

Karen Campbell – 29th October 2015

We searched for the perfect location for a number of weekends and Lough Eske Castle was our last stop on a whistle stop wedding tour of Ireland. When we arrived we knew immediately that Lough Eske was the place!

A beautiful castle, a five star hotel, set in rural Donegal, it was just stunning. The place was so warm & friendly from the moment we stepped inside & were greeted by Peter who was on the front door. The fires were lit & there was a genuine 'feel good' buzz around the place amongst a very relaxed atmosphere.

Mark Langford was our wedding coordinator & to say his service was outstanding is a huge understatement. Mark would accommodate every need that we had. Very accessible by phone or email & always & instantaneous response, from the very beginning up until the day itself.

The day of the wedding itself was fantastic! We were greeted by Mark with a complimentary drink of our choice & then shown the wonderful ballroom that was decorated by Simply Devine from Donegal. The room was superb, everything we had asked for & more!

The entire waiting staff & bar staff were superb, accommodating to all 212 guests present & always going over & beyond to ensure the day ran with ease & efficiency! The service was second to none, polite & friendly throughout the entire day & evening. From the drinks reception to the residents bar the next morning, faultless!

As for the food, fantastic! Lough Eske's menu was excellent & lots to choose from. All of our guests were highly complimentary of the wonderful five course meal that was served as well as the wine that went along with the meal. Well worth a visit for the food alone!

Mark had left no stone unturned & was always in regular contact to reassure us & to make sure that we always had the final say on everything. To put into one word our experience of our wedding at Lough Eske, it would be amazing! Everything that we could have possibly have dreamed & the memories we will have from that day will be forever priceless

Donal Doherty - 10th October 2015

We got married at Lough Eske Castle on 10th October 2015 - such an incredible day which was made better by the setting and the experience. Stephen the wedding co-ordinator is fantastic and nothing was ever a problem. On the wedding day itself the staff were really professional and friendly and the meal was lovely. Both us and our guests had the times of our lives!

Clement Leguillon – 27th June 2015

We had an amazing time celebrating our union at lough eske castle. The staff is really nice and pay attention to details. The venue and the food were perfect and all our guests were really pleased about their time there.

Lyndsey Gallagher – 8th September 2015

We got married at Lough Eske Castle in September and we had the absolute best day of our lives. The staff were amazing, couldn't do enough for us and so friendly. The food was absolutely fabulous- everyone is still raving about the afternoon tea even now! The venue was so beautiful. The suites were fabulous and spacious. The staff ensured everything ran smoothly and the day flowed perfectly without a hitch. It was everything we wanted and so much more. We would definitely recommend Lough Eske to everyone we know and we have booked to go again already.

Michelle Black – 24th October 2015

Our wedding day was made extremely special and memorable for myself & my new husband along with all of our guests due to the attention and care taken by Stephen Bell and all of the staff at Lough Eske castle. Our initial meeting with Stephen and the rest of the staff was 1.5 years before our wedding day when we visited the castle for the first time & fell in love with the location for our special day. We were made to feel welcome and at home on every visit to the castle where Stephen would always make time to meet with us for a chat & coffee and discuss any small detail about the wedding. There was never an occasion that Stephen or any of the staff were too busy to discuss arrangements by phone or email and the room reservations for our guests was made simple and straight forward by Claire & Caoimhe. The quality of the food on the day & on every other occasion we visited the hotel was impeccable with any requests for alterations to the menu to suit guests noted & seen to on the day. All staff members were extremely helpful when it came to organising food or soft drinks for our daughter who at the time of our wedding was 1.5 and in need of much attention. The staff at the hotel were more than helpful in organising a babysitter for ourselves and other family members on the wedding night to allow us to continue enjoying the party after the children had gone to bed. Stephen, Donal and all of the managerial team were available throughout the day and on hand to organise the storage of decorations prior to the wedding and their swift & beautiful layout on the day. I had chosen to have my wedding makeup done by the makeup artists at the spa in the hotel who were more than happy to come to our location on the morning of the wedding to save time, Emma & Catriona did a fantastic job for myself, my mum & all the bridesmaids within an organised time frame, I thank them both & am extremely grateful to Emma for keeping me calm & collected while preparing me for the ceremony & taking care with me & my daughter as she had no problems working around my little one climbing up & down off my lap & giving me time to see to my daughter without pressure.

All round we couldn't wish for a better experience & have received many compliments from our guests on how fabulous the whole day was. The location & service was perfect & was overseen with calm & ease by Stephen Bell who was always accommodating & very kind. We will be making many trips to this beautiful homely place in the future & would highly recommend the castle as a fabulous wedding venue.

Claire Donaghy – 15th April 2015

*The service and attention to detail was amazing and made our day perfect, beyond our expectations. You are a fantastic team who appear to work seamlessly together to bring us and our guests an amazing experience. Solis Lough Eske is a beautiful place, but it's the staff that make the experience unforgettable, thank you so much again. Kind Regards
Claire and Chris*

Catherine McCauley – 5th September 2015

Hi Stephen

Thank you so so much for all your help with the Wedding- we had an absolutely wonderful day, it really was perfect. It flew by far too soon and we wish we could do it all again! We hope to celebrate our anniversary by returning so we are delighted to be able to come back to a venue that fulfilled all of our expectations...and more!

We have had so many compliments from our guests, they were so impressed with everyone at Lough Eske. I had a some lovely cards from people who wanted to pass on their thanks too- in particular one of my guests from London had her parents and new baby staying while she attended the wedding and she said the staff were excellent and kept her up to date with how the baby was doing and really made the whole experience relaxing and memorable- so thank you! They plan to return in the future they were so impressed.

Please thank the chef and rest of the team for us- everything was delicious! Everyone was so friendly and they couldn't do enough for us or our guests, we really were delighted.

We hope you are well.

Best wishes,

Cat and James

Ciara Regan – 3rd October 2015

We cannot thank all the staff at Lough Eske Castle enough for all their help and support with our wedding, not only in the run up, but also on the day itself. A special mention to Stephen Bell who from the first meeting to the day itself was nothing but a pleasure to deal with. Dealing with Lough Eske Castle removed any potential for stress and no request was too difficult.

We had the most amazing weekend of our lives, everything went so smoothly and the day went even better than we had ever expected. There were no issues at all (not a single thing didn't go as planned) and nothing was too much hassle for any of the staff – it really made the day for us.

We would wholeheartedly recommend Lough Eske Castle as a wedding venue - we absolutely made the right decision going with them, and didn't regret a second of it. The amount of guests who commented on the service, the staff, the food and the venue was amazing during the day and afterwards - this is what makes it all so special for us.

Thanks again to Stephen and the entire team for all their hard work, it was amazing!

-Ciara and Robert

Aine Mc Lean – 20th August 2015

Wow!!! what an amazing wedding we had at lough Eske Castle. When we were Deciding on our wedding venue, we wanted a few things. Amazing food, a beautiful venue and a wonderful memorable day for ourselves and our guests. Solis provided all of this and so much more.

The wedding coordinator Stephen Bell made everything so easy and hassle free for us, Meticulous in every way I knew anything we wanted would be looked after. From the menu tasting to the event planning to the wedding day itself the experience was magical.

I cannot say enough about the wonderful staff, attention to detail, fabulous food and incredible setting. Thanks again to all the team at Solis for a spectacular wedding day. Oh, and we loved our newbride silverware bride and groom gifts, such a lovely keepsake from our wedding day :-)

Niamh Hofman - 26th of September 2015

On the 26th of September 2015 we had our dream wedding at Solis Lough Eske Castle in Donegal. The obvious challenge for us, was planning the wedding from overseas given that we live in Australia however even from my initial discussion with Stephen Bell I felt confident in our decision with choosing Solis. Stephen provided outstanding support and guidance throughout the 14 months of planning and catered to all our needs and requests making the process a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

The day itself was magical and the professionalism and welcome provided by all the staff was second to none. I highly recommend Solis Lough Eske Castle and extend our sincere thanks to Stephen and all the staff for making our day so special.

Claire Ryan - 28th August 2015

A big thank you to all of the team at Lough Eske Castle, our Wedding Day was absolutely perfect...we would not have changed a thing!

Stephen Bell was simply a pleasure to work with, and Anthony and all of the service team worked so hard throughout the Wedding Breakfast, so many people commented on the attention to detail when it came to the service. The food was beautiful "right down to the burger at midnight" a quote from one of our guests! The castle is stunning and made a beautiful back drop for our photographs, and the lake...wow we have some gorgeous pictures which we will send on to Stephen Bell. Simply Divine did a fantastic job of dressing the venue for us, we thought arranging the Wedding from the UK might be tricky at times, but it went without a hitch. We wanted a woodland rustic theme and Monica delivered exactly what we asked for, thank you! We highly recommend the band Deja Groove from Sligo who were wonderful and kept us dancing all night! Les played some beautiful music on the Harp and the cake from Mocklers, yum! Our photographer Christina Brosnan features in Hello magazine this week she was fantastic, she didn't miss a moment, and captured the castle and all of the celebrations beautifully! To everyone else, thank you for making our Wedding a day to remember! We will return to Lough Eske Castle for a mini break in the summer, see you then!

With love from Mr and Mrs Ryan xx

Kathryn Maguire - 31st August 2015

Hi Stephen,

Just getting in touch to say a big thank you for everything in the planning of our wedding & in the day itself! Michael & I had an amazing reception in Lough Eske on 31st August & couldn't have asked for anything more for our wedding day!

The food was just fabulous, service fantastic, & all the staff were so friendly. All our guests had a wonderful day & spoke extremely highly of your hotel & staff. For those who stayed, they were very impressed with their rooms & the leisure facilities.

Lough Eske will always be a very special place to us & we hope to come back to visit in the future!

Thank you again, you made everything so easy, enjoyable, & stress free!!

Kind regards,

Kathryn & Michael

Lauren & Damien Mc Caughley - 29th August 2015

Dear Stephen and all the staff at Lough Eske,

Thank you so much for all the help and advice you gave us for our wedding, both on the day and in the months leading up to it. You made a very daunting task much easier and we really had a wonderful time. Lough Eske will always have a special place in our hearts.

-Laura & Damien Mc Caughley

Annika and Brendan Catney - 19th June 2015

Lough Eske is the best place to get married in Ireland. Knowing we wanted to get married in Ireland, we began to research the best places across the country. From an initial longlist of best venues, we were able to work out our list into a shortlist. Once we met Stephen Bell and the team at Lough Eske we knew instantly that Lough Eske would be our venue. The arrival to Lough Eske is impressive, but what really appealed to us was the genuine warm welcome and hospitality we received by Stephen and everyone at Lough Eske. From our first visit, Stephen explained everything involved in the planning and made it very easy for us. He is an expert at planning and went into the very fine details that we didn't even think about! The preparation provided for us ensured that we weren't stressed at any point leading up to, or on, our big day. The service at Lough Eske is outstanding too. Having guests coming from the US, Sweden, Germany and all over Ireland and the UK, many commented on how exceptionally friendly the staff were and how the service was the best they have ever received. This added to making our special day even better and the day flowed smoothly with no problems whatsoever. If you want to save an immense amount of time and research, we strongly recommend you choose Lough Eske Castle hotel as your wedding venue. Everything will be perfect!

Cara Kroslosky 29th April 2015

Having a small intimate wedding in a castle in Ireland was my ultimate goal. I searched for hours through countless websites looking for something to catch my eye. While all of the other castles I viewed were beautiful, Lough Eske had the perfect mix of old world traditional Irish castle flair mixed with the right touch of upscale modern luxury hotel. From the moment we met Stephen we felt completely comfortable and knew he had our best interests in mind, his suggestion for us to use the library for our ceremony was absolutely the perfect choice. He took my dress and the my husbands tux and had them pressed and cleaned as they undoubtedly had wrinkles from our flight. The staff at the hotel couldn't have been more accommodating either, they were always pleasant, eager to engage in conversation and incredibly friendly. Bernard, one of the servers during our cocktail hour and dinner reception, was exceptionally attentive and even answered our guests questions with a "wee" history lesson on burning peat in Ireland. It was a nice surprise to have received rose petals and truffles waiting in our room after our ceremony & reception. Stephen and all of the staff at Lough Eske helped make our wedding day truly a day we will never forget. Our only regret is that we didn't stay longer. Thankfully we can and undoubtably will return one day.

Laura Gallagher 25th April 2015

Myself and my husband quite honestly could not have asked for a nicer group of people, a fairytale venue (this is what the guests themselves said) and a calming, helpful and caring wedding planner in Mark Langford. We had over a 100 guests fly over from England to attend our wedding and everyone had the time of their lives. The food was outstanding, the organisation was exceptional and the customer service off the scale. There was nothing that couldn't be done for us and Mark and the team made our dreams come true. We will never forget Lough Eske and our wedding day and I literally couldn't rate or recommend it enough. 5 star perfection in every way!

Aoife & Kevin Treacy 27th February 2015

From the beginning Stephen and all the staff at Lough Eske were wonderful, helping to put our minds at ease and open to every possible thought or idea we had. As we were organising things from relatively far away it was of great importance to us that we could work closely with someone to plan the day, and in ensuring this Stephen Bell was fantastic; always available, quick to help and offering guidance and support at every point.

On the day itself, we could not have wished for more. Despite a hiccup or two everything was carried off beyond all of our hopes and expectations, and a huge number of friends and family complemented us for several of the little touches which were in fact provided by hotel staff. The staff were polite, accomodating and guaranteed that everything went exactly as we hoped. It would be impossible for us to recommend Lough Eske more!

Caitriona & Tadhg Beary - December 12th 2015

Our wedding day on December 12th 2014 was a truly wonderful day, with the highlight of the day been our reception at the Lough Eske Castle, outside Donegal Town. This was thanks to the attentive & professional staff, in particular Stephen, Anthony & Niamh who could not possibly have done any more for us on the day.

We met Stephen on Saturday 6th September 2014 and asked him if he had any free Friday's or Saturday's for that December. I don't think he believed us when we told him we were indeed planning our wedding for that time. From the moment we secured Friday 12th Dec, Stephen dilligently navigated us through all the necessary plans to host a wedding reception for 100 people. We didn't have the worry about a thing and completely trusted that Stephen had everything under control.

The wedding reception was better than we could ever have imagined. Stephen welcomed us with a glass of champagne and chaperoned us into the foyer, whereby we saw all of our guests mingling, enjoying the canapes, champagne & all the other delights on offer. The attention to detail from the staff was evident everywhere i.e. the table layouts, the lighting, the table service, the background music. We were served the most amazing meal, which was commented on by many of our guests. The whole evening was magical and our wedding day was followed by an equally memorable day, spending time with our family & friends, enjoying the wonderful ambience & hospitality of the Lough Eske hotel.

We would like to thank all of the staff at Lough Eske, who really helped to make our day one that we will remember forever. Stephen Bell is a consummate professional and a wonderful asset to the Lough Eske. We would highly recommend the Lough Eske hotel for any special occasion particualry a wedding; one would travel a long way before encountering a place as special as the Solis Lough Eske Castle.

Jane Cassidy – 20th December 2014

We were married in Donegal town 20/12/14 we had our reception in Solis Lough Eske Castle, our experience from start to finish was second to none! As we knew it would be! My cousin was married a few years previous and he the same experience! The staff were all so friendly and helpful...there when we needed them but not in an annoying way! All our guests loved the atmosphere, food everything! We had a ball! To serve as many dinners (over 200) and for everyone's to come out at the same very high standard is something exceptional! The venue itself is beautiful! For somewhere so grand it really gives you a cosy home from home feel! Planning the wedding with Mark was a complete doddle too...he was very helpful in helping us work out the details, advice on what to serve, accomodtion etc first class experience! Would recommend to everyone and anyone!

Anne Breslin - 30th December 2014

We had our wedding reception on the 30th December 2014 at Lough Eske Castle. The hotel was beautiful, the service exceptional, the food amazing and the bedrooms fabulous. Everyone was delighted with the day, the venue and the location. It was magical. Our guests are still talking about the day and there will be many repeat visits not least ourselves. Stephen was an absolute pleasure to work with and made the whole process so easy. Himself, his team and the staff in general couldn't have been nicer and deserve their 5.*

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