




Royal
Botanic Garden
Edinburgh

W E D D I N G S

A bride and groom are standing on a grassy hill, looking at each other. The bride is wearing a white strapless wedding dress with a long train and a white veil. She is holding a large bouquet of white and red flowers. The groom is wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, a dark tie, and a red and blue plaid kilt. He is also wearing black knee-high socks and black shoes. In the background, there is a dense line of trees and a cityscape with a large castle or fortress on a hill in the distance under a clear blue sky.

"All of our guests were completely blown away by the venue and they are still talking about the food - the 'best ever wedding dinner' - fabulous waiting staff and service!"

Debbi and David McLean

Weddings at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Why here?

Minutes from the city centre sits the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, with its 70 acres of manicured lawns, landscaped grounds and gardens.

Aside from being a pleasant place to take a stroll, the Royal Botanic Garden is a most romantic and idyllic setting for a wedding of any kind, from the simplest of ceremonies to a lavish banquet and celebration.

With a variety of spaces and venues across the Garden our brides and grooms are spoiled for choice.

Our chefs have composed menus using the finest Scottish products and seasonal ingredients, with something to suit all tastes. We have included two sample menus and drinks packages for inspiration. There is also an A La Carte selector for you to create your own menu. Our wedding coordinators and chefs will be delighted to discuss your ideas with you.

Our prices include crisp, floor length tablecloths, linen napkins, crockery, cutlery and glassware. This is complemented with the efficient service from our fully trained staff.

Additional theming to your wedding is available and we work with local suppliers to get the best quality every time.

With the expertise of our dedicated event organisers and managers, we will see that all of your requirements are covered for your special day from your initial enquiry to the big day itself and beyond.

All you have to do is relax,
enjoy your experience
and say "I do".

Locations



John Muir Grove

(Maximum 100)

The John Muir Grove is stunning and tranquil - perfect for outdoor ceremonies.

Seating up to 40 guests, with an additional 60 standing, the John Muir Grove is one of the most romantic locations to exchange your vows. Set amidst the redwood trees and rhododendrons the John Muir Grove lends itself beautifully to your outdoor wedding.

Your ceremony in the John Muir Grove will require an agreed wet weather alternative and your wedding coordinator will be more than happy to discuss this with you in greater detail.



Caledonian Hall

(Maximum 120)

Built in 1842 by the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society, the Caledonian Hall has beautiful views overlooking the famous Rock Garden and its waterfalls. The Hall has many classic period features such as high ceilings and large windows and is the ideal venue for your whole wedding day from your wedding ceremony and post wedding drinks to your wedding breakfast and evening celebrations.

A marquee can be erected outside the Caledonian Hall to add flexibility to your guest numbers and provide wet weather options for the nearby John Muir Grove.



David Douglas Room

(Maximum 40)

Set within the new John Hope Gateway and 'floating' over the Garden, the David Douglas Room has stunning views overlooking the Biodiversity Garden and out to Inverleith Lawn. An ideal venue for wedding ceremonies and intimate wedding breakfasts for smaller parties. The David Douglas Room benefits from direct access to the outside decking, perfect during the summer months!



John Hope Gateway

(Minimum 80 and maximum 180 -
120 for a seated dinner)

The hire of the John Hope Gateway includes the exclusive use of both floors in this stunning event space offering unrivalled views of the gardens and across Edinburgh. This truly unique venue is available for private evening hire for receptions or seated dinners and boasts floor to ceiling glass windows which open out onto the impressive decking - an ideal space for al fresco dining, barbeques and hog roasts.

Our experienced team will be happy to discuss your plans for your day and assist in choosing the best combination of locations and venues for your needs, numbers and budget.



Your Wedding - Our Suggestions

Choosing a menu

We have put together sample packages just to give you an idea of what we can offer. These are simply suggestions and you are very welcome to use them or create your own menu from our A La Carte selection, alternatively, we can create something completely bespoke just for you!

Sample Package One: **Just the menu**

Rare seared chilli beef, crisp oriental salad
soy honey and ginger dressing



Spring lamb rump, buttered fondant potato,
warm spring cabbage, summer vegetables,
and smoked bacon salad



Rich dark chocolate fondant,
mulled Perthshire strawberries,
chantilly cream



Freshly brewed fair trade coffee and mints

Sample Package Two: The Complete Package

Drinks Reception

Champagne
Fresh orange juice
(two glasses per person)

Dinner

Tower of haggis, neaps and tatties,
whisky chive sauce



Braised shin of beef, horseradish creamed
potatoes, selection of seasonal baby
vegetables, red wine jus



Mini summer berry trifle, mini chocolate tart
chantilly cream, mini passion cheesecake



Coffee and petit fours

Wine

(half a bottle per person)

Still / sparkling mineral water with the meal
(half a bottle per person)

Toast

A glass of Champagne



What they say...

"Our whole day was magical, all the staff were so kind and so attentive. The David Douglas room really does lend itself to small weddings, such an intimate atmosphere and with beautiful views out to the Gardens. I would recommend the Botanics as a wedding venue to any couple thinking of getting married!"

Marian and Brian Somerville, 5th December 2009

"Thank you and everyone else involved, for all your help in both the preparation for our wedding and on the day itself. The setting was just as beautiful as we both imagined and hoped it would be. We could not fault anything about the day, it all ran so smoothly. All the little details I was worrying about on the lead up to the day, I need not have worried about at all, as everything was in hand! The service was outstanding. Everyone was so helpful, polite and couldn't do enough for us. The timings of everything were also so precise and even military during the service of the meal. The meal itself was absolutely beautiful, very tasty indeed - enjoyed by all.

We really had the most wonderful day and would not hesitate to recommend the Botanics as an exceptional wedding venue. Thank you so much for helping make it so perfect".

Karen and Matt Murphy, 28th May 2010

"Just to say a thank you for a lovely reception at the Botanics. Your staff, were very attentive and charming and smiling. Which doesn't often happen at weddings. They could not have been more helpful. The food and service was excellent and I felt I had to write and say thank you as often the staff go unnoticed. It was a wonderful day made all the better by all your hard work and a great venue for a wedding. Many thanks."

Ruth and Ally Rooney, 14th August 2010

"We wish to pass on our gratitude to the entire team that helped in their part with our wedding tea party in the Caledonian Hall on 31st October. We really had the most delightful afternoon, all the staff were extremely helpful, friendly and polite and the food was simply delicious. We would definitely use the facilities for future parties and will highly recommend to our friends. Thank you so much for being a part of our wonderful weekend."

Abigail and George MacHardy, 31st October 2010

"Our wedding reception in the Gateway restaurant was just perfect! The Botanics is an absolutely stunning venue and the staff did such an amazing job of making it look so special for our big day. The meal was delicious and the presentation of all the food was amazing. Everything ran so smoothly and I felt completely calm and relaxed all day which is a huge compliment to the venue! I really cannot thank the staff, chefs and everyone involved who made our day so memorable and we look forward to coming back to the Gateway for our anniversary."

Natasha and Kevin Miller, 27th November 2010



Booking Information

Venue hire prices for your Wedding Ceremony include:

- Chairs for up to 40 people (gold Bentwood chairs with or without white chair covers - wooden chairs in the David Douglas Room)
- The services of fully trained and uniformed staff
- Red carpet (John Muir Grove or Caledonian Hall)
- An agreed wet weather alternative, should you be booking the John Muir Grove

Venue hire prices for your Wedding Breakfast and Evening Reception include:

- Gold Bentwood chairs (chair covers available at an extra cost)
- Tables
- Crisp white table linen and napkins
- Cutlery, crockery and glassware.
- The services of fully trained and uniformed staff.

All packages are upgradable, please ask your wedding coordinator for details.

Confirming your wedding - what do you do?

Once you have read over the information in this brochure we would recommend that you meet with one of our wedding coordinators who will show you around the venues and answer any questions that you may have before you make a decision.

Hopefully you will decide that the Royal Botanic Garden is the place for your special day, if so we can provisionally hold a date for 7 days. Following this, an event agreement would be sent to you and your deposit would be payable to secure your date. Final full payment is required 14 days prior to your event and credit card details would be kept on file to cover any agreed additional charges incurred on the day.

We aim to be with you every step of the way towards your wedding to allow you to relax and enjoy your most special day with your family and friends, offering our years of experience in catering, coordinating and managing events.





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