



*The Wedding of your dreams...*







*We will help you arrange the most magical wedding day...*





## *Welcome to Melville Castle*



Set within the idyllic country estate on the outskirts of Edinburgh, Melville Castle is an enchanting venue for your dream wedding day.

Once the hunting seat of Mary Queen of Scots who planted Chestnut trees for her beloved Rizzio, which still stand in the woodland to this day. The romance of the castle on banks of the River North Esk is as breath taking now as in the history

books of bygone times. The current Georgian Castle was built incorporating the very same foundations by Henry Dundas, 1st Viscount Melville, in 1786 for entertaining on a grand scale, which continues to this day.

In recent years the castle has been sympathetically restored and offers an array of rooms perfect for every size of wedding from an intimate ceremony to a

large reception up to 70 in the Ballroom while the custom built pavilion marquee can seat 200 guests for a larger wedding.

We will guide you through every aspect of your day to ensure you have a truly memorable wedding in the most romantic of surroundings.





## *The Ceremony*



The Castle has a variety of rooms offering different options for your ceremony. Whether religious, civil or humanist, we can guide to the perfect location to say 'I Do'.

The elegant Ballroom with views over the south lawn and fountain can seat 80 while the bright and airy Arniston Room

can hold 32 and there are other charming options for a smaller ceremony.

During the summer months, and of course weather permitting, you could hold your ceremony outside on the south lawn near the fountain or on the terrace.





## *The Drinks Reception*



As newlyweds, make your grand entrance down the sweeping staircase to your reception and enjoy the congratulations of your friends and family.

The bright south facing public rooms are the perfect setting for your guests to meet and mingle as you are having your photos

taken before your wedding breakfast.

Alternatively drinks and canapés can be served on the south lawn accessed through a secret turret stairwell where the grounds and fountain provide a charming backdrop for photographs.





## *The Wedding Breakfast and Evening Reception*



Enter the Viscount Dining Room by a Scottish Piper for your first meal as a married couple and join your guests for a beautifully prepared wedding breakfast.

The castle can accommodate up to 70 guests at elegantly set and decorated round tables with an additional 30 evening guests at your reception.

Should you wish to host a larger wedding, our fully fitted pavilion marquee can comfortably accommodate up to 200 guests with plenty of space for Scottish reels or a band to carry on your celebrations into the evening





## Accommodation



Melville Castle provides elegant accommodation within the magnificence of an 18th century castle. With 32 stylish en-suite bedrooms, classically furnished, all with TV and wi-fi. Our accommodation ranges from grand four poster rooms and gallery suites

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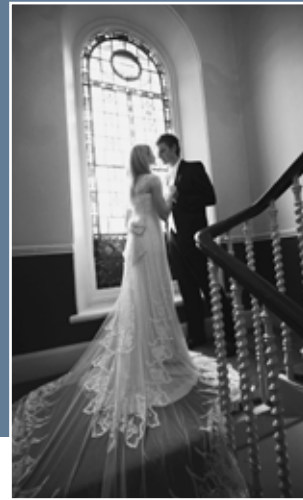


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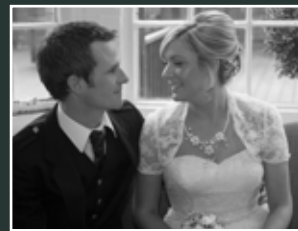


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## *Melville Castle Wedding Experience*

Set in an idyllic country estate on the outskirts of Edinburgh, Melville Castle is a unique and enchanting location for wedding receptions and civil partnerships. The Castle has played host to weddings of all shapes and sizes from the grandest of society weddings to smaller and more intimate affairs. Dating back to 1786, Melville Castle is a lovingly and sympathetically restored castellated mansion with interiors that fuse a modern eclecticism with a classical sensibility. Nestled within 54 acres of parkland and woodland on the banks of the River North Esk, it provides a most romantic backdrop for photographs.

The opulent State Rooms provide the perfect setting for arrival drinks, canapés and Champagne receptions. The Castle is also licensed for civil ceremonies making Melville the perfect place to say 'I do' before dancing into the evening then sinking into the sumptuous comfort of our classically furnished rooms and suites.

Should you choose Melville Castle for your special day and celebrations, you will be spoilt for choice with an array of beautifully adorned private rooms. Choose from The Ballroom, a magnificent room with high ceilings and sweeping views of the parkland, river and woodland which is perfect for a ceremony of up to 100 guests. The Viscount Room, a stunning space with gilded ceiling and traditional décor which is perfect for your wedding breakfast. Finally, if you are looking to hold a larger, more lavish wedding then the pavilion marquee situated on the east lawn provides the perfect location for larger ceremonies, wedding breakfasts and evening receptions. The bright south facing public rooms are perfect for your guests to mingle before the wedding breakfast and the grounds provide a picturesque backdrop for photographs. As newlyweds, you can make your grand entrance down the sweeping feature staircase to your reception and enjoy the congratulations from your friends and family.

Mouth-watering menus have been written to enhance your celebrations. Formal, informal, buffet, canapés – if you have an idea, we will produce a menu catered to your exact requirements. You may also wish to enjoy an informal private dinner with family and close friends on the evening prior to your big day. Or why not gather those closest to you for a post celebratory brunch or lunch?

Whatever your requirements, Melville Castle has all the ingredients to create a truly memorable occasion.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Castle and turning your dream into a reality.



# Venue Hire of Melville Castle

*Public Rooms or Marquee for your Wedding Day*

*Non-Exclusive Use*

The Wedding Suite consists of the Ballroom for your ceremony, the ground floor area for drinks reception, the Viscount dining room or Marquee for your meal; our Marquee for the evening reception.

## **2019/ 2020 PRICES:**

1 <sup>st</sup> April – 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Sunday to Thursday	£2,000
	Friday	£2,750
	Saturday	£3,500
1 <sup>st</sup> October – 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Sunday to Friday	£1,000
	Saturday	£1,500

## **Wedding Venue Hire is inclusive of:**

Use of Melville Castle and grounds

A Melville Castle wedding planner to guide you through your preparation for your day.

Use of Melville Castle's traditional silver cake base (square/ round) and cake knife

An elegant table plan mount (easel) at entrance to your wedding breakfast

Banqueting chairs and 5ft and 6ft round tables within the castle and marquee

Bar facilities in the castle and/ or marquee

Facilities to play background music of your choice throughout the castle

Dance floor within the marquee

Complimentary bridal suite for the bride and groom on your wedding night.

Complimentary tea, coffee, biscuits and bottled water in the bedrooms

Large car park for up to 90 vehicles

## **Booking requirements are as follows:**

*Summer Weddings – April through September*

Friday and Saturday weddings in the castle's Viscount and Ballroom require a minimum booking of 60 guests for the wedding breakfast. Weddings booked in the marquee require a minimum booking of 80 guests for the wedding breakfast.

*Winter Weddings – October through March*

Friday and Saturday weddings in the castle's Viscount and Ballroom require a minimum booking of 50 guests for the wedding breakfast. Weddings booked in the marquee require a minimum booking of 70 guests for the wedding breakfast.

We have a selection of other rooms available for smaller weddings, please see the events team for individual tariffs.



# Venue Hire of Melville Castle

*Public Rooms and Marquee for your Wedding Day  
Exclusive Use*



Have the day you have always dreamed of in a stunning setting that is all yours. Romance, privacy and seclusion only a short distance from Edinburgh makes Melville Castle the perfect wedding venue to escape to on an exclusive basis. Melville Castle and 54 acres of beautiful grounds and woodland are at your disposal to provide the perfect backdrop for your special day. Enjoy the relaxed and tranquil serenity of the estate while entertaining your guests in magical surroundings.

Enjoy Melville Castle at its very best; privacy, comfort, no strangers, no intrusions, just you and your guests.

With check-in for Exclusive use from 2pm, Melville Castle can be your very own castle for the day until 10am on your final day. Please note that a minimum number of 80 guests for the wedding breakfast and at least 20 bedrooms must be guaranteed.

## **2019/ 2020 Prices:**

1 <sup>st</sup> April – 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Sunday to Thursday	£3,000
	Friday	£4,000
	Saturday	£5,000
1 <sup>st</sup> October – 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Sunday to Thursday	£2,000
	Friday	£2,500
	Saturday	£3,500

*\*Please note these rates include venue hire and are excluding accommodation cost.*

## *Guest Numbers*

**The Ballroom** can seat up to 100 for the wedding ceremony.

**The Viscount Room** can seat comfortably a maximum of 60 guest for the wedding breakfast, allowing for a top table and 5 rounds. Other configurations are also available, please ask our events team for further details.



**The Marquee** requires a minimum of 80 guests for the wedding breakfast to look comfortable and can seat up to 150 for your wedding breakfast.

**The Evening Reception** within the Marquee can hold a maximum number of 200 guests.

## *Accommodation*

Melville Castle provides comfortable modern bedrooms within the elegance of an 18th century Georgian Castle. With 33 ensuite bedrooms, accommodation ranges from grand four poster rooms and split-level gallery bedrooms. The classically furnished bedrooms are complete with crisp linen sheets, fluffy white towels and beautiful views of the surrounding grounds and woodland.

The following morning, a wholesome full Scottish or Continental breakfast will be served to you and your guests.

### **Bedroom configurations**

Room Name	No of Rooms	Single	Double	Twin	Family
Classic	22	1	10	7	4
Superior	9	-	8	-	1
One-bedroom suite	1	-	1	-	-
Deluxe two-bedroom suite	1	-	1	1	-

Special wedding room rates available upon request.

### **Check-in & check-out times**

The Bridal party and guests may check into their rooms from 3pm. We request that guests are checked out and ready to depart by 11am the following morning. If you require an earlier check-in, we will endeavor to provide this where possible however this cannot be guaranteed without a reservation the night prior, please check availability with the reception team.





# Drinks Packages

## DUKE

### Drinks reception

*One glass of house prosecco or bottle of beer*

### To accompany the meal

*Our specially selected house wines  
(allocation of ½ bottle per person)*

### Jugs of iced water for the table

### For the toast & speeches

*One glass of house prosecco*

### £23.50 per person

*Additional glass of prosecco on arrival £5.00 pp*

## DUCHESS

### Drinks reception

*One glass of Taittinger champagne or bottle of beer*

### To accompany the meal

*Our specially selected premium wines  
(allocation of ½ bottle per person)*

### Bottles of still/ sparkling water for the table

### For the toast & speeches

*1 Glass of house champagne*

### £32.50 per person

*Additional bottles of Taittinger available at £64.95*

### £6.50 Soft drink package

*The wine list is subject to change due to market fluctuations and can be confirmed 2 to 3 months prior to your wedding. We are also happy to customize a package to suit your requirements. Evening reception drinks packages available on request.*

*Should you wish to hire only the marquee and marquee servery (not a production kitchen) the charge is Sunday to Thursday is £2,000 from 1<sup>st</sup> October- 31<sup>st</sup> March and £3,000 from 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> September.*



# *The Esk*

£ 46.00 pp

*Wedding Selector Menu – Please choose 1 option per course*

## STARTER

### **Smoked leek and potato soup**

*Herb crouton, micro celery cress and tarragon oil*

### **Feta, caramelized onion and sun-dried tomato tart**

*Dressed leaves and balsamic glaze*

### **Chicken liver parfait**

*Spiced plum chutney, Arron oaties and olive capers*

## MAIN COURSE

### **Garlic and thyme roasted chicken breast**

*white wine sauce*

### **Roasted honey mustard pork loin**

*mustard grain sauce*

**Served with fondant potato, seasonal greens, turned carrots**

### **Wild mushroom and truffle risotto**

*Parmesan*

## DESSERTS

### **Sticky toffee and date pudding**

*vanilla ice cream*

### **Cream filled profiteroles**

*duo of chocolate sauce*

### **Vanilla panacotta**

*Pineapple and goji berry compote*

### **Tea & coffee**



# *The Dundas*

£ 52.00 pp

*Wedding Selector Menu – Please choose 1 option per course*

## STARTER

**Salt crusted tri coloured beetroots**  
*beet gel, goats curd, viola flowers*

**Roast cauliflower soup**  
*Truffle oil and micro greens*

**Haggis croquettes**  
*neep puree, mash tatties, pancetta crisp  
and malt whisky sauce*

## MAIN COURSE

**Chicken stuffed with haggis and wrapped in smoked bacon**  
*café au lait sauce*

**Roast leg of Scottish lamb**  
*minted jus*

**served with dauphinoise potato, carrot and turnip chateaus  
and seasonal greens**

**Gnocchi**  
*Mediterranean vegetables and ratatouille sauce*

## DESSERTS

**Coffee two ways**  
*Tiramisu torte and baileys ice cream*

**Apple pie**  
*Citrus dressing, salted caramel ice cream*

**Tarte au citron**  
*raspberry sorbet*

**Tea & coffee**



# *The Viscount*

£ 60.00 pp

*Wedding Selector Menu –Please choose 1 option per course*

## STARTER

### **St James smoked salmon**

*Lilliput capers, shallots, chives, honey mustard mayo and bread crisp*

### **Caramelised onion and cider soup**

### **Smoked ham hock terrine**

*Burnt apple puree Parisienne apples, hazelnuts and croutons*

## MAIN COURSE

### **Barbary duck breast**

*Creme de cassis jus*

### **Slow roasted sirloin of beef**

*red wine jus*

**served with fondant potato, turned vegetables  
and green beans wrapped in pancetta**

### **Butternut squash ravioli**

*chestnuts and champagne buerre blanc*

## DESSERTS

### **Dark chocolate and Jaffa orange cake**

*Clotted cream ice cream*

### **Raspberry trifle**

*Blackcurrant sorbet*

### **Baileys cheesecake**

*maple and walnut ice cream*

### **Tea & coffee**



# *Kids Menu*

*2 Courses - £ 9.00 pp*

*3 Courses - £12.00 pp*

*Wedding Selector Menu –Please choose 1 option per course*

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## *STARTER*

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**Soup of the day**

**Crunchy vegetable sticks, Marie Rose sauce**

**Cheese garlic bread**

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## *MAIN COURSE*

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**Macaroni cheese**

**Chicken goujons, baked beans and chips**

**Sausage, mash and gravy**

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## *DESSERTS*

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**Fresh strawberries with vanilla ice cream**

**Selection of ice creams**

**Fresh fruit salad**

\*Prices listed are inclusive of VAT and valid for 2019/2020

\*N.B. Please ensure guests are asked about special dietary requirements or allergies so we can ensure their food is prepared accordingly



# *Canapé Selector Menu*

*Choose 4 canapés per person for £8.50 or 6 canapés per person for £12.50*

*A minimum of 50% of your guests must be catered for when selecting canapés.*

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## *Cold Canapés*

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**Sun blushed tomato, pesto and parmesan crostini**

**Beetroot dill and lime cured salmon, cream cheese on blinis**

**Grilled red pepper and goats cheese filo basket**

**Chicken liver mousse and onion marmalade tarts**

**Prunes wrapped in smoked pancetta**

**Mini mushroom strudel**

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## *Hot Canapés*

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**Haggis bonbons with whiskey cream**

**Crispy quail's egg**

**Pigs in blankets**

**Vegetable spring rolls**

**Tempura battered king prawns**

**Smoked haddock and spinach cakes**



# *Evening Buffet Selector Menu*

*Choose 1 for £6*

*A minimum of 80% of your guests must be catered for, minimum numbers apply.*

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**Macaroni cheese**

**Beef Stovies**

**Sausage or bacon rolls**

**Selection of savoury pies**

**Traditional haggis neeps and tatties**

**Focaccia**

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