



HAMPTON COURT HOUSE



## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE HOUSE

Built in 1757 by the 2nd 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 4th 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.





## UNFORGETTABLE EVENTS AT 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 18th Century gardens. With unique architectural features and superbly well-maintained rooms, this is the perfect venue for civil ceremonies, weddings and both private and corporate functions.



## THE HOUSE

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.



## GOURMET MENU & CATERING SERVICE

Hampton Court House uses only the finest and freshest seasonal ingredients. Our expertly trained staff are able to cater for any occasion; from a candlelit dinner for two in the shell grotto to a dinner for 150 in the dining room.

## CAPACITY

Hampton Court House is the ideal venue for small 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 50 people. Also there is our enchanting Shell Grotto, perfect for intimate, romantic evenings for 2 to 10 people.





## THE SHELL GROTTO AND GARDENS

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. Ideal for couples or groups of up to 10 people, this intimate grotto is available for private dining throughout the year.





Bushy Park



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## 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.

Viewings by appointment only.  
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