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Whether you're a bride-to-be, a mother of... or have somehow got yourself roped into planning someone else's wedding (how saintly!), don't book *anything* until you've read our comprehensive guide to the most gorgeous, dreamy venues in England. With Muddy editors scattered far and wide across our green and pleasant land, we've put our heads together and collated the best from each county. So, go browse, or, if you already know which area you want, choose the relevant county just below... Now, excuse me, I'm off to buy a hat. (I am invited, right?)

BERKSHIRE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CAMBRIDGESHIRE CORNWALL
DEVON GLOUCESTERSHIRE HAMPSHIRE HERTFORDSHIRE KENT
LEICESTERSHIRE NORFOLK NORTHAMPTONSHIRE OXFORDSHIRE
SOMERSET SURREY SUSSEX WARWICKSHIRE WILTSHIRE

## Bickleigh Castle, Nr Tiverton



If you've never quite managed to shake the childhood dream of a fairytale wedding, then how about an actual castle, with actual turrets? Bickleigh Castle is nestled in a gloriously secluded pocket of Devon countryside where the peace is broken only by the babbling River Exe weaving its way through the grounds. The walls of the eleventh century castle are guardians of some remarkable history (including Royalty), the sprawling gardens are enchanting all yearround (scented roses in summer and crimson leaves in autumn) and the options for how you choose to play out your day, whether intimation grand, are endless. There's no stuffiness or stiff protocol here, the family who live at the castle are super-flexible about how you use it. Marry in the Great Hall, say 'I do' in the gardens, or be blessed in the chocolate box sixth century chapel. With B&B rooms in thatched cottages on-site, the castle and grounds are exclusively yours.

## Extras...

Devon is full of talented types, from florists, to photographers. For a flawless floral design, check out Muddy Award-winning florist Hannah Burnett, who also happens to be a very lovely lady. Devon does cake brilliantly, but for something different, consider a cheese cake – and a locally-made one at that. The Cheese Shed based in Bovey Tracey (conveniently online though) specialise in Westcountry cheeses and offer you the chance to build your own bespoke cheese tower. And then there's the wine. To help guide you through the turmoil of finding a tipple to suit the tastebuds of all your guests, Jaded Palates, based in Chagford and now Ashburton, will educate, advise and help you source – and taste – some top notch wines. And, to capture the toasts, the brilliant Muddy Award-winning photographer Claire Tregaskis has the best eye for every little detail.

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