



*Mar Lodge
Estate
Weddings
2024/2025*



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Congratulations on your engagement and thank you for considering Mar Lodge Estate as the venue for your special day.

Located in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, 6 miles from Braemar in Royal Deeside, Mar Lodge is a traditional Highland hunting retreat, filled with rich wood panelling, antiques ... and lots of stag heads!

Surrounded by ancient forests and rolling glens, wild rivers and rugged peaks, Mar Lodge Estate is an idyllic setting for your wedding. Built for the Duke and Duchess of Fife (Queen Victoria's granddaughter) in 1895, Mar Lodge is now an exclusive-use venue with self-catering accommodation for up to 45 guests.



Your dream wedding

Mar Lodge Estate offers lots of flexible spaces 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 Drawing Room inside Mar Lodge, or an outside location on the estate, for your wedding ceremony. Enjoy a drinks reception in the principal rooms of the house, before sitting down to dinner.

Drawing Room: maximum capacity 110

Outside/Lodge Entrance: maximum capacity 160





Reception

For smaller celebrations, the Craggan Room is the perfect space inside the Lodge. Maximum capacity: 80



Alternatively, the Stag Ballroom offers a flexible and versatile space for weddings and can seat up to 160 guests for your wedding breakfast. With excellent acoustics and a sprung dance floor, you can end the day with a party to remember!

Maximum capacity: 160 (meal) and 200 (dancing)

Accommodation

The Lodge contains five apartments offering self-catering accommodation for up to 33 guests.

With our bunkhouse accommodation sleeping 12, Mar Lodge Estate can accommodate a total of 45 guests.



Venue hire prices

Weekend hire of Mar Lodge

£5,000 based on a maximum of **80 guests**

- ♥ Use of principal rooms within the lodge for your ceremony and drinks reception
- ♥ Use of the Craggan Room for your meal and evening reception
- ♥ Use of the lodge and grounds for photographs
- ♥ Access to the lodge the day before and day after your wedding

Weekend hire of Mar Lodge

£7,000 based on a maximum of **160 day guests** and **200 evening guests**

- ♥ Use of principal rooms within the lodge for your ceremony and drinks reception
- ♥ Use of the Stag Ballroom for your meal and evening reception
- ♥ Use of the lodge and grounds for photographs
- ♥ Access to the lodge and ballroom the day before and day after your wedding

Marquee ground rent

£2,000

- ♥ Use of the lawn for a marquee
- ♥ 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.
- ♥ Our wedding gift to you is a year's **membership** to the National Trust for Scotland.
- ♥ Use of **175 chiavari chairs** with cream seat pads.
- ♥ Use of **30 x 6ft rectangle tables** (other table set-ups are available).
- ♥ Use of 30 x white, full-length **tablecloths**.
- ♥ Use of our event **catering kitchen**.
- ♥ 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 lodge as much as we do.
- ♥ Venue hire **prices do not include accommodation**. However, we'd be happy to check availability and confirm costs based on your individual requirements. As an indication of cost, accommodation ranges from approximately £38-£100 per person, per night.
- ♥ The **principal rooms** within the lodge include the Entrance Hall, Library, Dining Room and Drawing Room.
- ♥ Since Mar Lodge 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.



Recommended suppliers

| Catering

Country Flavours of Alford Ltd

01975 564047

enquiries@countryflavoursofalford.co.uk

www.countryflavoursofalford.co.uk

Harry Fraser Catering Services Ltd

01467 622008

info@harryfraser.com

www.harryfraser.com

The Lunch Box Boys

07478 553 334

info@thelunchboxboys.com

www.thelunchboxboys.com

Glenshee Catering

013397 41320

catering@ski-glenshee.co.uk

www.ski-glenshee.co.uk/Glenshee-Catering

Val Morrison Catering

01467 643542

valmorrison36y@yahoo.co.uk

| Bar

Glenaden Hotel, Ballater (Neil Henderson)

01339 755488 or 07917 456668

10 Dollar Shake

events@10dollarshake.com

www.10dollarshake.com

| Hog Roast/BBQ

Balnault Farm Shop, Crathie

013397 42223

info@balnaultfarmshop.co.uk

www.balnaultfarmshop.co.uk/services

HM Sheridan Butchers, Ballater

013397 55218

www.hmsheridan.co.uk

| Florists

Coo Hill Studio (Chloe MacIntyre), Braemar

07505 650773

www.coohillstudio.com

The Secret Garden Florist, Aboyne

013398 86415

www.secretgardenflorist.biz

Hay's Flowers, Torphins

013398 89097

www.haysflowers.co.uk

| Photographers

Photography By Rhea

www.byrhea.co.uk

Apricot Tree Wedding Photography

www.apricottreeweddings.net

Pocket Square Photography

www.pocketsquarephotography.com

| Piper

Calan Daniels

calandnls@gmail.com

| Pianist

www.aberdeenweddingpianist.com

| Musician

Ellie McLaren Music (fiddle, bagpipes, ceilidh band)

ellie.mclaren46@gmail.com

| Coach hire

Allan & Black Coaches

01339 886326

www.allanandblack.co.uk

E&M Lees Coaches

01339 883623

www.eandmlees.com

For the love of Scotland

By hiring Mar Lodge 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 Mar Lodge Estate for future generations to enjoy. **Thank you!**



What our wedding couples say

"Thank you so much for all your help and advice with the planning of Rebecca and Ed's wedding. You made everyone feel very welcome and comfortable at Mar Lodge Estate. The day passed without a hitch, as did the weekend, enjoyed by all the guests but most of all by the new Mr & Mrs Ball. I hope the next happy couple to marry at Mar Lodge find the Braemar experience as incredible as ours."

Mr & Mrs Dunlop

"Thank you for all your help on our big day! Everything went so smoothly which meant we could relax and fully enjoy the day. We fell in love with the venue when we first saw it. And it will always have a special place in our hearts."

Andrew & Steph



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