Welcome to Mar Lodge

Congratulations on your engagement and thank you for considering Mar Lodge as the venue for your special day.

One of Scotland’s hidden gems, this unique venue is situated in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, amidst 29,000 hectares of magnificent Scottish countryside.

Surrounded by ancient forests and rolling glens, wild rivers and rugged peaks, Mar Lodge is an idyllic setting for your Highland wedding.

Originally built as a Victorian hunting lodge for the Duke and Duchess of Fife in 1895, Mar Lodge now offers luxury self-catering and bunkhouse accommodation for up to 61 guests within the Lodge and wider estate.

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 Mar Lodge offers a variety of wedding options, our Hospitality Manager is always 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 with us, 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 protect the nation’s natural and cultural heritage for present and future generations to enjoy. Thank you!

Mar Lodge is located 3 miles west of Braemar and within easy access of Aberdeen city centre and Aberdeen International Airport (50 miles).

Contact us

To arrange a visit call us on 01339 741276 or email marlodgeweddings@nts.org.uk

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Your arrival at Mar Lodge

From Braemar, a relaxing drive alongside the River Dee brings you to Mar Lodge Estate. En route you’ll enjoy wonderful views of Ben Macdui, Glen Quoich and the Linn of Quoich, one of Queen Victoria’s favourite picnic spots.

Upon entering the Estate, a short drive through landscaped woodland leads you to the Lodge and a warm Highland welcome.
Your ceremony at Mar Lodge

Within the Lodge, your ceremony can be held in the Great Hall or Drawing Room.

Great Hall

Framed by the Hall’s intricate stained-glass window, wedding vows are exchanged on the balcony of the grand staircase, offering all your guests an excellent view.

**Maximum Capacity: 120 (40 seated)**

Drawing Room

Filled with Fife family portraits and heirlooms, the Drawing Room is bright and spacious.

Taking pride of place is the grand piano, which has been played on many occasions to entertain royalty. Today, it can be played to welcome the bride down the aisle.

**Maximum Capacity: 130 (90 seated)**
Your reception at Mar Lodge

Depending on the size of your wedding party and the formality of the occasion, Mar Lodge offers you a variety of unique locations for drinks receptions and dining.

Drawing Room, Great Hall & Library

Ideal for welcome drinks on arrival and celebratory drinks and canapés following the ceremony, the interconnecting Drawing Room, Great Hall and Library allow you to move seamlessly through the Lodge as you sip champagne and mingle with your guests.

Maximum Capacity: 150 (drinks receptions)

Craggan Ballroom

Beautifully appointed and extremely versatile, the Craggan Ballroom is perfect for both formal and informal celebrations, including drinks receptions, dinners and evening celebrations.

Maximum Capacity: 70

Dining Room

The Dining Room offers an elegant and traditional Scottish setting for rehearsal meals and intimate wedding dinners.

Maximum Capacity: 40
Your celebration in the grounds of Mar Lodge

Stag Ballroom

A short stroll from the Lodge lies the Stag Ballroom, a unique timber building displaying some 2,500 stag antlers dating from the Victorian era. With its spacious wooden floor, the ballroom is perfect for sumptuous banquets and ceilidhs. Let your hair down and end the day with a party to remember!

Maximum Capacity: 200 (160 dining)

Marquees

For larger weddings, marquees can be erected on the vast lawns.

Maximum Capacity: 1,000
Your wedding, your way

Whether you decide to design your own bespoke wedding or select Mar Lodge’s exclusive wedding package, our Hospitality Manager will always be on hand to provide support and advice.

Mar Lodge Wedding Package

• Exclusive use of all public rooms for the weekend
• Three nights’ accommodation within the Lodge and bunkhouse for up to 43 guests
• Use of the Dining Room or Craggan Ballroom for the rehearsal meal
• Wedding ceremony in the Great Hall or Drawing Room
• Use of the Stag Ballroom for dinner, evening reception and dancing
• Private powder room for the bride and bridal party
• Use of the Billiards Room for the groom and groomsmen
• Use of the Lodge and grounds for photography
• Complimentary parking

This package is based on exclusive hire of the Lodge and is available on selected dates only. For larger parties and extended stays, a price per head can be provided.
Your accommodation at Mar Lodge Estate

Part of our Connoisseurs’ Collection, the Lodge contains five luxurious Adam Revival-style apartments offering self-catering accommodation for up to 31 guests.

Additionally, Claybokie and Creag Bhalg, two magnificent four-star cottages commanding uninterrupted views across the River Dee and Glen Ey, can accommodate 18 guests.

With our bunkhouse accommodation sleeping a further 12, Mar Lodge Estate can accommodate a total of 61 guests. Catering and daily servicing of rooms is available by prior arrangement.

Additional accommodation can also be found locally. Please visit www.braemarscotland.co.uk

For more details and to make a reservation, contact our Holidays Department on 0131 458 0305 or visit www.nts.org.uk/holidays
MACDUI (Upper Floor)

DERRY (Ground Floor)

DALVORAR (Upper Floor)

BRAERIACH (Upper Floor)

BYNACK (Ground Floor)

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Your activities at Mar Lodge Estate

Whether you’re staying for a weekend or a week, for your hen/stag party, wedding or honeymoon, there is a wide range of activities on offer at Mar Lodge Estate.

- Ranger-led walks: from gentle wildlife-spotting strolls through the heather and woodland to adventurous Munro-bagging
- Early bird safaris: journey out with an estate driver-guide at dawn to see the waking of the black grouse, then back to the Lodge for a hearty Scottish breakfast
- The perfect shot: bring your camera and venture out with our estate stalkers to experience and capture at first hand the majestic sight of stags roaming the hills
- Clay pigeon shooting and archery
- Traditional field sports, including stag stalking, grouse shooting and salmon fishing

These and other activities are available by prior arrangement. Further details and prices are available on request.
Our wedding venues across Scotland

For information on all Trust venues:
Telephone: 0131 458 0200
Email: weddings@nts.org.uk
Visit: www.nts.org.uk/weddings
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By car

**Directions from Aberdeen**

Follow the A93 towards Braemar. Bear right onto Invercauld Road. Bear right onto Mar Road. Continue onto Linn of Dee Road. Mar Lodge Estate is on your right (signposted).

**Directions from Edinburgh**

Take the M90 north. At junction 11 exit onto the A85 towards Perth/Braemar. At traffic lights bear left onto the A93 (signposted Blairgowrie/Braemar). Continue on the A93 for Braemar. Sharp left onto Invercauld Road (signposted Braemar). Bear right onto Mar Road. Continue onto Linn of Dee Road. Mar Lodge Estate is on your right (signposted).

**Directions from Glasgow**


By bus

Stagecoach Bluebird (Service 201) from Aberdeen Bus Station to Braemar. There is no public transport from Braemar to Mar Lodge Estate.
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