

FAQ'S

Forbes of Kingennie Country Resort

We've put together a list of questions that we often get asked. We'll be more than happy to answer any additional questions you may have, simply drop us an email or give us a call.



Ceremony

What time does the Ceremony start?

We do have a recommended time scale for the Wedding day – we suggest that the Ceremony takes place between 1pm and 2pm.

How long does the Ceremony take?

This depends on whether or not this is a Civil or Religious Ceremony. However most Ceremonies last between 20 and 30 minutes.

How many guests can attend the Ceremony?

Our Buddon Burn Ceremony Suite can hold up to 100 guests seated.

Can we get married outside?

Unfortunately we do not have an outdoor area for outdoor ceremonies to take place at the venue.

Is there a music system in the Ceremony room?

Yes there is a built in speaker in the Buddon Burn Ceremony Suite and we are more than happy to coordinate your music on your Wedding Day. The sound system connects to devices using an AUX cable.

Do we have to pay an additional fee for the Ceremony?

No, there is no additional fee to hold the Ceremony. The hire of the Buddon Burn Suite is included in our packages.

Do we have to book the person conducting the Ceremony?

Yes, it is a legal requirement that you contact the Registrar separately and ensure they are available to conduct a Civil Wedding Ceremony on the date you have chosen.

Likewise should you decide to have a Religious Ceremony, you are responsible for arranging an approved body to conduct the service.



Please get in touch with Arbroath Registry Office to book a Registrar for your Wedding day.



Catering

Can we bring our own caterers in?

Unfortunately we do not allow for outside catering to be used as we have an excellent team of Chef's and in house catering.

Will our Wedding Breakfast be a set menu?

No it is not a set menu. We offer you a two-choice, 3 course menu. We then offer a third choice for guests with dietary requirements. We update our menus at the beginning of each year to offer you new and exciting dishes.

Do our guests order their food on the day?

No, your guests do not order their food on the day. We kindly ask that you include your chosen menu in your invitations to allow your guests to make their choices beforehand. When they begin to RSVP you can then start to fill out our pre order spreadsheet – this way we can ensure that all guests with special requirements and dietary needs are catered for on the day.

We will send you our pre order spreadsheet once you have confirmed your Wedding menu. We ask that the pre order spreadsheet is returned 4 weeks prior to your wedding.

Do we get to sample our Wedding menu beforehand?

Yes, we recommend that you book in for your Wedding taster at least 6 months prior to your Wedding. This is a complimentary meal at the resort for you both to sample your Wedding menu. If you would like to bring along parents, or anyone else from your Wedding party, then this is charged at an additional cost of £32pp.

We do require advance notice of your two choices for each course prior to the Wedding taster. On the night of the taster a member staff from our front of house team will provide you with a feedback form to complete after each course. This feedback will be passed on to our Chef and then returned to us in the Events office, in which we will get in touch to confirm your menu.

What canapés do you offer?

They are Chef's selection on the day however we always ensure that all dietaries are catered for. Our most loved canapé is our haggis bon bons!



Drinks

Can we supply our own alcohol?

We do not allow you to supply/bring spirits or any other alcohol. If there is something specific you would like to offer to your guests which we do not stock, please let us know and we will be happy to try and source it on your behalf. Please note, this does not apply to miniatures which can be used for favours.

We offer a corkage service for bottles of wine only. This is a £17 charge per bottle.

Does the bar accept cash and card?

Yes we accept both cash and card, however we do not accept American Express.

What are your bar prices?

We offer a wide selection of spirits, soft drinks, wines and beers. Our bar prices are reasonable and competitive.

What time is the bar open from/to?

The bar in our Inglesmaldie Function Suite will be open 1 hour before the Ceremony. It will then remain open throughout the day, with last orders at 11.45pm. We do briefly close the bar during the speeches and after the meal to allow our staff to re-stock and prepare for the evening reception.

What wine do you provide for the Wedding Breakfast?

On our Kingennie package each table will receive 2 bottles of wine. If you decide to upgrade to our Mo Grá package there will be an additional bottle on each table and for our Mo Clann package you will then receive two additional bottles per table.

What drinks do you supply for the Drinks Reception?

We offer you the choice of a glass of prosecco or a 50/50 split of prosecco and bottled beer, along with non-alcoholic alternatives, after the Ceremony.



Decorations

Can we have confetti or flower petals?

Of course, the more the merrier! As long as it's biodegradable. We do ask, if possible, that confetti is reserved for outside and not inside the venue.

Can we have candles around the venue?

Candles can be used for the Ceremony and on the tables as long as they are in a safe candle holder.

Can we hire large props?

We do allow the hire of large props such as LOVE letters, LED dancefloors, photobooths etc. however we do ask that you notify us beforehand to ensure that there is enough space/power source in the function suite to accommodate.

Do we get access the night before to setup and decorate?

If we do not have another Wedding or Event taking place the night before your Wedding then we are more than happy to allow you into the venue to decorate. We cannot guarantee this, so we ask that you get in touch with us at the start of the week to check the status of the events rooms.

Can we drop off decorations the day before?

We are more than happy for you to drop off any items the day before.

We ask that everything is clearly labelled for our events team to set up the following day.

We also ask that the place cards are split by tables when handed in, and in the same order as your table plan.

We are not able to set up chair covers and sashes out with our packages, and ask that you arrange someone from your wedding party to carry out this job, or hire them through a third party supplier.

If we hire a Wedding arch for our Ceremony can you move this for the meal?

Unfortunately we are not able to move any large items hired through third party suppliers.

Should you wish to have any large items moved from the Buddon Burn Ceremony Suite to the Inglesmaldie Function Suite, this will be need to be arranged and carried out by the supplier.



Lodges

How many lodges do you have?

We have 14 self-catering lodges and 3 self-catering Shepherd Huts and two Escape Pods on site.

How much do your lodges cost?

Our pricing for each lodge can be checked on our website. Alternatively our reservations team will be able to assist with any pricing/availability queries.

How many nights can we stay for?

The Boathouse and Kingennie Court lodges can be taken for a minimum stay of 1 night when booked for weddings. Our Shepherd Huts are a minimum of 2 nights, and the remaining lodges are a minimum of 3 nights.

Can our guests call and book direct?

Our self-catering lodges are not exclusive to the Wedding party and can be booked by other guests visiting the Resort. We are happy for you to co-ordinate the booking and payment of all lodges that are required. Likewise we can take bookings and payment from individual guests.

Do our guests receive any discounts?

All guests attending the Wedding will receive a 10% discount on their lodge bookings.

When is check in / check out?

Check in is at 4pm and check out is at 10am. An early check in and late checkout may be requested for a small fee however this cannot be guaranteed.

Can we use the Boathouse for our Wedding photos?

If you have the Boathouse booked for the night of your Wedding then you will have access after the Ceremony for photos. However if you do not have the lodge booked we are unable to give you access.

Do you have dog-friendly lodges?

Yes, we have a range of dog-friendly lodges on site. If you would like to bring your furry friend along to the Wedding please let us know when booking. If you would like to bring your dog it is £30 per dog for a short stay (up to 3 nights) and £50 per dog for a long stay (4 nights or longer). The maximum number of dogs per lodge is two.

The Venue

Do you have a bridal suite on site?

Unfortunately we do not have a bridal suite on site.

Are the function rooms accessible?

Our Buddon Burn Ceremony Suite can be accessed via stairs from two entrances, however we do have ramp access from the side door in our Restaurant.

Our Inglesmaldie Function Suite is only accessible by staircase, however we do have a chair lift in place for guests unable to use the stairs.

Do we have exclusive use of the venue?

Unfortunately we cannot offer exclusive use of the Resort as it is enjoyed by many guests and visitors alike. However both of our function suites are private and will not be shared by others.

Will there be another Wedding on the same day as ours?

No, there will never be more than 1 Wedding taking place at the Resort on the same day as yours.

Do you have a cloakroom we can use?

We don't have a dedicated cloakroom but we do have a hanging rail by the front door, where guests can leave their coats.

Do you provide a microphone for the speeches?

Yes we have a cordless microphone which will be set up and provided to you for the speeches.

Do you allow fireworks, chinese lanterns or sparklers?

Unfortunately we do not allow the use of fireworks, chinese lanterns or sparklers.

Does the function suite used for the Wedding Breakfast have a sound system?

Yes there is a built in speaker in the Inglesmaldie Function Suite and we are more than happy for you to play background music throughout the drinks reception and wedding breakfast.

The sound system connects to most devices using an AUX cable.



Wedding Logistics

Where does the Bridal party normally get ready?

This depends on the size of your bridal party - all of our lodges are spacious and provide ample room for hair and makeup to work their magic!

If we stay at the Resort the night before, how do we get down to the Ceremony?

We ask that the wedding party make their own arrangements to get from the lodges to the Wedding. However, we can collect the Bridal party in our resort buggy.

Can my photographer come to the Resort before the wedding to look around?

Of course, this does not need to be arranged with us. If your photographer has not photographed at the Resort before we would recommend that they come along prior to the Wedding to familiarise themselves and scope out the best spots for photos!

Can guests use the car parking facilities overnight?

Yes, we are happy for guests to use the carpark overnight, until they can collect their car the following day.

Should we arrange transport for our guests?

This is optional and really depends on where your guests are travelling from however we do recommend providing transport for your guests at the end of the night.

What time does the Wedding end?

In order to conform with our Premises Licence and out of consideration for local residents, all wedding parties must finish by 12 midnight.

Wedding timeline: (example)

1pm - Guests arrive at the Resort

2pm - Wedding Ceremony

2.30pm - Drinks Reception / Photos

4.15pm - Speeches

4.45pm - Wedding Breakfast

7.30pm - Evening guests arrive

8pm - First dance / cake cutting

9.30pm - Evening buffet



Booking Process

Can we provisionally book a date?

Yes, we can provisionally book a date for 14 days. To confirm the booking we require a £500 non-refundable deposit.

Can we provisionally book accommodation?

Yes, likewise with the Wedding date, you can also provisionally book lodges for you and your guests. At the end of the 2 weeks we require a £50 deposit per lodge to secure the booking. Our lodge team can assist with all accommodation queries.

Do we need to sign a contract?

Once we have received your deposit we will send you the Wedding confirmation and two copies of our terms and conditions. We ask that you carefully read these, sign one copy and send/scan them back to us. You can keep the other copy for your records.

What are the next steps / key dates?

After the initial £500 deposit has been paid, we ask for a second £1000 deposit 6 months after or 6 months before your wedding, whichever comes first. The final balance is then due 4 weeks prior to the Wedding.

We recommend meeting with us 3-6 months after your initial booking to discuss your Wedding plans. 6-9 months prior to the Wedding we would recommend booking your Wedding taster. And 2-4 weeks prior to the Wedding we ask that we meet one final time to discuss the Wedding plans in depth.

We are on hand to answer your questions and to assist with the planning process – we are always an email or a phone call away if you have any queries.

