



Celebrate at ARK

Creative weddings in the heart of Cliftonville

Welcome



Whether you're planning an intimate gathering or a lively celebration with family and friends, ARK offers a truly distinctive setting in the heart of Cliftonville.

Housed within a beautifully recently restored former synagogue, ARK combines striking architecture, original stained glass and a warm, contemporary atmosphere to create a venue unlike anywhere else in town.

We have a flexible approach that allows you to create a day that's completely your own.



Why choose ARK?



Exclusive hire. Limited dates. ARK isn't a venue that hosts weddings every weekend. As a working cultural space, we offer a limited number of wedding dates each year, giving every celebration the time, care and attention it deserves. When it's your day, the building is yours.

Planning with people who know the space. From your first visit to the final dance, you will have a dedicated event manager that will help bring your ideas to life. We'll guide you through the planning process, recommend brilliant local photographers, florists, caterers and musicians, and help you make the most of this special building.

Why choose ARK?



Make the space your own. We keep the day before your wedding free, giving you plenty of time to settle in, decorate and transform ARK into a space that reflects you. Whether your style is understated or bold, long banquet tables or disco balls, dramatic florals or minimal styling, we're flexible and encourage couples to make the building their own.

Feeling nervous about decorating? We can connect you with local stylists who can come on board and help you realise your ideas.

Why choose ARK?



Celebrate with purpose. Every wedding at ARK helps sustain our core mission. As a charity, venue hire directly supports our year-round programme of arts, culture and community projects, from creative workshops with local families and schools to programmes with refugees, asylum seekers and other underrepresented communities. By celebrating here, you're helping keep this remarkable building open, welcoming and alive for everyone.



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Spaces and capacities



Main Hall

150 seated - ceremony

100 seated - reception

200 standing - party

Bar

100 standing at one time

Garden

Our volunteer-led garden is gradually being transformed into a beautiful outdoor space. We're now beginning to offer intimate drinks receptions outside – speak to the team to find out what's possible.





Your Wedding Day



Option 1
—
Ceremony
Beach drinks*
Dining
Dancing

Option 2
—
Ceremony

Option 3
—
Dining
Dancing

Option 4
—
Dancing

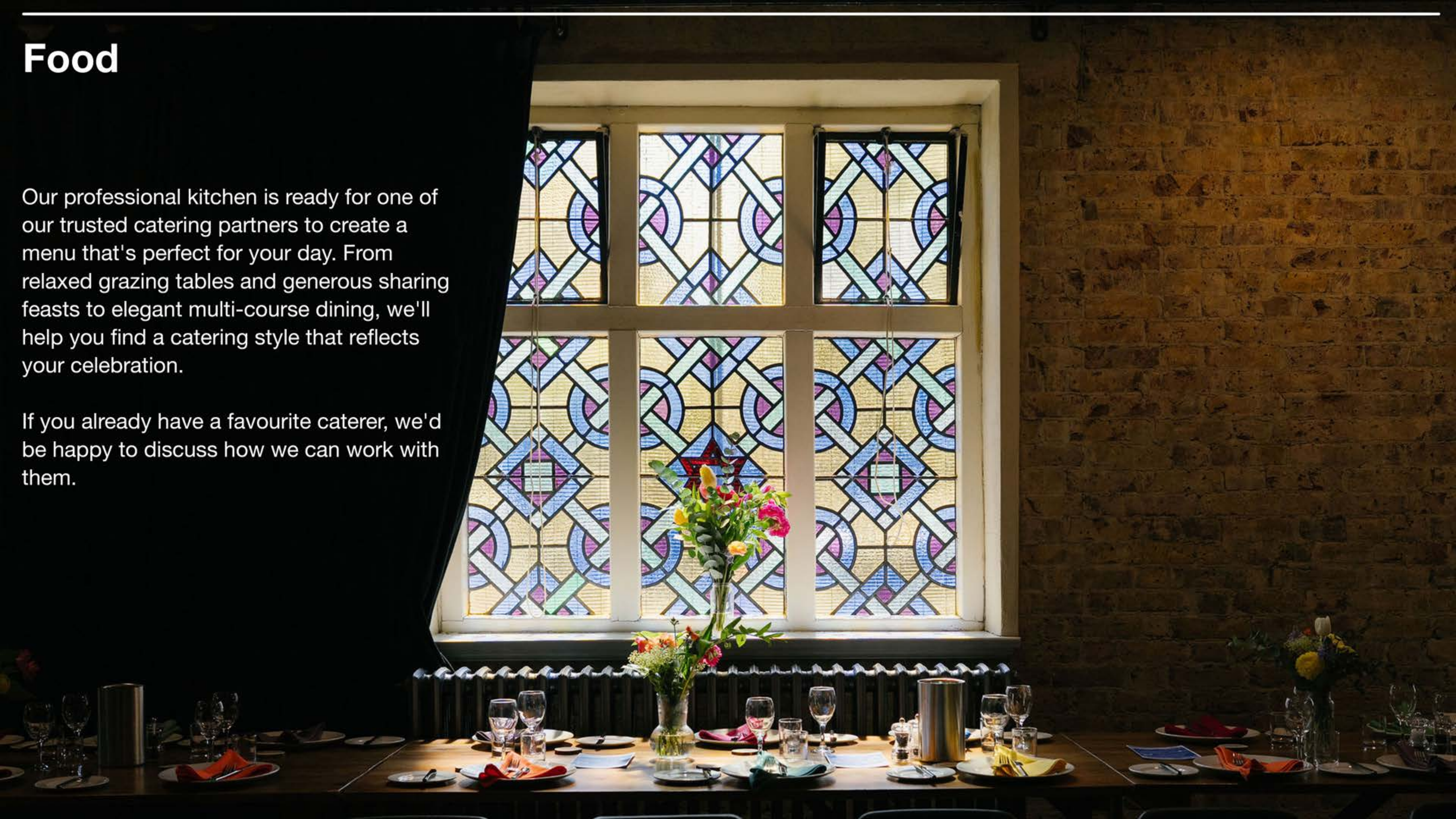
Or a different combination.
Discuss with the team!

*We work with local partners to facilitate your beach drinks, talk to us about how this might work.

Food

Our professional kitchen is ready for one of our trusted catering partners to create a menu that's perfect for your day. From relaxed grazing tables and generous sharing feasts to elegant multi-course dining, we'll help you find a catering style that reflects your celebration.

If you already have a favourite caterer, we'd be happy to discuss how we can work with them.



Drinks



We've carefully curated our drinks menu around quality, great taste and brilliant local producers, championing independent breweries, vineyards and distilleries from across Kent alongside a selection of much-loved classics.



Whether you'd like to welcome guests with a glass of Kent sparkling wine, serve your favourite cocktail on arrival, mix up a generous seasonal punch for everyone to share, or create a signature drink inspired by your story, we're always happy to help make it happen. If there's something special you'd like us to stock, we'll do our best to accommodate it.

Multiple bar setups can also be arranged throughout the day, ensuring your guests are looked after from the first sip to the last dance.

We are also happy to arrange the table wine for your meal.

Frequently asked questions

Accessibility

The ground floor is accessible via a portable ramp and all ground floor spaces are step-free. We also have an accessible toilet with baby changing facilities.

Parking

There is no on-site parking, although drop-off outside the venue on Albion Road is usually possible.

On-street parking is available on nearby residential roads, including Albion Road, Sweyn Road and Godwin Road.

A pay-and-display car park is also available on Harold Road, around a five-minute walk away.

Transport

- 35-minute walk from Margate Station
- Loop bus to Northdown Road (3-minute walk)
- 8A bus to Northdown Road (3-minute walk)

Decorating

We encourage couples to make ARK their own. Whether you're keeping things simple or transforming the space completely, we're happy to talk through ideas and can recommend talented local stylists if you'd like extra support.

Access

Access is available from 9am on the day before your wedding through to the end of the day after, giving you plenty of time to set up, celebrate and clear down.

Music

Music finishes at 11pm.

Suppliers

We have a carefully curated list of brilliant local photographers, florists, musicians, caterers and other suppliers that we're always happy to share.

Dogs

With the exception of assistance dogs, dogs aren't permitted inside the venue.



We'd Love to Hear Your Plans



Whether you're ready to book a viewing or simply have a few questions, we'd love to hear from you.

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