

WEDDINGS
AT
HOLIDAY INN
COLCHESTER



CONGRATULATIONS



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT!

We're beyond excited that you're considering us to host your big day. Our team are absolutely ready to make your celebration as unique as your love story—from that first walk-through to your final dance move (no judgement on your dancing, promise).

Picture this: a stunning hotel set in its own beautiful grounds on the outskirts of Colchester, with spacious function suites designed to make your wedding dreams a reality. We're all about making things seamless, without causing a budget-induced fainting spell, which means we'll help you find a package that's perfect for you, full of style and good vibes.

To make your celebration even more special, your guests can enjoy exclusive discounts on their stay. They'll appreciate the convenient parking, our cosy bedrooms, our on-site gym and swimming pool (you know, if they're into that), and our welcoming restaurant, perfect for raising a glass to you throughout the weekend.

Ready to start planning the wedding everyone will be talking about? You bring your love, we'll bring the magic.

CONTACT US, AND LET'S MAKE YOUR DREAM DAY HAPPEN!

OUR VENUE

Ready to say “I do” surrounded by serene green spaces in the heart of Essex, where modern elegance meets timeless charm?

Holiday Inn Colchester is your one-stop shop for your wedding. Whether you’re planning a cosy gathering or a big blowout, our flexible spaces are here to make your day feel like the event of the year (because it is).



CASTLE ABBEYGATE SUITE

For a cosy, intimate reception, the Castle Abbeygate Suite is a total gem! Conveniently located on the ground floor, this fabulous space features patio doors that open onto a grassy area—perfect for making the most of sunny days. With plenty of natural daylight, it’s a dream for photographers to capture those picture-perfect moments.

MAXIMUM CAPACITIES

Ceremony	60
Evening reception	50



PRIORY HELENA SUITE

Located on the ground floor, it’s flooded with natural daylight and can be partitioned for smaller weddings and ceremonies, making it super flexible for your big day. Plus, with the option of a private bar and dance floor, it’s ready to keep the celebrations going well into the night!

MAXIMUM CAPACITIES

Ceremony	100
Wedding breakfast	100
Evening reception	150

OUTDOOR WEDDINGS

Our venue offers an amazing outdoor setting for those looking to create their dream wedding in a magical Tipi or Marquee from our nominated supplier. The hotels surroundings also make the perfect backdrop for those cherished photos.

Being located on the grounds of the hotel also means you and your guests can celebrate the night away and book an overnight stay where you can enjoy a freshly cooked English breakfast the following day.



CEREMONIES

KEEPING IT CIVIL

Weddings are all about bringing your favourite people together, from saying “I do” to dancing the night away. That’s why we’ve made sure our hotel is fully licensed for Civil Weddings and Civil Partnership ceremonies—so you can celebrate every unforgettable moment all in one perfect spot.

Inclusivity? It’s not just a word to us; it’s our heartbeat. We’re an LGBTQIA+ friendly space where every love story is celebrated and every couple can create their best memories. So, whatever your love looks like, we’re here for it, ready to make your big day legendary.

It is the responsibility of the couple to book the registrar for your wedding, the hotel cannot book this for you. All fees due to the registrar are separate to any fees for hire of our ceremony room.

Not all registrars will allow you to book more than 12 months in advance, if you are booking further in advance ensure you book your registrar as soon as their booking window opens.

When you meet with the registrar, you’ll need to take proof of your name, age, nationality and address, plus additional documentation if you have been divorced or widowed.

In most cases, for a civil ceremony you also need to give at least 28 days’ notice of your marriage. You do this by attending the district register office that is local to where you live, in person, even if it is different to the district in which you will get married. To give notice, you must have lived in the district for at least the past seven days.

COLCHESTER REGISTER OFFICE

Colchester Library,
21 Trinity Square,
Colchester
CO1 1JB

CIVIL CEREMONY ROOM HIRE
£400



SIGNATURE

40 DAY AND 70 EVENING GUESTS

2026 - £5,750.00
 2027 - £5,850.00
 2028 - £5,950.00

ADDITIONAL GUESTS

Day adults £85.00
 Day children (aged 3-12 years) £39.00
 Evening adults £29.00
 Evening children (aged 3-12 years) £15.00



CLASSIC

40 DAY AND 70 EVENING GUESTS

2026 - £3,850.00
 2027 - £3,950.00
 2028 - £4,050.00

ADDITIONAL GUESTS

Day adults £50.00
 Day children (aged 3-12 years) £25.00
 Evening adults £20.00
 Evening children (aged 3-12 years) £10.00

- Room hire for wedding breakfast and evening reception
- Dedicated wedding planning team to help you every step of the way
- Event host on the day
- Welcome drink of Prosecco for your day guests
- Glass of house wine per person served with the wedding breakfast
- Two-course set wedding breakfast followed by tea and coffee
- Toast drink of Prosecco for your day guests
- Six-item evening buffet
- Resident DJ and dance floor
- White chair covers and coloured sashes
- White table linen and napkins
- Use of hotel cake stand and knife
- Menu tasting for the wedding couple
- Red carpet arrival
- Complimentary wedding night accommodation for the newly married couple
- Discounted accommodation for your wedding guests



- Room hire for ceremony, wedding breakfast, and evening reception
- Dedicated wedding planning team to help you every step of the way
- Event host on the day
- Welcome drink of a signature cocktail (including non-alcoholic mocktails) and bottled beers for your day guests
- Selection of three canapés on arrival
- Half a bottle of wine for each guest
- Three-course, three choice wedding breakfast followed by tea, coffee, and petits fours
- Toast drink of Prosecco for your day guests
- Ten-item evening buffet
- Resident DJ and dance floor
- White table linen and napkins
- Chair covers and sashes
- Use of hotel cake stand and knife
- Menu tasting for the wedding couple
- Red carpet arrival
- Complimentary wedding night accommodation for the newly married couple
- One bedroom for the night before the wedding
- Discounted accommodation for your wedding guests



TWILIGHT

50 ADULT GUESTS

2026 - £2,550.00

2027 - £2,650.00

2028 - £2,750.00

ADDITIONAL GUESTS

Evening adults £32.00

Evening children (aged 3-12 years) £16.00

- Room hire for evening reception
- Dedicated wedding planning team to help you every step of the way
- Event host on the day
- Welcome drink of Prosecco
- Selection of three canapés
- Eight-item finger buffet
- Resident DJ and dance floor
- White table linen and napkins
- Use of hotel cake stand and knife
- Red carpet arrival
- Complimentary wedding night accommodation for the newly married couple
- Discounted accommodation for your wedding guests



MULTICULTURAL SELF-CATERED WEDDINGS

Planning a wedding that honours your cultural traditions? We've got you covered! Our venue is all about flexibility, giving you the freedom to celebrate your special day just the way you want—including self-catering options that keep your traditions and tastes front and centre.

With spacious event areas perfect for Sikh, Hindu, Muslim, Jewish, Caribbean, and other diverse celebrations, we're ready to host whatever your heart (and culture) desires. And let's be real, authentic cuisine is a must—so feel free to bring in your own specialised caterers. Need a little help? We've got a trusted list of caterers to guide you through your celebration and provide a variety of cuisines to your desired taste.

Check out our tailored self-catering package or let's chat about your unique vision. We're here to help you create a wedding experience that's all about your heritage, your traditions and your day.

From £1,400.00

- Function room hire from 09:00 – Midnight on the day of the wedding
- Tables and chairs
- Event host on the day
- Event coordinator throughout your planning journey
- One complimentary bedroom
- White linen and napkins
- Dance floor
- Red carpet
- Soft drink corkage
- Discounted accommodation for your wedding guests



BESPOKE WEDDINGS

While our packages are designed to make planning a breeze, we're all about creating something totally bespoke if that's what you're dreaming of. With our "Bespoke Weddings" tool, you can customise every detail to build the perfect package that's all you.

Whether it's an intimate afternoon tea, a chilled BBQ vibe, or a lavish, formal celebration, we're ready to make it happen. Minimum spends apply, but don't worry—we'll share all the details once you've picked your date and started crafting your dream day. Let's make magic together!



DRINKS

Choose drinks for arrival, wedding breakfast and toast from the selection below:

Glass of gin and tonic
£8.00

Bottle of Corona
£5.00

Glass of seasonal cocktail
£10.00

Bottle of Budweiser
£5.00

Glass of Pimm's No.1 and lemonade
£8.00

Glass of house white wine (175ml)
£6.95

Glass of Buck's Fizz
£6.25

Glass of house red wine (175ml)
£7.75

Glass of Prosecco
£5.65

Glass of house rosé wine (175ml)
£6.45

Glass of fruit juice
£4.00

Half a bottle of house white wine
£12.90

Jug of mocktail
£12.00

Half a bottle of house red wine
£14.00

Glass of mocktail
£5.00

Half a bottle of house rosé wine
£12.00

Bottle of J20
£3.50

Bottle of house white wine
£25.85

Jug of squash
£5.00

Bottle of house red wine
£28.00

Bottle of house rosé wine
£24.50

Corkage for wine, Prosecco and Champagne - £15.00 per bottle

HOT FORK BUFFET

From £28.95 per person

Standard items

Bread rolls (ve)

Soft herb and crisp leaf salad (ve) (gf)

Heritage tomato and basil salad (ve) (gf)

Vegetable, soft herb and spring onion salad (ve) (gf)

Choose one

Smoked mackerel, new potato and spinach salad (gf)

Chicken, broccoli, sweetcorn and cos salad (gf)

Spiced Korean tofu (ve)

Harissa roasted roots, baby spinach & goats cheese (v) (gf)

Harissa roasted roots & apple (ve) (gf)

Choose twoChinese chicken Singapore style
Served with noodlesBeef meatballs
Served with mixed bean raguSoy glazed salmon
Served with Chinese leaf, riceCumberland sausage (gf)
Served with champ mashSri Lankan sweet potato, coconut & lentil curry (ve)
Served with ricePenang vegetable curry (ve)
Served with riceVegan meatballs (ve)
Served with mixed bean raguBaked pollock (gf)
Served with new potatoes, fennelThree bean chilli (ve) (gf)
Served with riceBermese Lemongrass chicken thighs (gf)
Served with pomegranate riceCoconut piri piri chicken thighs
Served with coconut riceMexican chilli orange chicken thighs
Served with coconut rice**Choose two**Jam sponge pudding (v)
Served with custardSpotted dick (v)
Served with double creamChurros (v)
Served with chocolate sauceApple & blackberry crumble (ve)
Served with custard

Chocolate fudge cake (v)

Chocolate clementine torte (ve) (gf)

Coffee and walnut cake (v)

Lemon posset (v)
Served with shortbread

Chocolate orange cake (ve)

SET BUFFETS

£20.00 per person

Indian (v/ve)

Beetroot falafel, onion bhajis, vegetable pakoras, mini vegetable samosas, mini poppadoms, mini garlic naan, chapatis, selection of dips & chutnies

Asian noodle buffet

Tonkatsu chicken udon noodles, chilli tofu udon noodles (ve), vegetable and duck spring rolls

Hot roast pork rolls

Roast pork & stuffing rolls, coleslaw, corn salsa, chips, vegetable & herb salad, selection of sauces

Katsu curry buffet

Crispy chicken katsu curry, crispy tofu katsu curry (ve), vegetable and duck spring rolls

Add additional items for Set Buffets @ £5.00pp

Spicy Korean Chicken

Shichimi Squid

Steamed Pork Mandu Dumplings

Steamed BBQ Beef Mandu Dumplings

CANAPÉS

Any three for £7.95 per person | Any four for £8.95 per person | Any five for £9.45 per person

Feta and parma ham (gf)

Chimichurri houmous crostini (ve)

Mushroom and tarragon bruschetta (ve)

Smoked mackerel mousse

Goat's cheese & red onion crostini (v)

Sweet potato falafel & houmous (ve) (gf)

Smoked salmon & lemon crème fraîche rolls (gf)

Blue cheese & pear crostini (v)

Mini rarebit crumpets (v)

Chicken liver & cognac pâté crostini

Pea & ham terrine (gf)

Korean BBQ pork belly bites

Marmite cheese straws (ve)

Prosciutto & cheese straws

SUNDAY LUNCH

Set menu, served plated

Starters

Roasted tomato soup (ve) (gf)
Chive oil

Tomato and mozzarella
salad (v) (gf)
Almond dressing

Formaggio and sage tortellini (v)
Sage butter

Chicken liver pâté
Piccalilli, ciabatta croûtes

Mains

Classic roast
Choice of sirloin of beef, shoulder of
pork or roast turkey breast. All served
with roast potatoes, mashed potato,
roast parsnips, red cabbage, carrots,
green beans, Yorkshire pudding,
stuffing, thyme gravy

Steak & ale pie
Mashed potato, green beans,
thyme gravy

Baked salmon (gf)
Lemon hollandaise, fondant
potato, greens

Vegan Wellington (ve)
Spiced aubergine cous cous

Desserts

Chocolate clementine
torte (ve) (gf)
Raspberry sorbet

Sticky toffee pudding (v) (gf)
Salted caramel ice cream

Eton mess (v) (gf)
Spiced berries

Baked New York style
cheesecake (v) (gf)
Hazelnut praline

All starters include a bread roll (ve) (gluten-free alternative available (v) (gf))

Choice of butter (v) (gf) or sunflower spread (ve) (gf)

Tea & coffee with petit fours - £2.95 per person (v/ve)

Two-courses - £25.95 per person

Three-courses - £29.95 per person

£5.00 per person to upgrade to a choice menu (must include vegetarian option).

Choice menu includes three starters, three main courses and three desserts.

AFTERNOON TEA

Standard Afternoon Tea £19.95 per person

Sparkling Afternoon Tea, all items including glass of Prosecco £25.95 per person

Smoked salmon sandwich
Ham and tomato sandwich
Egg and cress sandwich (v)
Sultana scone, clotted cream,
butter and jam (v)

Mini éclair (v)
Chocolate brownie (v) (gf)
Lemon drizzle cake (v)
Bakewell tart (v) (gf)
Tea or coffee

All menus are subject to change due to seasonality and product availability.

BBQ

From £29.95 per person
Additional items £3.50 per person

Always as standard

Iceberg lettuce (ve) (gf)
Sliced tomato, cucumber and onion (ve) (gf)
Corn salsa (ve) (gf)
Vegetable, soft herb and spring
onion salad (ve) (gf)
Tomato salsa (ve) (gf)
Coleslaw (ve) (gf)
Bread baskets (ve)
Pasta salad (ve)
Potato salad (ve) (gf)

Choose five

Beefburger in a bun
Sausage in a roll
Chicken thigh (gf)
BBQ pork rib (gf)
Corn on the cob (ve) (gf)
Chicken & chorizo skewers (gf)
Plant based burger in a bun (ve)
Vegetable skewers (ve) (gf)
Halloumi skewers (v) (gf)
Fruit skewers and maple syrup (ve) (gf)
Chocolate banana (v) (gf)
Glazed pineapple (ve) (gf)

MIDNIGHT SNACKS

£8.50 per person

Chips included as standard

Bacon sandwiches
Sausage sandwiches
Vegan sausage sandwiches (ve)
Fish goujons

A selection of the above can be chosen, however,
this will be split equally based on guest numbers.

CHILDRENS MENU

£20.00 per child (3-12 years)

Under 3's eat free

Tomato soup (ve) (gf available)
Cheesy garlic bread (v)
Houmous dipper platter (ve) (gf)

Tomato pasta (ve) (gf)
Chicken nuggets
Jumbo cod fish finger

Fresh fruit salad (ve) (gf)
Banana pancake (v)
Arctic roll (v)



THE FINISHING TOUCHES

DJ
£350

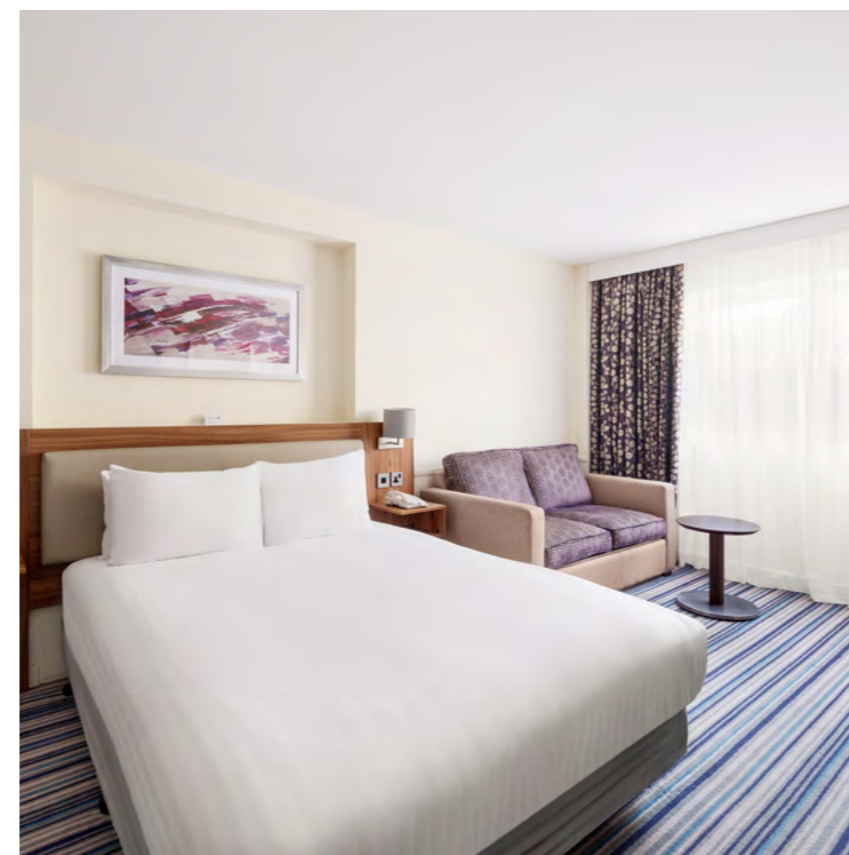
Chair covers and coloured sashes
£6.25 per chair

For venue dressing and decorations our nominated supplier is -
Elf Occasions (Emma)

emma@elfoccasions.co.uk
07484801221

Prices reflect current rates at the time of publication and may be subject to change at the discretion of the supplier.

RESIDE



STAY THE NIGHT

We're excited to offer your guests an exclusive discount of 15% off our best flexible bed and breakfast rate. This includes a hearty full English breakfast, access to our leisure facilities, and complimentary Wi-Fi*.

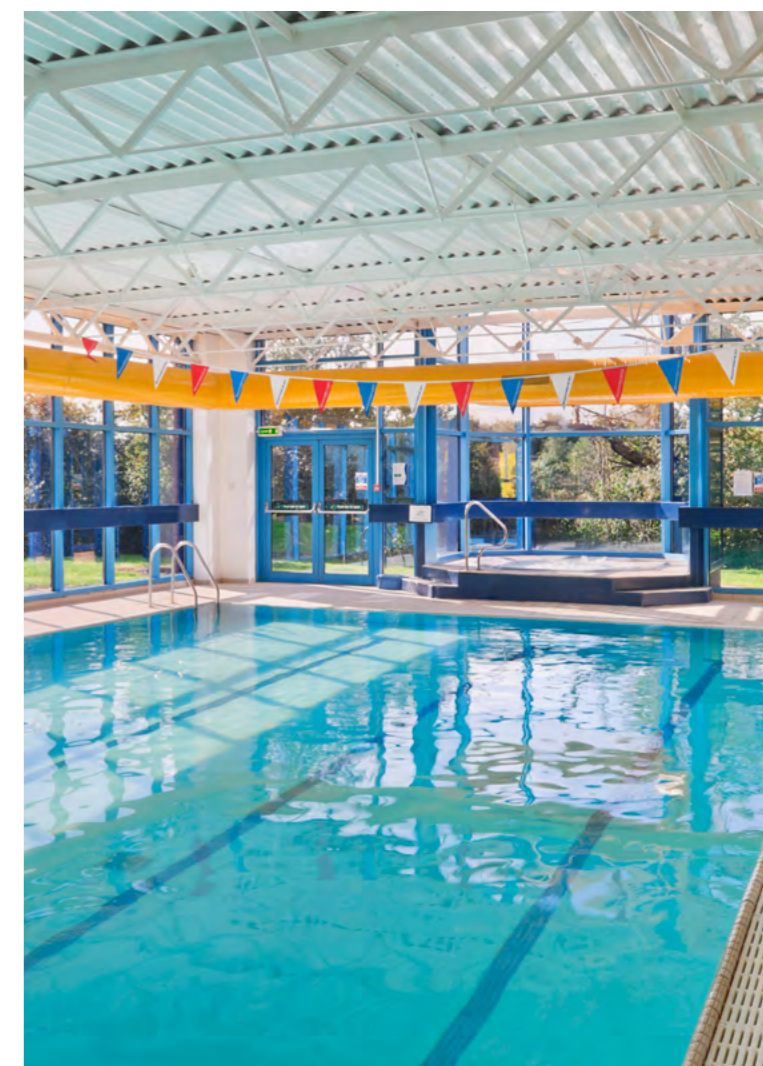
At Holiday Inn Colchester, we offer 109 rooms designed to make your stay as comfortable as possible. Choose from our bright and airy standard double and twin guest rooms, or indulge in a bit of luxury with our premium rooms. We've thought of everything—from practical touches like an ironing board and in-room tea and coffee to added extras like bathrobes, slippers, and luxury toiletries in our premium rooms. We're here to make sure your stay is seamless and memorable.

*Rates are subject to availability, accommodation can be reserved from 50 weeks prior to the date of arrival



RELAX AND UNWIND

Our on-site health and fitness facilities are here to get you feeling your best for the big day. With top-notch equipment, plus personal training advice if you need it, we've got everything you need to get wedding-ready. But hey, it's not all about the sweat—sometimes you need a breather. When that wedding planning gets a bit much, let your worries drift away in our pool, or unwind in style in our whirlpool spa, sauna, or steam room. Because self-care is just as important as those dance moves.



WEDDING CHECKLIST

12+ MONTHS IN ADVANCE:

- Who is going to pay for what?
- Budget allocation, set the date and book the venue
- Set theme
- Plan and book entertainment
- Start thinking about wedding dresses
- Start compiling the guestlist
- Appoint bridesmaids/Best Man
- Send save the date cards
- Book photographer/videographer
- Book registrar

9-12 MONTHS IN ADVANCE:

- Book wedding cars
- Book florist
- Decide and order Wedding dress

6-9 MONTHS IN ADVANCE:

- Book additional entertainment
- Order Wedding cake
- Wedding party suits/dresses
- Wedding favours and stationary
- Send invitations and gift list
- Plan stag and hen do's
- Book honeymoon
- Book hair and make-up

3-6 MONTHS IN ADVANCE:

- Buy Wedding rings
- Agree order of service
- Attend food tasting and finalising menu

2-3 MONTHS IN ADVANCE:

- Final dress fittings
- Buy gifts for Bridal party
- Choose special song requests
- Buy guestbook

4 WEEKS IN ADVANCE:

- Write speeches
- Contact entertainment
- Stag and hen do's
- Choose your witnesses
- Chase up guests and finalise seating plan

1 WEEK IN ADVANCE:

- Confirm final numbers
- Confirm final supplier details
- Brief the Bridal party
- Collect suits and dresses

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