



DOWNHAM HALL
Celebrations
2026



The Marquee

Situated in beautifully landscaped, part-moated gardens, the marquee offers unrivalled views over the picturesque Essex countryside. Boasting a large, custom-built bar and lounge seating area, chandeliers and fairy lights and complete with dance floor area, with a starlit ceiling canopy, our marquee is perfect for both daytime and evening events hosting from 30 to 180 guests.

It is fully heated during the cooler months and can be opened along one side to make the most of the gardens during the summer. With plenty of space both indoors and out, it is the perfect year-round setting.

The De Beauvoir Suite and Orangery

In the main venue we have two function rooms available for more intimate events.

The De Beauvoir suite is our main dining room, boasting a large, original bay window, elegant décor and views of the beautiful St. Margaret's Church on the hill above the Hall

The De Beauvoir suite can seat 25-36 guests for private events.

The Orangery, with beautiful views of the Essex countryside to the rear of the venue and direct access to the picturesque grounds of Downham Hall, is ideal for smaller events of up to 24 guests.



Hire Rates - Daytime Functions

Prices based on a 4-hour period between 9am and 5pm, extended hire available upon request.

	Orangery		De Beauvoir Suite		Marquee	
	2024	2025/2026	2024	2025/2026	2024	2025/2026
Monday - Friday	£150	£175	£250	£350	£200	£250
Saturday	£300	£350	£300	£475	£425	£475
Sunday	Not available for private hire	Not available for private hire	Not available for private hire	Not available for private hire	£425	£475

Bookings for weekend dates in peak season (May-September) cannot be guaranteed more than 9 months in advance.

An additional 25% hire charge will be applied to all bank holiday dates.

Prices correct as of October 2025. Pricing may be subject to change.

Hire Rates - Marquee Evening Functions

Prices based on a 5-hour period from 7pm until Midnight, extended hire available upon request.

	Marquee	
	2024 SPECIAL OFFER RATE FOR REMAINING DATES	2025/2026
Monday - Thursday	£600	£850
Friday and Saturday	£950	£1,200
Sunday	£750	£950

DJ Services

Our award-winning, in-house DJ can be added to your booking for £550.

While we highly recommend using our in-house DJ, you are welcome to bring in your own entertainment if preferred.

Please note that any external entertainment must provide valid PAT testing certification and public liability insurance prior to the event.

Prices based on a minimum of 50 guests.

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Canapés

3 canapés £10 / 5 canapés £16.50

LAND

Cheese Steak toasted sandwich
Rare beef and onion jus mini Yorkshire.
Satay chicken skewers
Confit duck, hoisin sauce, spring onion
Chicken & tarragon sausage roll
Pork & apple croquettes
Crispy pork belly skewers
Honey glazed mini chorizo

SEA

Ponzu tuna, crispy Nori taco
Fish finger sandwich, tartar sauce
King prawn tempura, sriracha mayo
Colchester oyster, Champagne vinegar
Salmon tartare, caviar, crème fraîche
Potted shrimp, Melba toast
Sushi Selection* £2 supplement

GARDEN

New jacket potato, shallot, sour cream
Chickpea fritter, baba ganoush
Pea & horseradish tartlets
Thai summer roll, hoisin
Sweet Corn hush puppies, green goddess dressing
Feta, watermelon & basil skewers

Prices correct as of January 2025. Pricing may be subject to change.

Food and Drink

At Downham Hall our food is freshly made in-house by our wonderful Head Chef and his talented team, using quality, local produce.

We have a choice of wonderful menus, which have been especially created to provide the perfect choice for every occasion and with licensed bars serving a wide range of Champagne, wine, beer, cocktails and spirits, we promise all the ingredients needed for a truly memorable event.



Buffet

£27.50 Per Person

Sample Menu

Selection of sandwiches
Mixed quiches
Onion bhajjis
Pork and apple sausage rolls
Chicken goujons
Potato wedges
Spring rolls

Savoury

Additional Items

Sweet

Fries - £13.75 per portion (serves 10)
Potato salad - £22 per portion (serves 10)
Couscous salad - £22 per portion (serves 10)
Pasta salad - £22 per portion (serves 10)
Coleslaw - £16.50 per portion (serves 10)
Cheese, charcuterie and olives - £99 (serves 10)

Scones, clotted cream and jam - £3.85 each
Victoria sponge - £55 each (serves 12)
Carrot cake - £55 each (serves 12)
Red velvet cake - £55 each (serves 12)
Chocolate sponge - £55 each (serves 12)
Chocolate brownies - £2.75 each

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BBQ

served May-September

£38.50 Per Person

Choose Five Mains:

Toulouse sausages

Pork & apple burgers (brioche buns, apple sauce)

1/4lb Beef burgers (brioche buns, cheese)

Lemon & herb boneless chicken thighs

Slow roasted BBQ beef brisket

King prawn & chorizo kebabs

Tuna steaks with salsa verde

Halloumi & Mediterranean vegetable skewers

Minted lamb chops with yogurt & mint sauce

(£15pp supplement)

Choose Four Sides:

Roasted squash and pomegranate couscous

Red cabbage slaw

Greek salad

Tomato, mozzarella & basil salad

Mixed leaf salad with lemon vinaigrette

Pasta salad

New potato salad

Potato wedges

Jacket potatoes

Additional side dishes:

Between £16.50 and £22 per portion (serves 10)

Afternoon Tea

Classic Afternoon Tea **£35.20 per person**

Sparkling Afternoon Tea **£44 per person**

Selection of open topped and delicate finger sandwiches

Mini savoury bites

Homemade scones with clotted cream and strawberry preserve

Mini hand-decorated cakes and desserts

Unlimited Tea and coffee

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Drinks

Prosecco - £10 per glass/ £36 bottle

House Wines - £9 per glass / £29 per bottle (full wine list also available)

Bottled lager and Ales - from £5

Mimosa - £10 per glass

Pimm's - £10 per glass

Mulled wine - £9 per glass

Champagne - from £68 per bottle

Orange Juice - £11 per jug

Elderflower Spritz - £13.50 per jug

Unlimited Tea and Coffee - £4 per person

Above is a selection of our most popular reception drink choices.

Our full wine list, bar menu and seasonal cocktail menu is also available.

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BABY SHOWER PACKAGE

ORANGERY ROOM HIRE FROM
12PM TO 4PM

CLASSIC AFTERNOON TEA

SELECTION OF FINGER SANDWICHES, FRESHLY BAKED
CAKES, SWEET TREATS AND SCONES, CLOTTED CREAM AND
JAM

UNLIMITED TEAS AND COFFEES

£37.50 pp

BASED ON A MINIMUM OF 20 GUESTS
UPGRADE TO A SPARKLING AFTERNOON
TEA WITH A GLASS OF PROSECCO
FOR £43.50PP

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