

Rathmullan House

Wedding Brochure 2023

Planning your wedding

Everyone should feel special on their wedding day... and feeling special is what Rathmullan House is all about. Both Mark & Mary work closely with photographer's, bands, musicians and wedding stylists and will happily make recommendations for your day.

This stunning Georgian house can be yours after breakfast on the day of the wedding and you can let the story of your wedding unfold just as you imagine it: Photographs in the award-winning gardens. Champagne in the elegant lounges. Fine food served with personal attention in our intimate and elegant dining room. You can relax and enjoy all the style and comfort of one of Ireland's leading country homes.

Weddings at Rathmullan House are hosted outside our busy times. We find the house works best as a wedding venue when the rooms are taken exclusively by the wedding guests, creating a very special and intimate atmosphere for the celebrations. Exclusive use of the house creates an environment where your guests feel at home and allows us give the wedding party our undivided attention.

At many of our weddings we welcome people and families who've stayed at Rathmullan House before. They know the quality of the rooms and the food, and the beauty of the surroundings. They know, too, that the house can weave its own spell around the romance of the wedding day. We host a limited number of weddings in Rathmullan House each year, outside the peak Spring and Summer months. The seasons of Autumn & Winter have their own magic. Couples also find that the wedding arrangements are easier to make in the off-season and more guests are available to enjoy the occasion. If you'd like to experience how Rathmullan House is as special as your wedding day, please get in touch.

Enclosed you will find details of how a typical wedding works here at Rathmullan House. We have included sample menus and costs, accommodation types & rates, and also our terms and conditions.

Before we take wedding bookings it is essential you have stayed at Rathmullan House and experienced dinner. Our wedding coordinator can offer you preferential bed and breakfast rates.

A typical wedding at Rathmullan House

It begins with the arrival of guests on the evening before. An informal supper of pizzas and drinks gives the opportunity to make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

Breakfast at Rathmullan House is rightly famous and a leisurely and relaxing start to the wedding day. There may be time for a stroll in the gardens or on the beach before getting ready.

Upon the return of the bridal party and guests from the Church they are greeted with a drink's reception, which can be enjoyed in one of the four elegant lounges or outside, weather permitting.

Hot or cold canapés are served while the bridal party, are having photographs taken, which should last no more than 2 hours. Rathmullan House is the perfect backdrop for stunning shots of the bridal party and guests.

The wedding guests are then called through to the wedding breakfast in The Cook & Gardener Restaurant with its domed roof and fairy lights.

The restaurant is set for tables of 8 or 10 people. They are tastefully dressed in white linen, with simple bud vases, white tea light candles and personalised menus.

The bride and groom are announced, and they make their way to the top table. Some parties take this opportunity to have their speeches on our PA system.

Orders are taken at the table which allows the individual taste of each guest to be catered for. The wedding breakfast is prepared using where possible the best local ingredients and served to a very high standard.

Red and white wine can be served continuously throughout the meal or bottles left on the table.

After the wedding breakfast, there is an opportunity for speeches and cutting of the cake.

Tea and coffee are served in Batt's lounge to allow guests to mingle and for the band to set up. The number of guests attending will dictate when and where the band will set up.

As the reception draws to an end at midnight, the bar closes, the band finishes and guests move to the Cellar Bar where midnight munchies are served, and the bar remains open to 1.30am.

Pricing

Facility Fee

There is a facility fee of up to €1000 applicable. If the fee is applicable, it will be noted on your wedding deposit letter.

Midweek Discounts

Unfortunately, we are unable to give discount on the price of food, however if you book a midweek wedding during our low or shoulder season we would reduce corkage to €9.50 per bottle and service charge would be reduced to 5%.

Room rates for your guests are more competitive for midweek dates.

Civil Ceremony

There is an opportunity to hold your civil ceremony in our Gallery Room which can seat up to 120 guests. If the cost is not covered by the facility fee the charge for the hire the room is from €250. Any other location on the grounds of the hotel will incur further costs, this will depend on location how many guests ground covering and level of styling.

The Bride & Groom need to apply for licenses. Visit www.groireland.ie for more information. Florence Blackburn is the local registrar and is based in Letterkenny her telephone number is + 353 74 9124576.

Just a note: Civil Ceremonies are only conducted Monday to Friday inclusive. Currently they are not conducted on a Saturday.

Drinks Reception

Reception tea, coffee and €3 per person.

Sparkling wine reception from €45 per bottle.

Warming punch reception from €7 per person.

Full bar available. 10% discount on bar drinks bought by the bridal party.

Canapés

Canapés are an important part of the wedding breakfast.

If your guests have not stayed in the hotel the night before and have travelled to the reception the chances, are they will have missed lunch.

While you are having your photographs taken, we can serve your guests bite size delicacies to enjoy with their aperitif.

These are our most popular, but we are able to quote you for canapés which aren't on the list.

Portions are in multiples of €70

40 Boilie goats cheese croquettes

50 Burren smoked salmon on homemade wheaten bread

50 Chicken liver parfait with toasted brioche & homemade chutney

25 Carpaccio of beef with horseradish & parmesan

100 Honey, warming chili & wholegrain mustard mini sausages

6 Bowls of salt n chili squid

40 Baked tartlets of black olives & parmesan

100 Roast vegetable bruschetta's

50 Little cups of warming homemade soup

40 Mini ice-cream cones

Charcuteries plates are available at €12 per plate

Wedding Menus

Below are the 3 options of menus available to make budgeting easier.

If you have any individual requirements, we are more than happy to discuss the options.

Children menus are available from €22.50 per child.

Classic Wedding Breakfast Menu €95 per person

Choice of 1 Starter & Soup
Choice of 2 Classic Main Courses
1 Dessert
Tea or Coffee

House Wedding Breakfast Menu €90 per person

Choice of 1 Starter & Soup
Choice of 2 House Mains
1 Dessert
Tea or Coffee

To replace soup with another starter €5pp

To replace dessert with an assiette of dessert €5pp

To have a second choice of dessert €5pp

No Choice Wedding Breakfast Menu €82.50 per person

This is a no choice menu and the reason it is discounted is we don't have to take orders

A sample menu would be

Fishcakes

Shoulder of Rathmullan Lamb

Communal bowls of Eton Mess/Pavlova

Tea or Coffee

Below are samples of starters, mains and desserts

All our wedding menus are individually created so it is possible to have your family favourite dish on the menu.

House & Classic Starters

Donegal silver salmon and natural smoked haddock fishcake

served on a homemade lemon butter sauce

Cornfed chicken and wild mushroom terrine

Garden rocket, truffle aioli, aged balsamic

Baked Ardsallagh goat's cheese

wrapped with home cured pancetta, fig & walnut chutney, garden leaves

Wards of Burtonport crab cocktail

with baby gem lettuce, lemon mayo & garden herbs

Walled garden leaf salad

with toasted pine nuts, crispy pancetta, shaved parmesan and aged balsamic

Burren smoked salmon tartare

crispy caperberries, horseradish, crème fraiche, watercress

Confit leg of Silverhill duck

pickled garden cabbage, beetroot syrup, sprouting cress

Wild mushroom tartlet

with truffle mayo, garden salad & aged balsamic

Homemade soup

We find that guests enjoy a three-course menu rather than having a middle course of soup.

At no extra charge we offer soup as a 2nd starter option.

If you do want to have a middle course of soup the charge is €5.50 per person.

Classic Main Courses

30-day dry aged fillet of Irish beef

Roast loin of Rathmullan lamb

Roast fillet of Greencastle landed halibut/turbot

Roast breast of Silverhill duck

House Main Courses

Oven-roasted breast of Noone's free-range chicken

Slow braised shoulder of Rathmullan lamb

30-day dry aged sirloin of Irish beef

Pan seared fillet of Greencastle hake

All of the above are accompanied with fondant, gratin or roast potato, a seasonal vegetable garnish and a jus.

Vegetarian options for both menus

Seasonal risotto

with parmesan cheese and canonici olive oil

Mossfield organic cheddar and onion tart

hazelnut shortcrust with thyme, dressed watercress and apple, leek vinaigrette

Desserts

Valrhona chocolate pot, garden raspberry sorbet, berry coulis

Caramelised lemon tart, garden raspberry sorbet, berry coulis

Traditional crème brulee, mini shortbread, vanilla ice cream

Pavlova of seasonal berries and Donegal cream, honeycomb ice cream, berry coulis

White chocolate and vanilla truffle cake, honeycomb ice cream, berry compote

Walled garden apple crumble, vanilla ice cream, crème Anglaise

Assiette of desserts

Apple tart tatin

with Valrhona chocolate pot & vanilla ice cream
(Autumn Winter Assiette)

Valrhona chocolate pot

with caramelised lemon tart & garden raspberry sorbet
(Spring Summer Assiette)

Cheese a cake of cheese or cheese table is a good alternative to a wedding cake. This can be sourced by the hotel or the bridal party. As with a communal cheese table the price will depend on quantities and cheese required.

Coffee included in the wedding breakfast price is coffee and tea served in the lounges. We find by serving it in the lounges it adds to sociability and is a good utilisation of time.

Sundries

Wine

Our wine list is constantly updated. We have house red and white from €30.00 - €35.00, sparkling wine from €45.00 and champagne from €80.00. There is a 10% discount on our wine list.

Corkage

Wine/Champagne/Sparkling per 75cl bottle

First 50 Bottles €14.50 per Bottle

Second 50 Bottles €12.50 per Bottle

Remainder €10.00 per Bottle

Mineral Water

To encourage the drinking of water we have a special price of €3 for a 75cl bottle.

Midnight Munchies (portions in multiples for 25pax)

Sandwiches €120.00

Bacon butties / sausage butties €175.00

Mini fish & chips served in pokes €220.00

Homemade mini chicken goujons & chips served in pokes €220.00

Pokes of skinny fries €120.00

Tea & coffee €90.00

Service Charge

There is a 10% service charge added to the food items on the wedding bill, which is in lieu of gratuities.

Bedroom types

Rathmullan House has a wide choice available among its 33 bedrooms.

Each has its own distinctive character, from the grand suite to the cosy bijou single. The 10 bedrooms in the stunning Regency wing have double doors opening to views over the gardens and Lough Swilly (if you're really lucky you might get both!) with the heavy smell of roses in summer.

Each of these new bedrooms is decorated with a theme in mind, from 'William Morris' to Marine. You can go for a more traditional country house feel in the main house - perhaps check into a room with a four poster and a spacious sitting area.

The choice is yours (everyone has their own favourite!). There are superior rooms, family interconnecting rooms suitable for up to a family of 5, standard rooms and single rooms – and even a special room for dog lovers, complete with pooch's own bed. .

The exact cost of B&B and our special 2-day packages will depend on the date of your wedding.

We will also be available to assist you in booking rooms for your guests.

It is important that you are confident your potential guests will be happy to pay the accommodation rates at Rathmullan House.

Bedroom types available

3 Family rooms (suitable for a family of 2 adults & 3 children or 2 couples who know each other. Involves sharing one bathroom)

7 Standard rooms in original house and garden wing

20 Superior rooms

3 Singles

Terms & Conditions

When paying the deposit, the wedding coordinator should be notified of the following details:

Bride and Grooms full name, address, telephone number and email address.

Actual marriage ceremony time and location.

Approximate no of guests.

The name and address of nominated person who will pay the full and final payment of the wedding reception and associated costs prior to departure from the hotel.

The Bride and Groom must guarantee a certain number of rooms.

The maximum number of guests is 120.

There may be a minimum number of guests for a Friday and Saturday wedding.

Table plan and final numbers are required one week before wedding. The hotel insists that a table plan is drawn up as it leads to a smoother day plan.

Rathmullan House does not host weddings which were previously booked and cancelled with the Hotel.

The orderly conduct of guests will be the responsibility of the bride and groom.

The hotel may cancel the event in the following circumstances:

- The hotel has reason to believe the booking might prejudice the reputation of the hotel.
- The hotel receives evidence of any adverse alteration of the client's financial situation.

Rathmullan House is not liable for any loss or damage to property owned by or in the custody of the guests. Gifts, cards, cakes etc, should be taken from the hotel at time of check out.

As a responsible alcohol server Rathmullan House does not serve alcopops.

Rathmullan House by law is a non-smoking establishment though we do have designated smoking areas outdoors.

All entertainment arrangements must have the approval of Rathmullan House prior to date. Amplification of music is only permitted at a predetermined level.

All entertainment must provide their own equipment and take responsibility for same.

The bar closes sharp at 1.30am and is strictly for residents of the hotel only.

If there are a large number of your guests leaving the hotel the night of your wedding, the hotel will require confirmation of transport booked.

The Bride & Groom are advised to arrange adequate insurance.

Check-in is from 3.30pm onwards or earlier with prior arrangement and we require your guests to check out no later than 11.00am. If your guests require their room after this time, there will be a charge.

Contract

It is essential for both the prospective bride and groom to meet with the wedding coordinator prior to bookings being confirmed by Rathmullan House.

A deposit of €2000 is required by Rathmullan House to secure your booking. This is refundable if the wedding is cancelled 6 months prior to wedding date.

On the night of your wedding all bedrooms must be booked. (any exception to this will be noted on your wedding deposit letter).

The eve of the wedding may incur a minimum number of bedrooms to be booked. (this will be noted on your wedding deposit letter).

The cost of empty rooms on the night and the eve of your wedding will be in your deposit request letter.

The number of guests confirmed 7 days prior to the wedding will be the minimum number of guests charged for.

Prices are valid for 2023 but may be subject to change without prior notice.

No alcohol purchased from elsewhere will be allowed on the premises at any time unless it is wine or champagne for the reception, for which you are paying Rathmullan House a corkage. Favours for the reception should not include alcohol.

The nominated payee is responsible for damage to the hotel beyond normal wear and tear and for the conduct of all guests attending the wedding.

Any damage to property caused by any of the guests and the cost of repair or reinstatement will be added to the wedding account.

We agree to the contract* specified above:

Prospective Bride

Signed Print Name

Dated

Prospective Groom

Signed Print Name

Dated

On behalf of Rathmullan House

Signed Print Name

Dated

*Before you sign the contract make sure you have also read and understood the general terms and conditions or, if you are not the nominated payee, that he/she/they has read and understood the contract and terms and conditions.