



Stephanie Mitchell
and Adam Johnstone,
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Whether you decide to marry in the city, out in the countryside or even abroad, chances are you've chosen your particular location because of its attractive backdrop. This was at the top of bride Stephanie and groom Adam's wishlist, and, boy, did they strike gold when they married at the picturesque Lodge on Loch Lomond. "We were looking for somewhere that had a beautiful setting for photographs, and that was also quite modern with a traditional Scottish feel," recalls Stephanie. "The Lodge on Loch Lomond truly fitted the bill." Having spotted it online not long after they were engaged, it stuck with them all through the planning stages. "When we were scoping out potential venues, it stood out against everywhere else," says Stephanie. "And the day we actually went to see it, we totally fell in love with it."

To take full advantage of the Lodge's superb views, she and Adam married outdoors. "We had our ceremony on the Glen Luss patio - we were very lucky with the weather. It was so sunny, we had our drinks reception outside too." After enjoying prosecco and beer, everyone headed inside for a meal in the McMillan suite. "It was great to have two separate spaces," smiles Stephanie. "It felt like a new location for the second part of our day."

To make the wedding planning as smooth as possible, the Lodge on Loch Lomond offered the couple an all-inclusive package. "This included room hire, a three-course wedding meal, a drinks package (bubbles on arrival and for the toasts, and wine with the meal), cake stand and knife, toastmaster, chair covers, aisle runner





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and on-the-day wedding stationery - menu cards, place cards, table plan and table names - plus a night in the honeymoon suite with breakfast,” lists the bride. “We ended up sourcing our own stationery, aisle runner and chair ties, but it’s heartening to know that these were offered, particularly if you’re on a tight budget.”

The couple invited plenty of family and friends to their celebration. “We had 124 day guests with an additional 60 in the evening,” says Stephanie. “A few made the journey from down south, but the majority were travelling from West Lothian. I’d been slightly nervous that the distance might put some people off, but in the end all of our guests stayed over at the venue or nearby for the full weekend.” Loch Lomond, it seems, has an irresistible pull.

With the couple shouldering most of the wedding planning, they could easily have started to feel really stressed had the staff at the Lodge on Loch Lomond not worked hard to keep them relaxed. “I was a bit worried before our final meeting, but Ayesha, our wedding co-ordinator, really calmed me down. She went through the order of the day, reassuring us that everything would go to plan - and it did.

“There are so many reasons for recommending the Lodge on Loch Lomond,” concludes the bride. “The location is surreal, the food is delicious, the staff are amazing and the rooms and suites are unbelievable. I couldn’t fault anything. Our day was absolutely perfect.”

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