



THE HOLLY TREE HOTEL & SWIMMING POOL SEA VIEW ROOMS-SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

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WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

Introduction

The Highlands of Scotland is the most romantic location in the world for your wedding. At the Hollytree Hotel and Swimming Pool in Kentallen, arranging your special day with us is very straightforward and we will help and guide you through each stage.

Facilities

The Holly Tree Hotel is a very special place to host your celebration with one of the best uninterrupted Sea Views in Scotland. The opportunity for some amazing backdrops for your wedding photos is just outstanding with the Hotel situated right on the shores of Loch Linnhe, with no roads to interrupt our views. We really have some stunning scenery with mountains, sea and our very own pier to provide some unique backgrounds for your wedding photos.

The hotel is a real home from home with our Captains Bar, our own decked sun terrace, stunning Sea View restaurant and cosy lounge. Both our restaurant and lounge have real log fires.

The Holly Tree is well renowned for our personal, friendly atmosphere and staff who are only too happy to assist in any way they can to make your Wedding Day just perfect.

We are open all year all day, every day.

Types of Weddings – Large or Small or something in between!

We have catered for all different types and sizes of weddings in the past from a marquee wedding for over two hundred people to an intimate wedding lunch for eight and lots in between. It is your day and everyone has different ideas of how they want to celebrate their marriage.

In essence however there are two very broad types of Weddings that we can host for you. The first are **smaller weddings** where, due to not taking up all of the bedrooms, you do not have exclusive use of the hotel, or **larger weddings** where all of the bedrooms are taken and you have opted for exclusive use of the whole hotel.

Suggested Wedding Itinerary

Here at The Holly Tree we can host Weddings for up to 90 guests for a sit down meal during the day, and a maximum of 120 guests in total in the evening. Due to the configuration of The Holly Tree any wedding for over 50 guests are only really possible with our exclusive use option.

For a rough idea on how your wedding celebrations could be planned here is a typical Highland Wedding at the Holly Tree Hotel:-

Arrival Night

Arrive at your leisure and come and soak in our beautiful surroundings. Relax and enjoy the Company of each other and your friends and relations. Plenty time still for those final last minute details to be finalised, like last minute flower arrangements, who is going to be late- all the last minute family stuff.

We have extensive Local Information available at your fingertips both at our Reception and in your own bedroom. Enjoy a gentle stroll or cycle on the fantastic cycle path that runs right past our front door, or take a walk up the hillside behind us. You really don't have to go very far to gaze in wonder at the fantastic mountains and sea around you.

Enjoy delicious dinner in one of the most romantic settings in Scotland! Either dine together, as a small group or as one large family! To ensure the smooth running of this evening, it would help us a lot if you could pre-order for dinner for any tables over eight people.

We often find that people really enjoy the night before their wedding just catching up with friends and family who have often travelled far to come and share your special day.

Wedding day

Awake in your luxurious bedroom and enjoy in the fabulous views of mountain and sea around you. Join us for a fantastic and freshly cooked Full Scottish Breakfast. Even our porridge has just a smidgen of whisky liqueur! Allow yourselves to be pampered and spoiled and just enjoy your day after all those hard months of planning!

Normally weddings ceremonies happen in Scotland between Midday and 3.00 pm. As you can see below we have a wedding licence so you can get married at the Hotel or in any of the various local churches, all just a couple of miles away in Ballachulish.

Arrive back at the Hotel from a local church or indeed having just got married at our lochside pier or in the Hotel, and enjoy a Champagne Reception with some delicious homemade canapés. We have had the Bride and Groom arrive in the past by quite alternative methods of transport ranging from sailing boat, speedboat, horse drawn carriage and even by helicopter! The choice is yours! Mingle with your friends and family and be prepared to be photographed and fussed by all today!

With wedding photographs often taking a couple of hours (hard to believe but they often do) you can then have a traditional Wedding Line up if you wish, and be piped into our Loch View restaurant by one of our local talented Pipers to commence your Wedding Banquet. A fantastic meal will then follow with obviously your own choice of food and wines as below. After the speeches are but a distant memory (the current trend is to have them before the meal so everyone can enjoy the food) dance the night away and enjoy the start of your new life together as husband and wife!

If you wish to invite additional guests for the evening reception then they usually arrive at around 7.30 pm with a band starting about 8.30pm. There are lots of bands who do a mixture of ceilidh music and disco or either – the choice is yours. Remember even with traditional Scottish Ceilidh music and dancing, the band will “call” out the dances and show anyone who wants to dance but doesn't know how it goes how to do the dance. Anyone who has been to traditional Scottish ceilidh will tell you they are great fun.

With dancing till late usually a light finger buffet is served around 10.30 pm which allows everyone to have a break and some food to soak up the alcohol.

Our pier is the perfect setting to have a firework display later in the evening if you wish.

It used to be the tradition that the bride and groom leave the wedding before the end of the night but this tradition has now thankfully gone since they often missed out on a couple of fantastic hours of their wedding.

The last dance is usually around 12.45am and then taxis or buses can be arranged for anyone not staying in the hotel. It will have been a long memorable day but maybe a wee final dram in the Captains bar as a final celebration.....

The Wedding Ceremony and Wedding Licence

The Marriage Scotland) Act 2002 permits civil marriages to be solemnised at location other than registration offices. We are a registered, licenced wedding ceremony venue so the ceremony itself can take place either in our lounge, restaurant, bar, decked terrace or pier (weather permitting of course!) The licence allows you to choose Religious or Civil Ceremony conducted at the hotel, the choice is yours. We are within easy reach of local churches too if you wished to have your Wedding Ceremony conducted in a church and your celebrations at the hotel afterwards.

For civil ceremonies, no food or drink (including alcohol) may be served or consumed in the room where the wedding takes place for one hour prior to the ceremony, or during the ceremony itself. Whichever kind of Wedding Ceremony you decide to choose, you must inform the Registrar in Fort William of your intentions and they require that you complete a marriage notice (Form M10) and submit these notices to them. They will also give you lots of advice on other paperwork that you may need to complete although we will of course help you with this. The Fort William Registrar contact details are:-

Registration Office
Lochaber College
An Aird
Fort William PH33 6AN
Tel: 01397 704583
Fax: 01397 702757
E-mail: isobel.mackellaig@highland.gov.uk

HOURS OF BUSINESS

Monday to Friday - 9.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 4.30pm
Saturday by appointment

SENIOR REGISTRAR: Isobel MacKellaig

The minimum period for lodging marriage notice forms is 15 days before the date of your marriage with the maximum period three months. However, it is recommended that the marriage notice forms be returned to the registration office of the district in which you are to be married, about four to six weeks before the date.

Canapés and Crudités

Canapés are ideal for drinks receptions. We recommend a combination of cold and hot canapés. Please choose from the following selection:

- Blinis with Smoked Salmon and Coriander Crème Fraiche
- Mini Chicken Liver Pate with Rosemary and Apple Jelly on crisp toast
- Prawn and cream cheese tartlet
- Mini Parmesan and Red onion Tartlet
- Smoked Salmon and Cream Cheese
- White and Plain Chocolate Dipped Strawberries
- Cherry Tomato and Mixed Sweet peppers Skewers
- Mini bruschetta with fresh tomato and homemade pesto dressing
- Vegetable spring roll with a plum sauce
- Tempura prawns with sweet chilli dipping sauce
- Chipolata Sausage with Grain Mustard
- Cream cheese and chive tartlet

PRICES ARE PER PERSON

2 items £3.90
3 items £4.90
4 items £5.90

Crudités

Selection of raw vegetables, Celery, Carrot, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Sweet peppers, and Mushrooms served with blue cheese, mayonnaise and sweet chilli dips

@ £2.50 per person

Wedding Banquet Menus

Although your menu can be adapted to your specific needs, we have shown a range of menus below that have proved popular in the past, along with indicative prices

Wedding Banquet Menu 1

£26.50

Starter

Homemade Leek and Potato Soup

Main Course

Chargrilled Breast of Chicken with a rich red wine, mushroom and thyme jus
Chefs Seasonal Vegetables and potatoes

Dessert

Bread and Butter Pudding

Freshly Brewed Tea, Fresh Filter Coffee with Mints

Vegetarian option available please just ask for our vegetarian selection

Wedding Banquet Menu 2

£30.00

Please choose 2 options from starters, mains and desserts

Starter

Galia Melon with seasonal fruits, Vanilla Syrup and Lemon Sorbet

Choice of Soup from Soup Selector

Chicken Liver Parfait, red onion marmalade and Highland Oatcakes

Buffalo Mozzarella, Vine Tomato and Basil Salad with Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Smoked Salmon with mixed leaves, capers, red onion and lemon wedge

Main Course

Chargrilled Breast of Chicken with a Mushroom and Tarragon Sauce

Fillet of Salmon with a Thermidor Sauce

Roast Rib of Beef with Yorkshire Pudding and a Rich Port Jus

Asparagus and Wild Mushroom Risotto

Chefs Seasonal Vegetables and potatoes

Dessert

Bread and Butter Pudding

Warm Sticky Toffee Pudding

Vanilla Ice Cream

Baileys Cheesecake

Freshly Brewed Tea, Fresh Filter Coffee with Mints

Wedding Banquet Menu 3

£40.00

Please choose 2 options from starters, mains and desserts

Starter

Smoked Salmon on mixed leaves garnished with whole loch Linnhe Langoustine and fresh herb mayonnaise

Choice of soup from soup selector

Feta, Basil and Tomato Tartlet with salad leaves and balsamic dressing

Highland Game Terrine with fruit chutney, salad leaves and oatcakes

Chargrilled Loch Linnhe Scallops with Salad leaves and coriander crème fraiche

Main Course

Ribeye Beef with a fresh herb and garlic butter

Fillet of Sea Bass with Wilted Greens and a Chilli, Chive and lemon Butter Sauce

Chargrilled Aubergine stack with Goat's Cheese, Spinach, Pesto and roasted Peppers

Chargrilled Breast of Chicken with McSweens Haggis and a Peppercorn Sauce

Chefs Seasonal Vegetables and potatoes

Dessert

Warm chocolate brownie with vanilla ice cream

Crème Brulee

Two nuts chocolate torte with pouring cream

Selection of Cheese with Biscuits

Lemon Tart with Creme Fraiche

Freshly Brewed Tea, Fresh Filter Coffee with Mints

Additional Courses

Why not add a refreshing sorbet as an intermediate course? Prices and flavours available as follows:

- Lemon £3.50
- Orange £3.50
- Mango £3.50
- Raspberry £3.50
- Champagne £3.50

Cheese Board Course £6.95

Soup as an intermediate course £3.95

We will require a pre-order along with the guests' names, their choices and where they are sitting on your table plan at least 14 days prior to your Wedding Day.

Wedding Buffet Menu

Fork Buffet
£30.00

Roast Turkey Crown
Honey Glazed Roast Ham
Roast Rib of Beef
Platter of Steamed Dressed Salmon
Selection of salads

- New Potato with red Onion and Chive
 - Tossed Mixed Leaves
- Tomato with Basil and Balsamic Vinegar
 - Homemade Coleslaw
 - Cucumber and Minted Yoghurt
- Roasted Pepper and Thyme Cous Cous
- Pasta Bound in Pesto Mayonnaise

Selection of Homemade Desserts
Fresh Fruit Platter
Tea, Coffee and Mints

Soup Selector

Tomato and basil Soup
White Onion and Parmesan Soup
Scotch Broth
Lentil and Bacon Soup
Leek and Potato Soup
Wild Mushroom Soup

Sweet Potato and coconut milk soup
Curried Parsnip Soup
Smoked Haddock Chowder
Cream of Vegetable Soup
Carrot and Coriander Soup
Cauliflower and Toasted Almond Soup

Pea Veloute with crisp bacon and minted crème Fraiche
Chickpea, chilli and coriander soup

Selector Red Pepper and Tomato Soup with garlic and Herb Croutons drizzled with homemade pesto

Vegetarian Selector

Herb Crepes filled with ratatouille with a tapenade dressing
Open vegetable ravioli with a blue cheese sauce
Cumin roasted butternut squash with sweet potatoes, fruity cous cous and Tzatziki
Nut Roast with a tomato and basil sauce
Warm Tomato and Basil puff pastry tart served with a red pesto and lentil dressing
Shallot and Thyme Tart, white onion puree and balsamic vinegar

Goats cheese and spinach pithivier with roasted baby beets

Evening Finger Buffet Menu 1

£12.00 per person

Hot Honeyed Sausages
Assortment of Sandwiches
Various Samosas and Mini Indian Savouries
Nachos with Melted Cheese and Salsa
Vegetable Quiche

Evening Finger Buffet 2

£16.00 per person

Thai Prawn in Batter
Spicy Chicken Wings
Loaded Potato Skins
Chinese Dim Sums
Deep Fried Brie Wedges
Chicken goujons with curried mayonnaise
Vegetable Quiche
Assortment of Sandwiches

Haggis Neeps and Tatties	£8.50 per person
Scottish Stovies	£7.50 per person
Soup and Sandwich	£9.95 per person
Bacon, Sausage or Egg Roll	£4.50 per person

All prices for evening buffet menus are inclusive of Freshly Brewed Tea and Fresh Filter Coffee

If you are having an evening buffet in addition to wedding meal with us we would suggest you cater for a minimum of 80% of your guests

Drinks Packages

Choose from our extensive Wine List which is priced from:

House Red:	£14.25
House White:	£14.50
House Rose:	£15.50
Champagne:	£45.50
Sparkling Wine:	£17.95

Large selection of soft and sparkling drinks

Treat Yourself to a Massage

Why not pamper yourself to a deeply relaxing massage by our highly skilled practitioner. With a wide variety of complementary therapies to relax mind, body and spirit. Treatments may also be customized and uniquely tailored to your preferences, allowing you to combine different therapies within a single treatment 'window'. This is massage at its best so don't miss your chance to really spoil yourself at The Holly Tree!

Choose Your Date

We will advise on dates that are available for you and make a provisional reservation. We hold provisional reservations for 14 days. On confirming your Wedding Reception in writing either by email or letter, we require a non refundable deposit of £2000.00. Four months prior to your wedding, a further deposit of 40% of the estimated total will be required. Full prepayment is due 6 weeks prior to the wedding date. All deposits and prepayments are non refundable and non transferrable. Any additional costs on the day must be covered by a guaranteed method of payment. The Holly Tree reserves the right to cancel without prior warning a reservation that has not been confirmed within the aforementioned period. We reserve the right to alter details and costs that are contained within this Wedding Portfolio.

Payment

We are pleased to accept Cash, Credit Card, Debit Card or Cheque.

Room Hire Charge

For weddings not requiring exclusive use, our Loch View Restaurant, Decked Terrace and Pier are available for hire for your ceremony at a charge of £350.00. Obviously if you get married out of the hotel for example in a local church then this room hire charge would not apply. For smaller, more intimate Weddings, you can hire our cosy Lounge for £150.00. If you have taken our exclusive use option, then this room hire charge is included in the exclusive use rate.

Exclusive Use Package includes

- Sole Use of our Seafood restaurant with Panoramic glass wall and fantastic views over Loch Linnhe to the Morvern mountains and beyond. Our restaurant also features an open log fire
- Sole use of our Captains bar also with Fantastic Loch Views and own private decked terrace
- Sole use of our Cosy Residents Lounge with Real log Fire.
- Full use of (although not exclusively) our swimming pool and sauna, all of which enjoy the same unrivalled Sea views as our public and bed rooms.

Our prices below are a rough guide as to our exclusive rates for various times of the year. These prices are for the exclusive use of the hotel. These prices could be from for instance 12.00pm on Saturday until 11.00am on Sunday. They do not include Bank Holiday dates:

EXCLUSIVE USE FOR FRIDAY or SATURDAY

Proposed Date	40-49 guests	50-59 guests	60-69 guests	70-79 guests	80 guests plus
February - April 2011	£900	£600	£350	£200	No charge
May- October 2011	£1600	£1300	£600	£395	No charge
Nov 2011- March 2012	£900	£600	£350	£200	No charge
April 2012- Oct 2012	£1600	£1300	£600	£395	No charge

EXCLUSIVE USE SUNDAY-THURSDAY

Proposed Date	40-49 guests	50-59 guests	60-69 guests	70-79 guests	80 guests plus
February - April 2011	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge
May- October 2011	£750	£450	£300	£200	No charge
Nov 2011- March 2012	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge
April 2012- Oct 2012	£750	£450	£300	£200	No charge

- All rates quoted are per night
- The number of guests listed above includes the number of guests you have attending your wedding banquet
- Exclusive Use Rates are based on the assumption that you book both the Wedding Banquet and Evening Buffet for your guests
- Exclusive Use does not include any bedrooms for you or your wedding guests. These will be bookable separately and you must book all twenty of our sea view bedrooms, which are a mixture of twin or double bedded rooms.

Exclusive use will give you lots of flexibility with timings and other special wedding plans.

For guests who may be attending your Wedding who are not resident in the hotel, they will be charged for the Wedding Banquet according to which menu you have chosen. They can also come and join you for a delicious heartwarming breakfast at the special price of £9.50 per adult and £4.50 per child.

Our chefs would be delighted to cater for any other dietary requirements that you may have. Please just let us know.

DISCOUNTED ACCOMMODATION RATES

We can offer the following specially reduced rates for any bedrooms that you may wish to book for your Wedding Celebrations. These rates do not include Bank Holiday Dates and all rates quoted are per room, per night:

Proposed Date	Deluxe Room Bed and Breakfast	Captains Room Bed and Breakfast
February - April 2011	£100.00	£129.00
May- October 2011	£118.00	£148.00
Nov 2011- March 2012	£100.00	£129.00
April 2012- Oct 2012	£118.00	£148.00

The rates below would apply to nights either side of your Proposed Wedding:

Proposed Date	Deluxe Room Dinner, Bed and Breakfast	Captains Room Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
February - April 2011	£159.00	£189.00
May- October 2011	£178.00	£208.00
Nov 2011- March 2012	£159.00	£189.00
April 2012- Oct 2012	£178.00	£208.00

All bedrooms would require a non refundable deposit of £75.00 per room to secure the reservation. Extra Beds and Cots can easily be added to rooms and rates are as detailed below:

Children 5-16 years will be charged £20.00 per night for Bed and Full Scottish Breakfast when sharing a room with their parents.

Children under 5 will be charged £10.00 per night for Bed and Full Scottish Breakfast when sharing a room with their parents.

SPECIAL OFFERS

Fabulous Friday Weddings

£4,500 based on a minimum of 75 guests

This package includes:

- Master of Ceremonies
- Room Hire of our Seafood Restaurant for both wedding ceremony and wedding banquet
- Drinks Reception – a glass of sparkling wine per person
- A wonderful three-course wedding menu chosen from Wedding Banquet Menu 1
- Two glasses of wine with the wedding banquet
- A glass of sparkling wine for the toast
- Personalised table plans and menus
- Evening Buffet - Stovies, bacon rolls, tea and coffee
- Complimentary Captains Bedroom for the Bride and Groom inclusive of full scottish breakfast
- Discounted accommodation rates for friends and family

More than 75 guests?

No Worries! Extra guests are priced at £53.00 per extra day guest and £12.00 per extra evening guest

Terms and Conditions

- Applies to new bookings only on selected dates.
- Fabulous Friday Package is based on 75 adults.
- The offer is subject to availability at the time of booking.
- You cannot use this package in conjunction with any other special offers
- Price is fully inclusive of VAT

Highland Winter Wonderland Weddings

Special wedding rate of just £5,900 inclusive of 80 guests available from 1st December 2011 to 29th February 2012

This package includes:

- Master of Ceremonies
- Room Hire of our Seafood Restaurant for both wedding ceremony and wedding banquet
- welcome reception drink of sparkling wine
- Chef's Choice of 3 canapés per person
- A wonderful three course wedding menu from our wedding banquet 2
- Two glasses of wine with the meal
- A glass of sparkling wine for the toasts
- Evening Finger Buffet Menu 1
- Personalised table plans and menus
- Complimentary Captains Bedroom for the Bride and Groom
- Four complimentary Deluxe rooms for you to give to Friends and Family
- Discounted accommodation rates for friends and family

More than 80 guests?

No Worries! £61 per extra day guest and £12 per extra evening guest.

Terms & Conditions

- Applies to new bookings only on selected dates.
- Highland Winter Wonderland Package is based on 80 adults.
- The offer is subject to availability at the time of booking.
- You cannot use this package in conjunction with any other special offers
- Price is fully inclusive of VAT
- Excludes Hogmanay

Have a spectacular Sunday Wedding 2011, costing just £5980 inclusive of 75 guests.

This package includes:

- Services of our Waiting Staff to act as toastmaster
- A glass of sparkling wine per person
- Delicious choice of three-course wedding banquet from menu 3
- Two glasses of wine with the meal
- Glass of sparkling wine to toast the Bride and Groom
- Evening Finger Buffet Menu 1
- Overnight accommodation for the Bride and Groom in a Captains room
- Four Complimentary Deluxe rooms for you to give to Friends and Family
- Room hire of our Seafood restaurant for both wedding ceremony and wedding banquet
- Reduced bed and breakfast rates for guests attending the wedding
- Personalised table plans and menus

More than 75 guests?

No problem, extra guests are priced at £66.00 per day guest, £12.00 per evening guest.

Small and Intimate Packages

This amazing package is for 30 guests and is inclusive of:

- Drinks Reception (A glass and top up of sparkling wine per person)
- Chef's choice of canapés (3 per person)
- Three-course meal from Wedding banquet 1
- Two glasses of wine with your wedding banquet
- hire of our Seafood Restaurant for both wedding ceremony and wedding banquet
- Reduced bed and breakfast rates for guests attending the event
- Personalised table plans and menus

Price £1720

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

The Essential People

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Episcopalian
Catholic Church Ballachulish

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Rev Adrian Fallows
Father Francis Ferriggi

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Mac Donald Brothers Fort William
Petals of Oban

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Tel:07818747239

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Magic/Entertainment

Highland Magician

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