

We married at THE LODGE ON LOCH LOMOND

Luss

Alannah
Carrigan and
James McCorrie,
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For Alannah, it was always going to be a toss-up between loch views or a castle. “James would tell everyone that was what I wanted for our wedding,” she says. “Turns out he was right – those were exactly the venues I viewed!”

The bride-to-be knew she wanted “something magical”, so she focused her search on the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond. “I visited four venues there before choosing the Lodge on Loch Lomond.”

The couple had the booking sorted a year and a half before their date. Even though they were well in advance, it wasn't early enough to secure them their hoped-for date: “At the time, I felt I'd not got my dream date – I always thought August would be best,” admits Alannah. “But I was wrong: our day in September was absolutely glorious.”

The weather was so good, in fact, that she was able to fulfil her dream of marrying outdoors by the beach, loch and pier.

Alannah was sceptical at first about whether it was worth attempting an outdoor ceremony. “I couldn't decide if it was a good idea

or not, but Carla, our co-ordinator, came to my room and made the decision for me. ‘Go for it!’ she said, so I did!”

After the ceremony, the 150 guests enjoyed a drinks reception in the Glen Luss suite overlooking the beach, followed by a meal (chilli and onion soup, followed by chicken Balmoral – “We tried to choose food that would suit everyone, and we had great feedback”) and reception in the Macmillan suite, where a further 50 guests joined them. “We both have big families and lots of friends so it was great to have so many of them there.”

The theme of the day was a mix of summer and Scotland, with a few vintage details. “We had peach-sherbet-coloured flowers and bridesmaid dresses, kilts and a

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touch of vintage through the beading on my dress and Gatsby-style Swarovski headpiece."

She was keen to enlist one particular supplier to help with the décor: Jordana Events. "I had my heart set on it," she says. "I was so happy with my over-the-top flowers, centrepieces and candles."

Pulling the whole day together worried the bride, but the team at the Lodge on Loch Lomond took care of everything. "We had so many different suppliers - harpist, band, photographer, videographer, yacht, fireworks, décor, coaches, etc - but the staff didn't bother us once with any of it. Everything ran smoothly."

Alannah has special praise for the Lodge's wedding co-ordinator. "Carla Gannon was a great help. I thought I was annoying her with all my questions but she was always happy and swift to respond."

To get the most out of the venue's beautiful surroundings, Alannah spent three nights at the hotel. "I stayed the night before my wedding with my family and bridesmaids, the night of the wedding with James (lots of guests stayed over too), then the night after with our close friends."

The bedrooms really impressed her: "They all have views of the loch and Luss. We caught the sunset, too. It was amazing!"

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