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THE STRETCH TENTS



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OUR STRETCH TENTS

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The Cambridge Tent Company specialise in hiring beautiful stretch tents for you to make amazing party spaces for your event.

Our company began in 2013 with these unique structures and we have been installing our range of tents across weddings, festivals and corporate events ever since. Based on North African, Bedouin style tents, these open sided canopies are completely waterproof and incredibly strong. Their versatility allows them to be built in any space to bespoke specifications. The size and shape are entirely flexible and endless forms and designs can be created - we'll design and build a tent to make your event one to remember!

WEDDINGS & PARTIES

Do you have a milestone birthday to mark, or perhaps you're getting married? You may have looked at our other tent options as possible spaces to host your celebration and stretch tents are excellent as a complimentary addition for use as ceremonial cover or a stand-alone bar. But you can definitely make them the main attraction – long banquet tables under a fairy lit stretch is an impressive alternative to a traditional marquee. With all sides open, you and your guests can enjoy an outdoor vibe with panoramic views of your venue. We can even attach the tents to the side of a building (permission permitting!) to increase the size of your venue for dancing or a drinks reception. If you're Big Day plans are more inner-city cool, we can also install on hardstanding to provide cover on a rooftop to take in the views without the rain, or between tall sided city buildings.

CORPORATE HIRE

Make your corporate event eye-catching and leave a lasting impression with one of our stretch tents. Their unique shapes and structure are a great, modern alternative to a traditional marquee whilst still creating a professional space.

To strengthen your brand presence even further we can provide a custom branded stretch tent, printed with your logo and in your brand colours. For more info see our 'purchase a stretch tent' page.

FESTIVALS

Stretch tents are sure to become an integral part of the unique UK festival experience. Our festival tents provide a practical and aesthetic solution for any outdoor show, exhibition, sporting event or music festival.

They are completely flexible and designed around exactly what your particular event requires – guaranteed to draw the attention of any crowd.

Inside your tent we can also create music and dance areas, VIP bars, food service spaces and chill out zones.



PURCHASING A STRETCH TENT

BREWERY FRESH BEER

We offer stretch tents for sale with tailored branding solutions – internally and externally – for regular corporate use or semi-permanent installations. These tents can be used for hotels, pubs and bars and reception areas – transforming your venue, expanding your entertainment space and extending the months you can use outdoor areas.

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Your stretch tent can be installed at the beginning of a season, and packed away when the season is over – giving you an eye-catching but good value way of utilising your outdoor spaces.

Company logos and full colour images can be digitally printed on to the stretch fabric as per your specifications.

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THE FINISHING TOUCHES

Our stretch tents can be hired on their own, but we can also have a great range of lighting, furniture and background basics. So, whether it's dramatic uplighting and large bars you're in need of, or romantic festoons above long wooden tables, we've got you covered. See the FURNITURE page on our website for details.

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HOW WE WORK

- If you like our tents, would like to find out more and enquire about your own event then get in touch via our contact page or email. If you prefer to chat, then give us a ring; we love to talk about party plans and wedding ideas.
- 2. Have you checked our Frequently Asked Questions you may find your answer there.
- 3. Once we have the details of your event we will tailor a quote to suit your requirements. All our quotes are bespoke and prices available on request.
- 4. You are welcome to make changes to this quote and ask for advise on any aspect of planning or hire where we may be able to help. Once you are happy with the details we will send you confirmation of the booking, with a 25% deposit of the hire cost required to secure requested items for your chosen date.
- 5. Keep in touch! Visit our Open Days and let us know how planning is coming along. If you need to make amendments to your booking just let us know; subject to availability and terms of hire we will make any changes required.
- 6. The 6 week check-in; please speak now or forever hold your peace. We will drop you an email to check that all items for hire are correct., giving you 2 weeks to tweak where necessary.
- 7. 4 weeks before your event date the balance on the invoice is due; we will check the details of your booking with you and stay in contact in the lead up to your date where forecasts will be watched and plans for install finalised.
- 8. With install and collection dates confirmed for a 48-hour hire period you're ready to go. We try to schedule this with a day left clear for decorating. Where more time is needed we will aim to accommodate your needs and extended hire can be negotiated where required.
- Collection! We will be with you on your pre-arranged collection day to clear the site and put all back to normal. Do stay in touch - we love to see photos and hear all about the day.

FAQs

THE TENTS

What is a stretch tent?

A stretch tent is made by stretching a strong and flexible, waterproof composite material over a number of internal, aluminium poles to create a canopy.

What size tent can I have?

Our tents come in a range of sizes; from small, square styles of less than 10 meters diameter, up to large 30-meter-long styles. We can connect tents to create a bespoke size or have one made to order if you plan to purchase instead of hire.

Can they be branded?

Our tents come in a range of colours, but you can also have a tent branded with your logo and company colours.

Can I see the tents before my event?

Of course! We'd be glad to see you at one of our open days, these are usually hosted in the spring and autumn and listed on our website. Where a booking has been made after our spring open day for an event before our subsequent autumn date, efforts will be made for you to see them on a private installation where convenient to the host.





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THE SITE

Where can the stretch-tents be installed?

An ideal site is lawned, relatively flat with enough space to allow room around the perimeter of the tent. However, the style of stretch-tents really lend themselves to an urban backdrop and installing them on hardstanding is fine to do too. This can be done by either drilling down (which we need permission to do) or using water ballasts in place of ground stakes to attach guide ropes to.

Can you attach to the side of a building?

Yes, as long as permission is granted by the building's owner(!) and the construction of the building is suitable for the weight loading. Attaching a stretch tent to the side of a building is a great option for pop-up events on existing businesses or as a way of increasing the usable floorspace of a smaller venue by utilising outdoor space. We can help advise on your building's suitability.

Other site considerations

Does the site have provision for services; loo's, water and power? Generators and loo's can be hired but may be a factor in your budgeting. Depending on the size of stretch tent we may require access for a long wheel base trailer.

Do you have a list of venues you can suggest?

If you don't have a venue in mind we are happy to suggest a number of local options across Essex and Cambridgeshire. We only recommend trusted venues where we have previously set-up our tents.

Do you arrange a site visit?

If your venue is somewhere we've not set-up at before we'd be glad to arrange a site visit ahead of your event to check that all considerations have been made. Provisional advice can be given on a site's suitability from photographs emailed to the team.

THE SET UP

How long does it take to set the tents up?

Stretch tents are much faster to install than a traditional marquee - typically our riggers can install a small to medium tent in 1-2 hours or a larger tent up to 5 hours. When working on your tent design we'll take in to consideration the time frames you are working with.

How long can we keep them?

Usual hire would begin with install 1 or 2 days ahead of your event, with de-rig and collection the day after. We are always happy to discuss extended hire periods if required.

What about the decoration?

Where possible we aim to give our bookings a little time between install and the event date to decorate the space. Once erected the spaces are yours to personalise and decorate however you wish as long as all trace is removed ahead of the collection date. We ask that no items are attached to the structures with anything that may pierce or damage the canopy or poles.

Can you provide lighting and furniture?

Absolutely! Please see our furniture page on our website for the brochure of all our lighting options, furniture and finishing touches. Hire of our fairy lights includes their installation (a fiddly task you can thank

THE GREAT BRITISH WEATHER

Are the tents rainproof?

Our stretch tent canopy material is 100% waterproof and built to withstand harsh climates (and bothersome English summertime rain.) However, please bear in mind that these are open-sided canopies and at least 3 sides will remain open to the elements on any hire. Our team keep an eye on the forecast each week and if rain looks likely on your event date we will discuss with you ahead of install whether a side might need to be put low to the ground.

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