



# THIRLESTANE CASTLE

YOUR WEDDING • YOUR WAY











A UNIQUE 16TH CENTURY SCOTTISH CASTLE

# WELCOME TO THIRLESTANE

Standing proudly as one of the oldest and finest inhabited castles in Scotland, Thirlestane is nestled in the breathtaking Scottish Borders. Featuring impressive pink sandstone turrets, a range of grandly decorated rooms and rustic spaces, as well as beautiful outdoor locations, Thirlestane Castle is a spectacular setting for your wedding – be it a four-day gathering, or an intimate elopement. We host just a handful of weddings each year here at Thirlestane, allowing us to give each couple our undivided attention.



*"Thirlestane is a wonderful location with beautiful suites and rooms and if we were to redo our wedding again, we'd pick Thirlestane every single time. Our family and friends have said it was the best wedding they'd ever been to."*

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SPOILT FOR CHOICE

## OUR SPACES

The castle's beautiful historic rooms, choice of dining locations, rustic underground evening spaces and extensive grounds allow you to stage your celebration in a variety of ways. From the grand and experiential, to the intimate and elegant, as well as everything in between. The variety of spaces throughout the castle can comfortably host up to 100 guests.

*Let your vision come to life at Thirlestane...*

### Pre-Wedding Soiree

Welcome your nearest and dearest to your wedding weekend with a pre-wedding soiree. As guests enter through the Eagle Gates and make their way along the castle's winding drive, they'll catch a glimpse of the castle's turrets. Start the celebrations with an afternoon of activities such as falconry, archery or lawn games. Later, some musical entertainment in the Cobbled Courtyard with drinks and food courtesy of our recommended suppliers – perhaps a beer truck, prosecco van or food truck. More formal Rehearsal Dinners can also be hosted in our elegant State Rooms.

### Ceremony

Say 'I do' in our mesmerising State Drawing Room with its elegant decor and majestic 17th Century ornate ceilings. Alternatively, opt for an outdoor ceremony in the Rose Garden surrounded by one of the oldest parts of the castle, or on The Castle Terrace with the stunning backdrop of the parklands.



## Drinks Reception

Celebrate the first moments of your marriage with a glass of champagne and views from the Castle Terrace. The Castle's Rose Garden is also an impressive location for cocktail hour or perhaps you'd like to keep it Scottish by raising a glass of our national drink in the Panelled Room or portrait-lined State Rooms - perfect for adding an element of grandeur to your reception.

## Wedding Breakfast

For a grand setting, gather your guests in our impressive State Rooms, or for larger affairs opt for an elegant lawn marquee, to eat, drink and be merry. Whether you'd prefer a sophisticated three course, mood-lit dinner, banquet style feast, or casual but delicious BBQ, our award-winning catering partners are on hand to ensure you have your perfect wedding menu.

## Evening Reception

Celebrate under the stars in our clear marquee, located in the Cobbled Courtyard. Coupled with the atmospheric Vaulted Cellar - this is the perfect spot for your evening entertainment. Imagine firepits, festoon lighting, and street food vendors.

Larger wedding parties can choose a stylish stretch tents or lawn marquee. Whether you opt for a DJ, or live band – such as a local Ceilidh band – there is plenty of space for dancing too!

## Stretch Tents & Marquees

If you're dreaming of a summer garden party style wedding, our stunning façade, and surrounding grounds are the perfect setting. A marquee or stretch tent can be placed on the Front Lawn, Terrace, or Rose Garden – so you can dance the night away under the stars, with all your favourite people. The capacity for an outdoor wedding is up to 1000+, but varies, depending on tent and location.

















BE OUR GUEST

# CASTLE ACCOMMODATION

Relax in luxury in the South Wing of the castle, which sleeps a total of 16 people. Each suite is tastefully decorated to a five-star standard, with antiques and artwork from the castle's collection adding a touch of history and elegance.

In addition, guests can stay amongst nature in our Sustainable Woodland Lodges which are set in the tranquil woodlands surrounding Thirlestane Castle. Run on renewable energy, they each feature their own hot tub and can be booked out exclusively, to accommodate up to 20 guests.



View the castle's suites on the Stay section of our website  
[www.thirlestanecastle.co.uk/stay/](http://www.thirlestanecastle.co.uk/stay/)













## KEY INGREDIENTS & FINISHING TOUCHES

# RECOMMENDED SUPPLIERS

Upon booking your wedding with us, we will share our extensive list of suppliers. We work with the best-of-the-best caterers, musicians, florists, wedding cake makers, photographers and makeup artists – you name it, we'll have a contact – Learn from our experience and explore our list of recommended local and national partners that have been tried, tested and rated at the highest level by us and our happy couples.

### Catering

Choose from a wide variety of award-winning caterers who will help design your perfect wedding menu. Whether you want an elegant fine-dining experience, a laid-back hog roast, or fish and chips from one of our favourite street food vendors, they'll ensure you and your guests are kept satisfied all day long.

If you're enjoying a multi-day celebration, our caterers can work with you to design a range of dining experiences. From cosy family suppers, afternoon teas and pick-me-up brunches, to alfresco lunches and picnics.











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## OUR WEDDING PACKAGES

We understand that all weddings are unique so although we have outlined some packages to give you an idea of what we can offer, we can also create something totally bespoke for you using the spaces and ordering the day exactly as you wish.



### Exclusive Use

The ultimate package for your dream Scottish wedding. The castle and gardens will be exclusively yours, and up to 100 guests, for two unforgettable nights. Kick-start the celebrations with a fun filled afternoon the day before your wedding and toast your newlywed status with a brunch the day afterwards. Up to 16 guests can stay in the Castle accommodation and experience our unique five-star suites.

### Intimate Exclusive Use

If you're planning to celebrate with a very select number of people, this package has everything you need for the perfect intimate castle wedding, with up to 30 guests. The Castle and gardens will be exclusively yours for one day. 16 guests can stay and experience our authentic five-star suites. Welcome your guests with a Rehearsal Dinner and conclude celebrations with a farewell breakfast.



## Completely Bespoke

Bring your own unique wedding to life with our Bespoke Package. Be it an intimate affair or three-day extravaganza, we can accommodate weddings for between 2 to 1000 guests. Share your vision with our talented and experienced wedding co-ordinator who will work with you to create the unforgettable day you've imagined.

## Ceremony & Drinks

Say 'I do' in our State Dining Room or State Drawing Room, both of which are dramatically decorated and adorned with antiques and paintings from the castle's historic collection. Host your drinks reception in our Panelled Room, Front Hall or Terrace and enjoy access to our Rose Garden and grounds for your wedding photographs before departing to continue your celebrations.

## Elopements

For the most intimate of weddings, our elopement package is the perfect way to create magical memories with your special someone. Each couple will enjoy two nights in a five-star castle suite, with a breakfast hamper, filled with local produce, delivered to your room on your wedding morning. Dinner at one of our recommended local restaurants is also included, with return transport.

You can choose to have your ceremony in either the castle or our beautiful grounds. You'll also be able to use our grounds to capture your picture-perfect moments.

## Add the WOW Factor

There are an abundance of ways to personalise your wedding and add the WOW factor. From extending your stay, to helicopter landing facilities and pyrotechnic displays, the possibilities are endless. We understand that not every couple likes to be hands on with the details, so we can connect you with a full-service wedding planner.



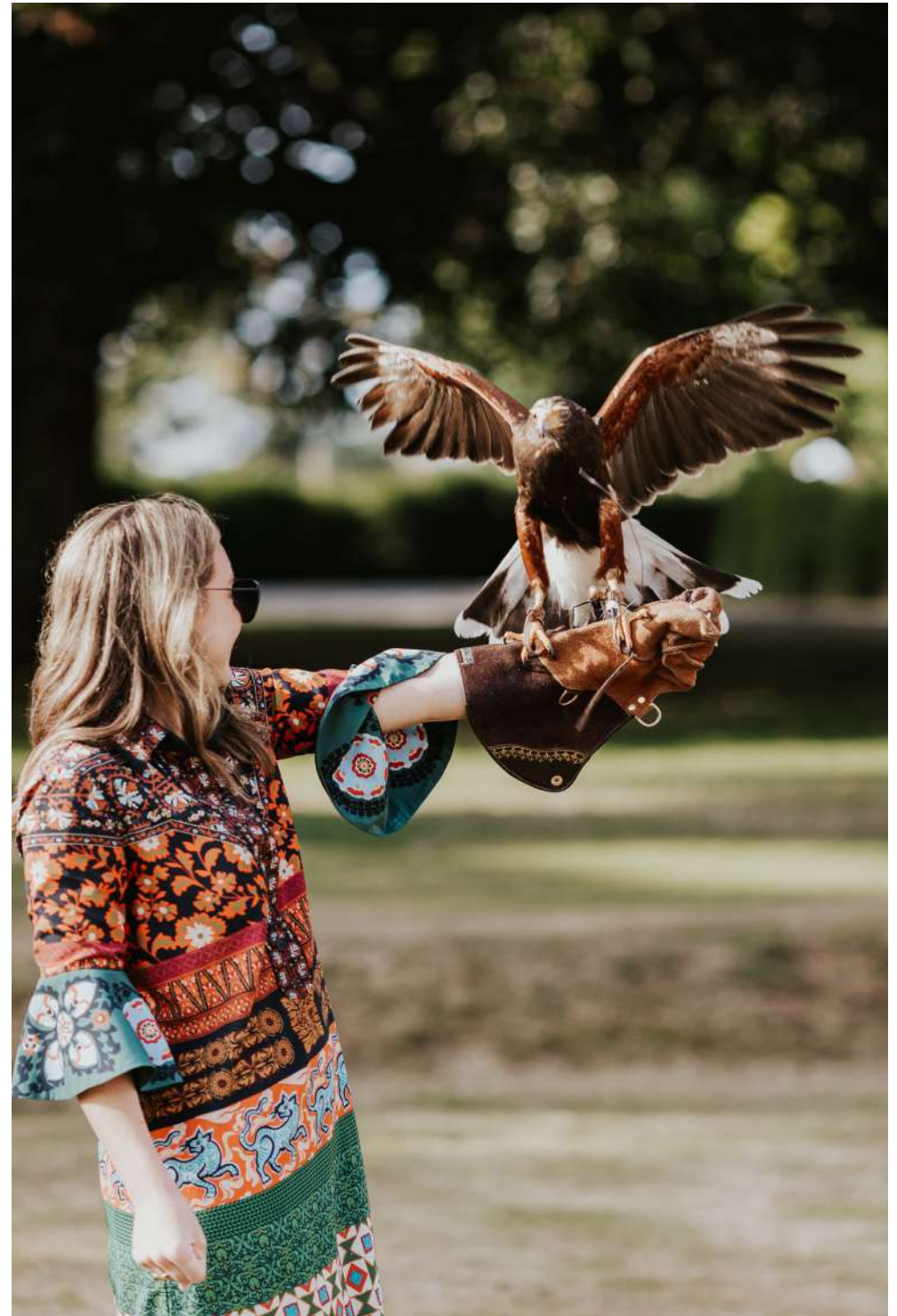
















MAKE IT MEMORABLE

## ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES

Make your wedding the memorable event you've always dreamed of by including additional exciting experiences for you and your guests. From Highland Games to falconry to relaxing spa treatments.

Lauderdale Estate provides access to some of the most unique activities that Scotland has to offer, as well as traditional country pursuits too.



To find out more about experiences and activities at the castle and the surrounding area, contact our team at [events@thirlestanecastle.co.uk](mailto:events@thirlestanecastle.co.uk).











DOTTING THE I'S & CROSSING THE T'S

## BOOKING & FAQs

Once you've decided that you'd like to hold your wedding at Thirlestane Castle, we can reserve your chosen date for up to one week. After this time, we request that you sign a booking form and pay 50% non-refundable deposit to secure your booking.

A further 40% of the total booking is due nine months prior to your wedding and the final 10% plus a fully refundable housekeeping damage deposit of £500 is due eight weeks before.

You can pay via cheque, bank transfer, or PayPal.



If you have any questions, please visit our wedding [FAQs page](#) on our website or reach out directly to our friendly team at [events@thirlestanecastle.co.uk](mailto:events@thirlestanecastle.co.uk).

\* The above booking terms are subject to change.











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We are delighted that you are interested in holding your wedding at Thirlestane Castle. To discuss your vision and how your celebration would come to life, please contact us on [events@thirlestanecastle.co.uk](mailto:events@thirlestanecastle.co.uk).



We'd like to say a huge thank you to all the wonderful couples who have previously held their wedding in our beautiful castle and have been kind enough to let us use their photography.



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