



*Mar Lodge Estate
Weddings - 2026*



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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, 4.5 miles from Braemar in Royal Deeside, Mar Lodge is a traditional Highland hunting retreat, rich in history and full of charm — think warm wood panelling, antique furnishings... and plenty of stag heads!

Surrounded by ancient Caledonian forests, wild rivers, rolling glens and rugged mountain peaks, Mar Lodge Estate offers an idyllic and unforgettable setting for your wedding.

Built in 1895 for the Duke and Duchess of Fife (Queen Victoria's granddaughter), the Lodge is now an exclusive-use venue with self-catering accommodation for up to 45 guests — offering you and your loved ones a unique and private Highland escape.



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 Entrance Hall, Drawing Room or Craggan 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.

Entrance Hall:
maximum capacity 100
standing and 50 seated

Drawing Room:
maximum capacity 90 seated

Craggan Room:
maximum capacity 140 seated

Outside:
maximum capacity 160 seated





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)
190 (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.



Braeriach



Macdui

Venue hire prices

Mar Lodge

£6,000 up to **80 guests**

- ♥ 4-night mid-week or 3-night weekend
- ♥ Exclusive use of the principal rooms within the Lodge for your ceremony and drinks reception
- ♥ Use of the Craggan Room for your wedding meal and evening reception
- ♥ Access to the Lodge and its grounds for photography
- ♥ Access to the principal rooms the day before and after your wedding for set up and departure

Marquee ground rent

£2,000 in addition to Mar Lodge hire

- ♥ Use of the lawn for a marquee or stretch tent (structure not included)
- ♥ Access to the grounds for photography

Mar Lodge and Stag Ballroom

£8,500 up to **160 day guests** and **190 evening guests**

- ♥ 4-night mid-week or 3-night weekend
- ♥ Exclusive use of the principal rooms within the Lodge for your ceremony and drinks reception
- ♥ Use of the Stag Ballroom for your wedding meal and evening reception
- ♥ Access to the Lodge and its grounds for photography
- ♥ Access to the principal rooms and Stag Ballroom the day before and after your wedding for set up and departure

Accommodation prices

3-night stay (Friday-Monday)

	May-Sept	Oct-April*
Braeriach Sleeps 2	£1,050	£675
Bynack Sleeps 17	£3,560	£3,125
Dalvorar Sleeps 4	£1,200	£725
Derry Sleeps 4	£1,200	£725
Macdui Sleeps 4	£1,200	£725
Total	£8,210	£5,975

4-night stay (Monday-Friday)

	May-Sept	Oct-April*
Braeriach Sleeps 2	£999	£650
Bynack Sleeps 17	£3,680	£3,125
Dalvorar Sleeps 4	£1,150	£675
Derry Sleeps 4	£1,150	£675
Macdui Sleeps 4	£1,150	£675
Total	£8,129	£5,800

* excludes Christmas, New Year & Easter

What's included?

- ♥ A **dedicated event manager** to guide and support you throughout the planning process and on your wedding day.
- ♥ **Exclusive use of the Boudoir** as a dedicated changing room.
- ♥ Use of 160 **event chairs**.
- ♥ Use of 30 x 6ft **rectangle tables**.
- ♥ Use of 30 x white **tablecloths**.
- ♥ Access to our **event catering kitchens**.
- ♥ Complimentary access to our **event decor supply**.
- ♥ Our wedding gift to you: **one-year membership** to the National Trust for Scotland.
- ♥ 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 Mar 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.
- ♥ The **principal rooms** within the lodge include: the Entrance Hall, Library, Dining Room, Drawing Room, Craggan Room and Billiards Room.
- ♥ Our venue is **eco-friendly** from the ground up — heated by biomass, lit with energy-efficient lighting, powered by electric vehicles, and supported by responsible waste management.
- ♥ As a historic building, Mar Lodge has **some event limitations** to help protect its unique character and heritage. Your event manager will guide you through these and suggest suitable alternatives where needed.



Recommended suppliers

Celebrants

Aberdeenshire Registrars

www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/registrars

Felicity Gordon

07704430760

felicitygordon@thistle.one

Humanist Society Scotland

Sheona Read

Lesley Yule

www.humanism.scot

Catering

Barbarella Beets

www.barbarellabeets.co.uk

Country Flavours

01975 564047

www.countryflavours.co.uk

Harry Fraser Catering Services Ltd

info@harryfraser.com

www.harryfraser.com

Kate's Bespoke Catering

contact@katesbespokecatering.com

www.katesbespokecatering.com

The Lunch Box Boys

info@thelunchboxboys.com

www.thelunchboxboys.com

Regis Banqueting

sales@regisbanqueting.co.uk

www.regisbanqueting.co.uk

Thistle Catering Services

enquiries@thistlecateringservices.co.uk

www.thistlecateringservices.co.uk

Bar

Glenaden Hotel, Ballater (Neil Henderson)

01339 755488 or 07917 456668

10 Dollar Shake

www.10dollarshake.com

The Horses Tipple

www.thehorsetipple.co.uk

Hog Roast/BBQ

Balnault Farm Shop, Crathie

Info@balnaultfarmshop.co.uk

HM Sheridan Butchers, Ballater

www.hmsheridan.co.uk

Louises Farm Kitchen

www.louisesfarmkitchen.com

Wood-Fired Pizza

Fallones Pizzas & Gelato

www.fallonespizzas.co.uk

Oysters

The Oyster Man

www.theoystermanevents.co.uk

Ice Cream

Portsoy Ice Cream

www.portsoyicecream.co.uk

Cake

Love Laura Lane

www.facebook.com/LoveLauraLane

Handmade Luxury Sweets

Pure Decadence by Loch Aurora

www.lochaurora.co.uk

Cater Hire

Gordon's Cater Hire

www.gordonscaterhire.co.uk

Furniture

Rustic Look Aberdeen

www.instagram.com/rusticlookaberdeen

Childcare

Thank Evans

www.thank-evans.co.uk

Dog Care Services

Spotlessly Chic

www.spotlesslychic.com

Recommended suppliers

| Florists

Coo Hill Studio, Braemar
www.coohillstudio.com

Hay's Flowers, Torphins
www.haysflowers.co.uk

Sakura Florist, Alford
www.sakuraflorist.co.uk

The Secret Garden Florist, Aboyne
www.secretgardenflorist.biz

| Photographers

Scott Arlow Photography
www.scottarlowphotography.com

The Hoggs
www.thehoggs.co.uk

Jade Esson
www.jadeesson.com

Nicki Lyall Photography
www.nickifelthamphotography.com

Pocket Square Photography
www.pocketsquarephotography.com

Eastside Photography
www.eastsidephotography.co.uk

Deeside Photographics
www.deesidephotographics.co.uk

| Pipers

Robert Grant
07491866445

Ross McNaughton
www.taypiping.co.uk

James Cooper Bagpiping
james@jamescooperbagpiping.co.uk

| Pianist

www.aberdeenweddingpianist.com

Ellie McLaren Music (fiddle, bagpipes, ceilidh band)
ellie.mclaren46@gmail.com

| String Quartet

Alerion Strings
www.alerionstrings.co.uk

| Bands

The Apollos
www.apollosband.co.uk

Bahookie
www.bahookie.org

Drams Ceilidh Band
www.dramsceilidh.com

Sneaky Treacle Wedding
www.sneaky-treacle.co.uk

| Sound & Lighting

Standing Ovation
www.standing-ovation.co.uk

| Singing Waiters by SOS

www.singing-waiters.org

| Live Painter

www.sarahleaskstudio.com/live-painting

| Stravaig Saunas

www.deesidetimbercrafts.co.uk/stravaigsaunas

| Hair & Makeup

www.jelenabridalhair.co.uk
www.kgbridalhair.co.uk
www.gemmataylorhair.com
www.instagram.com/h.airbyrae
www.makeupartistsaberdeen.co.uk
www.jacquelynmcphie.com
www.paulabeattie.com

| Taxi / Transfers

Bothies & Bannocks
www.bothiesandbannocks.co.uk

| Coach hire

Allan & Black Coaches
www.allanandblack.co.uk

For the love of Scotland

By choosing 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

"We had the perfect wedding weekend at Mar Lodge. The Mar Lodge team were incredible and so helpful every step of the way in planning the wedding and especially amazing on the weekend itself. We loved that Mar Lodge is so flexible as a venue to enable you to create your own unique wedding. We absolutely loved the fact we had the whole venue for the weekend and all our friends could stay on the estate. It really felt like there were no hidden costs as the venue comes with all the furniture that you need and even has its own store

of wedding decorations for anyone to use which was fantastic. We would definitely recommend."

"We couldn't have asked for a more perfect weekend at Mar Lodge, the venue itself is stunning and the staff are all so kind and helpful. Louise was always available to provide recommendations or to help figure out how to get our day to run as smoothly as possible. We would definitely recommend Mar Lodge!"



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