

PERFECT WEDDING VENUES

Emma Riccardi profiles some of Ireland's most romantic wedding venues



BALLYNATRAY ESTATE

Ballynatray Estate is one of Ireland's hidden gems and is the perfect venue for exclusive, intimate weddings including civil ceremonies. Ballynatray House is a magnificent Georgian mansion set in an 850-acre estate with breathtaking views over the River Blackwater. The house is fully staffed and organic food is sourced and provided from the estate where possible, to include venison, duck, lamb, salmon, vegetables, fruit, etc.

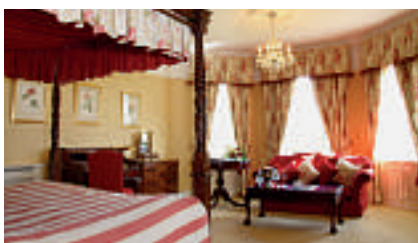
Every wedding is unique and the staff at Ballynatray work with each couple individually on planning their special day. The formal dining room is ideal for a candlelit family dinner the night before the wedding.

After the wedding ceremony, guests can enjoy a fireworks display over the Blackwater River. During their stay, guests can enjoy all the facilities of the estate - shooting, simulated clay pigeon

shooting, boating, canoeing, fishing, horse-riding, tennis, archery, swimming pool, steam rooms, massage room, snooker. We highly recommend the simulated clay pigeon shooting across the picturesque Ballynatray landscape for male and female guests as it offers the same excitement, fun and spectacle of driven shoots. Ballynatray Estate can also provide a picnic hamper for your walks around the beautiful grounds.

Located 45 minutes from Cork airport and ferryport, two hours from Rosslare ferryport and 2.5 hours from Dublin.

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BARBERSTOWN CASTLE

For over 700 years, Barberstown Castle has welcomed and provided a unique experience for all who pass through its ancient halls. This historic Irish castle is ideal for the most memorable day of your life.

Nestled on 20 acres of surrounding gardens yet only 30 minutes from Dublin city centre, Barberstown was one of the first great historic Irish country houses to display its splendour to the outside world when it opened as a hotel in 1971.

The old world splendour of the castle certainly adds historic significance to a bride's and groom's special day. The medieval banqueting hall, which dates from 1562, can accommodate weddings of all sizes and it features vaulted ceilings, medieval iron chandeliers, open log fires and antique gothic oak furniture.

Situated adjacent to the conservatory is a secret garden and private medieval courtyard, which features a beautiful gothic glass gazebo and built-in BBQ area, perfect for a unique candlelit 'afters' on a balmy evening.

Brides and grooms who select Barberstown castle for the most important day of their lives will enjoy great food (awarded Best Hotel Restaurant Kildare 2011), exceptional personal service and memories to last a lifetime.

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