



EXETER
CASTLE

EXETER'S PREMIERE EVENT VENUE

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About Us

Following nearly a thousand years of Crown occupation, the Exeter Castle, its courtyard and the backdrop of the Northernhay Gardens now provide one of the most unique event & wedding venues in Devon and arguably in the South West. We offer modern yet traditional spaces for culture, commerce & living.

Weddings
Conferences
Exhibitions
Festivals
Concerts
Parties

The splendid Castle Courtyard is ideal for outdoor events and has played host to the likes of Coldplay and Le Roux in the past, providing an intimate and impressive backdrop for big names and local talents alike.

The Exeter Castle is also a great location for indoor events such as weddings, parties, conferences and other functions with light, airy and newly restored Ballroom and Terrace Rooms.



A Brief History



The first building worthy of the name of castle is recorded to have been built by King Athelstan, and is said to have been destroyed by the Danes in 1003.

In 1068 William the Conqueror, selected Rougemont as the site of a larger and more strongly fortified castle than had ever existed at Exeter.

The Castle of Exeter stands atop the highest part of the city, within the north-east angle of the city walls. From the reddish colour of the volcanic rock on which it stood, it became known locally as Rougemont Castle.

In 1232, Exeter Castle, as well as many others, was seized by Henry III, who gave it to his younger brother, Richard, Earl of Cornwall.

In 1711, an act of parliament was passed, enabling Queen Anne to grant a lease of Exeter Castle for 99 years, for the use of the county of Devon.

Within these ancient walls, much of the original structure of the Devon County Court was erected in 1774, but has undergone frequent alterations and some enlargements, to make it suitable for the augmented business of the county.



Directions

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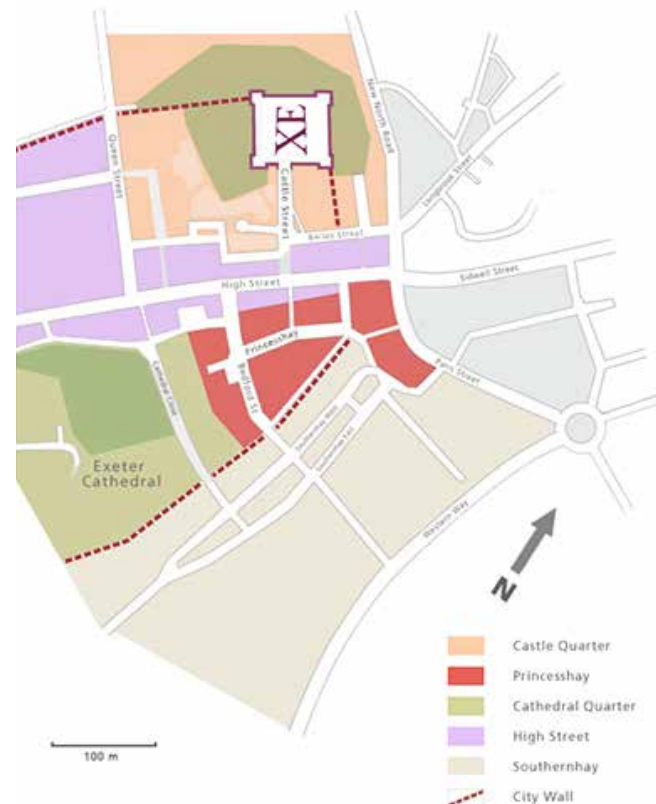
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Exeter Castle is located in the heart of Exeter city centre, less than 100 metres from the High Street.

BUS: Local and national bus services operate from the city's bus station, in Paris Street, not far from the High Street's eastern end.

TRAIN: Exeter is served by two main railway stations, Exeter St Davids and Exeter Central. Central station is more convenient for the city centre and Exeter Castle.

AIRPORT: Exeter International Airport lies approximately 5 miles east of the City. There are regular flights to major UK and European destinations.



Castle Facilities

Exeter Castle can offer superb facilities in the heart of Exeter city centre.

- 2 minute walk from town centre
- Secure gated parking
- Fully Licensed Bar
- Underfloor heating
- Fibre optic broadband
- Free WIFI
- Rear Terrace with BBQ
- Kitchen space for suppliers
- Accommodation rental
- Reception area
- On-site event manager
- Audio visual equipment
- Internal capacity 399
- Castle wall walkway
- Linen hire
- Room dressing
- Corporate break out room
- Mature gardens







The Ballroom

Converted from Court 3 in 2009, Exeter Castle's grand Ballroom is perfect for weddings, corporate functions and celebrations.

180sqm with underfloor heating, the ballroom is a light airy hall with large arched windows over looking the courtyard and Castle walls.

This Ballroom is great for any occasion, with room for tables and seating, or using the space for a party under the rooms giant glitterball.

With stairs leading down to our unique cloakroom and toilet area, which are converted courtroom cells, the Ballroom is a space to impress and dazzle all of you guests.

Ballroom capacity: 180 seated

Terrace Rooms

The Terrace rooms have kept a lot of their original features, with high vault ceilings, impressive views and enormous oil painting. These rooms will make a lasting impression to any visitor or guest.

Terrace Room 1 is elegant and ideal for wedding ceremonies, blessings, corporate launches and business presentations. Double arched doors lead you out onto the sun terrace, with impressive views across Northenhay Gardens and the rolling hills beyond.

130sqm
Terrace Room 1 capacity: 80 seated

Terrace Room 2 is similar to room 1 but has an additional raised balcony, suitable for live music or public speaking. The outdoor space in both of these room are connected and provides a great outdoor space for your party.

130sqm
Terrace Room 2 capacity: 80 seated









Foyer & Courtyard

Exeter Castle's Foyer is an ideal area to meet guests and relaxing during an event. Located in the main entrance to the building, it has a perminate bar area, for serving drinks, cocktails and canapes.
Foyer capacity: 100 standing

The large Courtyard can be used for a varity of events. From a grand entrance with red carpet to impress your guests, to a live music stage with street food vendors. Marquees, outdoor bars and stages can be erected in this space to create any unique event or wedding.

Weddings

With architecture dating back to 1068, Exeter Castle provides a spectacular setting for anyone's special day.

This newly renovated historical gem is a venue that no guest will ever forget. Admire the views from The Terrace Rooms, dine in The Ballroom and dance under the giant disco balls. Exeter castle is doubtless the most unique event space that Exeter has to offer!

Exeter Castle is now licensed for civil weddings , it is an ideal location for those gatherings where abiding memories are important for all involved.

With three great rooms on offer and the courtyard and foyer, the site can literally tailor itself to match your requirements.

Rent one hall, or have the whole Castle! Every design can be catered for, whether you want grand or intimate.







Corporate Events

Exeter Castle is an ideal location for any size event.

Using our courtyard we can cater for upto 1200 people, for fun runs, fayres, concerts and exhibitions.

For more formal occasions, the ballroom or terrace rooms offer a great space for product or company launches, awards ceremonies, AGM's, B2B networking, and media presentations.

With our catering and audio visual suppliers our event manager can create a bespoke package to meet your needs.





Meetings & Conferencing

The ballroom and terrace rooms are an excellent space to hold your conference or business meetings.

Whether it's a seated or a more casual standing event, the castle can offer a unique atmosphere away from the office in an historic setting.

Our event manager can assist you with caterers if required and will be onsite during your booking.

- Corporate Hospitality
- Client Entertainment
- Staff Meetings
- Team Building
- Networking Events
- Breakfast Briefings



Festivities & Parties

Exeter Castle is the most fantastic venue to hold any celebration or party.

With the newly renovated Terrace rooms, the Ballroom, Foyer and the Courtyard to choose from, your party is sure to go with a bang.

To make your party an even more memorable event, the stunning architecture ensures brilliant photo opportunities that work brilliantly with a firework display or the beautiful array of coloured lights that dance on the castle walls.

Our event manager can assist in any requirements you have, we have catered for a huge variety of celebrations from formal meals to a more traditional party with live music and street food caterers.









Concerts & Festivals

Once again Exeter Castle Courtyard played host to the Exeter Festival of South West Food & Drink.

An opportunity for visitors to indulge in the region's finest food and drink, see celebrity chefs work their magic and enjoy dedicated activities for families.

We have also hosted a number of high profile concerts in the Courtyard and Terrace Rooms, including Coldplay.

Floor Plans

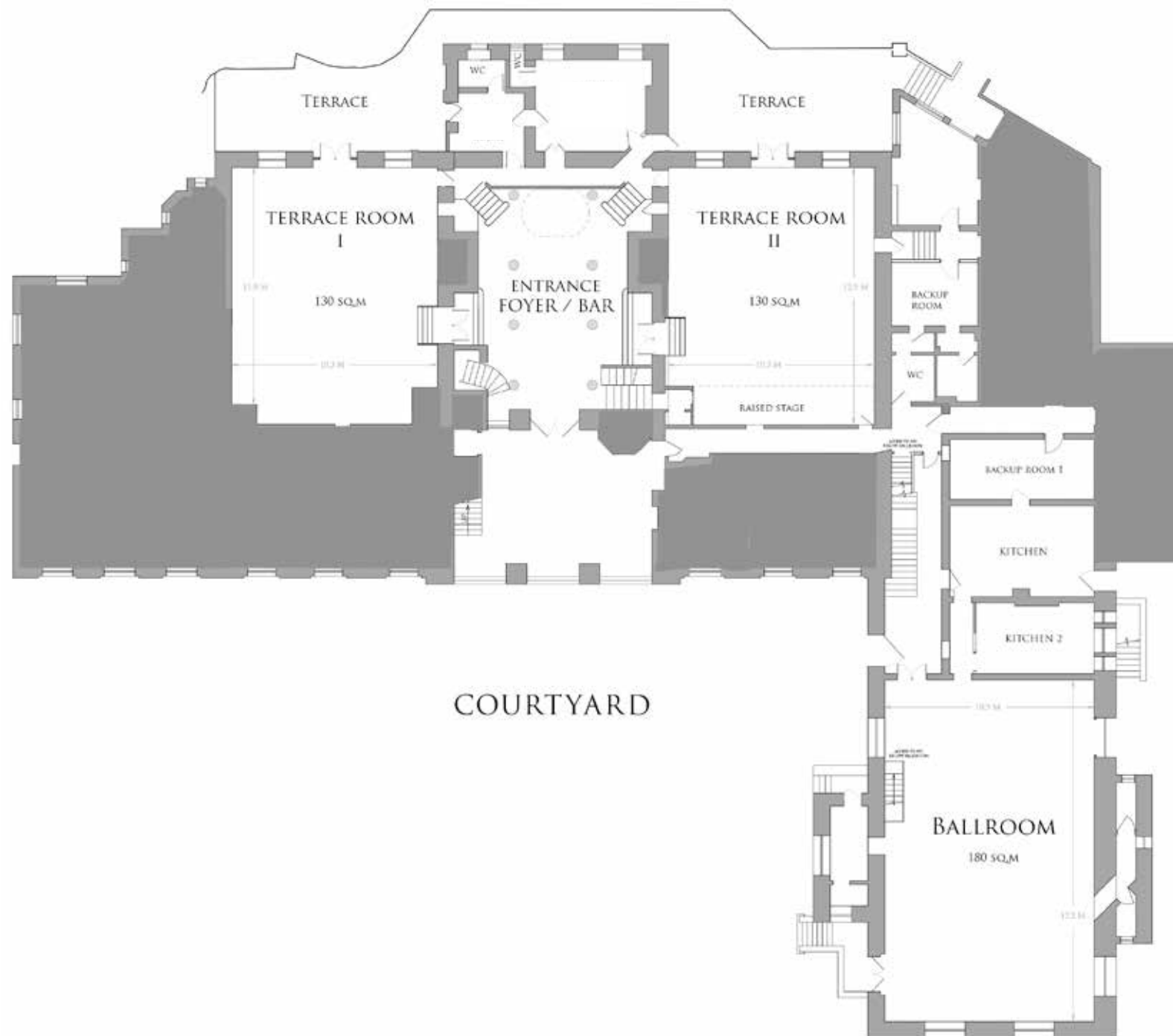
A short walk from the main gates through the walled courtyard brings you to Exeter Castle's main entrance, with its 18th century archways to the Foyer Bar. This was the main reception of the old crown courts.

Either side of the Foyer Bar is terrace 1 on your left and terrace 2 on your right, both of these were working courtrooms up to the closure of the crown courts in 2003. Many features of these rooms still remain from this period.

From large arched doors you can exit through either room to the terrace, looking out onto Exeter's Northernhay Gardens.

The grand Ballroom has 2 entrances from the courtyard, originally court 3, this is the largest room at Exeter Castle, with large windows looking out over the courtyard and Castle walls.

From the Ballroom there are stairs leading down to the cloakroom and toilet area. This whole area were the Crown Court cells, most of the original features remain, including some of the previous inmates wall art!





Rental Apartments

There are 14 luxury rental apartments at Exeter Castle, with the majority of these let on a standard 12 month tenancy. Residents benefits include, secure parking, fibre optic high speed broadband, 24hr castle management, secure storage and living in one of Exeter's most historic buildings in the centre of the city.

The latest apartment to be developed, is available to book per night, and can be found on [Airbnb.co.uk](https://www.airbnb.co.uk), please click here to view. This is a 3 bedroom modern apartment finished to the very highest specifications.

This apartment is ideal for wedding parties, corporate stopovers and vistors to the city.



Discover

Exeter Castle, is the historic castle of the city of Exeter. It was built into the northern corner of the Roman city walls starting in or shortly after the year 1068, following Exeter's rebellion against William the Conqueror. In 1136 it was besieged for three months by King Stephen. An outer bailey, of which little now remains, was added later in the 12th century.

The castle is mentioned in Shakespeare's play Richard III in a reference to that king's visit to Exeter in 1483. Devon's county court was located here from at least 1607, and the three Devon Witches—the last people in England to be executed for witchcraft—were tried here in the 1680s.

All the buildings inside the walls were swept away in the 1770s to make way for a new courthouse, which was extended by the addition of wings in 1895 and 1905. Because of its function as a court, the interior of the castle was not open to the public until the court moved to a new site in 2004. It is surrounded on three sides by the Rougemont Gardens and Northernhay Gardens, public parks now maintained by Exeter City Council.

If you are interested in hiring a room, the whole venue or other services we offer, you can arrange a private viewing with our events manager.

They will be able to show you around the grounds, answer any questions and suggest caterers, room dressing and entertainment options.

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