



Footprint Wedding Package

For those of you hoping to tread lightly down the aisle, we are offering you ways to reduce the carbon footprint of your special day.

Our package includes all the essentials you need to have a wonderful eco chic wedding day!

Hire of our stunning Benjamin Franklin Room and Vaults
for the ceremony, reception and evening party from 3.00pm – 11.00pm

A dedicated Wedding Co-ordinator to assist you throughout your planning
and on the big day itself

Drinks reception:

English Sparkling wine (2 glasses per person)
Unlimited organic fruit juices and bottled mineral water
Selection of Organic Canapés

Three course seasonal Wedding Breakfast
Half a bottle of Fairtrade wine per person
Unlimited bottled mineral water
Glass of English sparkling wine to toast the Bride & Groom

Evening Platters – A selection of British cheeses

Min 50 guests

50 – 84 Guests - £120 per person

85 – 110 Guests - £115 per person

Exclusive of vat

“All chefs must take into consideration our carbon foot print, considering food miles and sustainability are paramount to the trade and today’s climate. This is why I have taken steps towards ensuring all our meats are UK sourced and comes from reputable providers.”

RSA Head Chef, Gordon McQueen

For every **footprint** wedding booked at the RSA we will plant a tree in a location of your choice as part of our tree planting initiative <http://www.rsatrees.org/>

Trees are fundamental to our life system on earth and currently the world is using trees at an unsustainable rate. You will be part of this exciting initiative to help ensure that the forests for future generations are well established and sustainable.



Your Footprint Matters . .

The RSA as a charity has over 250 years of history as a beacon for enlightenment values, creating a more sustainable and socially aware society. The RSA's work is framed by five manifesto challenges that reflect its mission in 21st-century terms. One of which is **Moving Towards a Zero-Waste Society**, the RSA both as an organisation and as a venue therefore has to practice what it preaches when it comes to hosting events.

We know that our couples would like to have a 'greener' wedding but don't know where to start. Most fear that it will be just too much work or cost the earth!

According to Climate Care, the average wedding emits around 14.5 tonnes of CO₂, a staggering amount compared with the average of 12 tonnes emitted by the average person during an entire year.

For 2008 we are offering a special **Footprint Wedding Package** to help you plan a more environmentally friendly wedding day and reduce the carbon footprint of your special day.

Just because you are getting married in central London doesn't mean you have to compromise your principles. Rosemary Ames, the founder of GreenUnion website says:

"Throwing a green wedding doesn't necessarily mean traipsing out to the country. On the contrary, eco savvy brides who opt for city chic will find there are many advantages to getting married in the capital. Steeped in heritage and tradition, The RSA take their ethical responsibilities very seriously and can boast published environmental best practice policies. The RSA proudly ranks 8/10 on our green gauge, as high as many of our rural venues."

Transport

The RSA is ideally located just off the Strand with excellent public transport links so it is easy to encourage guests to leave their cars at home. The RSA is also licensed to host civil ceremonies so by having your ceremony & reception in the same venue, your guests do not have to make any additional travel arrangements.

RSA House

The Society's house itself recycles around 75% of all the rubbish it produces. What's left is mainly food waste which can not be recycled due to health and safety restrictions. Where possible we use eco-friendly detergents and cleaning materials. Our linen has been specifically chosen to be more durable and uses less detergent and energy when being cleaned. And regardless of the amount of wine you drink you can rest assured that every bottle will be recycled.

There are also water management systems in all the toilets to save water and energy. We use low energy light bulbs in all of our offices as well as choosing an electricity provider who supplies us with approx 25% green energy. We have also introduced light sensors in some areas to ensure that they go off when not in use and unlike a lot of London buildings we turn off our lights at night.

You can also feel safe in the knowledge that all the profits made by RSA events are put back into maintaining this grade I & II* listed property and supporting a range of innovative projects and ambitious free lecture series. *See our website for more details.*

Food & Drink

Food is not only an important part of your day but it also represents an important part of your budget! We understand the importance of the menu choice for your special day and so we have adopted a food philosophy to help you make environmentally friendly choices at a reasonable cost.

The RSA is committed to supporting British food producers, purchasing meat from grazed herds and fish from sustainable stocks. We prepare dishes on the premises from fresh rather than pre-prepared ingredients, focusing on simple flavours to amplify the taste and the natural goodness of the ingredients. Menus are designed to reflect seasonal availability and are complimented by fair trade and organic Tea and Coffee as standard.

For our package we have included a selection of British and Fairtrade wines and organic fruit juices.

The RSA has invested in an onsite water purification system, this enables us to re-use all of our branded water bottles, reducing the impact of unnecessary packaging and transportation.

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