

We wanted to find an uniquely stylish venue in Cork for our wedding day on July 9. As a fussy bride, I dreamed of sophistication, intimacy and effortless attention to detail. An impossible task, people warned. From the second we drove up Ballynatray's meandering driveway, with gorgeous grounds and ambling pheasants, we were completely hooked. The Georgian house which could have been taken straight out of a story book blew us away. Every large airy room oozes charm and elegance and makes you feel like a Jane Austin character waiting for her Mr Darcy. We had our wedding blessing in the main hall in the house followed by a beautiful reception for 80 guests in a fairytale marquee on the porch. Weeks later, our guests were and some are still talking about the beautiful food, setting and accommodation. And last but very importantly, the staff were exceptionally professional and friendly and we were so sad to leave when our weekend there was over. Ballynatray is a truly magical wedding venue.

Joanne and Edward Verity, July 9 2011