

Once up a time

AT BALLYMAGARVEY VILLAGE



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VILLAGE
1854

A True love story

LONG, LONG AGO, in 1215 to be exact, a beautiful Princess called Gwenllian was born to Llywelyn, the great King of Wales and his wife Joan, Lady Snowdon.

Gwenllian was renowned for her outstanding beauty with her stunning features and her flowing red hair. Stories filled the land as more and more people witnessed for themselves this beautiful Princess of Wales as she travelled throughout the kingdom with her father, the King.

Soon the time came when her hand was to be given in marriage to William de Lacy, son of Hugh, the High King of Meath. William was a great warrior and he controlled much of the lands in Meath and surrounding areas.

Ballymagarvey became the home of Gwenllian and William and from here they developed a great trading link between the de Lacy port of Drogheda and Gwynned in Wales.

Today as you begin your journey with Ballymagarvey, you step into this 800 year story of life and love in the beautiful Manor House and Demesne at Ballymagarvey Village.

Become part
of the story...





CHAPTER TWO

Make our house your home...

BALLYMAGARVEY VILLAGE is a beautiful private estate in the historic Boyne Valley. Our wooded grounds and adjoining Victorian walled garden are surrounded by far-reaching views of the rich farmland and native forests of County Meath. Today, Ballymagarvey is an exclusive wedding venue hosting events from all over the world.

Our warm, homely 18th century Manor House with its medieval round tower, is set around an open Courtyard. We have lovingly restored the former flax mill village to an exceptionally high standard transforming the historic outbuildings into charming spaces for both intimate and large wedding celebrations.

We are really passionate about what we do and we want to share our passion with you in the planning and preparation of your special day.

Let us welcome you into our home where you, your family and friends will enjoy the warm hospitality, peace and tranquillity of this unique heritage village.

We look forward to meeting you.

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CHAPTER THREE

Country Fayre

*She stepped away from me
And she moved through the Fair
And fondly I watched her
Move here and move there
And she went her way homeward
With one star awake
As the swans in the evening
Move over the lake.*

SHE MOVED THROUGH THE FAIR
(Traditional folk song)

WELCOME RECEPTION

- ✦ Red carpet upon arrival
- ✦ Lanterns decorate the Courtyard
- ✦ Background music in the Courtyard
- ✦ Courtyard fire pits lighting in the evening
- ✦ Seasonal flower arrangements in the Manor House
- ✦ Complimentary luxurious bedroom for the wedding couple
- ✦ Champagne on arrival for the wedding party

MANOR HOUSE RECEPTION

- ✦ A mix of gourmet sandwiches and scones with cream & preserves
- ✦ Drinks reception to include Prosecco and bottles of beer (one drink per person)
- ✦ Old-fashioned homemade lemonade
- ✦ Tea and coffee served in our vintage tea sets

WEDDING BANQUET

- ✦ Five course celebration banquet with choice of main course
- ✦ Half a bottle of house wine per person
- ✦ Prosecco toast drink for all guests
- ✦ Personalised printed menus, table numbers and table plan
- ✦ Candelabras on all tables in the Banquet Hall
- ✦ Seasonal décor in the Banquet Hall

EVENING RECEPTION

- ✦ Choice of two evening food options served with tea and coffee





CHAPTER FOUR

Snowdrops and Daffodils

*A pious sister, head bowed in prayer,
Renewing your vows, each start of year,
Slender, in habit green and wimple white,
Your mission, to bring forth hope and light.*

SNOWDROP. A poem by John Armstrong.

WELCOME RECEPTION

- ❖ Red carpet upon arrival
- ❖ Lanterns decorate the Courtyard
- ❖ Background music in the Courtyard
- ❖ Courtyard fire pits lighting in the evening
- ❖ Seasonal flower arrangements in the Manor House
- ❖ Complimentary luxurious bedroom for the wedding couple
- ❖ Champagne on arrival for the wedding party

MANOR HOUSE RECEPTION

- ❖ Drinks reception to include Prosecco and bottles of beer (one drink per person)
- ❖ A selection of cheese and antipasti boards on the Manor House kitchen table
- ❖ Bailey's hot chocolate
- ❖ Tea and coffee served in our vintage tea sets

WEDDING BANQUET

- ❖ Five course celebration banquet with choice of main course
- ❖ Half a bottle of house wine per person
- ❖ Prosecco toast drink served during the speeches
- ❖ Personalised printed menus, table numbers and table plan
- ❖ Candelabras on all tables in the Banquet Hall
- ❖ Seasonal décor in the Banquet Hall

EVENING RECEPTION

- ❖ Two evening food options served with tea and coffee

A word from our happy couples...

“It is hard to find a venue that ticks every box but Ballymagarvey ticks them all! Ballymagarvey village will blow your guests away and exceed all of your expectations.”

Kate Shaw and Ciaran Dunne,
5th November 2022

“If the venue alone doesn’t blow your mind the attention to detail and the attentiveness of the staff will. Amazing venue run by amazing people.”

Aoife Cashin & Brian O'Donnell,
11th November 2022

“Our friends have said that they enjoyed it so much they just want to have a copy and paste of our day for their wedding!”

Duane Watters & Lee Christie
7th April 2022

“If you want a fairy tale wedding, with no stress, Ballymagarvey is the place to go.”

Jennifer Costigan & Michael Joyce,
24th October 2022

“The venue is of course is beautiful in itself, but the staff are really what make Ballymagarvey a 5-star experience.

They make you feel so well taken care of, make everything run so smoothly, and seem to genuinely enjoy being a part of your special day.”

Lauren Anderson & Dylan Maguire,
17th October 2022

“I have never felt so special in my whole life, I literally felt like a princess the whole day – thanks to everybody at Ballymagarvey.”

Aisling Dolphin & Owen Tracey,
11th June 2022





CHAPTER FIVE

Timeless Treasures

*A treasure is found in the sunrise
When my eyes open up to you
For the fiery sun in its brilliance
Shall be my golden jewel.*

Wendell A Brown



WELCOME RECEPTION

- ✦ Red carpet upon arrival
- ✦ Lanterns decorate the Courtyard
- ✦ Background music in the Courtyard
- ✦ Courtyard fire pits lighting in the evening
- ✦ Seasonal flower arrangements in the Manor House
- ✦ Complimentary luxurious bedroom for the wedding couple
- ✦ Champagne on arrival for the wedding party

MANOR HOUSE RECEPTION

- ✦ Choose two from the following selection:
Prosecco, bottles of beer, mulled wine or cocktails upon arrival (amounting to one drink per person)
- ✦ Canapé reception (choice of 3 options)
- ✦ Homemade Lemonade or Creamy Hot Chocolate
- ✦ Tea and coffee served in our vintage tea sets

WEDDING BANQUET

- ✦ Five course celebration banquet with choice of main course
- ✦ Half a bottle of house wine per person
- ✦ Personalised printed menus, table numbers and table plan
- ✦ Candelabras on all tables in the Banquet Hall
- ✦ Seasonal décor in the Banquet Hall

EVENING RECEPTION

- ✦ Choice of two evening food options served with tea and coffee





CHAPTER SIX

Vintage Lace

*I carry your heart with me
(I carry it in my heart) I am never without it
(anywhere I go you go, my dear; and whatever is done
by only me is your doing, my darling)*

E.E Cummings

WELCOME RECEPTION

- ❖ Red carpet upon arrival
- ❖ Lanterns decorate the Courtyard
- ❖ Background music in the Courtyard
- ❖ Courtyard fire pits lighting in the evening
- ❖ Seasonal flower arrangements in the Manor House
- ❖ Complimentary luxurious bedroom for the wedding couple
- ❖ Champagne on arrival for the wedding party

MANOR HOUSE RECEPTION

- ❖ Prosecco bar served with an assortment of fresh fruits and syrups and a selection of bottles of beer (allowing 2 drinks per person)
- ❖ Afternoon Tea – Choose 3 sweet and 3 savoury options from our menu
- ❖ Ballymagarvey non-alcoholic fruit punch or Bailey's hot chocolate
- ❖ Tea and coffee served in our vintage tea sets

WEDDING BANQUET

- ❖ Six course fine dining banquet with a choice of starter and main course and petit fours
- ❖ Half bottle of wine per person from our extensive wine menu
- ❖ Toast drink of choice for all guests
- ❖ Personalised printed menus, table numbers and table plan
- ❖ Floral candelabras on all tables in the Banquet Hall
- ❖ Crystal candle holders and pillar candles decorate the top table
- ❖ Lace table linen on all tables
- ❖ Seasonal décor in the Banquet Hall

EVENING RECEPTION

- ❖ Choice of 3 evening food options served with tea & coffee





CHAPTER SEVEN

The Journey Begins

The rehearsal dinner is a wonderful opportunity for your two families to spend time together before your Wedding Day. It's the eve of your Wedding so after all the months of preparation, it is now time for you both to relax and enjoy this special time together in this intimate setting.

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- ✦ Arrival to Ballymagarvey Village from 3.30pm
- ✦ A mix of gourmet sandwiches and scones on arrival
- ✦ Buffet meal to include two main options, served with seasonal salads and fresh breads, plus two dessert options
- ✦ 1 evening food option served with tea and coffee at 11pm
- ✦ This package is based on numbers up to 30 guests

ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS

We do require that a minimum of 15 bedrooms (to include the 9 rooms in the Manor House) are taken on the pre-night. This includes breakfast on the wedding morning.

NOTES

- ✦ This package is available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in January, February, March, April, October and November
- ✦ The Barn (Wedding Preparation room) can be made available on the morning of the wedding at a reduced rate
- ✦ The bar will be open from 3.30pm until 12am (with 1 hour's drinking up time)



The Journey Continues

This package offers the perfect opportunity to prolong the celebrations at Ballymagarvey Village by hosting an informal celebration the day after your wedding. After a lazy morning, chill a little more as our chefs prepare an afternoon tea, followed by a delicious barbeque or buffet, which you can enjoy as you regale with family and friends all of the events of the day before.

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- ✦ Ballymagarvey Village Afternoon Tea with a choice of 3 options (2 savoury and 1 sweet)
- ✦ Buffet or BBQ meal to include two main options, served with seasonal salads and fresh breads, plus two dessert options.
- ✦ Drink of choice for 50 guests
- ✦ Acoustic session performed in the Manor House at 8pm for 2 hours
- ✦ Evening food option served at 11pm

ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS

We do require that a minimum of 25 bedrooms (to include the 9 rooms in the Manor House) are taken on the second night. This includes breakfast on the following morning.

NOTES

- ✦ This package is available between Monday and Wednesday all year and Sundays in January, February, March, October and November (excluding Bank Holiday Sundays and Mondays)
- ✦ The bar will be open from 1pm until 1am (with 1 hour's drinking up time)
- ✦ Buffet available October – March
- ✦ Barbecue available April – September
- ✦ If guest numbers are above 65, food will be served in the Banquet Hall.





Accommodation

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The Manor House at Ballymagarvey Village has nine luxuriously appointed en-suite bedrooms with a maximum capacity of 18 guests, with additional accommodation available in the Courtyard. Once part of the granary and flax mill, the Courtyard accommodation offers 20 en-suite bedrooms while the Schoolhouse and Lisa's Secret Garden rooms offer 11 en-suite bathrooms. There are a total of 40 bedrooms onsite.

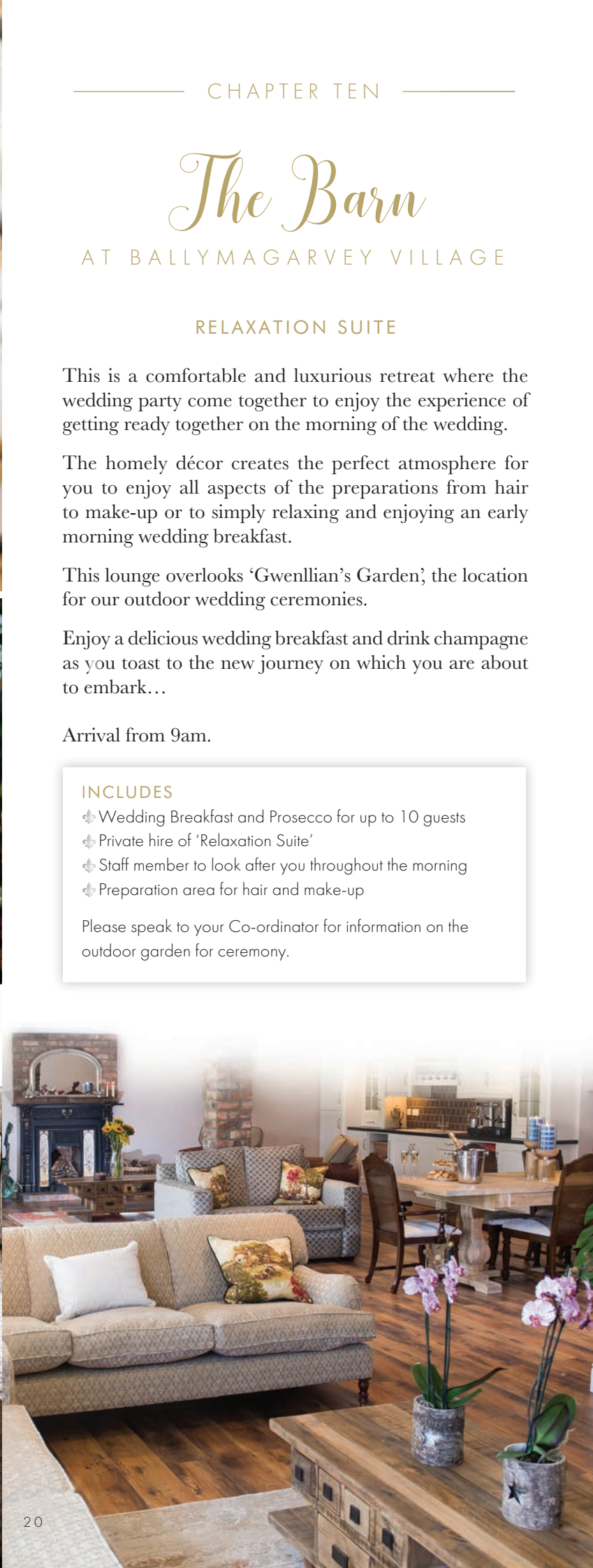
A minimum of 25 en-suite bedrooms, including all of the bedrooms in the Manor House must be booked for the night of the wedding.

The exception to this is the Country Fayre package, where the requirement is that a minimum of 20 en-suite bedrooms must be booked for the night of the wedding.

Accommodation for the wedding couple is complimentary. If all 40 bedrooms are taken on the night of the wedding, we will offer 2 additional complimentary bedrooms.







CHAPTER TEN

The Barn

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RELAXATION SUITE

This is a comfortable and luxurious retreat where the wedding party come together to enjoy the experience of getting ready together on the morning of the wedding.

The homely décor creates the perfect atmosphere for you to enjoy all aspects of the preparations from hair to make-up or to simply relaxing and enjoying an early morning wedding breakfast.

This lounge overlooks 'Gwenllian's Garden', the location for our outdoor wedding ceremonies.

Enjoy a delicious wedding breakfast and drink champagne as you toast to the new journey on which you are about to embark...

Arrival from 9am.

INCLUDES

- ✦ Wedding Breakfast and Prosecco for up to 10 guests
- ✦ Private hire of 'Relaxation Suite'
- ✦ Staff member to look after you throughout the morning
- ✦ Preparation area for hair and make-up

Please speak to your Co-ordinator for information on the outdoor garden for ceremony.





CHAPTER ELEVEN

The Coach House

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RELAXATION SUITE

To complement the bridal preparation suite at our *Bam*, *The Coach House*, set within the Courtyard at Ballymagarvey Village, is now available for partners, to refresh and relax on the afternoon of their wedding.

Approached by a separate entrance, *The Coach House* provides the perfect chill-out space prior to the big event.

Arrival from 12:30pm.



INCLUDES

- ✦ Private hire of Relaxation Suite for up to 6 guests
- ✦ Selection of sandwiches for all guests
- ✦ Tea/coffee making facilities
- ✦ Shower/changing facilities
- ✦ Bottle of Prosecco or bottles of beer for all guests
- ✦ Mini Bar (charges based on consumption)







CHAPTER TWELVE

Your Wedding

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LIBRARY AND BANQUETING HALL

Up to 220 guests can be accommodated in our heritage-style Banqueting Hall. For smaller weddings up to 50 guests can be accommodated in our Conservatory Library which overlooks the Victorian walled garden.

CEREMONIES

Ballymagarvey Village can cater for Civil Ceremonies, Civil Partnerships, Humanist Ceremonies and Blessings which take place in our Mill Loft in the restored corn and flax mill. There are a number of churches of different denominations close by.

Outdoor ceremonies with a capacity of 170 can be held in 'Gwenllian's Garden' by the Barn at Ballymagarvey. For Roman Catholic Church members we recommend Rathfeigh, Rossnaree, Walterstown, Skyne, Yellow Furze and Kentstown. For Protestant, Presbyterian or Church of Ireland services, we recommend Slane or Kentstown.

LOCATION

Ballymagarvey is conveniently located only 30 minutes from Dublin and 90 minutes from Belfast.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ACCOMMODATION

How many people can Ballymagarvey accommodate overnight?

We have a total of 40 bedrooms on site. We have nine bedrooms in the Manor House, eight double rooms and one twin, accommodating a total of 18 people (including the couple).

We also have seven Courtyard cottages in total, accommodating an additional 20 rooms. We also have The Schoolhouse and Lisa's Secret Garden which accommodates a further 11 en-suite bedrooms.

Do I have to fill all the rooms?

For each package the requirement is that the wedding couple will ensure that a minimum of 24 en-suite rooms (including all rooms in the Manor House) are filled in addition to their complimentary bridal suite. If all 40 bedrooms are occupied on the night of the wedding, a further 2 rooms will be offered complimentary.

The exception to this is the Country Fayre package, where the requirement is that a minimum of 20 en-suite bedrooms must be booked for the night of the wedding.

Am I required to book accommodation for my guests?

We will provide you with an accommodation template for you to allocate rooms to your guests approx 8–12 months in advance of your wedding date. Once you submit this, the rooms that you have allocated are held with your card details as security. Guests can then call us directly to confirm their reservation with their own card details. Any rooms that you do not allocate are free for Ballymagarvey to sell to your guests on a first come, first served basis.

Is breakfast included in the overnight rate for all guests?

Yes, breakfast is included for all guests staying on-site. Breakfast is served in the large conservatory in the Manor House.

What time is breakfast served?

Breakfast is served between 8.30am and 10.30am in the Manor House.

BANQUET

How long do you spend in the Manor House for the drinks reception?

The majority of weddings spend approximately two hours in the Manor House for the drinks reception.

What time are guests called to the main banquet?

Guests are usually called to the Banquet Hall at approximately 5.30pm with a view to announcing the entrance of the couple at 6pm.

When can we have our speeches?

Ballymagarvey Village prides itself on the quality of food and high standard of service during dinner. We recommend that speeches are scheduled after dinner, so as not to compromise the quality of the food served. Speeches after dinner must be limited to a maximum 45 minutes. This time allowance is to avoid delays and with band set up and to ensure the smooth running of your day.

Speeches may be scheduled prior to dinner if they strictly do not exceed 30 minutes for all speakers. This strict time allowance is to ensure the quality of the meal is not spoiled by time delays. In the event of running over the above-mentioned time allowance of 30 minutes, we cannot accept responsibility for any resulting deterioration in food quality.

Significant delays to service due to speeches over the time allowance of 30 minutes prior to dinner or 45 minutes after dinner will incur an additional charge in terms of service staff costs.

Is there a separate menu for children?

Yes, we have children's menus available for children attending the wedding. Please ask your Co-ordinator for options.

May I bring in my own wine?

All our wedding packages include a half bottle of wine per person. You may add on additional bottles of wine, if you wish to increase this allocation. Corkage is not permitted.

What is the minimum number of guests?

Each package has a minimum number of guests applicable depending on the day of the week. The relevant numbers apply to adult guests, and are outlined on our rate cards.

Can I stay in the venue the night before, or the day after? What are my options?

We have pre and post wedding day packages available to couples, outlined on pages 14 and 16. Please speak with your Wedding Co-ordinator for further details on the packages available.

Do I have a menu tasting prior to my wedding?

Please note, we do not offer a menu tasting. We have an excellent reputation for both food and service and are confident that all expectations will be exceeded on the day. The Wedding Team will assist you with your menu choices and photos of all dishes can be provided to assist you with your selection.

How many people can you accommodate in the Banquet Hall?

The minimum size wedding in the Banquet Hall is 50 guests and maximum capacity is 220 people. We have a range of table plans to choose from in order to suit the style and size of the wedding that you want. Your Wedding Co-ordinator can help you select the best format for your wedding.

What time is the bar open until?

The Blacklion Snug Bar is open for the drinks reception only. Once the drinks reception is over the main bar opens. The main bar is open until 1am with an hour's drinking up time. A late night staffing fee applies to have the main bar open until 3am with an hour's drinking up time. This late bar is compulsory on Friday and Saturdays throughout the year.

Can I take elements from other packages and add them to an existing package?

We always do our best to accommodate your specific requirements. We have a variety of upgrade options available to you, if you wish to add on any extra elements to your package. The first step will be for us to understand your requirements by arranging a meeting or call with your Ballymagarvey Wedding Co-ordinator, and from that we can guide you on what can be done.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

BOOKING YOUR WEDDING

When I place a provisional booking, how long do I have before I'm expected to confirm the booking with a deposit?

We expect that you confirm your booking with a non-refundable deposit of €2,500 within one week of placing your provisional booking. If you are booking a pre or post day package in addition to your wedding package, we require an additional deposit of €1,000 within 4 weeks of booking your wedding date.

What is the deposit?

- Second deposit of €2,500 is due six months before your confirmed wedding date.
- Third deposit of €2,500 is due three months before the wedding date.
- Payment in full is required 10 days prior to your wedding (when final numbers have been submitted).

What are your check in and check out times?

Check in is after 3pm. Check out is at 12 noon at the latest.

Is there a Church nearby?

There are a number of churches of different denominations in the vicinity of Ballymagarvey Village. For Roman Catholic Church members we recommend Rathfeigh, Rossnaree, Walterstown and Kentstown. For Protestant/Presbyterian/Church of Ireland, we recommend Slane or Kentstown. Addresses, directions and contact details are available from our wedding team.

What do we need to do to have our ceremony at Ballymagarvey Village?

Each couple must apply directly to the Civil Registration Office themselves. This can be done in any county and is not specific to the County Meath offices. Unfortunately we cannot do this on your behalf. In County Meath the contact details for the Civil Registration office are as follows: The Civil Registration Office, The Enterprise Centre, Trim Road, Navan, Co. Meath. Tel: 046 9097833/4/5. Contact details for other counties are easily accessible on the internet.

What does Ballymagarvey Village need to do in order for a couple to have a civil ceremony wedding?

Ballymagarvey Village must complete a declaration form for each individual application, and also ensure that the venue

meets the standards set out by the Health Service Executive, Civil Registration Office. Once you have applied to the Civil Registration Office they will provide you with a personalised form for us to complete.

What time can a ceremony be held from in Ballymagarvey Village?

Ceremonies can be held from 3pm. We cannot facilitate ceremonies at an earlier time. With a civil ceremony on site, guests will check in after the ceremony, from approximately 3.30pm.

What is the maximum number of people we can have at our civil ceremony?

The Mill Loft Ceremony Room can accommodate up to 170 people. Outdoor ceremonies can be held in 'Gwenllian's Garden' at the Barn. This also has a seated capacity of 170 guests.

How long does the civil ceremony last?

This really depends on your requirements. The actual 'formal' piece of the ceremony is quite short (region of 10 to 15 minutes), but we find that many of our couples choose to include other personal elements including musical interludes. In our experience the total ceremony time ranges from 30 to 45 minutes.

How much does it cost to hire the Mill Loft Ceremony Room?

Please refer to our rate cards for all pricing on ceremony room hire.

What prices apply to Bank Holidays?

Saturday Package prices, minimum numbers and accommodation rates are applied to Sundays on a Bank Holiday weekend.

What prices and minimum numbers apply to Christmas week and New Year's Eve?

Saturday prices and minimum numbers apply to Christmas week. For New Year's Eve, the price is the same as the Saturday price and minimum numbers are 150.

Can I arrive early on the morning of the wedding to get ready?

If you wish to avail of our Barn or Coach house preparation rooms, please speak to your Wedding Co-ordinator about the hire of the room for the morning of your wedding.



Please refer to our separate rate card for package prices and accommodation rates.

*And they all lived
happily ever after...*



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