



WEDDINGS AT MERCURE ABERDEEN ARDOE HOUSE HOTEL & SPA



A MILLION MILES AWAY...

Just three miles out of Aberdeen's city centre, Mercure Aberdeen Ardoe House Hotel & Spa feels a million miles away. The moment you catch sight of its magnificent 19th century turrets and spires, its 30 acres of beautiful countryside and its breathtaking views over the River Dee, you will quickly fall under its spell.

Part of this grand 19th century baronial mansion's magic is the way our interior designer has opened it up to a breath of fresh air and an atmosphere of relaxed luxury that is very much of today. Vivid new tartans and printed fabrics in bold modern colours complement and highlight the ancient stained glass, hunting heirlooms and mosaics – so you feel the

house is grounded in tradition but not set in its ways. Here and there you will find a touch of humour too and some intriguing surprises to make you smile – such as the specially commissioned acrylic portraits of some startlingly 'Great Scots' that make up our much-remarked-upon 'Wall of Scots'.

Think of it as traditional Scottish hospitality and romance enlivened with a splash of 21st century attitude. We have put a great deal of care and craftsmanship into creating a place made for love, laughter and celebration – and we believe you and your wedding guests will love it as much as we do.

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SCOTTISH HOSPITALITY AND
ROMANCE WITH A TWINKLE



YOUR BIG DAY... YOUR WAY

You have probably been dreaming about this day all your life – and we understand that the prospect of making that dream a reality can be as daunting as it is exciting. But you can relax and rest assured that our dedicated wedding team spend their whole working life ensuring your big day's everything you hope for and more.

After all, it is your personal vision of the ideal celebration that counts – and there lies the beauty of Mercure Aberdeen Ardoe House Hotel: it offers the very best of both worlds, modern and traditional. From highland reels, ceilidhs and string quartets to dance DJs and rock and pop bands; from a romantic, intimate gathering to a spectacular masked ball, just sit back and watch while our team works wonders within the budget you specify.

That includes everything down to the tiniest detail – advising on photographers, florists and entertainers, putting together your wedding breakfast menu, seating plans and table settings and even corresponding with your family and friends. And to make doubly sure everything goes without a hitch, you have your own Event Manager overseeing every thrilling moment of the big day.

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THE CEREMONY ITSELF

Whether it is a Marriage or Civil Partnership, the ceremony is the start of something very special: your life together.

And within these walls – and even outside on the rather splendid lawns – you are spoilt for choice for the perfect setting. Each of our function rooms is utterly and inspiringly different but they all revel in that signature blend of traditional Scottish style with a deftly modern lightness of touch.

A wall full of silver stag's heads and artist Jo Miller's vivid purple-framed paintings of dancing pipers watch over our self-contained Ballroom. Where better for you and up to 500 guests to celebrate in truly lavish style?

The more modestly sized but no less magnificent Ogston, Crathes and Craigevar suites and the cosy, intimate Drawing Room comfortably accommodate 50-250 guests. Their artful refurbishment uses modern splashes of colour such as the bespoke wallpapers commissioned from Glasgow designers Timorous Beasties to highlight and complement original detail such as the hand-carved doors and the original owners' coat of arms.

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EAT, DRINK AND BE MARRIED

Steeped as we are in Scottish tradition – and proud of our locally sourced and seasonal menus – we are as comfortable with the most sophisticated world cuisine as with a themed banquet. To whet your appetite, cast your eye over our selection of wedding menu packages – and feel free to ask your wedding planner about mixing and matching dishes.

If you have something particular in mind, no matter how exotic, don't hesitate to let us know – because nothing excites our award-winning chefs like the challenge of creating a bespoke menu for you.

So whatever your taste or special dietary needs: a full-scale banquet, tapas-style nibbles or anything in between, lay down the gauntlet, give them a budget and watch their creative culinary juices flow.

ACCOMMODATION

With the bridal suite, special rates on rooms and suites and complimentary use of our spa for overnight guests all wrapped up in your wedding package, the only thing you need to think about on the day is yourself, your partner and your new life together.

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BLAIRS PACKAGE



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Included in Your Package:

- Room hire for the wedding breakfast and evening reception
- Choice of five canapés on arrival
- Glass of Champagne on arrival
- Four course wedding breakfast with coffee
- Half-bottle of premium wine
- Glass of Champagne for the toast
- Evening buffet for day guests
- Two Privilege bedrooms for the bridal party on the wedding night
- Overnight stay in the Blairs Suite on the wedding night

With our Compliments:

- One-year gym membership for two
- Chair covers for the ceremony and wedding breakfast
- White table linen and napkins
- Red carpet welcome
- Silver cake stand and knife
- Printed menus, table plan and placecards
- Master of ceremonies
- Anniversary dinner, bed and breakfast in an Original House room

PROPOSED MENU OPTIONS:

CANAPÉS

Cold Selection:

Smoked Salmon Cornet, Sour Cream
Beetroot Tart, Smoked Trout, Wasabi
Confit of Duck & Spring Onion, Sesame
Lanark Blue & Red Onion Brochette
Bresaola of Beef, Quail Egg, Sloe Gin Jelly

Hot Selection:

Crab, Coconut & Chili Croquette
Tiger Prawn & Mango
Venison & Armagnac Bon Bon
Black Truffle & Lanark Blue Arancini
King Scallop in Parma Ham (£2.00 supp)

STARTERS

Salad of Smoked Venison, Celeriac Remoulade, Truffle Oil
Iberico Ham, Cantaloupe Melon, Endive, Balsamic
Terrine of Angus Corned Beef, Piccalilli Puree, Apple, Rye Croutons
Shetland Crab, Cucumber, Elderflower, Radish
Salad of Bonnet Goats Cheese, Heritage
Beetroot, Macadamia

SOUPS

French Onion Soup, Gruyere Crouton
Oxtail Broth, Parsley Oil
Cock O Leekie
Orkney Crab & Lemongrass Veloute
Shellfish Bisque

SORBET

Passion Fruit & Mango
Orange Blossom & Elderflower
Green Apple
Peach Schnapps
Vodka & Cranberry

MAIN COURSE

Breast of Barbary Duck, Squash, Pak Choi, Puy Lentil & Five Spice Jus
Rack of Scottish Lamb, Lemon Myrtle & Mint Crust, Artichokes, Wild Mushrooms, Tomato Jus
Loin of Highland Venison, Croquette of Shoulder, Root Vegetable Lasagne, Raisin & Armagnac Sauce (£5.00 supp)
Fillet of Angus Beef, Slow Braised Shin, Stroganoff Flavours
Risotto of Wild Mushrooms & Black Truffle, Pecorino Crackling

DESSERT

Fortunato No 4 Chocolate Tart, Matcha Tea Ice Cream
Flavours of Scotland (Wild Berries & Whisky)
Chocolate, Passion Fruit, Banana (Signature Dish)
Buttermilk Mousse, Iced Fennel, Kirsch
Marinated Cherries, Ginger Bread
Cranachan Flavours

EVENING BUFFET

Slow Braised Pork Ribs, Angus & Oink BBQ Sauce, Pulled Pork Rolls, Vegetable Quiche, Sweet Potato Chips
Or
Snack Rolls & Wraps, Mini Scotch Pies, Pork & Herb Sausages with Arran Mustard Mash, Angus Beef Burgers, Vegetable Tart
Or
Chargrilled Fajita, Flour Tortillas, Vegetable Jambalaya, Corn on the Cob, Guacamole, Sour Cream, Salsa, Cheese, Tortilla Chips



DEESIDE PACKAGE



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Included in Your Package:

- Room hire for the wedding breakfast and evening reception
- Glass of sparkling wine on arrival
- Three course wedding breakfast with coffee
- Half-bottle of house wine
- Glass of sparkling wine for the toast
- Evening buffet for day guests
- Overnight stay in the Manire Feature Room on the wedding night

With our Compliments:

- Red carpet welcome
- White table linen and napkins
- Silver cake stand and knife
- Printed menus and table plan
- Master of ceremonies
- Three-month gym membership for two
- Anniversary dinner for two in Blairs Restaurant

PROPOSED MENU OPTIONS:

STARTERS

Chicken Liver Pate, Beetroot Chutney, Endive, Oatcakes

Lanark Blue & Tomato Tart, Rocket Salad, Balsamic

Terrine of Smoked Chicken & Mushrooms, Tarragon Aioli, Lemon Oil

Terrine of Smoked Haddock & Spring Onion, Tomato & Coriander Vinaigrette

Salad of Watermelon & Feta Cheese, Watercress, Endive, Orange

SOUPS

Pea & Leek, Mint Crème Fraiche

Veloute of Squash, Black Truffle Mascarpone

Scotch Broth, Picked Herbs

Vine Tomato & Roast Sweet Pepper, Sweet Basil Cream

Parsnip Veloute, Rosemary Oil

MAIN COURSE

Slow Braised Shin of Aberdeenshire Beef, Horseradish Mash, Chasseur Sauce

Breast of Corn Fed Chicken, Swede Puree, Whisky Cream Sauce

Slow Braised Shank of Lamb, Sweet Potato Puree, Balsamic & Mint Sauce

Roast Loin of Ayrshire Pork, Red Onion & Balsamic Jus

Pithivier of Celeriac & Lanark Blue Cheese, Spring Onion & Martini Cream

DESSERT

Granny Smith Apple Tart Tatin, Calvados Ice Cream

Sticky Toffee Pudding, Butterscotch Sauce, Muscovado Ice Cream

Passion Fruit Cheesecake, Mango Ice Cream, Passion Fruit Syrup

White & Dark Chocolate Terrine, After Eight Ice Cream

Lemon Tart, Raspberry Sorbet

EVENING BUFFET

Stovies, Vegetarian Stovies, Beetroot, Oatcakes

Or

Fish, Chips, Mini Pies



DEVENICK PACKAGE



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Included in Your Package:

- Room hire for the wedding breakfast and evening reception
- Choice of three canapés on arrival
- Glass of sparkling Kir Royale on arrival
- Three course wedding breakfast with coffee
- Half-bottle of house wine
- Glass of sparkling wine for the toast
- Evening buffet for day guests

With our Compliments:

- Overnight stay in the Devenick Feature Room on the wedding night
- Six-months gym membership for two
- Red carpet welcome
- White table linen and napkins
- Silver cake stand and knife
- Printed menus and table plan
- Master of ceremonies
- Anniversary dinner plus bottle of wine for two in Blairs Restaurant

PROPOSED MENU OPTIONS:

CANAPÉS

Cold Selection:

Duck Pate, Orange, Coriander
Pea & Mint Tart, Ham Hock Mousse
Corned Beef, Pumpernickel, Pickled Radish
Tomato & Goats Cheese Bouche

Hot Selection:

Haggis Bon Bons
Mini Steak & Ale Pie
Mini Yorkshire Pudding, Horseradish,
Onion Marmalade
Red Onion & Lanark Blue Tart

STARTERS

Terrine of Ham Hock, Textures of Peas,
Piquillo Pepper
Simply Smoked Salmon, Rye Bread
Croutons, Lemon, Black Pepper
Pressing of Highland Game, Pistachio,
Raisin Puree
Smoked Duck Breast, Orange,
Chicory, Balsamic
Terrine of Grilled Vegetables, Olive Puree,
Rocket Salad

SOUPS

Smoked Haddock & Leek Chowder
Cream of Celeriac, Root Vegetable Crisps
White Onion Veloute, Chives
Cream of Wild Mushrooms, Truffle Oil
Carrot & Coriander

MAIN COURSE

Breast of Free Range Scottish Chicken,
Basil Mash, Chorizo Veloute
Rump of Scottish Lamb, Truffle Potato,
Pea Puree, Lanark Blue, Port Jus
Fillet of Pork, Slow Confit Belly, Carrot Puree,
Ras el Hanout & Pineapple Pan Jus
Suet Pudding of Slow Braised Beef
Cheek, Bourguignon, Parsley
Lasagne of Wild Mushroom, Spring
Onion Cream

DESSERT

Plum & Almond Tart, Clotted Cream
Ice Cream
Whisky Bread & Butter Pudding,
Marmalade Ice Cream
Wild Berry Terrine, Vanilla Mascarpone
Dark Chocolate Delice, Passion Fruit Syrup
Banoffee Pie, Chocolate Ice Cream

EVENING BUFFET

Traditional Stovies, Pickled Beetroot,
Arran Oatcakes, Selection of Sandwiches
Or
Snack Rolls & Wraps, Curried Chicken
Skewers, Sweet Potato Fries
Or
Meatballs with Tomato Sauce, Macaroni
Cheese, Spaghetti, Garlic Bread



WEDDING PACKAGE PRICING



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2016

PACKAGE NAME	PEAK	OFF PEAK	EVENING GUESTS
Deeside Package	£84.00	£76.00	£15.00
Devenick Package	£90.00	£82.00	£17.00
Blairs Package	£102.00	£92.00	£19.00

2017

PACKAGE NAME	PEAK	OFF PEAK	EVENING GUESTS
Deeside Package	£87.00	£79.00	£16.00
Devenick Package	£93.00	£85.00	£18.00
Blairs Package	£104.00	£94.00	£20.00

2018

PACKAGE NAME	PEAK	OFF PEAK	EVENING GUESTS
Deeside Package	£90.00	£82.00	£17.00
Devenick Package	£96.00	£88.00	£19.00
Blairs Package	£107.00	£97.00	£21.00

2019

PACKAGE NAME	PEAK	OFF PEAK	EVENING GUESTS
Deeside Package	£93.00	£85.00	£18.00
Devenick Package	£99.00	£91.00	£20.00
Blairs Package	£110.00	£100.00	£22.00

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WEDDING MENUS

We are here to help ensure that your wedding day is everything you wish for and more, so please think of the information about our menus and packages as suggestions and guidelines to help you choose. For example, vegetarian options are included in the package price and you are welcome to upgrade any of the beverages and wines proposed with each meal option. Subject to the number of guests staying at the hotel, we may also be able to offer a complimentary function room for breakfast the morning after. Whatever your preferences, simply talk through your ideas with your Wedding Co-ordinator, who will do their utmost to ensure they are fulfilled.

CEREMONY ROOM HIRE

Mercure Aberdeen Ardoe House Hotel and Spa is licensed to hold Civil Marriage and Partnership Ceremonies for up to 70 guests in the Drawing Room (£750) or anything from 20 - 500 guests in our function suites or even a fresco in our magnificent grounds (£250).

GUEST NUMBERS

Please note that we do impose a minimum number of guests for each suite. For example, 80 day guests are required for Friday weddings and a minimum of 100 for Saturday weddings in our Ogston, Crathes and Craigievar Suites. If you prefer a smaller, more intimate celebration you may prefer our Fraser Suite. Peak months are June - August, off peak months are September - May.

EXCLUSIVELY YOURS

Please ask your wedding co-ordinator about our 'Exclusively Yours' offer available for weddings on Sunday to Thursday and limited Friday & Saturday dates.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

To secure your provisional booking we will need an initial deposit of £500 within 14 days, followed by a further deposit of 85% of the estimated wedding value six weeks before the wedding (or immediately if the big day is less than six weeks away) with the balance payable no later than a week before the wedding. All payments are non-refundable.

MENU TASTING

To help you choose your perfect menu, we are happy to host a private menu tasting for up to four people at which you can sample two choices from each course and consult our chef for expert suggestions and advice. Menu tastings take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 2.30pm and 4.30pm, subject to availability.

ACCOMMODATION

We offer special preferential accommodation rates for you and your guests the night prior and night of your wedding which includes breakfast and access to use our onsite leisure facilities. If you have a large number of guests staying at the hotel the night before the wedding we do advise you to make specific dining arrangements for them.

PRE-WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

Whether it's the night before your big day and you are looking for an informal buffet or BBQ or if it's a pre-wedding celebration with the girls and boys, you'll find everything you need for a memorable weekend. Ladies can enjoy a luxury pamper package and indulge in pampering and relaxation in the spa. For the boys, your wedding co-ordinator can help organise activities such as laser clay pigeon shooting, golf, archery and quad bikes.

OUTSIDE FOOD AND BEVERAGE POLICY

All food and beverages served at your wedding must be provided, prepared and served by the hotel and must be consumed on hotel premises – none must be brought into the hotel without special permission, for which service, the hotel reserves the right to make a charge (except for wedding cakes). Please note also that corkage is not permitted.

