

T H E C R Y P T

The Crypt in Ely Place, off Holborn Circus, has been described as one of London's "Most Magical" Wedding Venues.

In an atmosphere redolent of times gone by, the Crypt provides a unique combination of truly historic ambience with a superb food, "impeccable service", and the finest wine list in the City.

If you are planning a wedding reception for up to 120, The Crypt could just be the place for you, especially if you are getting married in St Etheldreda's Church above.

With its medieval stone floors and a beamed ceiling dating back to the 12th Century, the Crypt has hosted some of London's most celebrated functions- including a grand feast for Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon in 1531. They dined, it is reported, on Swans stuffed with Larks stuffed with Sparrows.

While we cannot promise you Swans stuffed with Larks stuffed with Sparrows for your feast, we can offer you a selection of menus to tempt the most jaded palates, and to suit most budgets.

Do call us if you would like to see The Crypt and discuss your wedding plans.

Yours sincerely

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THE CRYPT MENU

(PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A SAMPLE MENU AND WILL CHANGE ON A SEASONAL BASIS)

STARTERS

Sweet Corn Veloute with Crème Fraiche and Herb Croutons
Veloute de Mais Doux a la Creme Fraiche, Croutons aux Herbes

Roulade of Smoked Salmon and Fromage Blanc with Salad of Herbs and Sauce Vert
Roulade de Saumon Fumé et Fromage Blanc, Salade d'Herbes et Sauce Verte

Tian of crab, Avocado and Tomato with Lemon Balm Vinaigrette
Tian de Crabe, Avocad et Tomate, Vinaigrette Citronnée

Ballotine of Confit Duck, Chicken and Foie Gras with Summer Vegetables a La Grecque
Ballotine de Canard et Poulet Confit, Foie Gras, Légumes a La Grecque

Spring Pea and Goats Cheese Mousseline with Radish and Pea Shoot Salad
Mousseline de Petits Pois et Fromage de Chèvre et Salade de Jeune Pouces et Radis

MAIN COURSES

Risotto of Summer Pea and Asparagus with Pea Shoot Salad
Risotto de Petits Pois avec Salade de Jeune Pousses

Assiette of Suckling Pig, Roast Loin, Kromeskis of Shoulder and Faggot with Spring Bubble and Squeak
Cochon de Lait Rôti avec Epoule Confite et Kromeskis

Roast Fillet of Wild Sea Bass with Black Olive Gnocchi, Confit Cherry Tomatoes
and Cabernet Sauvignon Vinegar Syrup
Filet de Bar Sauvage Rôti avec Gnocchi aux Olives Noires, Tomate-Cerises Confites et Beurre Blanc au Cabernet Sauvignon

Roast Saddle of Lamb Farci with Spinach, Shallot and Smoked Bacon,
Fricassee of Green Beans and Pomme Fondant
Selle d'Agneau Rôtie Farci aux Epinards, Echalotes, Bacon Fumé, Fricassé d'Haricots Verts et Pomme Fondant

Slow roast fillet of English Beef with Wild Mushroom Gratin, Pomme Mousseline and Red Wine Jus
Filet Anglais de Bœuf Rôti avec Gratin de Champignons Sauvages, Pommes de Terre Mousseline et Sauce au Vin Rouge

DESSERTS

Cinnamon Sablé with Mascarpone and Chocolate Mousse, Coffee Ice Cream

Hot Chocolate Fondant with Pistachio Ice Cream and Balsamic Strawberries Compote

Peach Melba Bombe with Vanilla Foam and Raspberry Tuile

Pannacotta with Granny Smith Sorbet and Apple Crisp

Coffee and Petits Fours

£39.50 PER PERSON PER PERSON INCLUSIVE OF VAT but exclusive of 12.5% service charge

Please choose one Starter, one Main Course and one Dessert where the whole party has the same.
Any guest with special dietary requirements will be catered for.

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Ely Place, Holborn, EC1 A Sense of History... A History of Celebration

The sense of history lies heavy in the Crypt of St Etheldreda's. Its foundations date back to the 6th Century; its rough stone walls, eight foot thick in parts, and its heavy blackened beams to the 12th Century when Ely Palace was constructed above The Crypt by the Bishops of Ely as their London Bishopric.

Ely Palace was not simply a seat of religious learning, it became over the centuries an important centre of commerce for the emerging City of London – the Bishops were active in the wool trade with Flanders.

In 1531 Henry VIII and his first wife, Catherine of Aragon, hosted a Grand Celebration in the Crypt of Ely Place which lasted for five full days and nights. They feasted on swans, stuffed with larks stuffed with sparrows.