

# Weddings



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*a day to remember...*

With its central location and ease of access from all areas of Ulster, *The Royal Hotel, Cookstown* is the ideal Wedding location.

At *The Royal Hotel* we understand what it takes to make your Wedding Day truly romantic, leaving you with cherished memories that will last forever.

*Our Wedding promise to you –*  
Every bride should be the centre of attention. At *The Royal Hotel*, with our strict one Wedding per day policy, you won't have to share your special day.



*The Royal Hotel* is a family-run Hotel owned by the Thom family, who celebrated their 38th year as proprietors in 2011. They can offer a wealth of experience gained over the years and address every detail to make your day go smoothly.

The vastly experienced catering team at *The Royal Hotel* can tailor your menus to suit your requirements. The wedding meal is the central feature of the day's proceedings and we are committed to delighting your guests with freshness and flavour.

## *The Palace Suite*

This Suite is a spacious open and airy room which can comfortably cater for weddings of up to 200 persons – with its own private bar facilities, toilets and large dance floor it is the perfect setting to make your big day truly special.



## *The Balmoral Suite*

The Balmoral Suite is situated on the first floor and caters for up to 80 persons. With its contemporary decor and homely feel it is perfect for a smaller, more intimate wedding. This Suite is self-contained with its own private bar area, ladies and gents toilets.



## *Mature Gardens*

The mature gardens to the rear of *The Royal Hotel* makes a perfect opportunity for those all important photos to capture the memories of your big day.



## *Accommodation*

Complimentary accommodation for the Bride & Groom to complete your big day. Reduced rates for your guests in our bright and airy rooms. Please ask your wedding co-ordinator for best rates.



# Wedding Planner

## Start the process now with:

- Share your great engagement news with your nearest and dearest.
- Discuss and decide on the type of ceremony you want and approximate number of guests.
- Decide on the date for your wedding.
- Choose your attendants and let them know.

## 1 Month Before:

- Chase up late invitation replies and finalise guest list.
- Work out your table plan.
- Meet with the Wedding Co-Ordinator at *The Royal Hotel*, and finalise dinner menu, table plan, drinks reception, appetisers, timings, wines, toast and evening refreshments.
- Buy your marriage license from your local registrar
- Finalise your transport arrangements.

## 1 Week Before:

- Confirm final numbers with *The Royal Hotel* and give them your table plan and place cards
- Have your rehearsal for the ceremony.
- Double check you have everything for your wedding attire.
- Wear in your wedding shoes

## One Wedding a Day

- Every bride should be the centre of attention, and at *The Royal Hotel* you won't have to share your special day. Relax in the knowledge that you have the undivided attention of our dedicated banqueting team to guarantee a fantastic day, for all your family and friends.



## 12 – 18 Months Before:

- Start your own personal wedding scrapbook, gathering up swatches of things you like
- Book the Church / Register Office / Registrar if having Civil Wedding outside Register Office
- Book *The Royal Hotel, Cookstown* for your Wedding Banquet and pay a deposit to secure the date.
- Book the Band/DJ – remember to listen to your entertainment before booking.
- Choose a florist and discuss ideas
- Book your honeymoon early, should you be planning to travel in peak season.

## 6-9 Months Before:

- Organise your wedding dress.
- Confirm music choices and reading with minister/registrar
- Book your wedding cars
- Book your photographer/video.
- Make a first draft of the guest list.
- Order invitation cards.

- Choose the store/s for your wedding list and choose your items for it.
- Decide on bridesmaids' dresses and menswear for the grooms' men.
- Order your wedding cake.
- Block book accommodation with *The Royal Hotel* for your family / guests.
- Give revised guest numbers for full Wedding Reception along with expected number of evening guests.

## 3-4 Months Before:

- Organise flowers for Ceremony.
- Choose and order your wedding rings and organise engraving
- Finalise your honeymoon plans, if necessary arrange for any visas / vaccinations.
- Have your first dress fitting with shoes and lingerie
- Book your hair stylist and make up artist
- Plan Hen and Stag Party (see additional hotel brochure for a stress free hen / stag party!)

## 2 Months Before:

- Send out wedding invitations including details of gift list, along with details of accommodation where necessary.
- Make a note of the acceptances and regrets.
- Choose presents for the bridesmaids, best man and anyone else you would like to give special thanks to.
- Get your order of service printed once everything is confirmed
- Write your wedding vows if you have decided to do this.
- Schedule a wedding rehearsal and let everyone know of date and time
- Purchase a guest book.
- Have your hair and make up trials
- Confirm menu details with the hotel and pay further monies.

- Have your final dress fitting and arrange a collection or delivery date and time
- Visit your hairdresser, discuss your hairstyle for the day and book you and your bridesmaids' appointments for the morning of the wedding.
- Remind your fiancée, father and best man to write their speeches
- Spend a morning confirming every element from your hair appointments to transport, entertainment etc.

## 2 Weeks Before:

- Arrange your foreign currency and collection of tickets for the honeymoon.
- Pack your clothes for your honeymoon and the wedding night.
- Make arrangement for the collection of the menswear.
- Write place cards and send them to be printed.
- Remind your fiancée to have a hair cut.

## The Day before the Wedding:

- Bring cake and luggage to *The Royal Hotel*.
- Meet with the Wedding Coordinator should there be any last minute amendments.
- Have Manicure, Pedicure and fake tan applied.
- Eat a light meal, take a bath, have an early night and try to relax!

## Day Of The Wedding:

- Try and have a lie-in.
- Eat breakfast, enjoy getting pampered
- Have hair and make up done.
- Walk up the aisle and say 'I Do!'
- Relax and enjoy the day, *The Royal Hotel* will do the rest.

## Civil Ceremonies

- It's not just your wedding reception that can be celebrated at *The Royal Hotel*. The hotel is a designated venue and is approved for Civil Marriages and we will be delighted to take care of your entire day. We consider the style and individuality of each Civil Ceremony we host and our Management Team will be delighted in helping to assist you in the organising of your Civil Ceremony within the hotel.
- We can cater for civil ceremonies to suit the large family wedding or smaller intimate wedding.
- Each room has its own unique environment and can cater for the number stated below:

Boardroom	22
Palace	250
Drawing Room	20
Balmoral	175
Jubilee	100

# Testimonials

When choosing a wedding reception we wanted somewhere special, local, personal and not with extortionate prices and *The Royal Hotel* proved to be all that and more. Staff were friendly and put all our ideas into a reality. Even today when we walk through the doors we always receive a warm, friendly welcome. I certainly would recommend this venue for anyone looking for that special place to share with all their family and friends.

Andrew & Victoria Dempsey

Hiya Tanya, we had a wonderful wedding day and a big part of it was down to the great service you gave us

Eddie & Wendy Graham

After having our wedding reception at *The Royal Hotel* in Cookstown we would both be very happy to recommend this venue to anyone considering getting married as we were both more than happy with the service and food which we received.

Robert & Bernie Walker

Tanya & Staff of *The Royal Hotel*. Thank you so much for everything! We had a magical day it wouldn't have been the same without your dedication.

John & Natalie McCullough

From the day I phoned *The Royal Hotel* and booked my Big Day, Tanya was very helpful, she was always there to advise me on the little things and always had time to talk to me about colours, flowers etc. This helped me feel at ease. The gardens are beautiful and have many opportunities for traditional photos as well as slightly unusual ones. During my big day the staff were welcoming to ourselves and my guests and the meal was absolutely beautiful. In short My Wedding Day was wonderful, the best day of my life, and thanks to *The Royal Hotel* it went without a problem.

With sincere thanks and best wishes

Mr & Mrs Redfern

We had our wedding in *The Royal Hotel* in June 2011. Could not have asked for better, choices were plentiful and when it came to the food, absolutely delicious. Staff went out of their way to make sure all guests were catered for, and were always pleasant and approachable. Would highly recommend *The Royal Hotel* for a wedding. Our day could not have been more perfect, it was top class service from start to finish. Thanks to all at *The Royal Hotel* for all your hard work.

Kirsty & Sean Larmour

We had a brilliant day from start to finish - the meals were beautiful and the staff more than helpful. All in all it was a perfect day we would recommend it to anyone.

Many Thanks

Glynis & Victor Wilson



*"Arrive as a guest,  
leave as a friend"*