



Kinsale, Cork Ireland

Testimonials



A Bespoke Private Wedding At Ballinacurra House Kinsale

As an Exclusive Use Private Venue we rely on Testimonials and “Word of Mouth” endorsement for our business. For the client looking to book, it’s easy to see the quality on offer at certain venues but not always easy to assess will the venue deliver on whole range of wedding services such as Food and Beverage, staff, ambience, supplier advice, stunning location, grounds, heritage town, access to Cork airport etc.

Our reviews bear testament to Ballinacurra House’s bespoke style – with every room a different theme guaranteeing a signature experience. The following references show we deliver above and beyond the quality on display.

We can supply full contact details for all of the following clients that will attest to the quality on offer of a “Strictly Private” Estate minutes from Kinsale – Irelands Culinary Capital.

“I would just like to thank Des and Lisa and all the amazing staff at this superb venue for making mine and Meaves wedding day here yesterday such a brilliant and special day. This place is so so brilliant! We cannot speak highly enough of Ballinacurra House and their staff - thank you so much”

Joe & Meave – Cork

“Thanks to everyone at Ballinacurra House for making our wedding weekend truly unforgettable. The secluded property and grounds allowed us to have the intimate celebration with our closest friends and family that we were looking for.

Planning the wedding from abroad was made easy with Des and Lisa's suggestions and extensive experience. However, we never lost the flexibility to make the wedding truly personal and it was their ability to meet all our bespoke requests that make the wedding so perfect.

We also need to give a massive thanks to the truly invaluable Declan who seemed to have the ability to be in all places at all times throughout the weekend. He personally solved a couple of last minute wedding emergencies that really made the difference”.

Julie & Llion - Canada

"Just a quick note to thank you and all the team for everything you did to make our wedding so special.

We have just returned from an amazing honeymoon but despite all the great hotels and hospitality its fair to say nothing quite topped the service and style at Ballinacurra.

Your unique mix of eclectic style and understated 5 star service definitely put you in a league all of your own.

We couldn't recommend Ballinacurra more highly to anyone looking to have a wedding tailored to your own specifics and taste and executed faultlessly.

Des, Lisa and all the team from top to bottom, you guys truly epitomize the meaning of hospitality! We can't thank you enough.

Its hard to put into words what you guys do and how you do it. Excellent service, style and delivery.

Totally customer focused but without pretense. I think it is this that sets you apart and that which we will most certainly try to emulate in our new little establishment. Imitation being the sincerest form of flattery!"

Adriana & Mark – Dublin

"Thanks so much for the memorable weekend that we spent at Ballinacurra House. We were all completely blown away by the service, the standard of care, the attention to detail and the way in which the staff, especially Declan, made us feel totally at home. I only wish I had another big party coming up to organize with you.

Feel free to use the above as a testimonial on your website. We will most definitely spread the word about Ballinacurra as I am sure will everyone who attended our wedding".

Aileen & Manu - Paris

"Everybody thought we were crazy to have booked our wedding venue having found it online and never visited. Planning a wedding from abroad is difficult enough, not to mention planning one at a venue you've never even seen! Added to this were the challenges we faced in trying to plan an Irish-Indian cross-cultural celebration and to top it all off, the very specific dietary requirements of our vegetarian Indian family and friends. Ballinacurra House, unlike many of the other venues we considered, were excited at the prospect of making our day one to remember. In the months that followed our decision to book, we exchanged countless emails with Des and Lisa to agree every detail. The day itself surpassed our highest hopes. As each guest arrived and stepped out into the sun-dappled courtyard (in Ireland, in April no less!), exclamations of awe could be heard in equal measure to the excited well-wishers. And so it continued as the evening went on. Our only regret as we left the following day was that we could not have stayed longer to enjoy the house and grounds, not to mention the delicious food!"

Cliona & Paras - Canada

"Denise and I would just like to express our appreciation for all the effort and organisation undertaken by you and your staff to ensure our wedding day went smoothly. We had a great day, far more relaxed and enjoyable than we had expected. The feedback from our guests has been hugely positive with all enjoying the lovely house, great food and entertainment. We will have no hesitation in recommending Ballinacurra House to our friends and colleagues. (Please feel free to use as a testimonial if you wish.)"

Damien & Denise - UK

"We're just getting around to dropping you a few lines to thank you for everything you did for us during our couple of days with you in April. Your venue, your advice and your staff made our wedding the magical occasion we'd hoped it would be.

From our first meeting you worked with us to help create something special and all your recommendations were perfect. The Frets, DJ Denis, Carouse, Lorraine the hairdresser, Ewan our church singer were all amazing and having these recommendations from you certainly made our life much easier.

We both can't say enough about the staff, especially Declan, who really made the whole occasion so relaxed and professional.

The food, from the BBQ, to the canapés, wedding meal and late night pizzas, was simply outstanding and everybody was raving about it.

I know our guests appreciated everything you did and as for Maria and I; well you helped make the most special day of our lives as memorable and unique as we'd hoped and we can't thank you enough for that.

I wish the both of you and your venue and staff continuing success for the future. You have created something special.

Darren & Maria – Dublin

"We're back from our "official" honeymoon in Brazil, but for us the honeymoon really started with our destination wedding at Ballinacurra House. Everything about the weekend we had there was perfect. A destination wedding weekend is such a great way to go about the festivities! Having our guests arrive on the Friday let everyone decompress, get caught up and relax over a dinner, drinks and great entertainment from the Frets. Friday's relaxed party vibe set a really happy tone for the wedding on Saturday. Having everyone and everything in one place that was fully private for our party really took the stress out of the wedding day. The house itself with all its great spaces was a perfect for the intimate celebration we wanted. Everything from breakfast at the house to the Kinsale lunch excursion to the cocktail hour to the delicious tasting menu for dinner made sure our guests were very well fed and watered. Declan, Bianca and the rest of the team did an excellent job of making sure everyone was comfortable - from the toddlers to the oldies. And Dee's "suitcases" wedding cake creation was a real hit! Your suggestion of Soul Driven and DCDJ for Saturday's party were pitch perfect. We were worried that planning the event from so far away would be difficult but it honestly felt like we were guests at our own wedding because you and Lisa took care of everything. Thanks again for giving us such a great experience - we're already trying to think of excuses to have another event there! We really had such a great time - everyone is still talking about it. You guys have such a great thing going there!

Amanda & Roger - Brazil

"Thanks to Des, Lisa and all the staff at Ballinacurra House for making our wedding weekend so special and unforgettable.

We live in New York and both are very, very busy which gave us pause in booking a Destination Wedding and having to deal with the logistics involved from another continent. However both you and Lisa made everything easy and straightforward. You gave us stellar recommendations for a cake maker, bands, DJ, printers etc.

We spent three nights at Ballinacurra, had 40 + people stay at the house, had 80+ people at the wedding, had breakfasts, snacks, soups, bar, wedding ceremony, cocktail hour, two different bands on two nights, a DJ and transportation services. Everything was coordinated and organized for us and your suggestions were spot on.

The house and setting is totally spectacular, but Des, Lisa and the staff are what made the occasion truly great (special thanks to Declan and Bianca). The attention to detail, professionalism and genuine friendly hospitality of everyone at Ballinacurra was fantastic.

The weekend could not have been better, everybody had a fantastic time and all our guests are still talking about it. We ourselves had the greatest experience and thoroughly enjoyed our special time.

There is not one thing we would have done differently, nothing.

A heartfelt thanks to all at the Ballinacurra House.

Harvey & Sheila – New York

"My wife and I were just married at Ballinacurra House in July 2011. Though my wife is Irish, we both live outside of Ireland with my wife in Hong Kong and me based in China - and so began planning 8 – 12 months in advance.

From the very first day to the very last minute, Des and Lisa were a pleasure to work with; professional and personable in every way. They were flexible and informed, made suggestions when needed (about every possible detail), are connected to any support services required (from bands to babysitters), and responded promptly and professionally.

The grounds are stunning. The staff are courteous, friendly and fun – going that extra mile to make you and your guests feel welcome and special. The food is phenomenal! And - when it was all said and done, planned expenses and actual expenses were almost exact.

Des, Lisa and the rest of Ballinacurra House made our wedding a true fairytale and we recommend them highly and unreservedly. "

Peter & Anne – Hong Kong

When we first saw Ballinacurra House, we knew it was the type of place where we wanted to get married: it being a discrete traditional, country house. However, the day and the location far exceeded our own wildest expectations and dreams and certainly wowed our close family and friends. The staff - headed by Declan - were wonderful, present if needed and then slipping into the shadows when required. Thus, we felt like we were welcoming and waving off our guests from our own beautiful stately home. Plus the patch in front of the house was a magical place to host our small wedding.... Ballinacurra House – magnificent, marvellous, fantastic, first class!

Mary & Pat – Cork