



*Crathes Castle
Weddings
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 the heart of Royal Deeside, just 35 minutes from Aberdeen, Crathes Castle is a stunning Scottish tower house surrounded by exquisite walled gardens and versatile event space in the historic Horsemill.

Ideal for intimate weddings of up to 80 guests, the castle also offers the option of a marquee set within its picturesque grounds for larger celebrations. For added convenience, a charming self-catering cottage on the estate provides accommodation for up to four guests—perfect for the wedding party or a peaceful retreat.



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.

Castle: maximum capacity 50
Garden: maximum capacity 80





Wedding meal

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. Alternatively, a marquee can be erected on the castle lawn.

Horsemill: maximum capacity 80
Marquee lawn: maximum capacity 300



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!

Alternatively, a marquee can be erected on the castle lawn.

Horsemill: maximum capacity: 120
Marquee lawn: maximum capacity: 300



Venue hire prices

Elopement

£750

based on the wedding couple and witnesses

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

Garden ceremony

£1,600

based on a maximum of **20 guests**

- ♥ Hire of the Golden Garden or Rose Garden
- ♥ Use of the garden and grounds for photographs

Garden ceremony

£3,000

based on a maximum of **80 guests**

- ♥ Hire of the Golden Garden or Rose Garden
- ♥ Croquet lawn for drinks reception
- ♥ Use of the garden and grounds for photographs

Castle ceremony

£4,000

based on a maximum of **50 guests**

- ♥ Hire of the Great Hall
- ♥ Croquet lawn for drinks reception
- ♥ Use of the castle, garden and grounds for photographs

Twilight wedding

£4,000

based on a maximum of **20 day guests**
and **120 evening guests**

- ♥ Ceremony in the Golden Garden or Rose Garden (4-6pm)
- ♥ Evening reception in the Horsemill (6pm-midnight)
- ♥ Use of the garden and grounds for photographs
- ♥ Access to the Horsemill the day before and after your wedding

Garden wedding

£6,500

based on a maximum of **80 day guests**
and **120 evening guests** (more if in a marquee)

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

Castle wedding

£7,500

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

- ♥ Ceremony in the Great Hall
- ♥ Drinks reception on the Croquet Lawn
- ♥ Wedding breakfast and evening reception in the Horsemill or lawn hire for a marquee
- ♥ Use of the castle, garden and grounds for photographs
- ♥ Access to the Horsemill the day before and after your wedding

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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