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A love story for the ages

Set your special day in one of Scotland's most majestic castles, and make it unforgettable.



Dine in the halls of kings and queens, walk down an aisle created for royalty, and take in the views of newlywed nobility.

Surrounded by centuries of history, lavish beauty, and majestic charm, carve your place in Scotland's story with a wedding like no other.

You'll be making history together, too. Your wedding will help us protect and share Scotland's rich heritage for generations to come, ensuring your love will leave a lasting legacy.





Gatehouse Suite, Edinburgh Castle, © rachelandtoniephotography



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CASTLE



Tie the knot at Edinburgh Castle

Scotland's most iconic landmark is an unforgettable place to say 'I do'. Standing majestically on Castle Rock with sweeping city-wide views, the castle was, for centuries, the residence of choice for kings and queens.

Contact our team at Edinburgh Castle to view our incredible venue, and to see how your dream day could come to life.



Edinburgh Castle package

For the true royal experience, you can exclusively hire the castle – celebrating your big day across its magnificent luxury spaces. From a ceremony in St Margaret's Chapel to dinner in the Queen Anne Building and a ceilidh in the Jacobite Room – the whole castle is yours for the night.

When you book with us, we'll take care of everything from start to finish, with dedicated events and catering managers to make sure your wedding day is a perfect fairytale.



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What's included:

- Exclusive hire
- Private viewing of the Honours of Scotland (Scotland's Crown Jewels), subject to timings
- Glass of Prosecco after the ceremony or upon arrival
- Three course wedding breakfast with the finest Scottish cuisine
- Half bottle of house wine per person
- Additional glass of Prosecco for speeches and toasts
- Crockery, glassware and linen
- Solid silver cake stand and silver cake knife
- Menus and easel for table planning
- Dedicated events manager and catering manager

Optional extras include:

- 'Beat the Retreat' historic Scottish Pipes and Drums display
- Lighting of the castle torches
- A bagpipe arrival
- Living History performers



The Great Hall

Available for evening hire and only recently available for booking, the Great Hall presents a stunning backdrop for your evening reception. It has hosted many grand banquets, state events, and royal moments and it sits at the very heart of the castle in Crown Square.

A truly unforgettable setting that blends elegance with history, let your wedding day become part of the story of this remarkable space.

Capacity

Dinner – 100 guests

Evening Reception – 140 guests

Availability

April – September



Queen Anne Building

Celebrate your wedding in style with a ceremony and reception in the unforgettable grandeur of the Queen Anne Building. Dating from the 1700s, this is the perfect setting for a grand wedding banquet. The adjacent indoor glazed courtyard is perfect for drinks, dinner, and dancing. And a private viewing of the Honours of Scotland (Scotland's Crown Jewels) can also be arranged.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

Capacity

Ceremony and breakfast – 100 guests

Evening reception – 170 guests

Availability

October to May (June and September subject to availability)



St Margaret's Chapel

Share your special day with your nearest and dearest in this intimate chapel built for the sole use of Scotland's royal family. Built around 1130 this is the oldest building in Edinburgh – beautifully preserved, with spectacular panoramic views just outside the door. After your ceremony, you can then enjoy your wedding breakfast or a Champagne Afternoon Tea in the Queen Anne Building.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

Capacity

Ceremony – 25 guests

Availability

October to May (June and September subject to availability) – religious ceremonies only



Gatehouse Suite

These 19th-century rooms lead to a private terrace with breathtaking views across Edinburgh, for show-stopping wedding photos. Positioned above the castle drawbridge, the rooms offer a luxurious and intimate setting for your special day. The larger, wood panelled room is ideal for a small wedding ceremony, and an anteroom can be set up for drinks receptions.

Please note that terrace access is via a spiral staircase with no lift.

Capacity

Ceremony and drinks reception – 34 guests

Dinner – 24 guests

Availability

October to May



Jacobite Room

Available for evening hire, the Jacobite Room has a beautiful modern interior with magnificent high ceilings, all within an 18th-century building. With dramatic views down to Princes Street and the Firth of Forth, this is a stunning spot to enjoy your ceilidh or party following your ceremony and dinner in the Queen Anne Building.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

Capacity

Dinner – 100 guests

Evening reception – 150 guests

Availability

Evening hire only – not available during the month of August





Fall head over heels for Stirling Castle

Few locations in the world can rival Stirling Castle's drama and majesty. The childhood home of Mary, Queen of Scots, Stirling is one of Scotland's grandest castles, and a stunning backdrop for your big day. Filled with art and beauty, its lavish buildings and gorgeous gardens have hosted royal feasts and celebrations for centuries.

Book a viewing with our events team, who can help you plan a day to remember.



Stirling Castle package

Enjoy the full regal treatment by hiring the castle exclusively for your wedding. Walk down the aisle in style in the Chapel Royal, before celebrating a lavish banquet in the Great Hall and capturing unforgettable photos in the stunning gardens. Tonight, the castle is yours.

We can take care of every aspect of your big day, with dedicated events and catering managers so your storybook wedding is fit for royalty.

What's included:

- Exclusive hire
- Glass of Prosecco after the ceremony or upon arrival
- Three course wedding breakfast with the finest Scottish cuisine
- Half bottle of house wine per person
- Additional glass of Prosecco for speeches and toasts
- Crockery, glassware and linen
- Solid silver cake stand and silver cake knife
- Menus and easel for table planning
- Dedicated events manager and catering manager

Optional extras include:

- 'Beat the Retreat' historic Scottish Pipes and Drums display
- A bagpipe arrival
- Living History performers





The Chapel Royal

A spectacular setting for wedding ceremonies and receptions, the Chapel Royal was built in the 16th century on the orders of James VI for the baptism of his son and heir, Prince Henry. With a large stage, the room is perfect for wedding bands, entertainment and dancing.

You can host dinner in the Chapel Royal for a smaller group of guests, or have your drinks reception here before dining in the Great Hall. Step outside into the Queen Anne Garden, in the shadow of the beautiful Renaissance Palace, for sublime wedding photos.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

Capacity

Ceremony – 240 guests
Reception – 200 guests



The Great Hall

The largest medieval banqueting hall ever built in Scotland, the Great Hall has been beautifully restored to its 16th-century splendour and is ready to host a magical celebration. Completed for James IV in 1503, it has four pairs of tall windows at one end, with a raised area where the king and queen sat – perfect for top table seating, speeches, or dancing.

One of the most prestigious banqueting venues around, the hall also has a minstrels' gallery and trumpeter's loft, providing ample space for an evening filled with entertainment.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

Capacity

300 guests



The Palace Apartments

A wedding gift from James V to Marie de Guise, the palace is adorned with stunning statues, and features some of the finest renaissance artistic woodwork ever produced in Scotland. With two adjoining rooms, the Palace Apartments make a lavish location for intimate dinners and receptions, larger drinks receptions, and gorgeous wedding photography. We can also offer a tour of the apartments on arrival for your guests.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

Availability

April to September

Capacity

Dinner – 40 to 60 guests
Ceremony – 60 guests
Standing reception – 100 guests

Events by Benugo Scotland

A taste of the day

Our catering partner, Benugo, pride themselves on using the finest, ethically sourced local ingredients to create seasonal menus crafted by exceptionally talented chefs. We will work closely with you to realise the vision for your event and are happy to discuss any bespoke options that you may be interested in.

Here's a selection of dishes from the expansive menu that will make your event go down in history.

Sample menu

Canapés

Campbells of Linlithgow haggis bon bon, heather honey mustard

Bowl Food

Lobster and prawn mac and cheese, seaweed cracker and samphire

3 Course Meal

Starter

Trio of The Heathfield smoked salmon, shaved fennel and apple salsa, dill crème fraiche, salmon roe

Main Course

Yorkes of Dundee braised feather blade of beef, pommes Anna, carrot purée, tenderstem, thyme and red wine jus

Desserts

Traditional sticky toffee pudding, salted caramel sauce, Arran vanilla ice cream, dried raspberries (v)



For the love story of a lifetime

We have stunning sites all across Scotland,
available to hire for your dream wedding,
or even just for photography.

Picturesque and steeped in history, choose
a legendary location for your big day.



Even more magnificent sites

From iconic castles and cathedrals, to enchanting abbeys and manor houses, we've got the spectacular setting that your special day deserves.

If you're looking for a special backdrop for your wedding ceremony or photos, contact our events team to find out more.

Sites available include:

- Aberdour Castle
- Caerlaverock Castle
- Castle Campbell
- Craigmillar Castle
- Duff House
- Dryburgh Abbey
- Elgin Cathedral
- Huntingtower Castle
- Inchcolm Abbey
- Rothesay Castle
- Seton Collegiate Church

Aberdour Castle, © Eilidh Greig



Caerlaverock Castle



Elgin Cathedral, © Gary Murison



Seton Collegiate Church



Duff House, © Donald MacLeod



We've been saving the date for centuries

Our dedicated team know how to make a dream come true. Get in touch today to plan your wedding fit for royalty.

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