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Kirsty Craig & Mark Plummer

The blue colour scheme at Kirsty and Mark's wedding at The Mandolay Hotel in Guildford was a winning choice

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We had wanted to get married abroad but we changed our minds due to the cost to family and friends to attend. The reasoning originally was that a wedding abroad would cost less and it would have for us but not for our wedding guests. We then looked into pricing in the UK and specifically the Woking and Guildford areas.

We searched around for the perfect location for the wedding a good year before the date and every venue we looked at had something that was not quite right. One day while shopping in Guildford we stopped for a drink at the Mandolay Hotel. Immediately we knew this was the right venue for our wedding. The hotel is lovely and prestigious with its glamorous entrance, reception and main bar. We knew straight away that the hotel could easily cater for our guests' needs.

We opted for a blue colour scheme in the end; the boys in the family all thought this was because they're keen on Chelsea and Reading FC but truthfully it was because Mark wanted blue suits so we decided to match everything around that idea.

Flowers are very personal and the hotel suggested their preferred flower supplier, Floral Studio Events. We decided on a variety of ivory roses and dahlias for the bouquets and ivory roses for the buttonholes. Our florist also suggested having a twisted willow arch with silk blossom, hydrangeas, roses, peonies and orchids, which we thought was a romantic touch.

For the wedding breakfast, we had cylinder vases with white roses, Singapore orchids and ivory cymbidium, with floating candles and tealights. ♥



“It was magical walking into the reception with all of our guests cheering and clapping. The décor, cake and entertainment was on point”



Key choices

♥ After months of deliberating over several designs, I bought my dress online through a bridal website that had the perfect dress for me. I went to one bridal shop and tried three dresses but I didn't feel comfortable in any of them. I knew what I was looking for and found it online, so I had it made and shipped to me from the United States. It arrived after two months and I couldn't wait to try it on.

♥ The bridesmaids wore a royal blue mermaid, trumpet design and our flowergirl wore a dress from John Rocha. We found all of the dresses quite quickly; in fact we got the bridesmaid and flowergirl dresses before my wedding dress.

♥ Mark and the boys went for Ted Baker suits from Moss Bros. We had seven boys in total, so you can imagine what it was like in the Moss Bros store in Camberley when they were all there.





Making it possible

PHOTOGRAPHY: Piers Thompson Photography, piersphotos.com

CEREMONY & RECEPTION VENUE: The Mandolay Hotel, guildford.com

DRESS: Ingrid's Bridal, ingridbridal.com

ACCESSORIES: Pandora, pandora.com

WEDDING RINGS: Ernest Jones, ernestjones.co.uk

BRIDESMAIDS' DRESSES: JJ's House, jjshouse.co.uk

HAIR: Powder Divas Makeup and Hair Artists, powderdivas.co.uk

MAKE-UP: Becky Clarke, beckyclarke.co.uk

GROOM'S OUTFIT: Moss Bros, moss.co.uk

STATIONERY: Gemma Milly Wedding Stationery, gemmafamily.com

FLOWERS: Floral Studio Events, floralstudioevents.co.uk

CAKE: Alexander Taylor Cakes, alexandertaylorcakes.co.uk

CATERING: The Mandolay Hotel

VENUE DRESSER: The Mandolay Hotel

ENTERTAINMENT: Direct Disco, directdisco.com; photobooth, Twilights, twilights.co.uk

LOVE LETTERS: Wedding Letter Hire, weddingletterhire.com



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SILVER WEDDING PACKAGE

- Glass of sparkling wine on arrival
- Function Suite room hire
- Three-course wedding breakfast with coffee and petit fours for 40 people
- Half a bottle of House wine per guest served at the table
- Glass of sparkling wine for the toast
- Dedicated management team to oversee your wedding from beginning to end
- White linen and napkins
- Red carpet, silver cake stand and knife
- Resident DJ with dance floor and disco lighting
- Evening buffet (5 items) for 80 guests
- Junior Suite for your wedding night including breakfast
- Preferential room rates for guests

GOLD WEDDING PACKAGE

AS PER SILVER PACKAGE PLUS:

- Junior Suite for the night prior to the big day
- Ceremony and Function Suite room hire
- Boxes of Confetti
- Chiavari Chair with Pad or White chair covers with coloured sash to suit your theme
- Private drinks reception including Prosecco, Pimm's or orange juice
- Personalised menus for your tables
- Glass of Prosecco for the toast
- Evening buffet (5 items) for 100 guests
- Complimentary food tasting for two

PLATINUM WEDDING PACKAGE

AS PER GOLD PACKAGE PLUS:

- Signature Suite for the night prior to the big day
- Cocktail Reception to include Butler Passed Canapes served with Pimm's, Prosecco or orange juice for 60 guests
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- Three-course wedding breakfast with coffee and petit fours
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- Evening buffet for (7 items) 100 guests
- Signature Suite for your wedding night including breakfast

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