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# Thornbury Castle

Thornbury, South Gloucestershire

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- ◆ Thornbury Castle is a five-star deluxe Tudor Castle in the heart of Gloucestershire, on the edge of the Cotswolds.
- ◆ This one-of-a-kind destination, forged of imposing stone walls and steeped in palatial luxury, is an enduring testament to Tudor history, when royalty reigned supreme.
- ◆ Set in 15 acres of grounds with the backdrop of the original stone wall, the Castle gardens offer a unique setting.
- ◆ A brief, beloved retreat for Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, Thornbury Castle has weathered the tumult of British history over the centuries.
- ◆ Free on-site parking for 80 vehicles
- ◆ 3AA Rosettes & 1 Michelin Key Award



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### OVERVIEW

Once the country retreat of none other than King Henry VIII, Thornbury Castle boasts a history that few other English hotels can match. It is a history that serves as the foundation for experiences that are truly transportive; that we hope will whisk our guests away into another time, a more regal period, a more memorable mode of luxury. But it is also a history that provides us with a vision for what that archaic form of majesty – the comforts and the calm, the decadence and the desires – might look and feel like today. Thornbury Castle is 1530s grandeur and 2020s splendour all at once, outside of time. It is a place we hope you find yourself when you need to untangle yourself from the everyday and to immerse yourself in untold luxuries. King or Queen for a day? At Thornbury Castle, we aim to create that feeling for the very entirety of our guests' stay

The castle was originally conceived and constructed by Edward Stafford, the only man to rival King Henry VIII's wealth and status at that time. It was a display of wealth and ambition that Henry did not take kindly to, and after Stafford was found guilty of treason, the king took control of the castle he so coveted.

Following Henry VIII's death, the castle passed through the hands of his children, Edward VI and Queen Mary Tudor (Mary I). Today, it stands just as tall as it did in those days of courtly intrigue; renewed with care by its current custodians and imbued with the regal grandeur of its past. Built to impress the most powerful man in the country, five centuries later, it still impresses.

History



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## YOUR STAY

### Number accommodated

- ◆ Sleeping a grand total of 60 guests across 27 luxurious bedchambers

### Bedrooms & Suites

#### Deluxe rooms

- ◆ Beautifully decorated in a traditional style, lavish bathrooms and iconic castle features set the tone for an unforgettable stay.

#### Super Deluxe rooms

- ◆ A majestic ambience abounds in these unique bedchambers: some feature four-poster beds; all feature rich period detailing and the most luxurious contemporary comforts.

#### Castle Suites

- ◆ The castle suites are designed to make your stay even more memorable, with majestic four-poster beds, roll top baths, and separate walk-in showers. These rooms are spacious and characterful, featuring fireplaces, stone mullion windows and superb garden views.

#### Henry VII Suite

- ◆ Offering an unforgettable Tudor castle experience, the Henry VII Suite is set within Thornbury Castle's North Wing, overlooking the inner courtyard.
- ◆ Climb the circular wooden staircase to the first floor, where you'll find a magnificent four-poster suite with the advantage of a fold down 'Murphy' bed, ideal for families with one or two children or a third adult. The bed is hidden within the wooden panelling in the lounge, adjacent to the ornamental stone fireplace. The bathroom has a separate shower and bath, completing this luxurious suite.

#### Jayne Seymour Suite

- ◆ Located in the castle tower, the Jane Seymour suite sits above the Henry VIII suite and - as you'd expect for a space named after one of the most beloved wives of Henry VIII - shares with that kingly suite both an extravagant level of luxury and magnificent views stretching all the way to Wales. Its unique four-poster bed provides the centrepiece for a room rich in period detailing and contemporary comfort.

#### Henry VIII Suite

- ◆ In making this most special of suites your home from home, you'll truly follow in the footsteps of perhaps the most famous king in British history. As its name suggests, this was the room in which the Tudor royals King Henry VIII and his then-bride Anne Boleyn stayed when visiting the castle during their royal tour of 1535.
- ◆ Today, it offers contemporary comfort and a level of luxury truly fit for a king and queen - all the while retaining the period details and a traditional décor in keeping with its heritage as an archetypal English castle.

#### Catherine of Aragon Tower Suite

- ◆ Rather fittingly found at the very top of the South Wing tower, the Catherine of Aragon Suite is in every sense the top suite in the castle. Once you've climbed the atmospheric spiral staircase and pushed open the grand wooden door, you're greeted by exceptional features, artfully presented across a decadent 71 square metres of living space.
- ◆ This extravagant suite, set within our former English royal castle, encompasses 24-carat gilding, sumptuous Tudor furnishings, silk wall hangings and, at the heart of it all, the largest four-poster bed of any UK hotel. It's a space that is every bit as stylish and ornate as a wife of Henry VIII.

## Dining

- ◆ Dine in Royal Surroundings!
- ◆ Available for private dining and venue hire, Thornbury Castle is an impressive and atmospheric setting for special events.
- ◆ The castle's distinctive architecture forms an ideal backdrop to celebrations of any size. The Tudor Hall is perfect for larger occasions, including banquets and gala dinners, while the Baron's Sitting Room is a more intimate space for cocktail receptions, exclusive dinner parties and elegant suppers.
- ◆ Whichever you choose, you'll be in good company. Hospitality is in our heritage, meaning yourself and your guests will enjoy an unforgettable experience, both on the palate and in our historic surroundings.



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#### Catering

- ◆ Thornbury Castle are proud to be awarded 3AA rosettes for the quality of their food and 4 red stars for the quality of their service, it is an indulgent experience but in a relaxed setting with the finest interiors. Guests can choose from a wide range of delicious and impressive menus to suit all occasions.
- ◆ If you're celebrating something special then perhaps the Six-Course Tasting Menu or even the A-la-Carte Menu, which offers a range of seasonal dishes, many of the ingredients and produce coming direct from the Castles kitchen garden.

#### Rooms

##### The Tudor Hall, Great Oven & Boyling House

- ◆ The Majestic Tudor Hall ensures that everybody who passes through its entrance way can't help but feel inspired by their surroundings. Fully private with Boyling House, Great Oven spaces for hosting and charming stone bar area.
- ◆ Accommodating up to 70 guests for a meeting or dinner and 120 for a reception.

##### The Barons Room

- ◆ This impressive room offers a dramatic backdrop for a meetings and private dinners. Located in the main Castle the Barons is set on the first floor overlooking the fountain. Benefiting from its own private lounge this delightful room is surrounded in original oak paneling with an original stone fireplace
- ◆ Accommodating up to 24 guests for a meeting or dinner.

##### The Chancellors Lounge

- ◆ Located on the first floor of the main castle with an impressive large windows overlooking the front lawns and courtyard. This is beautiful room with a high hand painted ceiling, original antiques, and feature fireplace. Located next door to the Barons Room this lounge is a lovely addition to the Barons for drinks receptions and post meal drinks.

##### The Library

- ◆ Set on the ground floor to the Castle this historic room has a stunning oriel window. Rich oak paneling, stone fireplace and rich fabrics.
- ◆ Licensed for civil ceremonies up to 20 guests with easy access to rear gardens.

##### The Lounge

- ◆ At the heart of the Castle is the beautiful lounge. Here you can cosy up by the open fire and enjoy the high ornate ceilings, stained glass windows, paneling and oil paintings.
- ◆ A place for relaxation and socialising for many centuries.

##### The Tower

- ◆ This grand room heralds a centre piece chandelier. Once the bedrooms to Anne Boleyn, set on the ground floor of the historic castle with feature arrowslit windows and octagonal shape.

#### Corporate

- ◆ Meetings & Incentives - Inspiring and invigorating, impressive and intimate; these are the qualities that set our castle and its grounds apart as a wonderfully impactful setting for meetings, team building and training. Located within 30 minutes from Bristol City Centre and Bristol Parkway, our distinct event spaces are able to accommodate up to 70 guests.
- ◆ To do

#### Wedding

- ◆ Steeped in divine Tudor history, Thornbury Castle boasts a unique and magical setting perfect for a fairytale wedding. Whether you're looking for a grand showstopper on your big day, allowing you exclusive use of the whole castle and its grounds, or a more intimate celebration with a handful of loved ones, we offer packages to suit all requirements and dreams.
- ◆ With luxurious furnishings sympathetic to the time at which Henry VIII reigned, who was incidentally a previous guest of the castle, the dining rooms, lounges and bedchambers, not to mention the exquisitely maintained gardens, will provide the perfect backdrop to an unforgettable day!
- ◆ Set in the South Gloucestershire countryside, on the edge of the Cotswolds and in close proximity to Bristol/Bath, Thornbury Castle is an easily accessible wedding venue. The Castles wedding planners can help to bring your vision to life and take care of much of the organisation so you can enjoy the whole experience.

#### Check in & out times

- ◆ Exclusive use bookings check in from 12pm and depart by 12pm.
- ◆ Please enquire for smaller group events & celebrations



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#### Pets

- ◆ Come and enjoy the beautiful South Gloucestershire countryside with your beloved four legged family member, and sample all that Thornbury Castle has to offer. Feel free to roam the gardens and public spaces such as the library and lounges.

#### Disabled facilities

- ◆ Please enquire





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### ACTIVITIES

#### On-site activities

- ◆ Set in 15 acres of grounds with the backdrop of the original stone wall, the Castle gardens offer a unique setting. The Rose Garden takes centre stage with thousands of stems. The Kitchen & Herb Gardens focus on the Tudor period, inspiring our chefs dishes from garden to fork.
- ◆ History Tour - Local history author Tony Cherry can host a tour with stories and insight from centuries long past.
- ◆ Garden Tour - Tours of the gardens and kitchen garden can be organised for anyone wanting to know more about the award winning gardens within the Castle walls.

#### Team Building

- ◆ The Castle team can organise team building and fun activities within the grounds. From Falconry to Axe Throwing and Long Bow Archery as enjoyed many years ago.
- ◆ Speak to our team about your budget and let us help inspire you with a host of possibilities.





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### LOCATION

Set in a grand Tudor castle, inhabited by Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn during their honeymoon tour, this storied hotel is 2.9 miles from Old Down Country Park and 12 miles from Bristol.

While the secluded, peaceful surroundings of Thornbury Castle offer each guest the sense of escaping from the everyday, this belies how easy the castle is to reach from the M4, M5 and Bristol. For guests wishing for a grand entrance, a helipad is available within the castle grounds.

### Distance from

- ◆ London - 2 hours 35 minutes / 121 miles
- ◆ Bristol - 30 minutes / 15 miles
- ◆ Manchester - 2 hours 55 minutes / 156 miles

### Nearest airport

- ◆ Bristol Airport - 45 minutes / 23 miles

### Nearest train station

- ◆ Bristol Parkway - 20 minutes / 10 miles





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### PRICES

#### Exclusive use

Please do enquire for a bespoke and tailored proposal. The following seasonal rates are a guide and inclusive of VAT

January, February, March, April, October & November

- ◆ Midweek bookings (Sunday - Thursday) priced from £11,000
- ◆ Weekend bookings priced from £12,500
- ◆ Rates based on a single 24hr period (12pm - 12pm)
- ◆ A minimum F&B spend will also apply. Sunday-Thursday: From £6,500 per day / Friday & Saturday: From £10,500 per day

May, June, July, August, September & December?

- ◆ Midweek bookings (Sunday - Thursday) priced from £12,500
- ◆ Weekend bookings priced from £15,000
- ◆ Rates based on a single 24hr period (12pm - 12pm)

#### Part Exclusive Use

- ◆ Please do enquire for smaller group & company bookings. Private dining can be arranged, providing you with that part exclusive use feel.

#### Corporate

- ◆ Please enquire for bespoke and tailored corporate packages

#### Wedding

#### Festive bookings

- ◆ Experience the magic of Christmas at Thornbury Castle!
- ◆ The festive season is the most wonderful time of year and at Thornbury Castle you will most certainly make memories to be treasured forever. From the opulent decorations to the roaring open fires and the 3AA rosette fine dining experience with all the trimmings, there's nothing quite like the magic of a castle!





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