

A couple in formal attire are walking up a stone staircase outdoors. The woman is in the foreground, wearing a white, backless dress with a large bow at the waist. The man is slightly behind her, wearing a white suit. They are surrounded by lush greenery and trees, with a stone wall on the left and a metal railing on the right. The scene is set in a natural, wooded area.

# Hotel Tresanton

## Events

Alongside its 30 bedrooms, restaurant, bar, beach club and yacht the hotel has some private event spaces. From weddings to intimate dinners, cocktail parties and meetings, if you're planning an event we would love to help

@tresantonevents

Photo by Lizzie Churchill



# Hotel Tresanton

Originally created in the 1940's as a yachtsman's club, Tresanton is a cluster of old houses on the waterfront in St Mawes. Tresanton has a casual yet elegant atmosphere, very much in keeping with our waterside location.

Weddings at Tresanton are a very special occasion, designed specifically for you. Whether it be an intimate wedding for the two of you, or if you prefer the hotel to be exclusively yours, we endeavour to create the wedding day you have dreamt of.

Exclusive Hire of the hotel is available from September through March, with a minimum two night stay required at the weekend and one night Sunday to Thursday. Wedding ceremonies of between 2-50 guests are offered all year round, with the exception of August, Easter, Christmas and New Year.

The hotel has 30 rooms and suites, with 28 boasting sea views. Furnished individually by Olga Polizzi, some have their own private terrace. Unless the hotel is booked exclusively, ten rooms is the maximum number that we can offer for your party. We are happy to recommend alternative accommodation locally should it be required to suit your family and friends.

We have a variety of venues available at the hotel with various capacities. Our restaurant can cater for up to 70 guests, The Mosaic Room can cater for up to 50 guests, the Nook our private waterside terrace can cater for up to 30 guests and our Beach Club which is three levels of terrace overlooking the waterside can cater for up to 50 guests. We enjoy smaller intimate celebrations too and welcome just the two of you for a private candlelit dinner or wedding ceremony.

Tavern beach is located in front of the hotel and is easily accessible. Being just a short stroll from the hotel makes it the perfect spot for photographs.

Due to the intimate nature of the hotel, Tresanton does not cater for evening functions with music and dancing, unless you are taking the hotel on an Exclusive Hire basis. Other locations such as the St Mawes Hotel or St Mawes Castle can be hired for your evening reception.

Tresanton holds a Civil licence so marriages and civil partnerships can take place at the hotel. Once you have confirmed our availability, please contact Cornwall Council in Truro on 0300 1234 181 for more information on their services offered. Should you prefer a church service, we can provide contact details for St Mawes and St Just in Roseland churches, along with St Mawes catholic church.

Your wedding will not just begin and end with the ceremony at Tresanton. There are beautiful coastal paths for romantic walks and in the warmer months the hotel's classic Italian racing yacht Pinuccia is available for private charter for up to six people.

We work closely with a select number of talented local contacts and suppliers, which we would be delighted to recommend to help take care of all the details on your wedding day.





**The 14th century church of St Just in Roseland is nearby and is one of the most beautiful in England**

# Ludicrously Romantic Weddings

Once you have booked your wedding at Tresanton, you can sit back and relax and allow our dedicated in-house Events Manager Leila Heppell to take care of your every need. From the planning process to being the Master of Ceremonies on the day, she will ensure the smooth running of the event from start to finish and allow you to relax and enjoy the moment with your closest family and friends.

Included in your event hire fee you will receive:

- A room licensed for Civil Ceremonies
- A Master of Ceremonies who will be your host throughout the day
- Use of the hotel and beach for your photographs
- Complimentary nights stay to be enjoyed after the wedding day (applicable only if you stay at Tresanton for your wedding night)
- Bespoke menus created for you by our Head Chef
- Hotel Tresanton cake knife and stand
- Tea lights and votives
- Hotel Tresanton table plan, numbers and name cards
- Personalised menus for the tables
- Pressed table linen, crockery, cutlery and glassware
- Private car park





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# Every Wedding is Unique

Every wedding is unique and we endeavour to create your dream wedding day. We hope that the information we have provided will give you an insight into what we can provide and the costs involved.

The ultimate Tresanton wedding is when you hire the hotel exclusively. Enjoy the luxury of having the hotel to yourselves, staff to cater for your every need and the splendour of handpicking the most suitable rooms for you and your guests.

A relaxed supper on your arrival day allows you and your friends to catch up and share in the excitement of your wedding day. Breakfast together in the morning sets you up for the day ahead. After the ceremony guests enjoy a champagne and canape reception on our sea view terraces. Our restaurant is the perfect setting

for your wedding breakfast, as the the warm light fades at the end of the day, it is replaced by the flow of candlelight in the evening. Later comes music and dancing, followed by your own spectacular fireworks display from a large barge in the bay (at an additional cost). Exclusive Hire commences from 3.00pm on the day of arrival, until 11.00am on the day of departure.

Canapes and your wedding breakfast are from £120.00 per person, our house champagne is from £80.00 per bottle and house wines are from £36.00 per bottle. Should you have a special bottle in mind which you prefer your guests to enjoy, corkage is an option priced at £30.00 per bottle. We estimate half a bottle of champagne per person and half a bottle of wine per person with the meal.

## PRIVATE HIRE FEE

NUMBER OF GUESTS	1-2	12-30	30-50	70 TWO NIGHT EXCLUSIVE	70 ONE NIGHT EXCLUSIVE
HIGH SEASON	£750.00	£1500.00	£2500.00	£6000.00	£4500.00
LOW SEASON	£500.00	£1250.00	£1750.00	£4000.00	£3000.00
BEACH CLUB PRIVATE HIRE			£5000.00		

The above private hire fee's do not include any accommodation, food or drinks, flowers, your photographer for example or extras. The private hire fee covers the room hire fee/Exclusive Hire charge and everything else will be charged on top.





**Sun-drenched by day, candle lit by night,  
Tresanton has a collection of spaces for eating,  
drinking and relaxing**

# Planning Your Menu

Our Head Chef Paul Wadham has been at the helm for 20 years. When you choose to hold a special event here at Tresanton, Paul will work with you to create your perfect menu. Paul works with the finest local suppliers to source the best in seasonal produce for you. Wine can be paired and cocktails can be created, ensuring everyone is in the best spirit and toasting to you.

Due to the nature of the dishes we serve at Tresanton, we require a set menu of one dish per course for the whole party, with the addition of a vegetarian choice provided if required. We can also offer a children's menu and can take care of any dietary requirements with advance notice.

The cost of your menu will be confirmed once your menu has been finalised. As a guide to costs, a three course menu is from £90.00 per person, summer barbeques are from £75.00 per person, canapes from £30.00 per person. Children's menus are priced at £15.00 per child (up to the

age of 10 years old), cream tea is priced at £12.00 per person and our late night evening snacks offering of pasties and cheese is from £12.00 per person.

All dietary requirements and allergies are taken into consideration when planning your menu and we will be able to accommodate any should we have advance notice.

To inspire you and get your creative juices flowing, we have detailed below some dishes we have served at recent events. Please use these as an insight into the style of food we offer, as we take great pride and enjoyment in creating your own bespoke menu.

@paulwadham





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# Menu Ideas

## STARTERS

Crab, confit tomato, quails egg, avocado, crostini  
Dived scallops, pancetta, romesco sauce  
Wild native oysters, shallot vinegar  
Lobster spring rolls, vegetable slaw  
Tuna tartare, creme fraiche, cristini, caviar  
Red mullet, sauce vierge, basil mayonnaise  
Duck liver parfait, apple chutney, sourdough  
Deli Farm charcuterie, bruschetta, pickles  
Beef tartare

## MAIN COURSES

Brill, capers, lemon, parsley, asparagus new potatoes  
Half lobster, chips, green beans, basil mayonnaise  
Wild bass, chargrilled courgette, aubergine, peppers, olives  
Cod, rosti potato, steamed clams, tomato, spinach  
Monkfish, peas, onions, pancetta, pea shoots, new potatoes  
Hake, broccoli, green beans, spinach croquette  
Fish pie, mash potato, green beans  
Turbot, hollandaise, spinach, new potatoes  
Moorland beef fillet, mushroom croquette, celeriac, oyster mushroom, pancetta  
Sausages, mash potato, streaky bacon, onion  
Lamb cutlet, potato gratin, green beans, confit tomato  
Roast pork belly, celeriac, red onion, carrots, apple  
Terras Farm duck, polenta, spinach, mushrooms

## DESSERTS *Served with homemade ice cream or sorbet*

Chocolate fondant  
Gateaux Opera  
Pavlova, seasonal berries  
Baked cheesecake  
Bread and butter pudding  
Dark chocolate mousse  
Creme caramel  
Lemon tart  
Hot chocolate mousse  
Apple tart tatin  
Vanilla grappa pannacotta  
Orange cake

## CANAPES

Our Head Chef Paul has detailed below some of his favourite canapes to serve. Some ingredients are seasonal, therefore they may not be available at the time of your celebration. We suggest a selection of four canapes in total, with four provided per person.

## MEAT

Scotch quail's egg  
Cured ham, rocket  
Beef or duck spring rolls  
Duck liver parfait, apple chutney, sourdough  
Harissa marinated chicken skewer

## FISH

Smoked salmon, creme fraiche, caviar  
Crab and quail's egg  
Breadcrumbs scallop lollipop  
Fish goujons, tartar sauce  
Mackerel bruschetta  
Porthilly oysters  
Scallops, rosemary, pancetta

## VEGETARIAN

Grilled asparagus  
Buffalo mozzarella, tomato, basil  
Arancini, peas, spinach  
Vegetable samosa  
Gorgonzola and hazelnut tart  
Courgette pizzette  
Baked Boy Laity, caramelised onions, bruschetta  
Summer vegetable roll  
Tartlet, mushroom fricassee (vegan)  
Polenta chips, roasted peppers, olives (vegan)  
Hummus and crudite (vegan)





**In the Summer we offer an abundant barbeque, a real feast of salads, seafood, grilled meat and a selection of desserts. Great for a large family get together**

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# BBQ

Held on the hotel's private waterside terraces the Beach Club and the Nook and based on Tresanton's legendary summer barbeques, this is the perfect alternative to the more formal wedding breakfast.

Our BBQ's allow you to enjoy a fantastic selection of local seafood, salads, grilled meats and fish, delicious desserts and West Country cheeses. Your own personal chef will cook to order, so you can sit back and relax, taking in the sea view. The barbeque menu is seasonal and served in the warmer months between May to September. Should it be poor weather on the day, The Mosaic Room which is our function room will be held as your wet weather alternative.

Like our more formal wedding breakfast menus, our Head Chef Paul Wadham will write the barbeque menu specifically for yourselves, ensuring it features your favourite local ingredients.

## FROM THE COLD BUFFET

King prawns  
Porthilly oysters  
Fal scallops (with an additional surcharge)  
Buffalo mozzarella, tomato  
Beetroot, Gorgonzola, dandelion  
Potato salad  
Caesar salad  
Mixed leaves  
Panzanella salad  
Green beans  
Grilled peppers, courgettes, fennel  
Hummus

## FROM THE HOT BUFFET

Local lobster (with an additional surcharge)  
Beef sirloin  
Lamb cutlet  
Sausages  
Calamari  
Fresh fish, for example sardines and mackerel

## FOR DESSERT

Pavlova, Chantilly cream, summer berries  
Lemon tart  
Chocolate brownie  
West Country cheese board  
(with an additional surcharge)



# Contacts & Suppliers

## FLORIST

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## BEAUTY

Hotel Tresanton has a treatment room offering  
massages, reflexology, manicures and waxing  
[tresanton.com/treatments](http://tresanton.com/treatments)

## HATS

Holly Young Millinery [hollyyoungboutique.com](http://hollyyoungboutique.com)

## WEDDING CAKES AND FAVOURS

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**The Mosaic Room**



# The Mosaic Room

The Mosaic Room comprises of a large room overlooking our terrace with the sea view in the distance. The space welcomes private parties of up to 50 seated or 100 standing, with versatile dining options and AV equipment.

Should it be an intimate celebration for between 10-30 guests, you will dine on a long elegant oval table. This table size is adaptable and we create the perfect size for the number of guests in your party. For celebrations of over 30 guests, round tables with up to 10 guests per table will be used.

Lunch is available at either 12 noon or 3.30pm onwards and dinner is available at 6.00pm or 9.00pm. Depending on the time of year of your special occasion, the timings may be negotiable.

The space is ideal for screenings and seaside meetings, as our AV equipment can connect to any laptop or device. Low background music is our preferred music choice, although acoustic live music may be permitted dependent on circumstances and can be discussed on an individual basis with your Event Manager, Leila Heppell.

The Mosaic Room is licensed for wedding ceremonies, therefore should you choose to get married at Tresanton, the room can beautifully accommodate up to 70 persons seated for the ceremony. The stunning mosaic floor and sea view in the distance make it the perfect environment for a wedding.

If you choose to book the hotel exclusively, as the sun sets our Mosaic Room becomes the dancefloor and the backdrop to dance the night away.

## CAPACITY OPTIONS

Up to 70 seated (for a wedding ceremony or conference)

100 standing

Between 10-30 guests on one oval table

Up to 50 guests on multiple round tables

## EQUIPMENT

Dedicated meeting wifi

HD Wireless presentation (We Present)

HD Media playout

Surround sound speakers

Sonos



**The Nook terrace**



# The Nook

Following on from your wedding ceremony, begin your celebrations with champagne and canapes on our private waterside terrace The Nook. We can accommodate up to 50 guests for a pre-lunch or dinner cocktail or up to 30 for a seated meal.

## CAPACITY

Up to 30 seated (wedding ceremony or meal)

Up to 50 standing

The space can be set up in a variety of ways, from round tables for guests to perch their drink on to one long table for guests to dine from, the terrace is an intimate setting for a special occasion.

Our licence permits live music until 9.00pm, with guests moving inside to the Dogs' Bar from 10.30pm onwards (only permitted if the three bedrooms 1, 2 & 3 in Little Tresanton are accommodated by you and/or your guests).

Should the Cornish weather fail us, drinks can be enjoyed in the warm and cosy bar lounge and meals can be served in the Mosaic Room.

For an idyllic wedding ceremony by the sea, we can accommodate between 2-30 guests on our Nook Terrace with St Anthony's lighthouse in the distance. If the weather proves taxing on the day, our Mosaic Room will be available to move the celebrations inside.



'When Olga Polizzi dreams up a beach club, she does it her way: with easy elegance. At this breezy spot at the Hotel Tresanton in pretty St Mawes, guests mingle on Mediterranean-style terraces - smart blue-and-white parasols; semi tropical plants - sunbathing in swimsuits or sipping cold pressed juices. It's a lovely place to forget everything humdrum while gazing towards St Anthony's Lighthouse.'

**The Beach Club**

**Conde Nast Traveller**

# Beach Club

Situated directly below the hotel, the Beach Club is a series of three terraces set just above the waterline. The perfect place to relax, the Beach Club is the perfect oasis for sun soaked lounging, stargazing and listening to the sound of the waves. The Mediterranean style brings a feel of the Amalfi coast, with blue and white striped umbrellas and semi-tropical planting.

The Beach Club can become exclusively yours between 10am - 9pm. Whether you wish to enjoy a sea view lunch for up to 50 guests or a wedding ceremony for the same number, this exclusive setting is the most magical environment for your special occasion.

Guests can dine from our BBQ menu or a light crab salad if preferred, or why not enjoy an indulgent afternoon tea as an alternative celebration meal.

Should the weather be poor on the day, The Mosaic Room will be reserved for you in case a move indoors is required.

## CAPACITY

Up to 150 standing (drinks reception)

Up to 50 seated (for a meal or wedding ceremony)





**The Dogs' Bar**

# Dogs' Bar

Our cosy and intimate Dogs' Bar can play host for a number of different occasions. The room has a nautical feel, with a roaring open fireplace and seaview.

## CAPACITY

Up to 50 standing

Between 2-12 guests for a wedding ceremony

For those looking for a stylish and intimate wedding of 12 guests or less this is the perfect venue with ceremony times available between 11.30am-3pm.

Low background music is our preferred music choice, acoustic live music may be permitted depending on circumstances and can be discussed on an individual basis with your event planner.

With a well-stocked bar on hand, the room lends itself to a drinks reception perfectly. Whether pre or post celebration, we create the perfect setting for your friends and family to enjoy a tippie.



## **The Restaurant**

Photo by Kirstin Prisk



# The Restaurant

When you take over the hotel exclusively, your wedding breakfast will be held in our sea view restaurant. Three long tables create the most perfect, intimate and romantic setting for all of you to enjoy. As night sets in, hurricane candles on the terrace provide light for you to look out to sea.

# The Small Print

The following terms and conditions apply for all events at Hotel Tresanton and full contractual terms will be sent individually once your event has been booked.

Exclusive Hire of the hotel is available from the end of September to the end of March, with the exception of Christmas and New Year. Non-exclusive events are offered all year round, with the exception of August, Easter, Christmas and New Year.

A deposit required to secure an event booked is equal to the Private Hire or Exclusive Hire fee. Should there be no hire fee, your required deposit will be determined once the nature of the event is understood and a quote has been created.

50% of the total accommodation charges is required to confirm any accommodation provisionally reserved.

Once your event booking is secure, a contract will be drawn up and this will detail a further payment plan schedule. Any outstanding balance we ask to be settled on departure of the hotel. The contract must be signed by both parties to secure the booking and cancellation terms specific to your event will be detailed within the contract. We strongly advise that you read through these as legally binding.

All cancellations must be in writing and it is advised that cancellation insurance is in place through a third party in case this arises. Cancellation of an event will result in the deposit/or hire fee being forfeited, along with further pre-payments being forfeited depending on the timescale of cancellation. More details of this will be within the contract.

Check in of guest rooms is from 3.00pm on the day of arrival and check out is by 11.00am on the day of departure. Exclusive Hire of the hotel is from 3.00pm on the day of arrival, until 11.00am on the day of departure.

We offer strict dining times for private dining when the hotel is not booked exclusively. This is at 12 noon or from 3.30pm onwards or at 6.00pm and then again from 9.00pm onwards. Private hire of our outside spaces is until 10.30pm on the Nook Terrace and until 9.00pm on the Beach Club.

The Dogs' Bar will close at 11.00pm, unless the hotel is yours exclusively or you/your guests occupy the bedrooms above the bar and this has been arranged with your Events Manager in advance. If those rooms are not occupied, the Dogs' Bar will close at 11.00pm and we then ask that any non-resident guests depart from the hotel. It is the hotel's right to close the bar at their discretion at any time after 11.00pm, unless pre-arranged.

Any registrar or church fees and arrangements are to be made directly.

The hotel reserves the right to judge acceptable levels of music and behavior of the client or guest and the guest must take all steps necessary for corrective action. In the event of failure to comply with management request, the hotel reserves the right to terminate the contract or stop any event without being liable for a refund or compensation.



Photo by Simon Bert



# Pinuccia

Pinuccia is our magnificent 8 metre classic racing yacht. She was built in 1939 to race for Italy at an international competition and is the most beautiful boat in St Mawes harbour, with her slender line and tall wooden mast.

From may until the end of September, our skipper and his crew will take your sailing around Falmouth Bay and the Carrick Roads. This area which includes the estuary of the Helford and the Fal river, is one of the most beautiful and safe areas for sailing and boating in Britain.

Pinuccia is a special treat pre or post wedding, for just the two of you or your closest family and friends to enjoy. Should the tide be right, you can depart a wedding service from St Just in Roseland church and arrive to Tresanton by water in truly legendary style.

You can take pleasure in a half day sail, full day or evening sail. Champagne and a picnic can be taken along for you to enjoy. She can take a maximum of six guests plus the skipper and crew, with the prices as follows.

## HALF DAY SAIL

£495.00 available 10am - 1pm or 2pm - 5pm

## FULL DAY SAIL

£790.00 10am - 4pm including a picnic and bottle of wine

## EVENING SAIL

£495.00 5.30pm - 8pm including a bottle of Prosecco



**Olga Polizzi**

# Hotel Tresanton

Hotel Tresanton opened in the summer of 1998 and was an immediate success. It was the first hotel of its kind in Cornwall.

Tresanton was bought and designed by Olga Polizzi and its originality lies in the chic and understated decorative style she used, whilst staying true to its location.

The hotel is a cluster of five houses on the edge of St Mawes, one of the prettiest villages in Cornwall. It was originally created as a yachtsman's club and 28 out of the 30 rooms boast a sea view across to St Anthony's lighthouse. Olga Polizzi spent two years redesigning the hotel with antiques and Cornish art, with some rooms having tongue and groove walls and others having beautiful mosaic floors.

Our restaurant specialises in fresh fish prepared simply, with a focus on local seasonal Mediterranean cuisine. Lunch might be a crab and dandelion salad or wild garlic soup, followed by whole Dover sole and homemade ice cream and sorbet for dessert.

Tavern beach is located in front of the hotel and is easily accessible. Being just a short stroll from the hotel, makes it the perfect location for a swim, sunbathe or beach game with the family.

Olga Polizzi bought the garden below the hotel in 2017 and transformed it into three terraces located directly above the waterline. Book the Beach Club exclusively and you can decide on the menu.

Pinuccia, our magnificent 8 metre classic yacht was built in 1939 by Baglietto Varazze to race for Italy. She is the most beautiful boat in St Mawes harbour and guests can enjoy the luxury of relaxing on-board with skipper and crew. In the water from May to the end of September, guests can enjoy the surroundings of Falmouth Bay, the Carrick Roads and the Helford River.

- From London 5 hours by car or 4 hours by train
- 30 rooms and suites, 28 with a sea view
- Some rooms have terraces and wood burning stoves
- Dogs welcome in 5 of our rooms
- 70 cover restaurant
- 120 cover restaurant (main restaurants terrace)
- Dogs' Bar and lounge
- Beach Club
- Private events terrace, The Nook
- Private dining room, The Mosaic room
- Sitting room
- Pinuccia our classic Italian racing yacht
- Children's playroom/garden





# We Love Children

Our family suites and interconnecting rooms are ideal for families and many rooms are large enough for an extra bed or cot. Children love our playroom, garden and Wendy house and the beach just in front of the hotel is perfect for rock pools, paddling and swimming in the summer.

Children's suppers are ideal for smaller children and we can arrange babysitters for when the children go to bed. A children's club can be arranged, to give parents a little time to spend with family and friends. Beach explorations, shell treasure hunts, sandcastle competitions and beach art are always popular with children of all ages.

- Kayaks are available for hire from St Mawes kayaks

- James Brown offers great fishing trips in the bay. These are great fun for the whole family and chef will cook the days catch for your supper

- Find a suitable spot on the harbour wall and try a spot of crabbing. No need for a hook, just tie on the bacon and drop the line in the water and wait. The shore crab, the most common in Cornwall, needs a little coaxing. About five minutes should do it. Raise your line, it will feel a little heavier and there should be a few happy crabs munching away

- Some of the best days out by ferry are to Falmouth and the Maritime Museum. Trelissick Gardens have wonderful woodlands. The Eden Project, Porthcurno Telegraph Museum, Geevor Tin Mine and St mawes Castle are all great days out and the castle is located just up the road from the hotel.