



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Please find responses to common queries:

Ballybeg House is a private venue... how much personal organising is involved?

As much or as little as you like! Each and every wedding at Ballybeg is different, which reflects the varying tastes and preferences of our couples. We will always endeavor to accommodate your specific requirements and provide the support necessary to make your dream wedding experience a reality.

Would a marquee wedding during the winter months (November to March) could be cold and miserable?

The Marquee is centrally heated with thermostatic controls, which ensures the inside of the marquee is heated to whatever temperature you require. Winter weddings in Ballybeg are special as the open fires throughout the rest of the venue complement the marquee's cosy atmosphere.

How many guests can stay in Ballybeg?

Ballybeg House is not a hotel, but rather a 'Home from Home'. The House is equipped with crockery, cutlery, pots and pans, washing machine, tumble drier, dishwasher, fully functional Aga cooker, iron, etc. Everything you need to 'live' in the house, with the exception of food or drink! At Ballybeg we have 8 double bedrooms, sleeping 16 guests - ample for the bride and groom and immediate family and/or bridal party.

Note: accommodation for an additional 24 guests is in the pipeline for 2017/2018.

There is limited accommodation at Ballybeg House for guests - is this a problem and where do guests stay?

No, this is absolutely not a problem. There is a plethora of guest accommodation - all within 5 to 20 mins drive from Ballybeg and all recommended by us. The varied types of accommodation include: The Brooklodge Hotel & Spa, Lawless's Hotel, guest houses such as Madeline's in Tinahely and self catering accommodation such as Coolattin Lodge.

There is a wide selection of accommodation to meet all preferences and budgets.

Is there a taxi service to take guests to and from the venue?

Ballybeg Hackney Service will facilitate the transport to and from the wedding venue.

Tel: Cian on +353 (0)87 646 5994 (daytime)

Tel: Sean on +353 (0)87 966 0457 (night-time)

Tel: General on +353 (0)87 944 9036

Ballybeg also has a security person on duty for the night of the wedding. Jimmy will make sure no one gets left stranded.

Is it possible to organize a baby sitter in Ballybeg during the day of the wedding?

We have a list of local baby sitters who are familiar with Ballybeg house. If you like, we can organise a suitable babysitter for the young ones attending your wedding. Fees are at the babysitters' discretion and we recommend this is agreed in advance.

References are also available on request for each of our recommended child-minders.

Can I have a legally binding ceremony in the Ayers Ceremony Room?

The Ayers ceremony room has approval to hold Civil, Spiritual and Humanist ceremonies as well as religious blessings.

So how do on-site ceremonies at Ballybeg work?

Ballybeg is an approved venue for the on-site solemnisation of civil marriages. Your ceremony can take place in our medieval style ceremony room, with all your guests there to see the magic. And afterwards? No need for the hustle and bustle of catching buses, taxis or driving. In fact, your reception can begin immediately!

HSE/Civil Ceremonies

Civil ceremonies must be registered 6 months in advance.

The Wicklow Registry Office: Glenside Road, Wicklow Town.

Contact: +353 (0)404 68400. Ask for Katrina Long.

The Dublin Registry Office: Contact: +353 (0)1 678 7114. Ask for Theresa Byrne.

Civil Registrar

There are some Solemnisers in Ireland that have authority from the HSE to perform we ceremonies legally in Ireland at a time, date and location that suits you. These solemnisers tend to be more open minded about incorporating personal bel into your ceremony.

Tel: +353 (0)87 3567816.

Email: info@civilweddings.net

Website: www.civilweddings.net

Humanist Ceremonies

By Celebrant Dick Spicer: Humanist Wedding and Partnership ceremonies are all about a couple celebrating their love for each other and making a commitment to one another in the company of those people who are important to them. This is done with appropriate, well-chosen words, readings and music in a place of the couple's choosing. Dick has been carrying out ceremonies celebrating the full cycle of life for the past twelve years in Ireland.

Following the recent passing of the Civil Registration Amendment Act in December 2012 by the Dáil and Seanad, the General Register Office added all current HAI-accredited celebrants to the list of solemnisers meaning that a humanist ceremony is now officially recognised and a celebrant can legally marry couples.

For further inquiries contact: dickspicer@eircom.net or phone +353 (0)86 609 5799/+353 (0)1 286 9870.

Special Blessings

Dara Molloy is a Celtic priest and monk from the Aran Islands who will offer you a Celtic or Nature ceremony. This ceremony can include a Four Elements Blessing, Handfasting, a traditional Irish blessing and a blessing for the health and protection of your marriage. It can also include prayers, readings and music. The ceremony is non-denominational and more spiritual than religious. Religious references are only included if requested. It can be held outdoors, weather permitting or indoors. Depending on your choice, the celebrant will dress as a priest, monk, druid or in a layman's suit.

See his website at: www.daramolloy.com

Spiritualist Ceremonies

Spiritualist ceremonies are very similar to civil or humanist ceremonies in that they are legally recognised and official. However, within a spiritual ceremony a couple can incorporate their spiritual beliefs and often pay respect to loved ones passed. You can incorporate readings and music of your liking, and exchange vows and rings.

Tel: +353 (0)86 2657171.

Email: info@spiritualceremonies.ie

Website: www.spiritualceremonies.ie

What if we want to get married in a church?

If you decide not to use the ceremony room at Ballybeg there are a number of churches in the area that will suit your religious ceremony:

Crossbridge Church Tinahely.

Small, quaint church.

Contact: Fr. Raymond Gahan on +353 (0)402 38188.

Kilcommon Church Tinahely.

Church of Ireland.

Contact: The Rev. Ruth Elms on +353 (0)402 28922.

Aughrim Church Aughrim.

15 minutes drive from Ballybeg.

Contact: Edward Barry on +353 (0)402 36298.

St Patricks & St. Killians Clara Vale, Rathdrum.

30 min. drive from Ballybeg.

Saint Columbas Church Greenann.

25 minutes drive from Ballybeg.

Any other queries?

Please feel free to call or email us with any questions you may have...

Paddy on: +353 (0)87 2549234 (Availability & Bookings)

Teresa on: +353 (0)86 0222694 (Wedding Co-ordination)

or Email: info@ballybeg.ie