

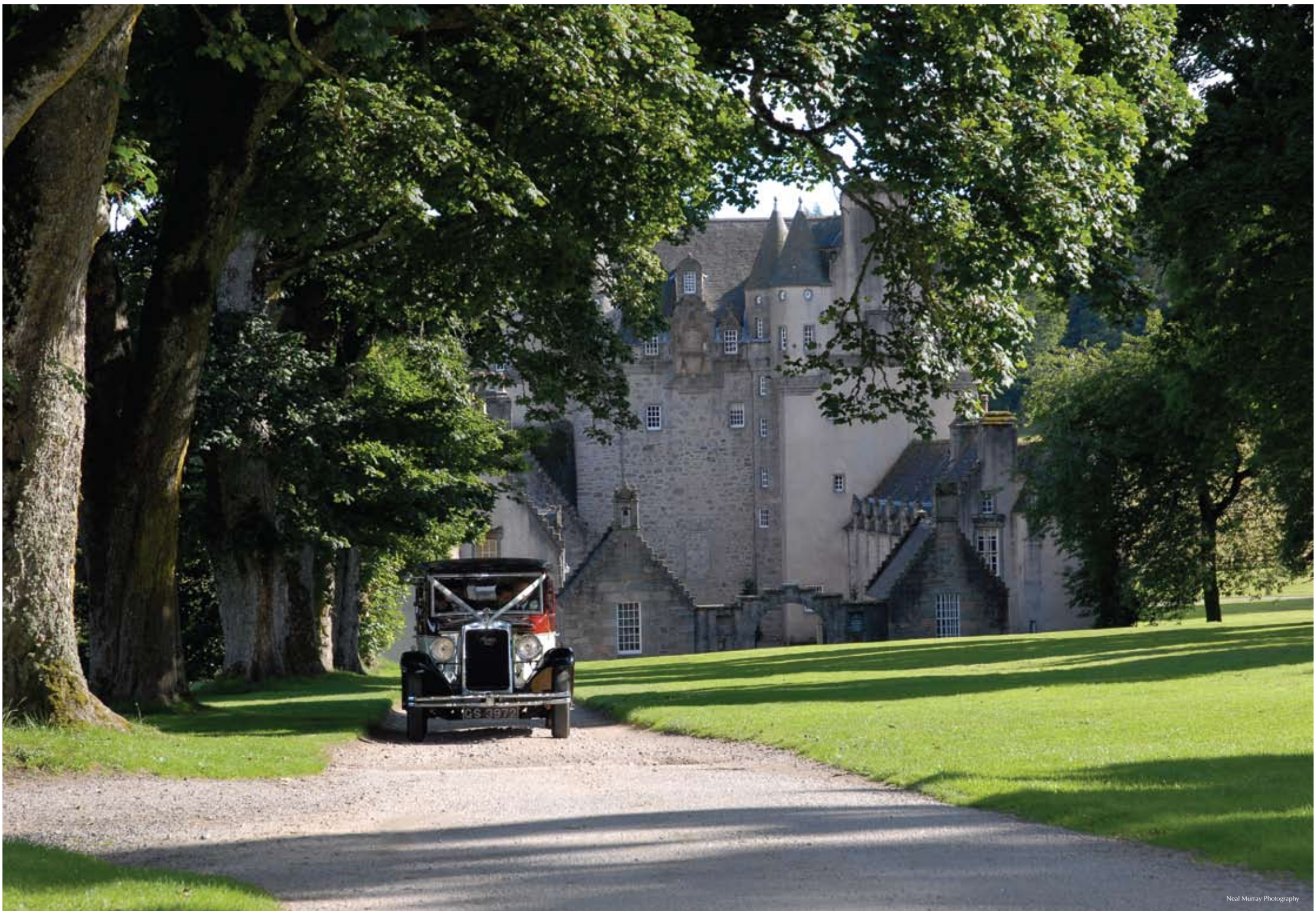


# Castle Fraser



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# Welcome to Castle Fraser

Congratulations on your engagement and thank you for considering Castle Fraser as the venue for your special day.

Regarded as one of Scotland's grandest baronial tower houses, Castle Fraser offers peace and tranquillity amidst 300 acres of beautiful gardens and open woodland. Situated south of the River Don, this spectacular venue is also within easy access of Aberdeen city centre (16 miles) and Aberdeen International Airport (14 miles).

Dating from 1575, Castle Fraser is famous for its wonderful turrets, balustrades and gables, creating a truly romantic atmosphere and the perfect setting for your fairytale wedding.

Whether your dream wedding is grand and sumptuous; intimate and relaxed; religious, civil, or humanist; we guarantee outstanding service and memories you'll treasure for a lifetime.

As Castle Fraser offers a variety of wedding options, our Wedding Coordinators will always be on hand to offer friendly advice and support. This brochure provides a flavour of what is available at this extraordinary venue.

By celebrating your wedding at Castle Fraser you will also be actively supporting the vital work of the National Trust for Scotland, one of Scotland's leading conservation charities, and helping us to protect the nation's natural and cultural heritage for present and future generations to enjoy.

Thank you!

## Contact us

To arrange a visit call us on **0844 493 2164 (+44 1330 833463)** from outside the UK) or email **castlefraserweddings@nts.org.uk**



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## Your arrival at Castle Fraser

As you enter the estate along the beautifully manicured tree-lined avenue, be prepared to be captivated as Castle Fraser, standing resplendent and proud, comes into full view.

Upon entering the castle through the classical south doorway, you step into the Laigh (or Low) Hall. This stone-vaulted entrance hall provides an authentic welcome to a Scottish castle and is perfect for celebratory drinks and canapés.



# Your ceremony at Castle Fraser

Within the castle, your ceremony can be held in the Great Hall, Library or Round Tower.

## Great Hall

Originally dating from the fifteenth century and accessed by a beautiful stone spiral staircase, the Great Hall is the principal room for wedding ceremonies within the castle.

Located on the first floor, with a high barrel-vaulted ceiling and smooth, cream, plastered walls, the Great Hall is bright and spacious, enjoying natural light from the three large south-facing windows.

The Erard piano, which takes pride of place, has been played on many occasions over the years to entertain guests. Today, it can be played to welcome the bride down the aisle.

**Maximum Capacity: 100**





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## Library

Dominated by a portrait of Charles Mackenzie Fraser by Raeburn, this Regency-style room is ideal for intimate ceremonies.

Located on the fourth floor of the castle, the Library retains many original features and elegant furnishings, including rich wooden bookcases, an eighteenth-century longcase clock by Thomas Stone, and decorative wallpaper dating from c1839.

**Maximum Capacity: 70**

## Round Tower

For a truly unique and intimate experience, ceremonies can take place at the top of the Round Tower. Accessed from the Great Hall via a spiral staircase, the Round Tower offers stunning views over the surrounding estate and fantastic photographic opportunities.

**Maximum Capacity: 10**



# Your reception at Castle Fraser

Depending on the size of your wedding party and formality of the occasion, Castle Fraser offers you a choice of unique locations for dining.

## Great Hall

Steeped in history, the Great Hall is adorned by family portraits and dominated by a large sixteenth-century fireplace, all adding to the character and charm of this wonderfully simplistic and elegant room.

Both versatile and spacious, the Great Hall provides the perfect setting for sumptuous banquets followed by dancing and evening celebrations.

**Maximum Capacity: 70 (90 for evening dances)**

## Dining Room

From the Great Hall a short passage leads to the early seventeenth-century eastern wing and the vibrantly decorated Dining Room.

Elegantly furnished with mahogany bookcases, family portraits and numerous eighteenth- and nineteenth-century treasures, this delightful room offers a refined yet personal dining experience.

**Maximum Capacity: 22**



# Your marquee in the grounds of Castle Fraser

If you are planning a larger wedding, marquees can be erected on the east-facing lawn, using the castle's turreted exterior as a spectacular backdrop.

## East Lawn

This vast open green space, just a few minutes' walk from the castle, offers virtually unlimited opportunities for large-scale events.

**Maximum Capacity: 1,000**



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# Your celebration in the grounds of Castle Fraser

## Walled Garden

First designed in the eighteenth century, the Walled Garden offers a romantic and secluded area for drinks receptions, informal ceremonies and stunning photography.

**Maximum Capacity: 150**

## Courtyard

The sheltered and easily accessible Courtyard can be used for both formal and informal events, from drinks receptions to barbecues and hog roasts.

**Maximum Capacity: 150**



# Your accommodation at Castle Fraser

## John Bell House

Castle Fraser also offers self-catering accommodation for up to seven guests.

Named after the stonemason who built the castle in the seventeenth century, John Bell House overlooks the delightful Stables courtyard and commands wonderful views of the castle.

Ideal for the wedding party, family or friends, the rooms retain many original features and contain fine pieces of antique furniture.

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# How to find us



Castle Fraser is 16 miles west of Aberdeen and 4 miles north of Dunecht.

## By car

### Directions from Aberdeen city centre:

Follow the A94 signposted Alford  
Turn right in the village of Dunecht (signposted Castle Fraser)  
Continue along this road and follow the signs for Castle Fraser  
The entrance to the castle is on the right

### Directions from Aberdeen International Airport:

Follow the A96 signposted Inverness  
Take the second exit at the roundabout (signposted Kintore/Castle Trail)  
Take the next left (signposted Castle Fraser)  
Take the second exit at the next roundabout (signposted Kemnay/Castle Trail)  
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