



*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, 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 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.

Drawing Room:  
maximum capacity 90

Craggan Room:  
maximum capacity 140

Outside:  
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)  
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

**£6,000** 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

**£8,500** 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

# Accommodation prices

## 3-night stay (Friday-Monday)

	<b>May-Sept</b>	<b>Oct-April*</b>
<b>Braeriach</b> Sleeps 2	£1,050	£675
<b>Bynack</b> Sleeps 17	£3,560	£3,125
<b>Dalvorar</b> Sleeps 4	£1,200	£725
<b>Derry</b> Sleeps 4	£1,200	£725
<b>Macdui</b> Sleeps 4	£1,200	£725

## 4-night stay (Monday-Friday)

	<b>May-Sept</b>	<b>Oct-April*</b>
<b>Braeriach</b> Sleeps 2	£999	£650
<b>Bynack</b> Sleeps 17	£3,680	£3,125
<b>Dalvorar</b> Sleeps 4	£1,150	£675
<b>Derry</b> Sleeps 4	£1,150	£675
<b>Macdui</b> Sleeps 4	£1,150	£675

\* excludes Christmas, New Year & Easter



## What's included?

- ♥ A **dedicated event manager** will guide and support you throughout the planning process and on the day of your wedding.
- ♥ Dedicated **changing room** - the Boudoir.
- ♥ Our wedding gift to you is a year's **membership** to the National Trust for Scotland.
- ♥ Use of **160 chiavari chairs** with cream seat pads.
- ♥ Use of **30 x 6ft rectangle tables** (other table set-ups are available).
- ♥ 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.
- ♥ The **principal rooms** within the lodge include the Entrance Hall, Library, Dining Room, Drawing Room and Billiards 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

## | Celebrants

### **Aberdeenshire Registrars**

[www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/registrars](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/registrars)

### **Felicity Gordon**

07704430760

[felicitygordon@thistle.one](mailto:felicitygordon@thistle.one)

### **Humanist Society Scotland**

Sheona Read

Lesley Yule

Gary Smith

[www.humanism.scot](http://www.humanism.scot)

## | Catering

### **Country Flavours**

01975 564047

[www.countryflavours.co.uk](http://www.countryflavours.co.uk)

### **Harry Fraser Catering Services Ltd**

[info@harryfraser.com](mailto:info@harryfraser.com)

[www.harryfraser.com](http://www.harryfraser.com)

### **Kate's Bespoke Catering**

[contact@katesbespokecatering.com](mailto:contact@katesbespokecatering.com)

[www.katesbespokecatering.com](http://www.katesbespokecatering.com)

### **The Lunch Box Boys**

[info@thelunchboxboys.com](mailto:info@thelunchboxboys.com)

[www.thelunchboxboys.com](http://www.thelunchboxboys.com)

### **Regis Banqueting**

[sales@regisbanqueting.co.uk](mailto:sales@regisbanqueting.co.uk)

[www.regisbanqueting.co.uk](http://www.regisbanqueting.co.uk)

### **Thistle Catering Services**

[enquiries@thistlecateringservices.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thistlecateringservices.co.uk)

[www.thistlecateringservices.co.uk](http://www.thistlecateringservices.co.uk)

## | Bar

### **Glenaden Hotel, Ballater** (Neil Henderson)

01339 755488 or 07917 456668

### **10 Dollar Shake**

[www.10dollarshake.com](http://www.10dollarshake.com)

### **The Horses Tipple**

[www.thehorsetipple.co.uk](http://www.thehorsetipple.co.uk)

## | Hog Roast/BBQ

### **Balnault Farm Shop, Crathie**

[Info@balnaultfarmshop.co.uk](mailto:Info@balnaultfarmshop.co.uk)

### **HM Sheridan Butchers, Ballater**

[www.hmsheridan.co.uk](http://www.hmsheridan.co.uk)

### **Louises Farm Kitchen**

[www.louisesfarmkitchen.com](http://www.louisesfarmkitchen.com)

## | Wood-Fired Pizza

### **Lily's Dough**

[www.lilysdough.com](http://www.lilysdough.com)

## | Oysters

### **The Oyster Man**

[www.theoystermanevents.co.uk](http://www.theoystermanevents.co.uk)

## | Ice Cream

### **Portsoy Ice Cream**

[www.portsoyicecream.co.uk](http://www.portsoyicecream.co.uk)

### **Forest Farm Dairy**

[www.forestfarmdairy.co.uk](http://www.forestfarmdairy.co.uk)

## | Cake

### **Gumblossom Cookies and Cakes**

[www.gumblossom.co.uk](http://www.gumblossom.co.uk)

### **Love Laura Lane**

[www.facebook.com/LoveLauraLane](https://www.facebook.com/LoveLauraLane)

## | Cater Hire

### **Gordon's Cater Hire**

[www.gordonscaterhire.co.uk](http://www.gordonscaterhire.co.uk)

## | Furniture

### **Rustic Look Aberdeen**

[www.instagram.com/rusticlookaberdeen](http://www.instagram.com/rusticlookaberdeen)

# Recommended suppliers

## | Florists

**Coo Hill Studio**, Braemar  
[www.coohillstudio.com](http://www.coohillstudio.com)

**The Flower Room**, Ballater  
[www.deesidedeli.co.uk](http://www.deesidedeli.co.uk)

**Hay's Flowers**, Torphins  
[www.haysflowers.co.uk](http://www.haysflowers.co.uk)

**Sakura Florist**, Alford  
[www.sakuraflorist.co.uk](http://www.sakuraflorist.co.uk)

**The Secret Garden Florist**, Aboyne  
[www.secretgardenflorist.biz](http://www.secretgardenflorist.biz)

## | Photographers

**Chloe Noble Photography**  
[www.chloenoble.co.uk](http://www.chloenoble.co.uk)

**The Hoggs**  
[www.thehoggs.co.uk](http://www.thehoggs.co.uk)

**Jade Esson**  
[www.jadeesson.com](http://www.jadeesson.com)

**Nicki Lyall Photography**  
[www.nickifelthamphotography.com](http://www.nickifelthamphotography.com)

**Pocket Square Photography**  
[www.pocketsquarephotography.com](http://www.pocketsquarephotography.com)

## | Pipers

**Robert Grant**  
07491866445

**Ross McNaughton**  
[www.taypiping.co.uk](http://www.taypiping.co.uk)

**James Cooper Bagpiping**  
[james@jamescooperbagpiping.co.uk](mailto:james@jamescooperbagpiping.co.uk)

## | Pianist

[www.aberdeenweddingpianist.com](http://www.aberdeenweddingpianist.com)

| **Ellie McLaren Music** (fiddle, bagpipes, ceilidh band)  
[ellie.mclaren46@gmail.com](mailto:ellie.mclaren46@gmail.com)

## | String Quartet Alerion Strings

[www.alerionstrings.co.uk](http://www.alerionstrings.co.uk)

## | Bands

**The Apollos**  
[www.apollosband.co.uk](http://www.apollosband.co.uk)

**Bahookie**  
[www.bahookie.org](http://www.bahookie.org)

**Drams Ceilidh Band**  
[www.dramsceilidh.com](http://www.dramsceilidh.com)

**Sneaky Treacle Wedding**  
[www.sneaky-treacle.co.uk](http://www.sneaky-treacle.co.uk)

## | Sound & Lighting Standing Ovation

[www.standing-ovation.co.uk](http://www.standing-ovation.co.uk)

| **Singing Waiters by SOS**  
[www.singing-waiters.org](http://www.singing-waiters.org)

| **Stravaig Saunas**  
[www.deesidetimbercrafts.co.uk/stravaigsaunas](http://www.deesidetimbercrafts.co.uk/stravaigsaunas)

## | Hair & Makeup

[www.jelenabridalhair.co.uk](http://www.jelenabridalhair.co.uk)  
[www.kgbridalhair.co.uk](http://www.kgbridalhair.co.uk)  
[www.luxlyk.co.uk](http://www.luxlyk.co.uk)  
[www.instagram.com/h.airbyrae](http://www.instagram.com/h.airbyrae)  
[www.makeupartistsaberdeen.co.uk](http://www.makeupartistsaberdeen.co.uk)  
[www.jacquelynmcphee.com](http://www.jacquelynmcphee.com)  
[www.paulabeattie.com](http://www.paulabeattie.com)

## | Coach hire

**Allan & Black Coaches**  
[www.allanandblack.co.uk](http://www.allanandblack.co.uk)

**E&M Lees Coaches**  
[www.eandmlees.com](http://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

*"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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