



Here are just a selection of our Wedding Testimonials
'In Their Words' – from 2017

From: Linda Cronin, Ireland - December 2017

Meant to send this sooner. I know I thanked you the last time I was on but where do u start really. I can't thank you enough! Pass on my thanks to Des and Lisa as well as they were incredible. From the very start when we came to you were so enthusiastic and positive and helpful. You went above and beyond to help us pull this off and it was the most incredible day. Every last detail from the ceremony, the rooms, the incredible staff the service. The food was out of this world; people have been constantly saying that it's the best food they've ever eaten at a wedding. The garden room looked spectacular it was everything We could have wanted and more. We enjoyed every minute of the day and will be highly recommending the venue and yourself. Let me know where would be the best place to write a raving review for ye cos ye thoroughly deserve it. Planning it in 3 weeks made it even more special, and honestly we just fell in love with the place and you from the start. It was our dream wedding and it was mostly thanks to you. Many, many thanks and lots of love

From: Tony and Merle, Australia – September 2017

If you're considering Ballinacurra House for your wedding, think no more and get booking, you will not regret it! We cannot recommend Ballinacurra House enough. This is an amazing venue with awesome food and an outstanding team that will make your day more special than you could've dreamed. We met Des who made us feel that this was the right venue for us but we had no idea at that stage just how special the entire experience would be. We organised our wedding from abroad and Orela made planning our three days there very easy for us. From the moment we arrived on the Thursday, Orela, Elaine, James, Paul and the team made us feel at home for the entire weekend to the point where the team knew the names of all our guests and their relation to us, a beautiful touch that our guests are still talking about. The food throughout the weekend was second to none, from the canapes to our four course wedding meal through to the late night pizzas and posh bacon butties - thank you chef David and his team. Nothing was too difficult for this team, who were attentive, accommodating, fun and effortlessly made our wedding day and in fact our entire weekend one that ourselves and our guests will never forget. You will not get this experience at any hotel or cookie cutter wedding venue – this is a unique and special place with awesome people. I cannot thank everyone at Ballinacurra House enough for exceeding all expectations and making what we thought would be really good, absolutely amazing!

From: Tricia and Michael O'Connell, Ireland – October 2017

There aren't many brides who get married in Ireland on the week of a Hurricane and a Storm but if this does happen then you're in safe hands with the team in Ballinacurra House!! After a stressful week with no power, no water, no internet and no phones (eek!!!), Orela kept trying to convince me that everything would be fine. And from the minute we safely got into the house, we could finally all breathe a sigh of relief. All our guests were greeted by the fantastic staff running out with umbrellas, warm drinks and a safe haven while the storm raged outside. We had an absolutely fantastic day! Welcoming drinks, mind-blowing food and a magical House that charmed everyone. The team at Ballinacurra went above and beyond to make our day the best day of our lives. Thanks to you all and a special thanks to Orel, James and David, and also the lovely lads who carried my Grannie and her wheelchair throughout the house - she was thrilled with all the special attention!!!

From: Gareth and Alan, Australia - July 2017

We planned our wedding from Australia and knew we wanted to get married in Ireland. Having spent some time looking at the options available we came across Ballinacurra, what a lucky find. From the first contact we have been nothing but impressed with Orela, Des and the rest of the team. They were amazing at making us feel like the only people having their wedding at the venue. This continued right through to us leaving the venue the day after our wedding, when we were shocked to find out there was another wedding the day after ours - we would never have guessed as the service and attention from the team at the house was 100% focused on making us have the best day we could possibly have.

From the moment we arrived at the house we were all made to feel 100% welcome which helped everyone relax and feel 'at home' which continued throughout the whole wedding. We couldn't have asked for a better team supporting us and they made our plans come to life in the most incredible way which gave us a truly unique and memorable day. We can't thank them or praise them highly enough. There isn't anything that we would say is a watch out, if you're going for a private, exclusive use venue, this is the one. Thanks again for all your help and support over the last 12 months in getting our wedding from planning to reality, you have taken a lot of the stresses out of the process and made it pretty easy for us - I'm sure there was a lot of hard work on your side which is very much appreciated.

From: Ailish & Will, Ireland – July 2017

Sorry about the delay, but I want to say thank so so much for the use of your amazing venue a couple of weeks ago. Will and I really had the best day ever, and we're reliving it since! Firstly can I say how fabulous Mary was throughout the whole process. She was so easy to deal with and no request was too much. Without doubt I was a far less stressed bride because everything was in her very capable hands! A number of our guests also commented on the day as to how lovely and accommodating she was. The staff in general met with much praise, each and every one of them were so friendly, smiley and helpful and the whole day ran like clockwork as a result. As for the meal, we expected it to be good but it really surpassed all of our expectations. Our guests are still talking about how fantastic it was and like a meal you might receive in a Michelin star restaurant. Unfortunately I had absolutely no appetite on the day to appreciate just how delicious it was, but I know from everyone's reactions that it was perfection!

We also want to thank Stewart for his help decorating the house for us, again he was lovely to deal with and the place looked gorgeous. The renovations he has carried out recently have made the venue even more spectacular looking than it was. We will certainly rave about and recommend your amazing venue to everyone we meet planning a wedding or event in the future. Ballinacurra is a very special place, and Will and I are so delighted we got to celebrate our day there.

From: Leagh & Michael, UK – May 2017

My father heard about BH from a friend, who described the venue as special and different. Exactly the words we wanted to hear.

When we visited the venue the grounds are what closed the deal for us, perfect for a spring wedding. The house itself was amazing with an eclectic collection of different rooms and styles. We were organizing the wedding from the UK so we needed a venue with the expertise to help us out with the organizing as much as possible. The book of wedding vendors provided by BH when we booked as invaluable. Orela was our coordinator and she saved the wedding more than once, we could not have done it without her help.

On our big day it had rained all morning but Orela and the staff pushed ahead to make our dreams come true and gave us the outdoor wedding we had been dreaming of, the sun even came out. The meal was to die for with fresh local produce and lovely big portions so everyone could have the energy to dance the night away. Even now guests keep telling us that it was the best wedding ever and they loved that the staff knew their names and orders by the end of the weekend. The whole experience was really personal and fun, we would highly recommend BH to anyone who wants a wedding they can really put their own stamp on.

From: Sara & Kyril, Ireland – May 2017

When we got engaged and started talking about our vision for our wedding, we knew that we wanted to do something a little different. We were considering a lot of options including a wedding abroad until I came across Ballinacurra House. We both instantly fell in love with it, from looking at the picture galleries, watching the online videos, not to mention when we actually went to see the house we just knew it was the one for us - it was so gorgeous and quirky and luxurious, our eyes could hardly take in all the detail - it was the only venue we looked at and we booked immediately.

There is a myriad of options provided by Ballinacurra House, from ceremony location, to the delicious menu options by an award winning chef and our event planner Orela was there to guide us through them on email and during our planning meetings. She got to know us, a little about our guests and made some excellent suggestions which fitted in so well with our overall vision for the day & the entire weekend.

I think Orela would agree that she met her match with me on the emails and list front (!) - but having read online forums where brides are so upset and frustrated when they get fobbed off or not responded to about concerns they raise, or feeling like they're just another number to a nameless faceless hotel, I can honestly say that was never the case for me and that's what makes the difference, the personal touch, and feeling like your event is your planner's sole focus - I can't say how reassuring I found that.

I know the aim is to feel that the house is a home away from home and you can't imagine it, but it actually is. From being greeted at the door by Elaine, Diane, Paul and the rest of the team who would become such familiar and warm faces to us all over the weekend, to getting a huge hug from Orela welcoming us and exclaiming disbelief that our special weekend had finally arrived, we knew we were in safe hands.

With the weather not exactly the way we had hoped for the garden ceremony, Orela had preempted the elephant in the room and our "Plan B" ceremony location was set up in the Garden Room for us to immediately look at so we could clearly see that the alternative was just as (if not more) beautiful than our first choice. Relaxing over a bowl of delicious soup, we welcomed our friends and family at the front door as if we'd been living there all our lives! It was a truly fantastic start to the celebrations. On the wedding day I was able to fully relax and enjoy myself, knowing that our guests were being amazingly well looked after & everything was running seamlessly behind the scenes - from a leisurely breakfast, to getting our hair and makeup done on site, Orela and Elaine popping in every so often to check and see if we needed anything, it was a really lovely (and emotional!) build up to our ceremony.

There is no doubt in our minds that the success of our wedding weekend was down to the detailed advance planning, but also the wonderful staff who were so incredibly friendly, efficient, knowledgeable and welcoming.

The standard of the food & service was consistently top notch right across the board from breakfast to lunch, the all-important wedding dinner itself, the midnight food and our Sunday BBQ party - which guests really were wowed by.

The casual BBQ was another way to appreciate the relaxed lively atmosphere with the Cuban Cocktail Bar a huge hit with our guests.

The sheer uniqueness and character of Ballinacurra House is what makes it a wonderful venue for a wedding, it has chameleon-like properties, no two weddings there would ever be the same.

Two words to sum up Ballinacurra House? Simply superb.

From: Sally & Shane, Ireland - June 2017

Thank you to all at Ballinacurra House for being a fantastic venue for our wedding weekend. We had the most amazing time. Orela was with us every step of the way in the planning stages and had great ideas to help us along, thank you. You wouldn't get such high quality food or service like Ballinacurra anywhere else. I just wish we could do it all again!

From: Karen & Peter, UK – April 2017

I recently had my wedding at this amazing venue. When people say your wedding day is the best day of your life I always thought is it really? Surely I could top it with other amazing days I have had while traveling the world - festivals, concerts, sky diving, sitting under the star lit sky in the Whitsundays, dancing the night away in Thailand the list goes on so I thought it will be a good day but not the best. I can honestly say I had to eat my words as I did have the best day of my life in Ballinacurra House and the reason mostly is because of the amazing staff and the most beautiful wedding venue I have seen in a very long time. I moved to the UK 6 years ago after a lot of traveling myself and my now husband decided to return to Cork where I am originally from to tie the knot. We must have viewed over 50 venues these were in the UK, Ibiza twice and Cork and nothing jumped out to us like Ballinacurra House did.

The venue is so pretty with loads of character, amazing grounds for pictures and beautiful themed bedrooms it is one of the most classy and quirky venues I have ever seen. From start to finish we had an amazing experience. Des, Mary, Orela the wedding planner and all the other staff helped us out so much and no task was too big or too small. I would advise

From: Diarmuid & Leona, Australia - December 2017

Ballinacurra House, was Home to our magical wedding on the 15/12/17! We are Irish living in Australia and instantly fell in love with it! We booked it as our wedding venue without ever stepping inside it's doors! The video tour alone had us at a complete yes! Its charm and uniqueness won our hearts! We had looked at other exclusive estates online but never got that yes feeling and we always greeted with the same generic email! Ballinacurra (Des) went above and beyond with an extremely personal email response covering all our questions in detail from the very first inquiry! It was easy and efficient. We had a few boxes to tick in terms of what we were looking for in a venue for our day.

~Not a hotel, Ballinacurra is exclusively Private you have the whole place to love and explore with your guests it really felt like a party with all your loved ones in a stunning location ~10mins from Kinsale

~Each room is uniquely decorated with splashes of different parts of the world throughout you can be in China, Australia, Japan to name a few! We are both keen travellers and this was just another amazing element to the whole place!

~Food, what can I say only every single element carefully selected according to the season with local produce from an outstanding team in the kitchen! We are huge foodies and didn't want good food but great food! Our guests are still speaking about the amazing food! We did sharing platters from the starters and desserts and had a choice of main being lamb and fish!

~Their attention to detail with remembering everyone by name was incredible ~who was vegetarian ~coeliac etc.

~We had 54 guests with a humanist ceremony! The choice of areas to just chill out in by an open fire, wander the grounds or simply relax in one of the incredible bedrooms was great! The whole day was relaxed from start to finish made so much easier by the wonderful staff!

~Orela was so easy to deal with being overseas! Each email individually written answering any queries and made the whole process effortless! A special thanks to Lisa and James who made everybody feel SO welcome!

~Ballinacurra, has been voted wedding venue for 2017 for SO many reasons! All you have to do is step through the door or like us go on a virtual tour and you will know why! We are completely blown away beyond imagination.

Thank you again for creating the most memorable day for Diarmuid and I, everything was beyond amazing!