



LOGIE COUNTRY HOUSE

Tips to Remember

Here at Logie Country House, we're delighted to offer you all the help you need to plan an amazing wedding.

Whether you live in Aberdeen or Australia (many of our guests arrive from far flung corners of the globe and get married at Logie without even visiting beforehand), our event managers Gillian and Lila nothing more than soothing away the stress that can come with planning your big day.

Whether it's only going to be the two of you, or 150 guests from all over the world, we can help arrange it all. We have an excellent list of preferred suppliers too, all of whom have worked with us before.

The list below contains some of the things that you will need to consider for your big day. It may seem daunting, but it will be fun!

1) BUDGET

Have an idea of your budget before you start. Off peak and mid-week weddings are less expensive. Winter weddings are a lot less than summer weddings and there is much better availability of venues and suppliers too. Remember, you don't want to start married life selling a kidney, so be realistic (or think about wedding finance).

2) GUESTS

- a) Have an idea of your guest numbers.
- b) You'll need to tell the venue how many guests you are inviting to get an accurate quote (and to see if they will all fit in).
- c) Remember it's your wedding day so don't feel pressured into inviting loads of people you don't really know.
- d) If you keep your guest numbers down for the wedding day and invite guests for the evening only, your costs will be considerably lower.
- e) Are you going to allow children? Will it cause friction if you allow some but not others?
- f) If you do invite children, will their parents have to leave early to sit in a hotel room with them (or go home) or is your venue a huge country house? In which case they can just go upstairs to bed?
- g) Many parents relish the thought of not being able to bring their children to a wedding (none of them will admit it out loud though so maybe don't ask). It gives them an excuse to let their hair down so they may not be as upset as you think.

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3) VENUE

Get the "big thing" in place first. The venue. Find one, sort out a date that suits and book it.

- a) First impressions are really important. Did they answer your initial enquiry quickly? Did they answer your questions? Were they courteous or curt? Did they sound like they know what they are talking about? If they can't impress you immediately, maybe look for someone that can. Imagine how they will be organising your wedding.
- b) Do some research. Look them up on TripAdvisor, creep them out on Facebook and Instagram, look at testimonials and pictures.
- c) How is the layout of your venue? Are the dance floor and bar next to each other? If not, will you have a band playing to an empty dance floor while the guests are in the bar next door?
- d) How is the local accommodation? Is the venue big enough for all of the guests that you want to stay? Are there nearby hotels?
- e) Remember check in and check out times. Are you checking in just before you get married and then have to leave at 10am the next morning? Will you get to spend time with your guests? Or will they be gone straight after breakfast?
- f) Anyway, Logie Country House is the best venue, so book us!

4) BAND & PHOTOGRAPHER

Once you've got your venue, book your band/DJ, photographer & videographer. Remember good people can be booked up years in advance, so make it a priority.

5) CEREMONY

Where are you going to get married?

- a) Can you get married at the venue? If not, a local church or registry office? Civil venue? The garden?
- b) Who is going to marry you? You'll need to arrange and book someone to conduct your ceremony too.

6) OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Once you've arranged your venue, band and photographer you should get started on the next list.

- a) Wedding dress. So many from which to choose. Second hand? Grannies? EBay? Dress shop?
- b) Bridesmaids' dresses.
- c) Groom and Ushers wedding garments. Kilts? Morning dress? Suits?
- d) The wedding rings. Scottish gold? Granny's? Second hand? Dubai?
- e) Someone to do makeup and hair.
- f) Wedding invitations. Consider sending out save the date cards too.
- g) How are you going to get there? Wedding cars and coaches? Helicopter?



7) CATERING

Choose a caterer or two. Go for reputation over price. No one will know the cost except you but your guests will know if the catering was good. You will have fun choosing canapés and starters and wine and beer. Get in a taster day if you can.

- a) Welcome drinks and canapés.
- b) The wedding meal itself. The fewer courses the cheaper. BBQs are generally the cheapest option. Hog roasts don't do well if you want them served up to seated guests (as the meat is cold when they get there).
- c) Evening buffet, sandwiches or stovies.
- d) Something for the vegetarians, vegans, kosher, halal people with special dietary requirements. All good caterers will be able to help you here.
- e) Drinks, Drinks, Drinks. Welcome drinks, drinks with the meal, a bar for the evening (or even all day). Check those prices before booking! Nothing worse than extortionately priced alcohol.
- f) Free bar? If you limit the choice to Ale, Lager, Wine and the four stable spirits (Vodka, Gin, Whisky and Rum), you can avoid a potentially horrendous bill for everyone spending the night on Dom Perignon, Malt and Courvoisier.
- g) Wedding cake.

8) FLOWERS & DECORATING

You can arrange for a florist to do everything for you or you can arrange for a florist and a decorator. You may even consider a lighting engineer! Remember though, the more people involved, the more co-ordination (and money) required.

9) THE GREAT OUTDOORS

If you have your heart set on an outdoor ceremony, you'll have to consider the lovely Scottish weather...

- a) Erect a marquee over the ceremony area if you really want to play it safe.
- b) Buy some umbrellas. Cheaper than a marquee and you can keep them.
- c) Be flexible on your timing. Weather radar will tell you accurately when there is a break in the rain within the next hour (we have wedding radar at Logie).
- d) Have a backup plan you can implement a day or so before. If the forecast is terrible, get married inside.



10) EXTRAS

Here is a list of extras that you may like to consider, although the choices are endless. A good venue will have someone on hand that is able to help you choose.

- a) Wedding favours. (Lottery tickets? Miniature whisky? Chocolates? Puppies?)
- b) Seating plan so everyone knows where to go.
- c) Place cards so everyone still knows where to go.
- d) Balloons.
- e) Photo or video booth.
- f) Candy Booth.
- g) Ice cream van.
- h) Kebab van (no really – people do get them for the evening buffet).
- i) An easel covered in photos of the Bride and Groom.
- j) Funfair or rides or steam engines.
- k) Highland cows for photo opportunities?
- l) Donkeys for the kids. Or a camel?
- m) A DJ after the band has left.
- n) Children's entertainer or nannies.
- o) Dog walkers.
- p) Laptop and projector for the best man's speech.
- q) Do you need a coach or two for your evening guests?
- r) Piper? String quartet? Harp? Piano? Opera singer?
- s) Starlight dance floor or wall or maybe some visual effects.
- t) Red carpet.
- u) Karaoke.
- v) Consider what time everything should end. Will there still be anyone there with you at 6am for Auld Lang Syne?

11) GREAT BUT NOT AT LOGIE

The extras below are great, but unfortunately, we do not allow them at Logie Country House:

- Confetti Cannons (they set off the fire alarm).
- Fireworks (set off horses and burns down the woods).
- Chinese Lanterns (just burn down the woods).
- Balloon Release (just an initially pretty way of littering the countryside).
- Chocolate Fountain (chocolate handprints on the curtains).
- Candyfloss Machine (sticky everything).

Apart from the above-mentioned, we are very laid back at Logie. We want you to make the most of the two or three days, so bring your food, your drink, your family, your friends and even your fur babies. All are very welcome!

