



THIRLESTANE CASTLE

LAUDER · SCOTTISH BORDERS

YOUR WEDDING

2019/2020



EXCLUSIVELY YOURS

At Thirlestane Castle we pride ourselves on providing an exclusive venue for your wedding day where you will not have to share the estate with other guests or day visitors. The State Rooms are available on Fridays and Saturdays from April to October while the Old Servants' Quarters including the Courtyard, Vaulted Cellars and Victorian Kitchen, can be booked year-round. The Rose Garden and Front Lawn can be used at any time of year for marquee weddings.

FLEXIBLE OPTIONS

All weddings are unique so although we do offer packages, we also have a bespoke option where you design your perfect wedding day choosing the spaces and ordering the day exactly as you wish.

EXCEPTIONAL CEREMONY

For your ceremony, we have several spaces that can be used – from grand state rooms to more informal settings. The State Drawing Room with its ornately decorated ceiling, is a stunning space in the heart of the castle. For those looking for a more rustic theme, you could hold your ceremony in our Cobbled Courtyard. If you don't trust the Scottish weather we can transform this space into a conservatory with a transparent marquee. For smaller weddings, our Panelled Room in the oldest part of the castle is a dramatic but intimate space. If you like, you could even choose to get married in our beautiful grounds.

UNIQUE DRINKS RECEPTION

If the weather is favourable your guests can enjoy drinks on our stunning terrace overlooking the grounds while you have your photos taken. We have a range of drinks options available, or if you have something different in mind, we are always happy to develop a special selection just for you. There are also many spaces within the castle for your drinks reception and for capturing special images from the day.



MEMORABLE DINING

For your first meal as a married couple we have a number of options depending on the number of your guests and the theme of your day. If you would like a grand setting surrounded by history, you can choose the State Dining Room with its portrait-lined walls. For a more relaxed, contemporary meal for a smaller guest list there is our newly refurbished Victorian Kitchen with its rustic feel. Alternatively, you can choose to have an informal dining experience in the Old Servants' Hall or a unique meal in our Vaulted Cellars. For larger numbers, you may choose to have your wedding breakfast in a marquee in the Rose Garden or even on the Castle's front lawn. We have carefully selected a panel of the finest local caterers who will be delighted to work with you to create a delicious menu for your special day.

UNFORGETTABLE CELEBRATION

For your evening reception, the Rose Garden is the perfect location for a marquee or, for larger parties, there is the Front Lawn. A more informal reception can be held in the Old Servants' Quarters where guests can move between the Cobbled Courtyard and the Vaulted Cellar.

RELAXING ACCOMMODATION

To prepare beforehand and to relax afterwards, you can book one of the luxurious self-catering apartments within the castle. From January 2019 we will have nine bedrooms available for you and your guests. We are also happy to provide details for other local accommodation if you require this for your guests.

EXCEPTIONAL SUPPLIERS

Whether you are looking for a photographer or florist, a double decker bus or a beautifully decorated marquee, we can help you find the best local suppliers to ensure your special day goes perfectly.



OUR WEDDING PACKAGES

We've put these packages together to give you some all-inclusive options and suggestions for which spaces to use. However, you are welcome to adapt these or select our bespoke option where you can design your own package.



CASTLE PACKAGE

Up to 60 guests

Ceremony in State Drawing Room

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Drinks Reception in Panelled Room or Terrace

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Wedding Breakfast in State Dining Room

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Evening Reception in Old Servant's Hall

Includes:

- All venue hire
- Furniture hire
- Use of the castle and grounds for photos
- 3 Course Wedding Breakfast including tea/coffee and after-dinner mints (selected from the £55 menu options - more options can be provided if required)
- Evening Buffet of Bacon & Sausage Rolls plus a vegetarian option
- Service of Drinks (Includes glassware, delivery and chilling of drinks, continual service throughout reception and wedding breakfast, disposal of empty bottles)
- Bar - operated on a cash or account basis
- Set up of the wedding breakfast including tables and favours
- Standard house crockery, glassware and cutlery
- Staff, both kitchen team and service team
- Event management

COST – £8,100

Extras:

- Bagpiper on Arrival - £115
- Canapes - £10 per person
- Hog Roast Evening Buffet - £10 per person
- Drinks Package - £25 per person (inclusive of: 2 Glasses of Prosecco for the drinks reception with a soft drink alternative, 1/2 Bottle of House Wine to accompany the Wedding Breakfast, Jugs of Iced Tap Water on the tables and 1 Glass of Prosecco for the toast with a soft drink alternative)
- Corkage (if you would like to provide your own drinks) - £10 per person
- Accommodation – Prices on request
- Floral displays on dining tables – From £40 each
- Photographer – Prices on request
- Evening Entertainment – Prices on request

COURTYARD PACKAGE

Up to 100 guests

Ceremony in the State Drawing Room

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Drinks Reception in Courtyard Marquee and Vaulted Cellar

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Wedding Breakfast in State Drawing Room

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Evening Reception in Courtyard Marquee and Vaulted Cellar

Includes:

- All venue hire including marquee
- Furniture hire
- Use of the castle and grounds for photos
- 3 Course Wedding Breakfast including tea/coffee and after-dinner mints (selected from the £55 menu options - more options can be provided if required)
- Evening Buffet of Bacon & Sausage Rolls plus a vegetarian option
- Service of Drinks (Includes glassware, delivery and chilling of drinks, continual service throughout reception and wedding breakfast, disposal of empty bottles)
- Bar - operated on a cash or account basis
- Set up of the wedding breakfast including tables and favours
- Standard house crockery, glassware and cutlery
- Staff, both kitchen team and service team
- Event management

COST – £13,200

Extras:

- Bagpiper on Arrival - £115
- Canapes - £10 per person
- Hog Roast Evening Buffet - £10 per person
- Drinks Package - £25 per person (inclusive of: 2 Glasses of Prosecco for the drinks reception with a soft drink alternative, 1/2 Bottle of House Wine to accompany the Wedding Breakfast, Jugs of Iced Tap Water on the tables and 1 Glass of Prosecco for the toast with a soft drink alternative)
- Corkage (if you would like to provide your own drinks) - £10 per person
- Accommodation – Prices on request
- Floral displays on dining tables – From £40 each
- Photographer – Prices on request
- Evening Entertainment - Prices on request

GARDEN PACKAGE

Up to 200 guests

Ceremony in the Garden or Garden Marquee

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Drinks Reception in State Drawing Room

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Wedding Breakfast in Garden Marquee

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Evening Reception in Garden Marquee

Includes:

- All venue hire including marquee
- Furniture hire
- Use of the castle and grounds for photos
- 3 Course Wedding Breakfast including tea/coffee and after-dinner mints (selected from the £55 menu options - more options can be provided if required)
- Evening Buffet of Bacon & Sausage Rolls plus a vegetarian option
- Service of Drinks (Includes glassware, delivery and chilling of drinks, continual service throughout reception and wedding breakfast, disposal of empty bottles)
- Bar - operated on a cash or account basis
- Set up of the wedding breakfast including tables and favours
- Standard house crockery, glassware and cutlery
- Staff, both kitchen team and service team
- Event management

COST – £33,800

Extras:

- Bagpiper on Arrival - £115
- Canapes - £10 per person
- Hog Roast Evening Buffet - £10 per person
- Drinks Package - £25 per person (inclusive of: 2 Glasses of Prosecco for the drinks reception with a soft drink alternative, 1/2 Bottle of House Wine to accompany the Wedding Breakfast, Jugs of Iced Tap Water on the tables and 1 Glass of Prosecco for the toast with a soft drink alternative)
- Corkage (if you would like to provide your own drinks) - £10 per person
- Accommodation – Prices on request
- Floral displays on dining tables – From £40 each
- Photographer – Prices on request
- Evening Entertainment – Prices on request

ESTATE PACKAGE

Over 200 guests

Ceremony in the South-East Garden, Garden Marquee (up to 300) or Front Lawn Marquee (up to 1000)

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Drinks Reception, Wedding Breakfast and Evening Reception in Garden Marquee (up to 300) or Front Lawn Marquee (up to 1000)

COST – Price on request



CARFRAEMILL PACKAGE

Up to 100 guests

Ceremony in State Drawing Room

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Drinks Reception in Panelled Room

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Wedding Breakfast at Carfraemill Hotel*

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Evening Reception at Carfraemill Hotel*

Includes:

- All Thirlestane Castle venue hire
- Use of the castle and grounds for photos
- Furniture hire
- Coach transfer to Carfraemill Hotel

COST – £2,200

Extras:

- Bagpiper on Arrival - £115
- Canapes - £10.00 per person
- Drinks Package - £10 per person (inclusive of: 2 Glasses of Prosecco for drinks reception with a soft drink alternative, glassware and staffing)
- Accommodation – Prices on request
- Floral Displays – From £170
- Photographer – Prices on request
- *Carfraemill Venue Hire and Catering – From £4,500 (includes three-course wedding breakfast, drinks package and room hire)

THE BESPOKE OPTION

Here at Thirlestane Castle we understand that all weddings are unique so we also offer you the opportunity to create your own package or alter one of ours to better suit what you have in mind. Choose the spaces you would like to use and then add on the other elements to make it your special day.



SPACES - STATE ROOMS

PANELLED ROOM



Wood-paneled room in the oldest part of the castle ideal for a smaller ceremony

Ceremony	60
Drinks Reception	65
Dinner	Not available
Evening Reception	Not available

COST £600

STATE DINING ROOM



Dramatic portrait-lined room perfect for your ceremony or wedding breakfast

Ceremony	80
Drinks Reception	100
Dinner	75
Evening Reception	Not available

COST £1,560

STATE DRAWING ROOM



An elegant room with a dramatic ceiling suitable for a stunning ceremony or wedding breakfast

Ceremony	100
Drinks Reception	140
Dinner	100
Evening Reception	Not available

COST £1,560

SPACES - OLD SERVANTS' QUARTERS

VICTORIAN KITCHEN



A rustic, yet contemporary space with the original vaulted ceiling and Victorian range

Ceremony	60
Drinks Reception	60
Dinner	40
Evening Reception	60

COST £600

OLD SERVANTS' HALL



A cosy space ideal for a smaller, more informal wedding breakfast

Ceremony	80
Drinks Reception	80
Dinner	60
Evening Reception	80

COST £600

VAULTED CELLAR



An atmospheric and unique space that would be a great evening reception venue

Ceremony	90
Drinks Reception	100
Dinner	80
Evening Reception	100

COST £1,800 (includes Courtyard)

SPACES - OLD SERVANTS' QUARTERS

COURTYARD (including marquee)



Celebrate under the stars with this conservatory-like space in our Courtyard

Ceremony	90
Drinks Reception	100
Dinner	75
Evening Reception	100

COST	£3,000
Add Vaulted Cellar	+£600

COURTYARD (no marquee)



Enjoy an alfresco ceremony or reception in this beautiful enclosed, cobbled courtyard

Ceremony	150
Drinks Reception	160
Dinner	125
Evening Reception	160

COST	£1,200
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SPACES - GARDENS

SOUTH-EAST GARDEN



Have your ceremony with the oldest part of the castle as your backdrop or erect a marquee

Ceremony	400
Drinks Reception	400
Dinner	300
Evening Reception	300

COST £1,800 (excluding marquee)

FRONT LAWN



Our prime and exclusive location, larger guest lists can be accommodated here in a marquee

Ceremony	1000
Drinks Reception	1000
Dinner	1000
Evening Reception	1000

COST Price on request

CATERING – SAMPLE MENUS

We work with a panel of award-winning caterers who will create a delicious menu for your wedding breakfast. This is just a small sample of what they could provide for your guests.

Spring/Summer

Chicken & leek terrine, wild garlic mayonnaise, pickled mushrooms

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North Sea Cod fillet, curried cauliflower, mango puree, potato, coriander

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Strawberry & vanilla parfait, honey oat crumble, berry consommé

Autumn/Winter

Pumpkin velouté, crispy chicken wing, almond crumb, cavalo nero crisp

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Braised featherblade of Border Beef, cavolo nero, roasted pumpkin, mashed potatoes, artichoke

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Vanilla pannacotta, bramble jelly, berries, mint

Includes:

- Event manager
- Set up of the venue including tables, favours, ceremony
- Standard house crockery, glassware and cutlery
- All staffing

COST – From £55

CATERING – OTHER OPTIONS

ALL-INCLUSIVE CATERING



Three-course wedding breakfast as above plus:

- Tea/Coffee and after-dinner mints
- Evening Buffet of Bacon & Sausage Rolls
- Service of Drinks
- Bar - operated on a cash or account basis
- Furniture & Linen Hire

COST From £80 per person

BESPOKE



Do you have a more elaborate meal in mind or something more rustic such as a Hog Roast? We can put you in touch with our caterers so you can select your own options.

COST P.O.A

OTHER OPTIONS

ACCOMMODATION



The castle can sleep a total of 18 guests across five luxury apartments. Ideal for a romantic wedding night, a place to prepare for the day or for your guests.

Prices vary depending on the time of year and number of nights.

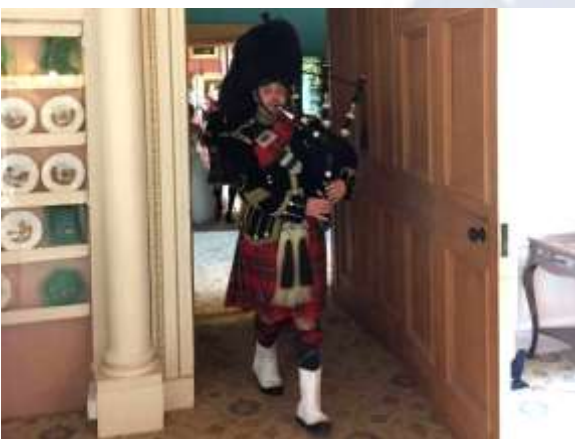
ACTIVITIES



Why not entertain your guests with some have-a-go activities. We can help organise a range of options to help keep everyone busy.

Let us know what you have in mind and we'll put together a quote for you.

BAGPIPER



Enjoy a traditional Scottish welcome and have your guests greeted by a bagpiper as they arrive. Our piper can then pipe the bride into the ceremony.

COST £115

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. VAT

All prices are including VAT

2. Inclusions

Venue hire includes a member of staff on the day, access into the castle for preparation the day before and the day after to collect items, heating and lighting, set up, clearing down, administration, planning, grounds and gardens maintenance, and making good after the wedding.

3. Evening Reception

We regret that no dancing or loud music is permitted in the State Drawing Room or State Dining Room but other reception areas are available

4. Carriages

We ask that evening celebrations end at 12.00 midnight with carriages at 12.30am. Guests are advised to pre-arrange taxi hire.

5. Confetti

Only bio-degradable confetti such as rose petals is permitted outside the Castle

6. Notification of Final Numbers

Notification of final numbers to be confirmed 3 days prior to the event. Individual caterers will require confirmation of numbers in advance of this.

7. Deposits

There is a non-refundable deposit of 20% of the venue hire upon confirmation of your reservation. A further 60% is due 6 months prior to the wedding and the final 20% is due 8 weeks before the wedding. All deposits are non-refundable. An additional refundable damage deposit of £500 is required 8 weeks prior to the event date. This will be returned in full subject to no additional costs incurred resulting from damage or additional housekeeping during the event.

8. Prices

All prices are correct at time of print but may be subject to change on an annual basis.

