

PERFECT WEDDING VENUES

Alexandra McKeever profiles some of Ireland's most romantic wedding venues



THE SHELBOURNE

Chic and stylish, everybody loves The Shelbourne, which has for nearly 200 years been the venue of choice for the city's best parties, as well as the backdrop to some of the country's most elegant, important and sophisticated weddings.

Whether it's a grand black-tie ball, a cosy and intimate reception, a classic or traditional dinner or a dashing civil partnership, The Shelbourne Hotel has the perfect room for each. And from Executive Chef Garry Hughes' confident way with fine Irish ingredients, creating menus full of authentic but innovative flavours, to the equally capable hands of The Shelbourne's dedicated wedding planner, every element of your big day is seen to by an expert.

A living work of art itself, The Shelbourne's luxurious surroundings including gleaming

marble, sparkling chandeliers, decorative stained glass and appealing artwork, make a stunning backdrop for beautiful brides, handsome grooms and dream weddings, something for which this hotel is justly renowned.

The largest five star hotel in Dublin, The Shelbourne is flawless, full of panache and glamour, with polished service and excellent food in exquisite surroundings.

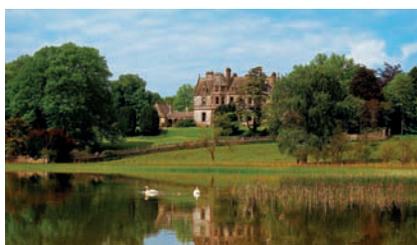
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CASTLE LESLIE ESTATE

Nestled on 1,000 acres of undulating Irish countryside, dotted with ancient woodlands and glittering lakes, Castle Leslie is a stunningly beautiful secluded estate in Monaghan. Still in the hands of its founding family, it is steeped in history and full of character and charm. A truly private rural escape, it is a magical setting for your very special day.

Filled with beautiful furniture, antiques and heirlooms, the castle has 20 original and uniquely decorated bedrooms and bathrooms. Additionally there are 106 bedrooms on the grounds of the estate located in The Lodge, Old Stable Mews and Village Cottages. Reduced accommodation prices are available to all wedding guests. Renowned for superb food and tantalising menus, Castle Leslie Estate offers a variety

of delectable courses to make your day exceptionally special. Sumptuous wedding banquet menus start from 70 per person, inclusive of all taxes and service charges.

A wide variety of activities are offered to satisfy guests' every desire, including horse riding, spa treatments, fishing, archery, clay pigeon shooting, kayaking and hot air balloon rides.

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