# magic MOMENTS

Create memories you'll always cherish with these beautiful Irish venues

### BRIDE TRIBE

Get the girls together for the ultimate girls night before the big day



#### THE MORGAN

There are lots of details to take care of ahead of the big day; you'll need to find your shoes, the jewellery you'll wear and gifts for those that help make your big day so special. Make an occasion of it and book into **The Morgan Hotel** in Dublin to avail of their excellent shopping package.

Located in **Temple Bar**, you'll be within walking distance of both Henry Street and Grafton Street. Plus, guests will receive a €**50 Arnotts voucher** to spend as they wish. Fuel yourself for a day of browsing with a Nespresso in your room, and when you return to the hotel, enjoy a handcrafted cocktail in **10 Fleet Street Bar** to reward your hard work.

The next morning relax over a delicious breakfast and enjoy a late checkout. That will give you lots of time to enjoy the monsoon power shower and Handmade Soap Company toiletries too. Package costs  $\leq$ 240 per room based on two sharing. themorgan.com

### THE JOHNSTOWN ESTATE

Treat yourselves to the finer things in life with the **Girlie Getaway pamper package** at **The Johnstown Estate**. Afternoon tea is a brilliant start to a relaxing escape, so you and your friends can catch up over finger sandwiches, pastries and scones with clotted cream.

At the **Elemis Flagship Spa**, enjoy a 30-minute spa treatment of your choice, before making full use of the relaxation suite. There's nothing quite like a cosy snooze in a fluffy robe after a massage.

That evening, enjoy a four course evening meal in the new **Fire & Salt** restaurant. Quality Irish ingredients are sourced from producers with a proud heritage and story to tell. From the Irish-bred beef, the hand-picked blue mussels from Roaring Water Bay in Cork, to the free-range chickens from a sustainable farm in Kildare, provenance is key to this delicious menu. From €349 for a deluxe twin room. thejohnstownestate.com





#### THE HERITAGE

If some R&R is needed before the festivities, sneak away with your nearest and dearest pals to **The Heritage in Killenard**, Co Laois. You will feel relaxed upon arrival as you enjoy a luxurious afternoon tea.

This luxurious hotel is home to an award-winning spa, and the **Relax and Unwind Package** will leave you all feeling renewed. Choose a one hour treatment, such as the Inner Calm Massage or the Restore and Revive Facial, before basking in the **Heritage Spa Experience Thermal Suite**, which features an array of heat, sensory and aqua therapies.

When you feel like stretching your legs, embark on the five km walking track through the countryside grounds, or nip over to **Kildare Village**, and make use of your 10% discount card as part of the package.

Two-night B&B, including the above plus dinner on one evening in Blake's Restaurant, from €239pps. theheritage.com







### **GLOSS GETAWAY**

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## EPIC ESTATE

For a touch of grandeur and luxury, these estates leave a lasting impression



**MOUNT FALCON ESTATE** The property has a romantic history; in 1876, the owner Utred Knox fell in love with Nina Gore, and to win her over he designed the Victorian gothic manor house on the banks of the River Moy. With an array of beautiful locations throughout the estate, a ceremony at **Mount Falcon** feels bespoke. Have an intimate indoor ceremony, say your "I do's" by the lake, in the gardens or in the woodlands.

To celebrate that evening, the executive chef will curate a menu with the finest seasonal ingredients sourced locally, and incorporate vegetables, herbs and edible flowers from the kitchen garden. Your guests can enjoy luxurious accommodation, with 32 luxurious bedrooms and more than 40 courtyard, lakeside and woodland lodges on the grounds. mountfalcon.com

### THE K CLUB

A lavish wedding at **The K Club** will be a celebration to remember. There are lots of options for the ceremony of your dreams, from the light-flooded **Inis Mór** room, or a fairytale outdoor ceremony in the gardens, or on the private island at the centre of the river.

Intimate receptions can be held in the John Jefferson Smurfit Room, and the Palmer Room has a relaxed sense of luxury. For larger affairs, the impressive Legacy Suite exemplifies the grandeur of the main house, with French doors opening out onto a terrace overlooking the lake. kclub.ie





### LISS ARD COUNTRY HOUSE ESTATE

This Georgian country house estate in Skibbereen, Co Cork, has its own private lake, and is set amidst 163 acres of woodland. The spectacular grounds will be a joy to explore with your guests, and will add some magic to your wedding photography.

Up to 150 guests can enjoy a banquet in the country house, or for larger festivities, erect a marquee in the grounds for up to 300 guests. The culinary team works with world class ingredients sourced from local artisan producers and from the vegetable garden to craft an exciting, contemporary menu. lissardestate.ie

### COUNTRY CHARM

Always dreamed of a wedding in a classic country house? Check out these charming venues:

### BALLYGARRY HOUSE

This stylish country estate in Tralee, Co Kerry, is situated within six acres of gardens with picturesque mountain views, making a really beautiful backdrop to your day. Your guests can enjoy drinks on the pavilion, with an indoor and outdoor private bar making the most of the panoramic views of the Kerry Mountains. Inside, the plush décor will ensure your wedding feels elegant.

This summer, the hotel is launching **The Lodge at Ballygarry**, a rustic venue that is perfect for civil, spiritualist or humanist ceremonies. There will be a large gable window behind the altar, and a loft conversion for musicians overlooking the main gallery. Ballygarryhouse.com







### CALGORM SPA AND COLF RESORT

Beautiful **Galgorm**, set in the countryside of Co Antrim, is perfect for a fairytale wedding. With beautiful grounds for your ceremony, get married in the chandelier garden and take your photographs in the gardens afterwards so you don't have to be away from your guests for long.

Alternatively hide away in the Phantom house for your vows, a romantic space lit by hundreds of church candles, with the river flowing outside. When it's time to celebrate, plan a banquet in the Great Hall, the Four Seasons suite or the art-deco styled Renaissance Suite. Galgorm.com







### COUNTY ARMS

The County Arms Hotel in Co Offaly specialises in tailored weddings, so each couple feels their wedding day is unique to them. The hotel promises one wedding per day, with a dedicated wedding coordinator to guide you through the planning and on hand to cater to your needs on the day. The Loughnane family and their team have been trusted to host special weddings at the hotel for over 50 years. Guests will receive a warm welcome with champagne and canapés on arrival, followed by an evening of exceptional food, from the banquet to the evening buffet. countyarmshotel.com



# RELAXED LUXURY

Choose a venue with a laid-back atmosphere and simple beauty for a refreshing break from tradition

### THE VILLAGE BARN

This rustic courtyard of beautifully restored buildings in Tyrellspass, Co Westmeath is a serene and versatile venue for your big day. With an on-site chapel known as the sanctuary for your ceremony, as well as beautiful walled gardens, your guests will feel part of your day in this cosy setting.

Afterwards, host your guests for a drinks reception in the orangery, before moving to the barn with its panoramic windows, old school desks and antique chandeliers for a quirky space for gatherings of up to 220. There is even a traditional Irish pub on site, Willie's Bar, to continue the party. thevillagebarn.ie



### **ELBOWROOM ESCAPE**

Set in the Glen of Imaal in the Wicklow mountains, this charming location is idyllic for small weddings. Enjoy a fairytale forest ceremony or have a festival bash for your nearest and dearest. You can really create your own atmosphere here, immersed in nature.

The chefs will design a menu to your tastes, whether you'd like formal dining, a vegan feast or an alfresco woodfired pizza party and a Waygu beef BBQ. The seven beautiful garden bedrooms sleep 18-26, with bespoke designed furniture and comforting touches. Your small gathering will always feel well looked after at this friendly gem in the countryside.

the-elbowroomescape.com/weddings/





#### JUNIPER BARN

This new alternative wedding venue in Co Sligo consists of three barns; one for the ceremony, for the banquet and for your late night celebrations. With rustic touches like timber rafters and cosy fire pits married with modern comforts and pretty detailing, it's a really beautiful venue for couples seeking a romantic, outdoorsy setting.

The property is managed with sustainability in mind, which is an important move in the wedding industry; the owners are sure to reduce waste, harvest rainwater and avoid plastic where possible. The simple space can be decorated to your taste, and is the perfect canvas for couples who want to get creative with their decor or those who like the understated charm of the original features. juniperbarn.ie