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CASTLE & GARDENS



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## ARDGOWAN HOUSE, CASTLE & GARDENS

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Ardgowan, which has been home to my family since King Robert III granted the lands to his son, my ancestor John Stewart on the 6th April 1404. Steeped in history and romance Ardgowan has a long, illustrious and somewhat colourful back-story, which stretches from Robert the Bruce to Florence Nightingale encompassing Napoleon Bonaparte and even Pocahontas!

The current house, a grade one listed 76 room Palladian mansion, has been home to seven generations of my family. It's been a house much lived in and loved and I always feel that the walls have absorbed some of that delight giving Ardgowan the lovely atmosphere that it has.

*Ludo Shaw Stewart*

Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart



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## A DESTINATION VENUE

### THE PERFECT SETTING

Ardgowan has been described as “the most beautiful house on the West Coast of Scotland” and photographers often complain that there’s simply not enough time to capture the beauty of the magnificent house, the 400 acre private park overlooking the Clyde or the private garden with its ruined chapel, medieval castle, famous Cedar tree of Lebanon and inner “Secret Garden”.

### ON YOUR DOORSTEP

A world apart and yet easy to get to, you wouldn’t believe Ardgowan is only 45 minutes from Glasgow and 35 minutes from Glasgow Airport, nestled as it is on the closest coast to the city within a pocket of leafy countryside. Well serviced by motorway and rail links, Ardgowan has that rare combination of beauty, privacy and accessibility.



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## EXCLUSIVELY YOURS

### A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Whilst rich in treasures, Ardgowan retains the warmth and welcome of a much-loved family home. Each booking comes with the guarantee of exclusive use, which affords you the luxury of both privacy and flexibility in terms of how you adapt the venue to your needs to tailor make the wedding of your dreams.

### YOU'RE IN SAFE HANDS

The fun part of getting married is creating a day that is bespoke to you and our friendly professional team take great pride in providing you with all the guidance and advice that comes from years of experience. We will sit down with you and work within your budget to make it a magical day, with memories to treasure forever.



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## THE CEREMONY

As a licensed venue, your civil or religious ceremony can be held in a beautiful array of unique and characterful spaces throughout Ardgowan House and Gardens. For more intimate ceremonies we would suggest the magnificent Sculpture Gallery, adorned with casts of Classical sculpture or the charming Willow Room with hand painted fronds of Willow cascading down its walls.

For larger ceremonies we would recommend the silk panelled Myrtle room at the very heart of the house which has direct access into the magical private gardens or the Grand hall where guests can marvel at the glass capped domed gallery - a feat of engineering that stretches up three storey above you. Whatever you choose, rest assured that you'll be saying "I do" in the most spectacular of settings.



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## THE RECEPTION

Ardgowan has many enchanting places to celebrate your first moments as a newly married couple. We'll have staff on standby with canapés and champagne on ice to ensure that your guests are well catered for while you're having your photos taken.

With many wonderful reception spaces on offer ranging from the Library with its classic and elegant interior to the newly refurbished suite of downstairs "Garden Rooms" which gives a modern twist to the country house style, we'll ensure that you're guests are wowed by the truly breath-taking beauty and grandeur of Ardgowan House, Castle & Gardens.



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## THE WEDDING BREAKFAST

Our classically trained chefs are able to create traditional, delicious and innovative Banqueting menus in a style best described as Scottish with a contemporary twist.

Using the freshest locally sourced produce and seasonal ingredients, we are able to accommodate a range of cultural and dietary requirements covering all aspects of the day from canapés through to the Wedding Breakfast and Evening Buffet.

Wines, Sparkling Wines and Champagnes come directly from Sir Ludovic's cellar and have been carefully selected from traditional and new world vineyards to complement our menus.



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### THE LIBRARY

This stylish and classically decorated country house room is lined with beautiful 18th century antique bookcases, oil paintings, antique furniture and objet d'art. With its grand and yet homely ambience you can see why it's been used to host Royalty and Dignitaries over the centuries.

- Reception - 40 |

### THE MYRTLE ROOM

So called because the Myrtle tree in the border outside was grown from a sprig taken from Lady Octavia's wildflower crown worn on her wedding day in the 19th century. This magical silk panelled Room has a curved wall echoing the bow of the house and direct access to the Garden Terrace.

- Ceremony - 130 | Dinner - 60 | Reception - 60 |

### THE STATE DINING ROOM

Densely hung with historic family portraits this luxurious, cosy and spacious room commands superb views over the gardens, which are accessible via a first floor glass panelled Orangerie unique to Scotland and brimming with Flowers and plants climbing up its walls.

- Dinner - 50 |



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### THE SCULPTURE GALLERY

Intimate yet impressive this elaborately corniced room is hung floor to ceiling with casts of classical sculpture, a ballroom chandelier and decadent velvet curtains giving it a chic contemporary feel which makes it a firm favourite for intimate Ceremonies.

- Dinner - 50 | Ceremony - 95 | Reception - 60 |

### THE GRAND HALL

Ascend the grand staircase and marvel at the glass capped domed hallway - a feat of engineering that stretches up three storeys above you. This is a truly unique ceremony space that can seat guests over 3 floors. The elegant sweeping staircase makes the perfect fairytale entrance for the Bride.

- Ceremony - 95 |

### THE WILLOW ROOM

This room feels like an extension of the garden, which is visible through the magnificent Diocletian window. With hand painted fronds of Willow cascading down its walls and Chinese lanterns suspended from the ceiling on trellis, this room is exotic, airy, light and above all romantic.

- Ceremony - 85 | Dinner - 50 | Reception - 60 |



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### THE ROSE ROOM

This stone and rose coloured room is decorated with panels showing the Roman paintings at the Villa Liva. There is also a skylight, which has been hand painted to look like a canopy of stars. It has direct access into the Secret Garden via the Rose Room Vestibule.

- Ceremony - 30 | Dinner - 20 | Reception - 40 |

### THE MINTON HALL

With it's eye catching multicoloured Minton tiled floor and walls decorated with hand painted Etruscan friezes, this beautiful space entering onto the main staircase perfectly captures the 19th century obsession with grandeur of a sort befitting the front hall of a stately home.

- Ceremony - 50 | Reception - 70 |

### MARQUEES

For larger weddings we would recommend going down the marquee/tipi route for the Wedding Breakfast and Afterparty. We have a number of scenic locations for these to be situated and we can recommend some great tried and tested marquee companies that we've worked with in the past.

- Dinner - TBC | Reception - TBC (depending on marquee size) |



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### THE GARDEN ROOMS

All three of the Garden Rooms (The Willow Room, The Myrtle Room and The Rose Room) are interlinked which aids the flow of the day making them ideal for larger drinks receptions. The Rose Room and Myrtle Room also have their own exits into the Garden, which allows for the circulation of even larger numbers. The Garden Rooms are in close proximity to the newly installed and beautifully decorated in-house downstairs toilets.

- Reception - 100 |

### THE PRIVATE GARDENS

A series of magical outdoor spaces consisting of the Rose Garden, the raised terrace, the Secret garden and the Lawn with its long walk leading to the medieval castle, the Gardens are a beautiful and versatile addition to the house rooms. Directly accessible from the Orangerie upstairs and the Rose and Myrtle Rooms downstairs, the Gardens are a popular choice for outdoor ceremonies, drinks receptions and as an additional breakout space for guests to enjoy at their leisure.

- Ceremony - unlimited | Reception - unlimited |



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## BEDROOMS

Arrive on the day before the ceremony and settle into one of our unique state bedrooms, decorated in the country house style and resplendent with antique furniture, fittings, furnishings and books by the bedside for you to dip into. Although grand in appearance these rooms have been designed for maximum comfort, cosiness and warmth. Wake from a peaceful nights sleep in beautiful surroundings to a deliciously hearty breakfast among your closest family and friends.

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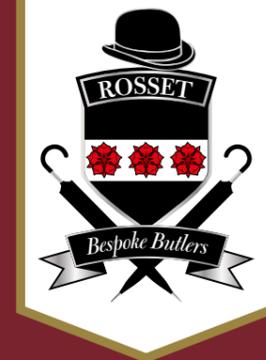
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