



Exclusively yours...



Somerley

WELCOME TO SOMERLEY

Somerley is one of England's best kept secrets and it's hardly surprising. This beautiful stately home sitting in 7000 acres of Hampshire countryside, has never been open to the public.

Somerley has been in the Normanton family for five generations and continues to be a much loved home. The 6th Earl of Normanton, the current custodian, agreed in recent years for Somerley and the Estate to be used for very special events on an exclusive use basis.

The house, built by Samuel Wyatt in 1750, sits majestically above hundreds of acres of parkland through which the River Avon wends its way. The 2nd Earl and Countess went on the traditional Grand Tour of Europe in the early 1800s and filled the house with spectacular paintings, furniture and china. While providing breathtaking rooms, Somerley still retains all the warmth and friendliness of a family home.

With a license for Civil Ceremonies, the house provides a magical setting for every bride's dream wedding. But Somerley proffers so much more. The total privacy and seclusion of the Estate affords an unrivalled venue for corporate events. Somerley offers total

discretion for business professionals wanting to do serious negotiations in gracious surroundings, while enjoying the ultimate in personal attention. Somerley's in house team provides the most discerning guest with immaculate service, exquisite cuisine and fine wines.

Exclusive cars are launched at Somerley, with a 4 x 4 course through the woods providing a testing circuit for off road vehicles. Due to the size of the Estate, Somerley can offer corporate activity days and a dedicated team-building facility.

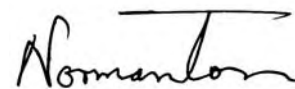
The bespoke activity days can include clay pigeon shooting, archery, falconry, duck herding and quad biking.

The hundreds of acres which form Somerley Park and the surrounding woodland come alive with the spectacle of the Rallye Sunseeker, the International Horse Trials, an Easter Craft Fair, the Ellingham Country Show and some spectacular concerts including Chris de Burgh and Shirley Bassey.

"Unlike a number of venues we are unusual in having our own full-time team of experts of which I am justly proud. The creativity of the chefs is renowned and we try to source produce locally. Their range of menus will cater for an afternoon garden party through to a spectacular dinner in The Gallery for 120 guests or a wedding reception for 200.

The same care has been taken in selecting the wine from around the world. Our experienced event co-ordinator is on hand to check every detail on the day is perfect and we always work enthusiastically with you to ensure your event is unique. Nothing is ever left to chance at Somerley.

We have also had some unique moments at Somerley, not least when we gathered the legends of motorsport and powerboat racing together and enjoyed the rare sight of a fly-past by a Blenheim Bomber. Somerley continues to bring memories which will last a lifetime."



The Earl of Normanton



Welcome to my family home...



SOMERLEY, A SPECTACULAR PRIVATE STATELY HOME SURROUNDED BY 7000 ACRES OF HAMPSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE OFFERING TOTAL PEACE AND SECLUSION JUST 90 MINUTES FROM CENTRAL LONDON AND 20 MINUTES FROM SOUTHAMPTON AND BOURNEMOUTH AIRPORTS.

WEDDINGS AT SOMERLEY

No two weddings should be the same and at Somerley we pride ourselves on making your dreams come true. Whether it's a traditional garden party reception with croquet, strawberries and ice cream on the lawns, or 200 guests dancing the night away in a bespoke marquee - we want to make your fairytale a reality.

The spectacular Gallery at Somerley, which stretches eighty feet, quite simply takes your breath away. This room houses one of the largest privately owned collections of Sir Joshua Reynolds including the famous 'Seven Virtues'. The walls are filled with Canaletto, Murillo, Etty and Gainsborough with Sevres china sitting on Louis XIV furniture. Just imagine your magnificent wedding breakfast in The Gallery with up to 120 family and friends.

Drinks can be served in the Drawing Room which features a spectacular gilded ceiling, a 17th century Italian marble fireplace, where Meissen sits gently on the hand carved mantle. Works by Guardi, and 'The Boy Reading' by Reynolds sit among generations of family paintings and a Bechstein grand piano is available for use. The East Library, lined with the original Wyatt bookcases, is available for parties up to 120 people, for dancing until midnight with a small three-piece band or disco.

Although four of the rooms are licensed for Civil Ceremonies, the formal Dining Room provides a romantic and intimate setting for the service and seats 80 guests. The window offers unbridled views of the Park, scattered with ancient Cedars of Lebanon, while Reynolds 'Fortune Teller' and the infamous Emma, Lady Hamilton, look down from the walls.

In the summer, drinks and Pimms can be served on the Colonnade to the music of a string quartet or harpist. Centrepiece to the formal gardens is one of only two copies of the famous Italian 'Triton' fountain which makes a unique backdrop. In winter, the formal rooms enjoy crackling log fires.

For larger weddings, the Gallery provides an unrivalled room for a Civil Ceremony for 200 guests, followed by a drinks reception in the Drawing Room, East Library and Inner Hall, after which guests leave the house to enjoy their wedding breakfast and dancing in a bespoke marquee, either in the gardens adjacent to the house or on the lower lawns.

Eight beautiful guest bedrooms are available for the Bride and Groom and their families, including The State Bedroom where King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra stayed during their visits to Somerley.

The bedrooms contain family works of art and provide spellbinding views across the Park and the woodlands, and overnight guests enjoy a full English breakfast in the formal Dining Room before departing.

For those wishing to marry locally, Ringwood Parish Church, in the Market Square, is just 10 minutes drive and can cater for up to 350 guests.

For those wishing a Civil Wedding Ceremony at Somerley, it is imperative that you call the New Forest Registrars on 01425 470150 to ensure availability before confirming your booking.

Somerley and the Estate are not open to the public, so we must ask that you call 01425 480819 during office hours to book an appropriate appointment.



My house is yours for the day...



“MY TIME AT SOMERLEY LIVED UP TO AND EXCEEDED MY EXPECTATIONS. THE COMBINATION OF THE STUNNING SETTING, DELICIOUS FOOD AND IMMACULATE SERVICE HAS EVIDENTLY LEFT AN ENDURING MEMORY FOR ALL WHO WERE THERE, NOT LEAST THOSE OF US WHO STAYED THE NIGHT.”



For your most memorable day...



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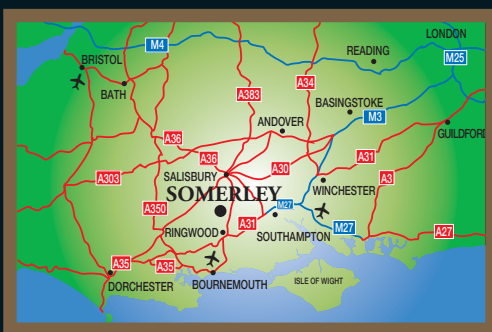
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“After the excitement and happiness of the wedding, time to say a very personal thank you to all at Somerley for making a very special day something that was slightly better than perfect. It was the best wedding ever, not only my words, but those of many of the guests both during and after the reception.”



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