



*Crathes Castle
Weddings*
2025 - 2026



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Congratulations on your engagement and thank you for considering Crathes Castle as the venue for your special day.

Located near Banchory in Royal Deeside, 35 minutes' drive from Aberdeen, Crathes Castle is an iconic Scottish tower house with an exquisite walled garden and a versatile event space. It can host weddings for up to 80 guests. A self-catering cottage on the estate offers accommodation for up to 4 guests.



Your dream wedding

Crathes Castle offers many possibilities for your wedding. Our team will be there to guide and support you, to help you create a bespoke day filled with personal touches and special moments.

Ceremony

Choose between the castle's Great Hall or the romantic Golden Garden and Rose Garden for your wedding ceremony. Enjoy your drinks reception on the Croquet Lawn with the castle as your backdrop, before sitting down to dinner.

Castle: maximum capacity 40
Garden: maximum capacity 80





Wedding meal

For intimate celebrations, the castle can seat up to 40 guests. Alternatively, The Horsemill – our dedicated event space – is just a short stroll from the castle and can seat up to 80 guests for your wedding breakfast.

Castle: maximum capacity 40
Horsemill: maximum capacity 80



Evening reception

Once the working horse mill for the estate, our flexible and versatile event space is perfect for receptions and dances – a great way to end the day in style!

Maximum capacity: 120



Venue hire prices

Burnett wedding

£12,000

based on a maximum of **40 day guests**
and **120 evening guests**

- ♥ Ceremony in the Great Hall, followed by a drinks reception on the Croquet Lawn
- ♥ Wedding breakfast in the Great Hall
- ♥ Evening reception in the Horsemill
- ♥ Castle tours for up to 40 guests
- ♥ Use of the castle and grounds for photographs
- ♥ Access to the Horsemill the day before and day after your wedding

Castle wedding

£7,500

based on a maximum of **50 day guests**
and **120 evening guests**

- ♥ Ceremony in the Great Hall, followed by a drinks reception on the Croquet Lawn
- ♥ Wedding breakfast and evening reception in the Horsemill
- ♥ Castle tours for up to 50 guests
- ♥ Use of the castle and grounds for photographs
- ♥ Access to the Horsemill the day before and day after your wedding

Castle ceremony

£3,500

based on a maximum of **50 guests**

- ♥ Hire of the Great Hall for 2 hours (between 2–5pm)
- ♥ Use of the castle and grounds for photographs

Garden wedding

£6,000

based on a maximum of **80 day guests**
and **120 evening guests**

- ♥ Ceremony in the Golden Garden or Rose Garden, followed by a drinks reception on the Croquet Lawn
- ♥ Wedding breakfast and evening reception in the Horsemill
- ♥ Use of the castle and grounds for photographs
- ♥ Access to the Horsemill the day before and day after your wedding

Garden ceremony

£3,000

based on a maximum of **80 guests**

- ♥ Hire of the Golden Garden or Rose Garden for 2 hours
- ♥ Use of the grounds for photographs

Elopement

£600

based on the wedding couple and witnesses

- ♥ Private ceremony in the beautiful walled garden
- ♥ Use of the castle, garden and grounds for photographs

Lawn hire for marquee

£3,500

- ♥ Lawn hire for 3 days (set up, event & take down)
- ♥ Use of the grounds for photographs

What's included?

- ♥ A **dedicated event manager** will guide and support you throughout the planning process and on the day of your wedding.
- ♥ You'll have **use of the grounds** for a **pre-wedding photoshoot** and on the day itself.
- ♥ Our wedding gift to you is a **year's membership** to the National Trust for Scotland.
- ♥ Use of **120 Chiavari chairs** with cream seat pads
- ♥ Use of **8 round banquet tables** (other table set-ups are available)
- ♥ All venue hire **prices include VAT.**



A few important things

- ♥ Venue hire **prices do not include catering**, refreshments or entertainment. However, we will be delighted to put you in touch with our **recommended suppliers** who know and love the castle as much as we do.
- ♥ Crathes Castle is **open to the public** and therefore we cannot guarantee exclusive use of the castle and grounds. However, we will do our utmost to ensure you have privacy on your wedding day.
- ♥ Since Crathes Castle is a historic building, we do have some **event limitations** to help protect the building. Your event manager will discuss these with you and suggest appropriate alternatives for some elements if required.
- ♥ **Accommodation:** East Lodge, a self-catering cottage located at the entrance to Crathes Castle Estate, has two bedrooms and can sleep up to four guests.





Recommended catering suppliers

We work with a number of excellent caterers who offer a range of menu options.

Country Flavours

01975 564047

enquiries@countryflavours.co.uk

www.countryflavours.co.uk

Harry Fraser Catering Services Ltd

01467 622008

info@harryfraser.com

www.harryfraser.com

Perfection Catering

07708 257858

info@perfectioncatering.co.uk

www.perfectioncatering.co.uk

Wilde Thyme/Entier

01764 679736

wildethyme@entier-services.com

www.entier-services.com/wilde-thyme

For the love of Scotland

By hiring Crathes Castle for your wedding, you're actively supporting the National Trust for Scotland's vital conservation work. Your support allows us to continue to conserve and protect beautiful places like Crathes Castle for future generations to enjoy. **Thank you!**



What our wedding couples say

"Our wedding day was absolutely perfect. It's hard to put into words how wonderful the day was; it was beyond anything we could have hoped for!"

Marie & Tony

"Having our wedding in the grounds of Crathes Castle was magical. The team on the ground were fantastic and helped pull together our perfect day. We couldn't have wished for more and we couldn't have done it without the brilliant team at Crathes."

Anna & Cara

"We had the absolute best day at Crathes Castle for our wedding; it exceeded our expectations. The castle and gardens are in the most stunning location and made the perfect backdrop for our outdoor ceremony. The day was perfect, and big thanks go to David and the team for all their hard work on the day."

Wendy & Kenny



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