



WEDDINGS AT

MACKAYS

THE HOTEL WITH A HEART

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your forthcoming Wedding and extend our very best wishes for the future.

The team at Mackays offer you expert guidance to assist in organising your Wedding and making your day a truly memorable occasion.

You will have a dedicated Wedding Co-ordinator who will be with you every step of the way, ensuring each detail is taken care of for your special day.

We would recommend you make an appointment to view our facilities and you will be able to discuss your requirements in more detail as each wedding is tailored personally to meet your needs.

Whether you are planning a traditional reception, a civil ceremony, a civil partnership or celebrating many years together and renewing your vows, we will get to know you on a personal level, noting your individual requirements.

Warmest Regards

Murray and Ellie





It's not often that you get the opportunity to create history. But by getting married, you are choosing to do just that.

Whether you want your wedding to be part of an exciting family tradition, or the start of your own family history, Mackays Hotel, Wick is the best place to do it.

You could say that weddings are part of the brickwork at Mackays. At the heart of the hotel sits a unique archive of all the weddings, christenings and golden weddings which have taken place there since 1976. A bit like a "family tree" for big events in your family's history, we make it easy for you to choose the same wedding breakfast menu as your mother and father, or return to Mackays Hotel thirty years later and hold a reenactment of your big day again with the same timings, same menu and even the same guests!

It's not just our attention to detail which makes us different. Mackays Hotel has a few quirky claims to fame of its own. A marriage is the start of your journey through life together, and we can think of no better place to start that journey than at Ebenezer Place, the world's shortest street measuring 2.06m or 6ft 9in in length. From Ebenezer Place you can move in no less than five different directions, a fitting metaphor for married life.

Getting married can be very exciting, however the preparations can be daunting, so a little bit of expertise can go a very long way. Murray Lamont, proprietor of Mackays Hotel has many top tips for your wedding preparations, you will find these really useful. Mackays Hotel has been in Murray's family over 70 years, and as current day owners, Murray and Ellie's experience is unsurpassed locally, having 40 years practice of holding weddings. You can be confident that their advice will be the best in the business.



The first thing you need to remember is that this is your big day, so don't let anyone tell you how it will be run. Mackays Hotel has a "will do" attitude and we recognize that making your day perfect is our only concern. Combine that with the experience we have in wedding planning and you're onto a surefire winner that your big day will be a big hit.

Some people like to hold the ceremony and the reception in the same place, others like to have a separate venue for the ceremony. Mackays Hotel is licenced as a civil wedding venue, and we can offer civil or religious services in the hotel, or in our beautiful gardens at Langhills. At Mackays Hotel, the possibilities are countless. Your wedding reception can be a simple and very intimate affair in our Riverview Room, or grand and impressive in our large suite.

Our Stevenson Suite is the perfect setting for a sumptuous feast seating up to 150, and accommodating up to 250 for an evening reception.

When you book your wedding at Mackays Hotel, we will appoint a wedding co-ordinator to assist you with preparations and will provide you with a dedicated Master of Ceremonies on the day, the printing of the menus and table plans, a knife for the cutting of your wedding cake and put you up in our stunning honeymoon suite on the night of your nuptials.





AT MACKAYS WE INCLUDE...

- Complimentary Deluxe bedroom for the Bride & Groom on their wedding night, with a full Scottish breakfast the following morning
- Complimentary Room Hire for your wedding breakfast for parties over 40
- Special accommodation rates for your wedding guests
- A complimentary pre wedding meal tasting of your chosen menu for you and your partner (restrictions may apply)
- Your individual choice of menu - We specialise in fresh local produce wherever possible (Vegetarian and special diets can be arranged at no extra charge)
- Printed personalised menus
- Complimentary use of our cake stand and knife
- Linen napkins
- Master of ceremonies can be provided and the use of our P.A. System

Testimonials



“ We got everything we wanted and more, the service, the food, the decoration was just perfect. All our wedding guests who were staying in the hotel were so delighted with their rooms and delicious breakfast...

You made the happiest day of our lives just perfect and I can't thank you enough.

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“The service you provided was fantastic, you couldn't have done more to ensure all the guests were looked after.”

“The quality of food was amazing, professional service and all so friendly, everyone had a fantastic time and an absolute ball was had. Thank you to much for making it so special for us! I would highly recommend Mackays Hotel to anyone.”



Interview with Ellie Lamont - Mackays Wedding Coordinator

Describe the best wedding that's happened at Mackays:

That would be Karen's in 2022. Karen contacted me from Glasgow and apart from 1 meeting in the hotel for her bridesmaids to 'check us out' and give their approval (they did!) everything we did was online and by email. It was an absolute joy to have Karen's and Stuart's wedding with us. It's a big responsibility to deliver for our bridal couples and I never take anything for granted, Karen's comment after her wedding still brings tears to my eyes, 'Every bride needs an Ellie' 🥰

What is your No1 wedding tip for couples?

Don't agree to book accommodation for any guests, you've enough to do in the lead up to your wedding and you want to enjoy it! 🥰

What's your favourite personal touch you've seen at a wedding?

The groom making the favours and place names, he was a woodwork (is that still a word ??) teacher and made them himself with the help of some pupils 😊

Describe Mackays as a wedding venue in 5 words:

Friendly, professional, accommodating, caring and listens 🥰

What's the best photo spot at Mackays?

That would have to be on The Shortest Street in the World, Ebenezer Place which is at the end of our building, only 6ft 9 inches. Great fun squeezing everyone in for a group photo!





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Have you had any celebrity guest or wedding at Mackays?

All my brides are celebrities in my eyes 💕

What's your favourite canape?

I am a vegetarian so I only eat those, my current fav is Bruschetta with whipped feta and sun-dried tomato 😊 but the Beetroot jam, goats cheese, crisp bread comes a close second! So far the guests' fave is Haggis Bonbons, so much so that most other venues started offering them because they had so many requests!

What your favourite midnight treat?

Mmmmm nothing wedding related 😊, a hot chocolate made by hubby - it's annoying that he can make a better one than me!

What is Mackays' most unique feature?

For us it's not about the physical aspects, it's about our way of being, we want everyone to love being with us that they want to come back - I like to call it our Mackays Magic 💕

What part of your business are you most proud of?

I am most proud of our team and the way they carry on our ethos of looking after people. The best compliment I feel we ever had was a guest who stayed for 2 weeks writing a review and she said 'It's not like staying in a hotel, it's like staying in Murray and Ellie's home' That really touched me 🥺💕



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