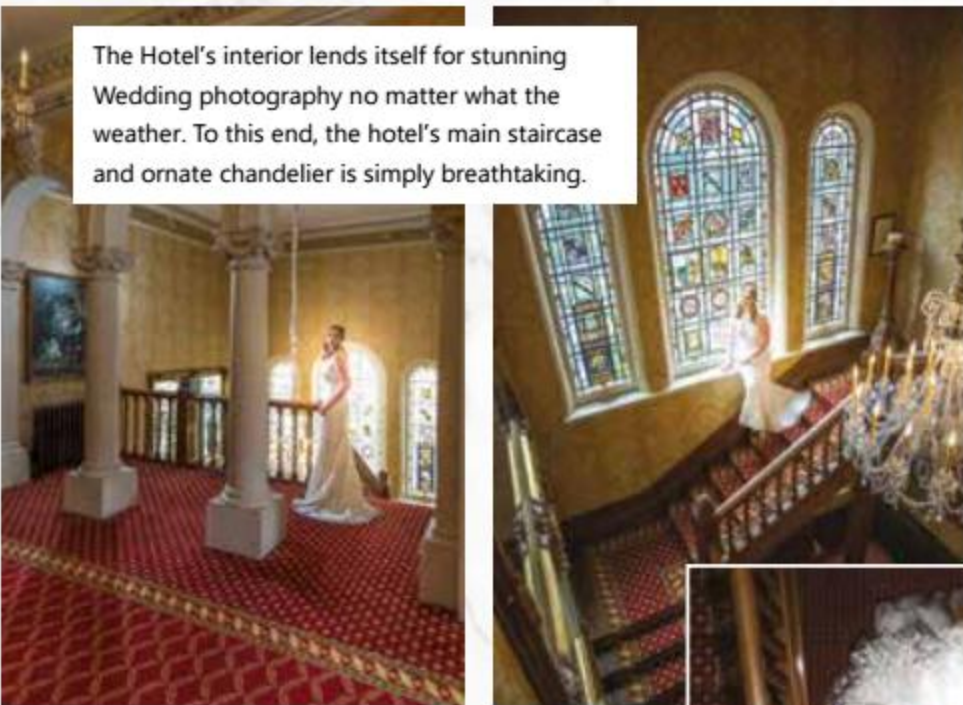


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The Beautiful Marlow 4 Poster bedroom is perfect for the Brides Wedding Preparations and is also one of the hotel's favourite bedrooms.



The Hotel's interior lends itself for stunning Wedding photography no matter what the weather. To this end, the hotel's main staircase and ornate chandelier is simply breathtaking.



The Blake Room is the perfect place for a drinks reception.

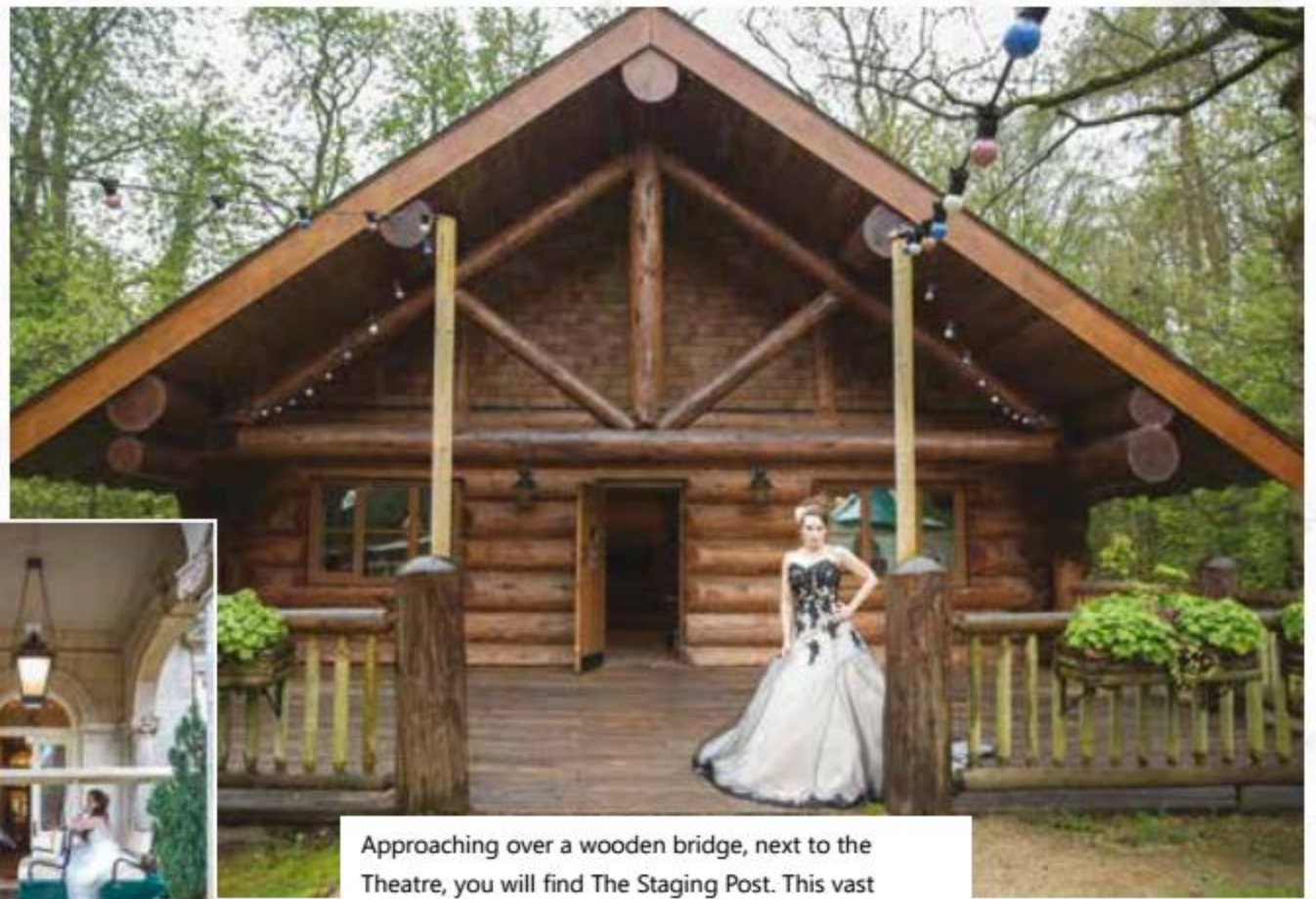


You can't help but feel special in the Shakespeare Room. With its sumptuously ornate decor, The Shakespeare Room brings intimacy and grandeur to a wedding ceremony and wedding breakfast.



The Victorian Orangery is an awe-inspiring wedding venue. With glorious rural views and a vibrant natural light, the Orangery will cast its magical spell over your wedding ceremony and reception.





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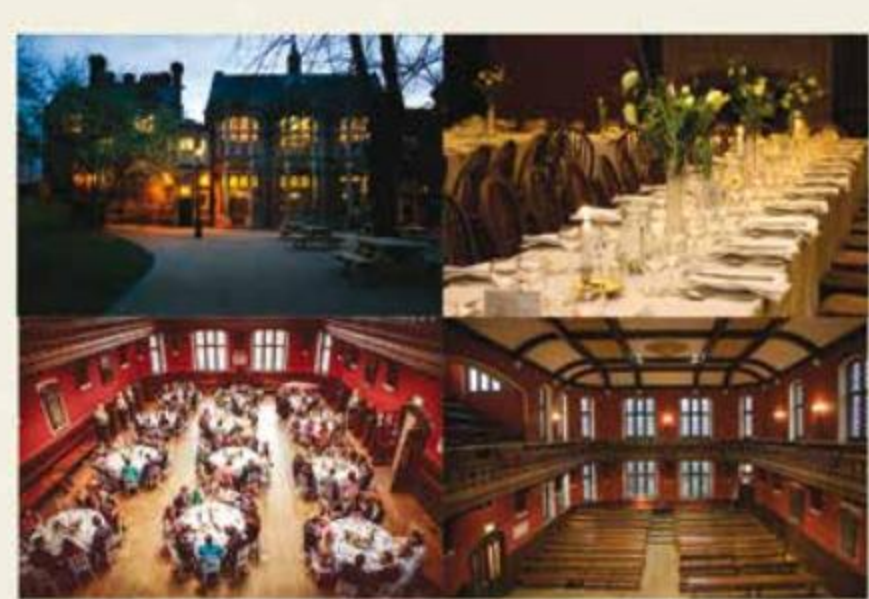


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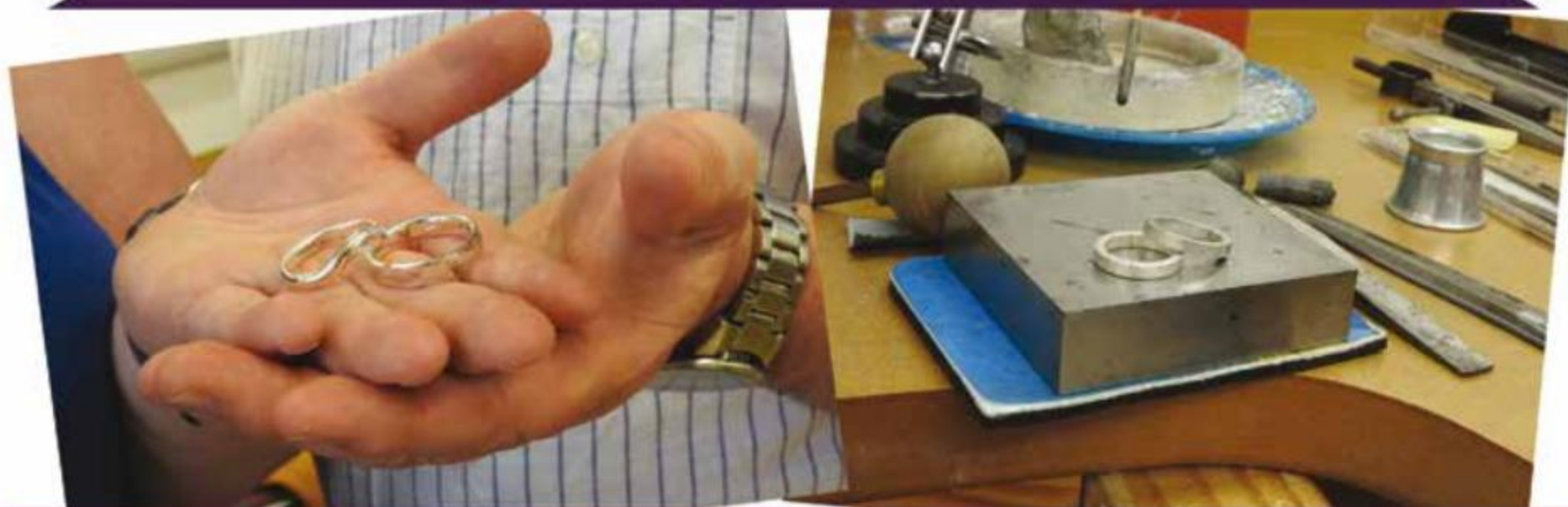


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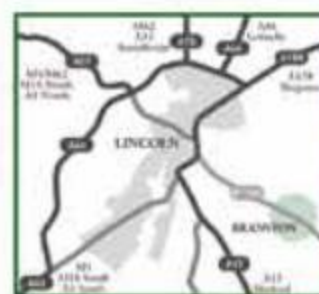


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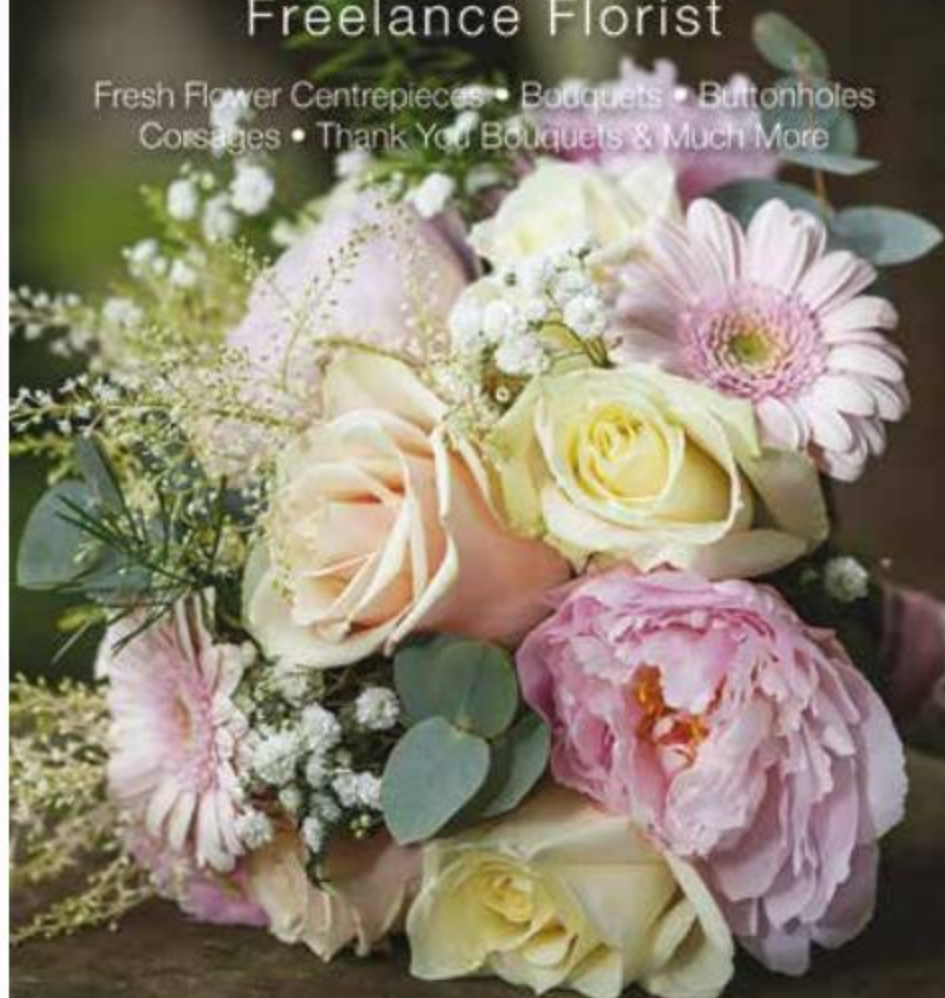
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[www.headlamhall.co.uk](http://www.headlamhall.co.uk) | *Darlington*



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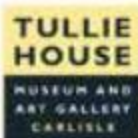
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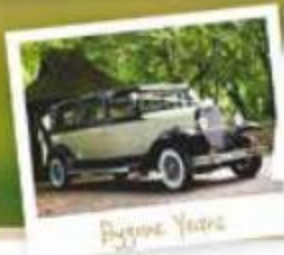
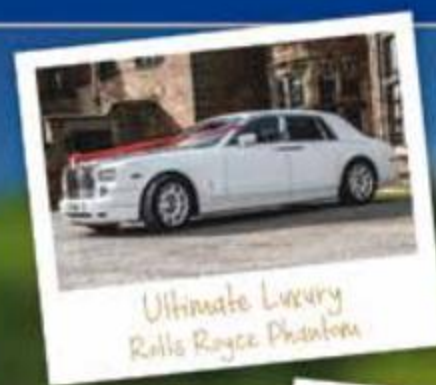


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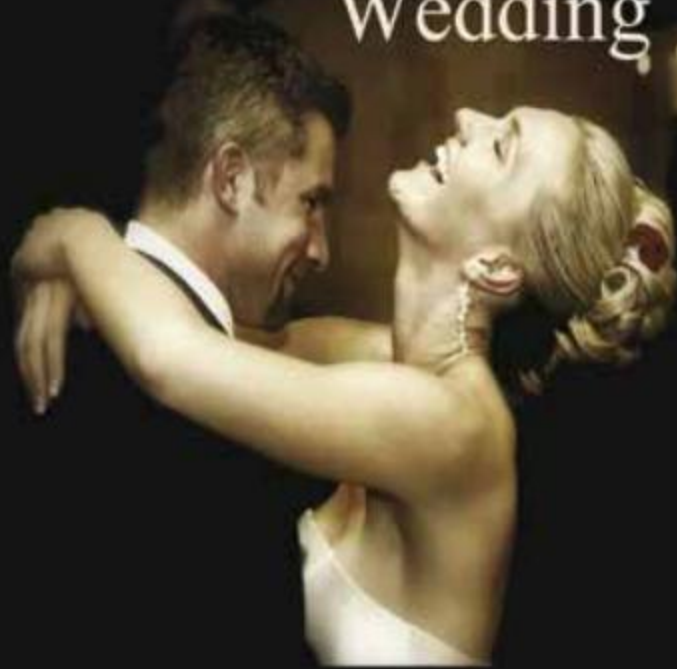
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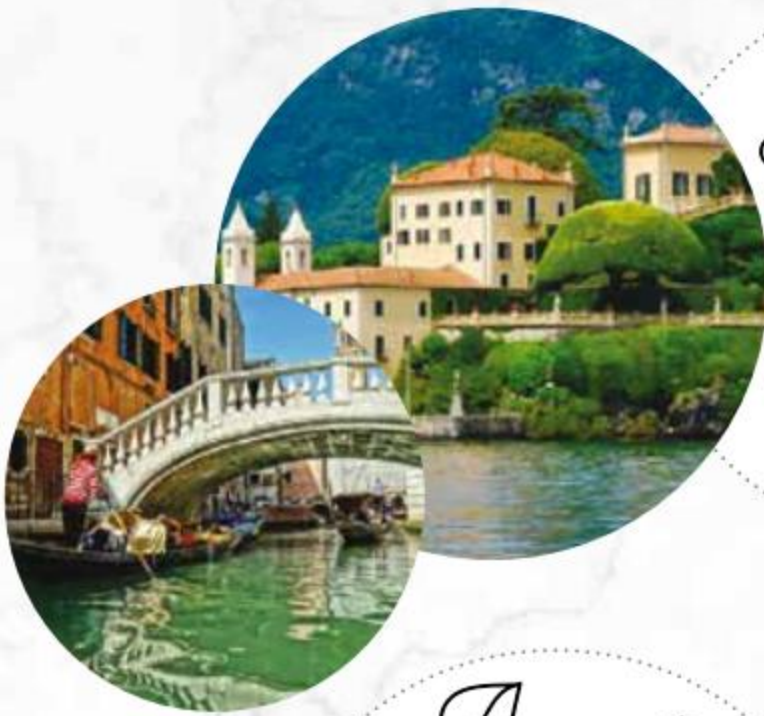
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We collaborated with some of London's high end Lux designers using eco sustainable materials and used different dresses and tom boy looks for same sex couples, interracial couples and your classic beach boho look.



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This photoshoot was something I've been wanting to capture for so long, integrating subjects that were passionate to me, like the ability to elope and not worry about the confinements of what is expected in the wedding industry for a bride and groom now, how simple yet utterly romantic this idea of eloping could be and is for so many. This is what drove me to want to showcase how a marriage can be just about you two. I also learned that elopement was really popular for many interracial & same sex couples but I'd never really seen much of it in the wedding industry, so I wanted to highlight this too. Lastly, wearing something on that special day that didn't make you wonder how it was made and at what cost to people, animals and the planet. Was it possible to wear something luxurious and beautiful yet still be sustainable and organic?

Then Emma told me about a wonderful new venue that she had found that was Eco, and everything fell into place beautifully - especially as by this point, I had discovered some exceptional women wedding designers who were championing sustainable, organic, luxurious wedding dresses, accessory designers who made things ethically by hand or up cycled, and also designers who catered for us tomboys who love beautifully tailored pieces and simplicity rather than tulle and sequins or lace. I hope you like the photos as much as we enjoyed taking them.

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# Sri Lanka

## Wildlife Lovers



With wondrous national parks, exotic rainforests and shimmering oceans, Sri Lanka is home to a wealth of wildlife. There are 5,800 Asian elephants roaming freely in national parks like Minneriya, Kaudulla, Wilpattu, Yala and Udawalawa. In addition to these iconic gentle giants, Sri Lanka has the largest concentration of leopards in the world, visit Wilpattu National Park to catch a glimpse of the elusive big cat. Delve deeper in to the heart of the island by visiting its lowland rainforests to see

a swarm of rare amphibians alongside primates like the rare red slender Loris and the Purple-faced Langur. Be sure to avert your eyes to the skies to see an array of exotic birdlife, including species unique to the island, the Sri Lanka Junglefowl and Crimson-fronted Barbet. And if that's not enough, the gleaming oceans surrounding Mirissa and Kalpitiya are frequently visited by some of your favourite marine mammals; blue whales, sperm whales and dolphins!

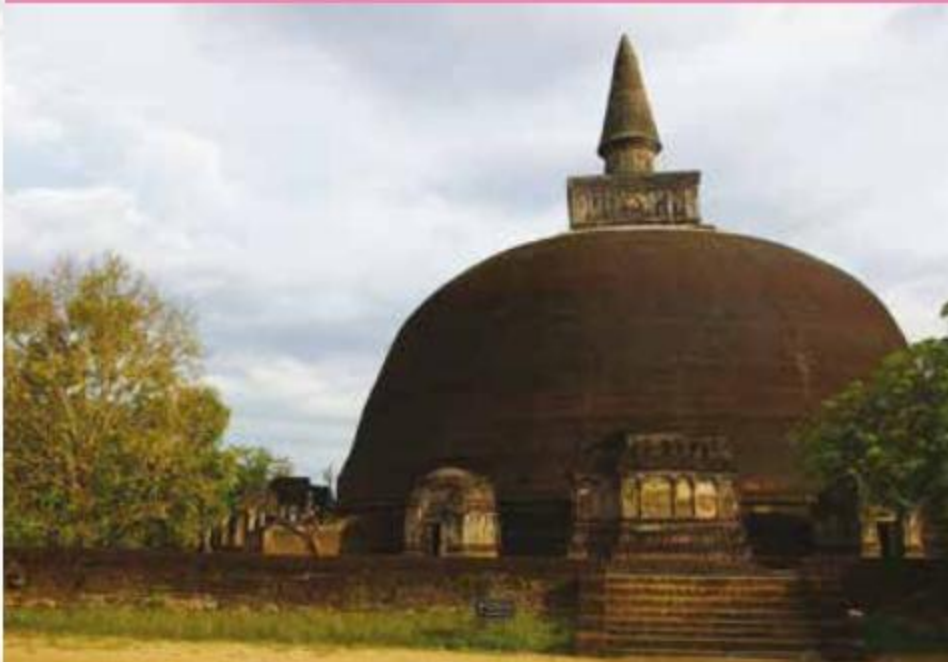
## Dreamy Beaches

If you long for deserted stretches of golden paradise or adrenaline fuelled water-sports in turquoise waters, Sri Lanka can make your dreams come true. With its prime island location, there is an abundance of magnificent coastlines just waiting to be explored. For beach lovers, take a quick trip to the small beach town of Negombo to enjoy castaway style coasts and if you

are searching for the ocean, the crystal clear calm waters of Trincomalee's palm fringed beaches are ideal for swimming. But for the most immersive beach experience of all, spend your nights living the life of Riley in a delightful wooden cabana on the paradise coastline of Tangalle, where you can enjoy spectacular views of the sparkling Indian ocean.



## Culture



Sri Lankan cities are just as picturesque as its landscapes and a must visit for travellers. To start, head to metropolis Colombo, a city with a history of changing heritage. The capital will charm you with its distinct architectural design from colonial buildings to shopping malls.

For a place of beauty, then Kandy is arguably the 'Creme De La Creme'. Situated on an elevated tableland and surrounded by jungle-clad mountains, be sure to explore its extensive botanical gardens, vibrant markets and the sacred Buddhist site 'Temple of Tooth'. With a captivating and at times turbulent history, Sri Lanka is a country of unique

and diverse culture. The country's cuisine and music has been monumentally influenced by Southern India, and Sri Lanka's colonial history is evidenced in such recreational activities as tea drinking and cricket.

Sri Lanka currently has one of the oldest living Buddhist traditions in the world, with about 70% of the islanders practicing Theravada Buddhism and over 15,000 monks devoting their lives to serving and preaching the Buddha's teachings.

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