



CORTES HOUSE

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WEDDING BROCHURE

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WELCOME TO CORTES HOUSE

Thank you very much for your enquiry about holding your wedding at Cortes House. The following brochure has been designed to provide some helpful information about weddings at Cortes and how they work.

OUR ETHOS

We believe life is too short to settle for anything less than the spectacular. Natural beauty, architectural harmony, gourmet dining, charming views and sumptuous design.

Hence our motto:



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WEDDINGS AT CORTES



A wedding at Cortes House is exactly what you want it to be. You choose the when, the how, the how big or how small. We cater for weddings from 4 (as you will need 2 witnesses!) up to 85 with up to 30 people being able to stay at Cortes House for the duration of your rental. You can stay for a couple of days or a whole week. Whatever you choose, we have a package to suit you.



HOW IT WORKS



At Cortes, the choice is always yours. Would you rather hold the ceremony in a church or in the house? The banquet in the dining room or a marquee?

For weddings at Cortes, we rent the house on an exclusive use basis. What does that mean? Well, it means you are Laird and Lady of the manor for the duration of your stay – the house is yours to hold your celebrations, stay the night, and wake up surrounded by your family and friends. From the glorious light-flooded atrium, to the individually designed bedrooms and reception rooms, everything is yours for your time at Cortes.



CAPACITY



For an elegant sit down meal, up to 55 can be accommodated in the dining room and if you also use the inter-connecting reception room then you can have up to 85 seated. Alternatively, expand the celebrations outside to a marquee that can accommodate up to 120 guests.

Our exclusive-use policy means that you and many of your guests can stay the night at Cortes after the wedding – no need to drive off home!

The main house sleeps up to 24 in 10 bedrooms. Some rooms are triples and two are family rooms, so, if you prefer to keep a traditional 2 person room then the house sleeps 20 people in considerable luxury. In addition, there are two triple, en-suite bedrooms on the lower ground floor, allowing a total of up to 30 people to sleep in the house. We also have two Z-beds available should you wish to maximise the house capacity to 32 people.



REFURBISHMENT



The house was fully refurbished four years ago. We currently hold a 4* rating for the property from Visit Scotland. All the period features of the house have been retained, the old fireplaces, the intricate cornicing, the frescoes in the atrium etc. The reception rooms are done up in a very elegant fashion (no chintz!) and the bedrooms and bathrooms are highly individual in style. Each has its own theme and identity and each bathroom is also entirely different from all the others. For example, the bathroom to the bridal suite has travertine stone from Italy and hand-painted garlands of grapes, another has mosaics of dolphins, specially created for us by an artist, whilst yet another has a huge modern shower with black stones. The idea is to get as far away as possible from the anonymous hotel feeling!





The BEDROOMS

Each bedroom at Cortes House is unique. They have all been individually decorated, with our interior designer's signature flair. Each has its own name and theme, and you will find charming design gems across the house.

The whole house is designed around a central atrium, with a cupola at its top, flooding the staircase with light. All the bedrooms are arranged around this staircase, making the whole space feel very open. There are 10 bedrooms in this area of the main house, with large windows and sumptuous furnishings.

There are also a further 2 bedrooms on the lower ground floor of the house if you wish to use it at full capacity.





The RECEPTION ROOMS

The reception rooms at Cortes House have the same diverse feel as its bedrooms. The main reception room is large and spacious, with a majestic stag gazing down from above the fireplace.

There are two further reception rooms on the ground floor – The Red Room, a charming space that is ideal for reclining, and the Library for you or your guests to relax.

The family kitchen is always a favourite for groups to spend time, and is well stocked and spacious.

The dining room of course is a central point for weddings at Cortes, either to hold the evening banquet, and then the perfect spot to clear the tables and dance the night away!





WEDDING LICENSE

We hold a civil wedding licence. Please note: it is your responsibility to book the registrar for your wedding. To enquire about the registrar's costs and availability please contact:

Fraserburgh Registrar

14 Saltoun Square, Fraserburgh , AB43 9DA

Tel: 01346 513281

Email: fraserburgh.registrar@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

WEDDING PLANNING

If the notion of organising your own wedding sounds daunting, you then don't have to organise all of the details yourself – you can truly relax on the day! Please see our wedding suppliers list for the options available.

DURATION OF STAY

You can rent Cortes House either for a weekend or a full week. A weekend runs from a Friday to a Sunday and you choose exactly when you'd like to arrive on the Friday and when you'd like to leave on the Sunday. A week stay can start from any day in the week, just let us know what you prefer!

DRINK & DANCING

Cortes House has a beverage and entertainment licence for weddings, allowing you to have a live band or DJ. Dance the night away in one of our fantastic reception rooms.

WEDDING SUPPLIERS

We have a list of wedding suppliers that we work with at Cortes House. From florists to photographers, beauticians to wedding cakes, we would be delighted to give you recommendations, but you are entirely free to choose any supplier you like, or to bring in your own.



The CATERING

We have found that many brides like to organise their big day exactly as they want it, rather than having us dictate what they should have, therefore, the house is offered on a self-catering basis.

However, for the wedding banquet we would be delighted to recommend a caterer who will supply you with various menus, or equally you are very welcome to choose your own. Preparation of the tables and waiting at the tables (for the wedding banquet) is done by the caterer's staff.





BOOKING TERMS

The booking terms are as follows:

Non-refundable deposit to secure the booking – 30%

6 months before wedding – 20% of total

2 months before wedding – 50% of total (ie outstanding balance)

The cancellation terms are as follows:

Up to 9 months before the event there is no charge apart from loss of deposit (ie 30%)

6–9 months before the event there is a 50% charge

Less than 6 months before the event there is a full charge

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING DEPOSIT

As the house is given to you on an exclusive basis, we need to protect ourselves against damage and breakages. There is therefore a Good Housekeeping Deposit (the “GHD”) to be paid when the house is rented. This GHD of £750 is cashed two months before your stay and is fully refundable within ten days of the end of your stay provided there is no damage to any part of the property or contents.



VISITING

Although we have many beautiful photos of Cortes on the website, no pictures can truly do justice. We would therefore be delighted to give you a tour of the house To arrange a viewing please contact us at either enquiries@perfect-manors.com or by telephone: 0845 057 4212.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact a member of the team on the details above.

Best regards,

Gillian

Gillian Lacey-Solymar
Owner of Cortes House
Part of the Perfect Manors Group



The
**ROMANTIC
WEDDING**

Aimie and John's wedding was all about romance, from the bows on the dress and tables, to the atrium's glowing candles. They chose to tie the knot at a local church, and then held a glorious dinner in the dining room.

"All our expectations were exceeded"
Aimie and John



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