

What's your wedding transport style?

Find the perfect vehicle to suit you and your big day

Your wedding transport will take you on your last journey as a single woman and your first as a married couple. Whatever you choose will almost certainly form a central part of your wedding photos, so give it some thought and make sure it fits in with the rest of your carefully planned theme. If you've organised a rustic wedding, then a massive Hummer probably isn't going to complement your day, likewise if you've arranged a chic city do then a horse and carriage might not be the way to go.

Remember that this is where you'll collect your thoughts before the ceremony, and the space where you have your first few private moments together with your new husband.

Fortunately for East Anglian couples, there's a host of wonderful local transport providers – but what will suit you best?



Best for...
SWEEPING
ROMANCE

SADDLE UP

Nothing sums up 'fairytale wedding' like a horse and carriage, so it's perfect if you want to feel like a princess for the day. Don't be put off by thoughts of cloudy skies, most carriages have hoods that can be put up in case of rain.

Need to know

Make sure you allow enough time to get to the venue; Elaine Farmer of Townies Carriage Masters says they allow 10 minutes per mile. Stephen Foster from Alde Driving suggests that if you're going far, you can be driven part of the way and be met by the horse and carriage so you still turn up in style!

Contact 01354 692 630 www.towniescarriagehireltd.co.uk
01728 746 226 www.aldedriving.co.uk

Best for...
ALTERNATIVE
COUPLES



VANTASTIC!

Campervans are a popular wedding transport option – and what's not to love? Not only are they super-cute, there's loads of room inside for a wedding dress! Many models – including Connie, pictured – have two doors that can open, allowing easy access.

Need to know

Gordon Given, from Vintage Car and Camper Hire, says they can fit six people inside their split-screen Campervans. "Our vehicles are old, but are capable of transporting couples more than just a few miles – we often transport people up to 50 miles if required," says Gordon. "Another popular option is the hire of our photo booth systems within the campers." So your wedding transport can also be used later to have fun with your guests!

Contact 01508 588 082
www.vintagecarandcamperhire.co.uk



UP, UP AND AWAY

Worried about getting stuck in traffic? Beat the queues by hopping in your own chartered wedding helicopter. This might not be suitable for every venue, but if you've organised a grand affair this could be the icing on the cake.

Need to know

You might think it's incredibly expensive to hire a helicopter, but it can be comparable with some wedding car prices. "Our minimum charge is for a 40-minute flight, which will cost £495, plus VAT," says Neil Turnbull from SaxonAir Charter.

Before booking make sure you give some thought to where the chopper will land. "We need a clear approach and departure path – approximately 500m of land clear of any trees, fences or livestock," explains Neil. "Each site must be pre-approved by our operations team."

Don't worry if you find the idea of getting in and out of a helicopter in a wedding dress a bit daunting. "The EC-120 helicopter we use has easy access with a wide door. Our staff will help the bride in and get settled securely," reassures Neil.

Contact 01603 518 115 www.saxonairhelicoptercharter.com



Best for...
WOWING
YOUR GUESTS

Best for...
GLAM
GATHERINGS



STRETCH OUT

If you want to bring some Hollywood style to your wedding, then a limo is the way to do it. Feel like a rock star as you sip champagne behind your tinted windows, and imagine you're driving down Sunset Boulevard with your beloved.

Need to know

"Limousines are long, so there needs to be ample space to park at the venue, and bear in mind that you need plenty of turning space due to the length of the vehicle," says Frances Milward from BKP Limousines. The glamorous vehicles are great for large bridal parties, holding eight people. All BKP's vehicles have music systems, flat screen TVs and full glassware. Contact 01473 830 891 www.bkplimousines.co.uk

TAKE A PUNT

Getting married in Cambridge? Enjoy the city's river heritage by punting down the Cam with your new husband. A ride along the College Backs, or even out to Grantchester, will give you some romantic post-ceremony alone time as a couple, or you could even arrange a trip for all your guests.

Need to know

Famous punting company Scudamore's can arrange a bridal wedding punt, which comes complete with an arch of flowers, plus prosecco and strawberries and cream for the newlyweds to enjoy. Up to 48 people can also be taken on a chauffeured punt tour, with either Pimm's or prosecco and strawberries.

A punt, a river, an expensive wedding dress – you might be worried about falling in. "It hasn't happened yet, and we work our hardest to ensure that it won't in the future!" says Francesca Pogle from Scudamore's. "The biggest danger is that you might get sprayed with a few droplets from the Cam as the punter poles along the river!"

Contact 01223 359 750 www.scudamores.com



Best for...
CAMBRIDGE
CELEBRATIONS





Best for...
OLD-STYLE
ELEGANCE

VINTAGE VA-VA-VOOM

A beautiful retro car can be a show-stopping addition to a wedding, and will fit in perfectly with a vintage theme. You'll feel like a million dollars as you ease gently down the road, stepping back in time to a bygone era.

Need to know

If your heart is set on a vintage car, try to find a company based near you. "These beautiful old cars date back to the halcyon days of motoring, long before motorways and the need to travel at speed," explains Nicholas Barnett from Vintage Wedding Cars Cambridge. "So we avoid fast roads and instead travel at a leisurely pace which makes for a relaxing experience. We prefer to keep within an hour's distance from our base." A big bonus, apart from the lovely character of the car, is that the rear passenger compartment often has much more leg room than modern cars, so lots of room for your dress!

Contact 01223 836 133 www.vintageweddingcarscambridge.co.uk

ROCK 'N' ROLLS

Sometimes all you really want is a classic, and there's nothing that fits the bill better than the Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow. It's a beautiful car that oozes luxury.

Need to know

This isn't a complicated choice; you won't need to allow extra time to get there and you won't have to worry about getting in and out – the Rolls will get you there and get you there in comfort and style. "There's plenty of room inside for a large wedding dress," says Jackie Hilling, from Victoria Carriages.

Contact 01362 860 360 www.victoriacarriages.org

Best for...
TRADITIONAL
BRIDES



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You don't have to marry in London to incorporate a classic red Routemaster bus into your big day. The bus seats 64 people, has an original vintage interior, and a bright, shiny re-sprayed exterior, sure to look fabulous in photographs. www.awayadays.com



Fancy a fire engine? Up to seven people can travel in this eye-catching vehicle, and as long as you're on private land, you can have an authentic arrival complete with sirens and lights! www.bkplimousines.co.uk

