

# MEETINGS & EVENTS

AT PORT LYMPNE

 PORT  
LYMPNE  
HOTEL & RESERVE



## Welcome to Port Lympne

Whether your event requires conference facilities, team building activities, product launches or simply an evening of outstanding entertainment, Port Lympne Hotel & Reserve is the perfect venue for an unforgettable occasion.

Set in 600 acres of stunning parkland, Port Lympne is an ideal choice to add some adventure to your away days, parties and corporate events and reconnect with nature in the centre of this award-winning wildlife reserve. Devoted to the conservation of endangered species and returning them to wild protected areas, Port Lympne is home to hundreds of animals, giving you the chance to truly reconnect with nature in picturesque and restorative surroundings.

Encircling the historic mansion house, the reserve's 14 acres of tranquil, landscaped, Italian-style gardens allow you to enhance your event with outdoor activities, backed by breathtaking coastal views across to France.

Further enrich your event with a journey by truck through the park's vast Kentish savannah, seeing iconic animals such as giraffe, black rhino, wildebeest and zebra.

Port Lympne provides the perfect environment for corporate groups to work together on activities that are engaging, rewarding and strengthen team spirit. By holding your event with us, you are directly helping the park to protect wildlife here in the UK which, in turn, enables the park's partner conservation charity, The Aspinall Foundation, to send animals back to the wild and manage animal protection schemes in Congo, Gabon, Java and Madagascar.





A PLACE OF HISTORIC  
GATHERINGS AMONGST  
ROYALTY, ARISTOCRACY,  
POLITICIANS AND  
PLAYWRIGHTS

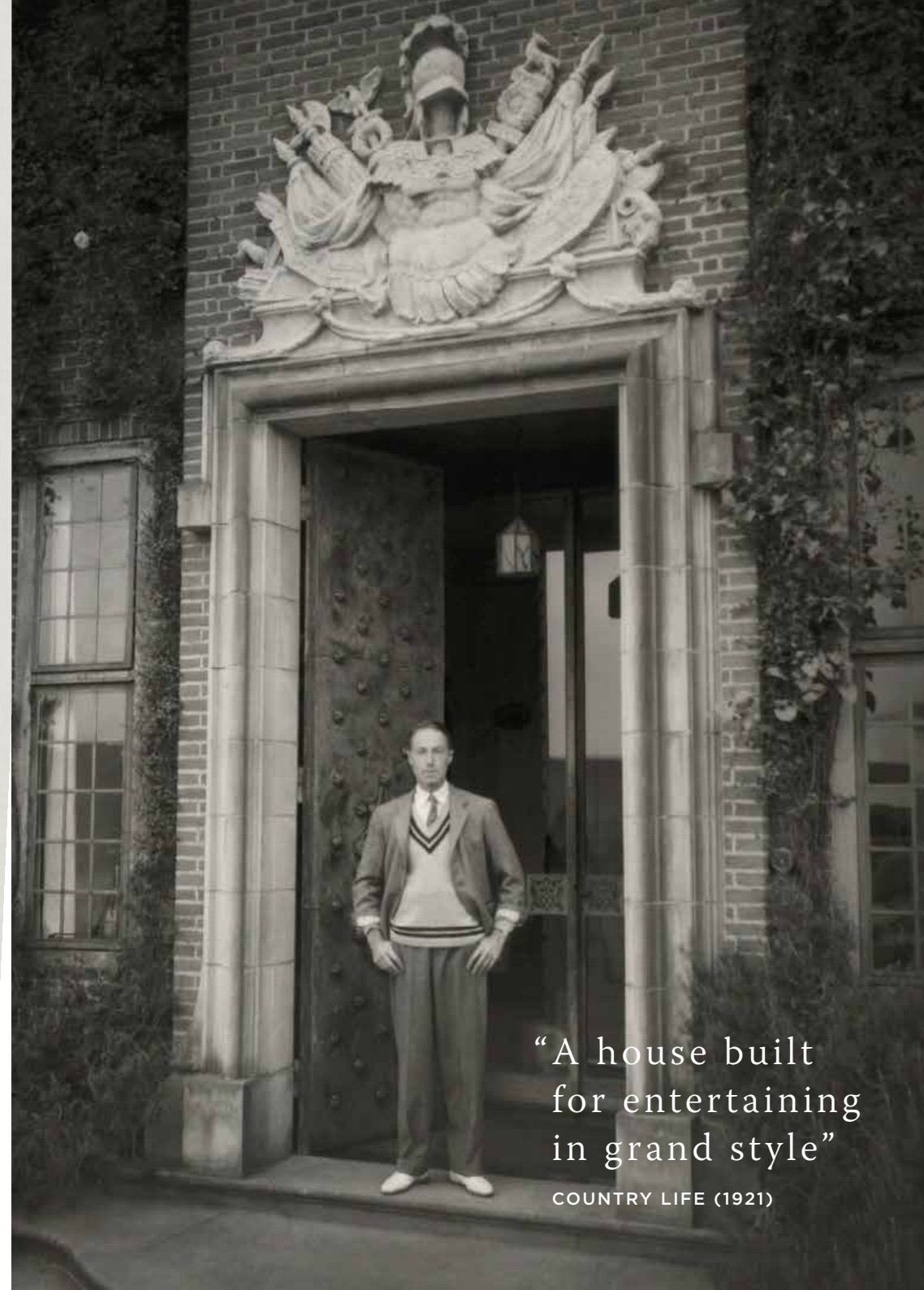


## Our Heritage

Overlooking Romney Marsh and the English Channel, the historic Grade II\* listed Port Lympne Mansion is surrounded by 600 acres of magnificent private parkland. For over a century, Port Lympne has entertained royalty, aristocracy, prominent politicians and playwrights.

Throughout the roaring 20s, notable guests included Charlie Chaplin, the Prince of Wales, Lord Mountbatten, Sir Winston Churchill and T.E Lawrence. The mansion's library was refurbished to serve as a venue for the signing of treaties and The First Lympne Peace Conference was held at the mansion in 1920. Attendees included UK Prime Minister, David Lloyd George; French Prime Minister, Alexandre Millerand and a contingent of highly-influential ministers and military figures.

Regarded as one of England's finest country houses, Port Lympne offers a truly exceptional venue for your meeting or event, with unforgettable backdrops steeped in a golden era.



“A house built  
for entertaining  
in grand style”

COUNTRY LIFE (1921)

# Why Port Lympne?

## A Bespoke Service

Your dedicated Events Coordinator will be delighted to assist you in creating a unique experience for you and your guests, putting together a tailor-made event, entertainment and activities.

## A Unique Setting

Steeped in history, Port Lympne's 600 acres of private parkland is currently home to over 800 wild endangered animals.

## Easily Accessible

Getting here is so easy. We are a mere 15-minute drive from Ashford International Station, connecting you to London (35 min) and Paris (1.5 hours).

## Versatile, Adaptable and Beautiful Spaces

Our variety of private spaces are exquisitely designed and easy to tailor for you and your guests' needs, underpinned by the warmth of great British hospitality.

## Multi Award-Winning Accommodation

We can accommodate all your guests across a variety of interior designed luxury lodges, cottages, cabins and treehouses. The choice is unlimited, and yours to decide.

## Delicious Food and Drink

Menus curated from our favourite locally-sourced ingredients, coupled with glamorous cocktails and award-winning Kentish vineyards for wine pairing, all make for an exquisite match.

## Conservation Led

Working alongside our charity partner The Aspinall Foundation, we protect, breed and release endangered animals back to the wild. By hosting your event with us, you will be supporting these wonderful conservation projects.

## Giving Back

Our team building events foster a valuable sense of wellbeing in your workforce, giving groups the opportunity to work towards a meaningful, philanthropic goal.

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THE MYTHICAL  
ALLURE OF NATURE  
AND WARMTH OF  
BRITISH HOSPITALITY,  
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OUR  
SPACES





Trojan Stairs

Moroccan Courtyard

Garden Room

Lime Tree Avenue

The Forecourt

Parking

The Mansion

The Pergola

Pond

Garden Terraces

Herbaceous Borders

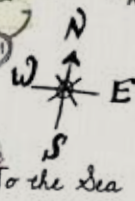
The Vinery

Fig Orchard



The Orangerie

Rose Garden





## The Mansion

Historically a gathering place for pivotal figures in the art world, high society and politics of the day, the Cape Dutch-style mansion was built for Sir Phillip Sassoon in 1913 by architects Sir Herbert Baker and Philip Tilden.

We offer the use of the stunning drawing rooms and terraces, surrounded by glorious landscaped gardens, providing the perfect backdrop for your event. These include The Long Room, The Spencer Roberts Room and The Martin Jordan Room.









The strikingly original decor within the mansion is enhanced yet more by spectacular sea views from the south and west-facing terraces.



# The Long Room

In the heart of the mansion, The Long Room blends opulent country-house tradition with the exotic tastes of former owner Sir Philip Sassoon, who commissioned its striking hand-painted animal murals. With capacity for 35 people boardroom-style or up to 50 lunch/dinner-style on round tables, The Long Room is the ideal space for larger meetings and training events or private dining. A state-of-the-art AV set-up, including screens, projectors and a sound system is available, with access to the beautiful Southern Terrace to bring the outside inside.

- Located within Port Lympne Hotel
- Dimensions – Length: 12.7m  
Width: 5.03m Height: 3.9m
- Doors onto the Southern Terrace
- Natural daylight
- Full AV equipment available
- Conference stationery available

| Theatre   | Classroom   | Boardroom   | U-Shape   | Cabaret   | Banquet   | Dinner /<br>Dance   | Reception   |
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| 100   | 30  | 30  | 22  | 30  | 50  | 30  | 100   |











## The Spencer Roberts Room

Decorated with Arthur Spencer Roberts' stunning hand-painted animal murals, this room offers a cosy yet flexible space in the heart of the mansion.

Vibrant and atmospheric, it brings a sense of occasion to any event, a space where great minds and bon viveurs once gathered to debate the political and cultural landscape of the 1920s.

Ideal for meetings and private dining, it accommodates 24 people in a boardroom set-up and 35 for a lunch set-up. It's also a superb option for private check-ins and welcome drinks and includes access to the spectacular loggia area.

- Located within Port Lympne Hotel
- Dimensions – Length: 11m  
Width: 5.4m Height: 3.7m
- Doors onto the loggia area and terraces
- Natural daylight
- Full AV equipment available
- Conference stationery available









| Theatre   | Classroom   | Boardroom   | U-Shape   | Cabaret   | Banquet   | Dinner / Dance  | Reception   |
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| 50  | 18  | 24  | 15  | 20  | 30  | 20  | 50  |



## The Martin Jordan Room

A hugely versatile and elegant space within the mansion, The Martin Jordan Room is adorned with its namesake's exquisite floor-to-ceiling hand-painted murals. It's a multi-functional space which can be tailored to your exact specifications, whether that's cabaret-style seating, a private dinner or a U-shaped formation for a new product presentation.

- Located within Port Lympne Hotel
- Dimensions – Length: 9.96m  
Width: 5.14m Height: 3.31m
- Doors onto the loggia area and terraces
- Natural daylight
- Full AV equipment available
- Conference stationery available






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## The Orangery

A stunning place to host your event, our elegant, newly-appointed glass orangery and terrace are a creative salute to the theatrical entertainment style of the Gatsby era. Truly private and available for exclusive use only, it has capacity for 160 seated guests in addition to a dance floor, cloakroom, and luxury washrooms. It includes its own fully incorporated kitchen for all fine dining requirements, as well as the option to add additional marquees or a food station on the adjoining lawn.

- Located within the hotel grounds
- Exclusive use venue
- Doors onto a decked area and private garden
- Natural daylight
- Full AV equipment available
- Conference stationery available

| Theatre   | Cabaret   | Banquet   | Dinner /<br>Dance   | Reception   |
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| 180   | 96  | 160   | 120   | 250   |





## The Pergola

Tucked away within Port Lympne mansion's ancient whispering walled garden is our newly-appointed garden pergola.

A captivating venue, nestled in one of the most charming tree-lined spots in the reserve, it is available to hire as a filming location, for photoshoots or as part of a proposal package. Our pergola has capacity for 100 seated guests. Alternatively, utilise this versatile space and the adjoining tiered gardens for a summer party for up to 250.

Inspiring enough to make an ideal location to escape to for a yoga retreat and a delightful spot for private garden parties. Its versatility also lends itself to outdoor teambuilding.



## Film, TV & Photography

Port Lympne offers a multitude of flexible and historic locations, perfect for shooting everything from feature films, period dramas and luxury fashion shoots.

Our Orangery and Pergola can be hired for exclusive use, offering a spectacular backdrop ideal for product launches and cookery shows, whilst our iconic Moroccan Courtyard is perfect for summer fashion shoots.

Unique to Port Lympne are its exotic outdoor filming locations and backdrops, offering the ultimate safari backdrop without the long haul flight to Africa.





OUR  
FACILITIES



## Team Building With a Purpose

Create a bespoke team building event with our experts and you could find yourselves creating enclosure furniture or enrichment items for our animals, as you put into practice some valuable techniques, designed to make your teams work effectively together.

Whether you create puzzle feeders for gorillas, platforms for tigers, dig boxes for meerkats or climbing apparatus for monkeys, the rewarding feeling of seeing your finished items put to the test in our enclosures is one to cherish. Your team will reap the benefits of giving back, learning new skills with a renewed sense of engagement and wellbeing.

Available as serious team building, competitive events or simple fun days, our dedicated team will create a bespoke event tailored to meet your needs.



## Activities

Whether you are a group looking to reconnect with nature, learn new skills, try a new experience or a business wanting to invest in your employees' wellbeing, we offer a myriad of activities that can be tailored to suit your time and budget. Any one of them will make an entertaining stand-alone activity or can be combined with others for an exciting multi-activity event. Perfect for client entertainment or simply spending time with colleagues, the activities can be offered in a half-day format or for just an hour to enhance your event programme.

- Safaris
- Animal Encounters
- Yoga & Meditation
- Wine Tasting
- Conservation Talks
- Lawn Games
- Guided Walks
- Garden Tour
- Cooking with a Conscience
- Team building - enclosure construction / animal enrichment
- Indoor and outdoor team building
- Corporate Volunteering



## Encounters and Safaris

### **Animal Encounters**

Join one of our expert keepers as they introduce your group to the animal of your choice for an unforgettable encounter. Learn fascinating facts, hand-feed where possible and enjoy behind the scenes access as you immerse yourself in their captivating world.

### **Safari experiences**

Experience a truly memorable day on one of Port Lympne Hotel & Reserve's unique private safari experiences.

These tours are like nothing else in the UK, offering a journey through the park's vast Kentish savannah, seeing such iconic animals as giraffe, rhino, wildebeest and zebra. Taking in our African, Asian and South American Experiences, they offer the best way to experience an authentic, awe-inspiring safari in the UK, set against a breath-taking coastline backdrop.



## Reconnect With Nature

### **Yoga & Meditation**

Taking place on the mansion's manicured lawns in summer, or in our beautiful Pergola or Orangery, our yoga and meditation sessions enable you to forge a deep connection with nature amidst the soothing ambient sounds of the park.

We partner with carefully-selected yoga instructors and meditation teachers to offer these ancient arts, which offer the perfect way to get your team away from their desks to focus thoughts and de-stress.

### **Garden Tours**

Join our head gardener for a multi-sensory tour around Port Lympne's 14 acres of stunning manicured gardens, with their dramatic tree-lined boulevards, cascading fountains, ornamental ponds and vivid blooms.

### **Guided Walks, Coast and Countryside**

Explore every inspiring corner and unique aspect of the Port Lympne Reserve and beyond on a leisurely walk with one of our knowledgeable guides. Stroll through lush woodland and under gently rustling treetops, marvelling at grand panoramic views as you discover the unique features of the park and the dramatic wilds of the surrounding countryside.

A 15-minute drive from the park brings you to Kent's spectacular heritage coastline, featured in Lonely Planet's revered Best in Travel list, whilst the sedate waters of the Royal Military Canal offer kayaking and canoeing.





# HOW TO REACH US

Port Lympe Hotel & Reserve is located in the South East of England in the beautiful county of Kent, and is within easy reach of London, Surrey, Sussex, and Essex.

## By Car:

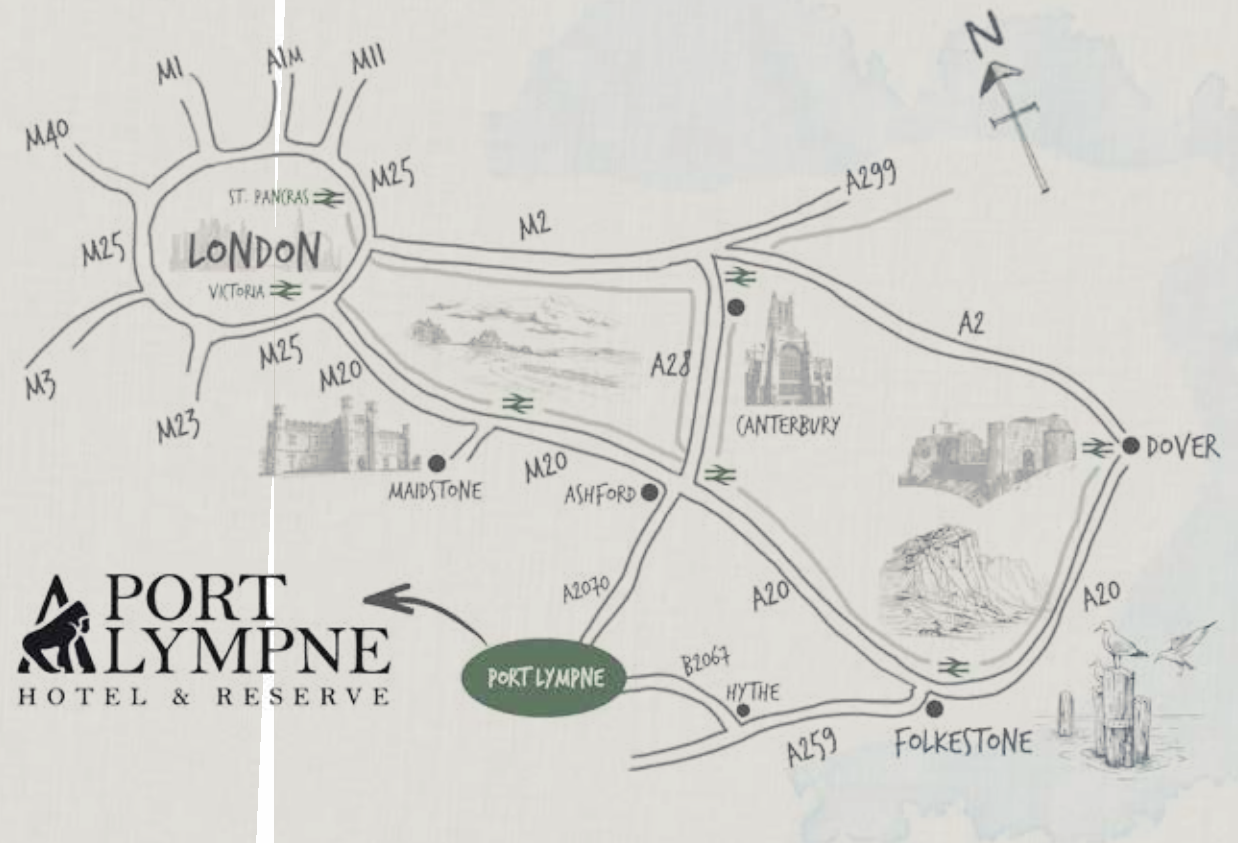
Take Junction 11 off the M20 and follow the brown tourism signs to the park.

## By Train

Ashford International is 15 mins away and provides high speed rail services to London St Pancras (35 min) and Paris (1.5 hours).

## By Air

Both Gatwick & Heathrow Airports are within a 1.5 hour drive. For those wishing to arrive by helicopter we have our own helipad onsite.



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