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ORANGE TREE HOUSE

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Your Private Wedding Venue By The Sea

## Congratulations...

*Orange Tree House is a private wedding venue nestled on the shores of Strangford Lough in the pretty village of Greyabbey.*

*With the oldest parts being over 200 years old the venue is steeped in history and has a wonderful atmosphere. The property has been lovingly restored and, should you choose to have your wedding here, you will be helping us to preserve this important building for future generations to enjoy.*



*The venue is totally private so the only people who will be there are those whom you have chosen to be part of your special day.*

*We aim to make your experience as stress free as possible, from the day you come to view until your wedding day, therefore we provide all the essentials for your celebrations. You have no need to hire in outside providers for things such as catering, furniture, crockery, glassware etc.*

*Why not contact us and come along and see what we have to offer, we would love to see you!*







## Your Wedding Ceremony

*Having originally been built in the 1820's as a church, our main function room is the perfect setting for a romantic ceremony. With its stone walls, vaulted ceiling and original exposed beams it provides a wonderful backdrop for you and your guests. What could be better than walking down the aisle to meet your sweetheart in the knowledge that brides and grooms have tread this path for the past 200 years.*

*We also have a raised terrace area which is licensed for ceremonies. Here you can exchange your vows overlooking the sea towards the Mourne Mountains (weather permitting of course). We are licensed for civil and religious ceremonies and civil partnerships.*





# Your Drinks Reception

*Between your ceremony and reception you and your guests can enjoy a drink in our stylish lounge bar with panoramic views over Strangford Lough towards Whiterock and the Mourne Mountains.*

*Being fully licensed we can provide the drinks of your choice and our raised terrace area is the perfect place for a little al fresco relaxation.*





# Your photographic opportunities

*Once you have had a chance to chat with your guests there are many areas within and around Orange Tree House for superb photographs so you don't need to leave the venue for long and miss out on the party.*



# Your photos on the beach

*Orange Tree House sits nestled in Greyabbey Bay which is the most wonderful setting for wedding photographs. The light and tide are constantly changing so your photographer will be spoilt for choice – just remember to bring your glamorous wellies or go barefoot across the sands.*





# Wow, the sunsets!

*Located on the west coast of the Ards Peninsula we are frequently amazed by the spectacular sunsets over the lough.*

*Before the light fades why not pop out with your photographer and capture those golden moments on your wedding day – a romantic backdrop like no other!*





# Your Banqueting Room

*While you are enjoying mingling with your guests our fantastic team will be working in the background to transform the function room for your wedding banquet. The room suits a variety of layouts and requires the minimum of decoration to look stunning. We will provide all the necessities, just add your personal touches to make your day unique. We can accommodate up to 130 people for the meal.*





# Your Wedding Banquet

*Orange Tree House is renowned for its delicious food. With a talented team of in-house chefs, including some who have worked in Michelin starred venues across Europe, you and your guests will be in for a culinary delight. We will invite you along to a tasting session some months before your wedding day when you can sample some of the dishes on offer.*

*We can also offer you a wide range of canapes, pastries and evening food. This is definitely a wedding venue for foodies!*





# Your evening celebrations

*Having left all of the formalities behind you can let your hair down, kick off those heels and dance the night away amongst the twinkling lights. When you get a little peckish we will bring you evening nibbles to take you through until it's time to say your goodbyes at the end of a wedding day to remember.*

*If you wish to invite extra guests for the evening we can accommodate up to a total of 160 people.*



# Your overnight accommodation

*Whilst we don't have any overnight accommodation on the premises, there are approximately 100 bed spaces within a 5 minute radius of the venue, many of which are within walking distance in the village.*

*The accommodation ranges from excellent self catering options to charming bed and breakfast country houses. There are also hotels within a 15 minute drive.*

*For couples and guests staying in the village for a couple of nights there is no need to worry about cooking as there is a great selection of cafés, restaurants and a country pub which are perfect for breakfast, lunch or a pre/post-wedding meal with your guests. There is plenty to see and do with antique and gift shops and historical sites to visit.*

*We have ample parking space should you decide to bring your guests by coach.*





# Countdown to your Big Day

## 12+ months before

- ☐ Book Orange Tree House for your wedding
- ☐ Set up a personal website to keep your friends up to date about your wedding plan guest list
- ☐ Send out save the date cards or emails
- ☐ Contact the registrars at Ards and North Down Borough Council to get necessary documents - 028 9182 4003
- ☐ Book your registrar/minister/priest/celebrant
- ☐ Choose your dresses and suits

## 9 months before

- ☐ Book a photographer
- ☐ Arrange to visit a florist
- ☐ Book honeymoon
- ☐ Book entertainment

## 6 months before

- ☐ Choose your wedding stationery
- ☐ Choose a hairstylist
- ☐ Choose a make-up artist
- ☐ Remind out of town guests to book accommodation
- ☐ Choose your gift list
- ☐ Go for a second dress fitting
- ☐ Choose wedding rings
- ☐ Order wedding cake
- ☐ Book transport for the day
- ☐ Start planning your hen/stag do

## 3 months before

- ☐ Ensure passports are valid for your honeymoon
- ☐ Discuss service details with ceremony officials
- ☐ Send out wedding invitations and ask about special dietary requirements

## 2 months before

- ☐ Meet photographer to decide on what types of photos you want (a storyboard) and to advise of the key people at the wedding
- ☐ Choose your menu & drinks
- ☐ Draw up a wedding day timetable
- ☐ Book a make-up trial session
- ☐ Book a hair session and be sure to take any veils/headpieces you will wear
- ☐ Buy gifts for bridesmaids / parents of the bride and groom
- ☐ Contact photographer to re-confirm booking
- ☐ Contact hair stylist and make-up artist to re-confirm booking
- ☐ Contact your florist to re-confirm booking

## 1 month before

- ☐ Go for final dress fitting
- ☐ Confirm honeymoon bookings
- ☐ Ensure that you get your engagement ring cleaned

## 2-3 weeks before

- ☐ Sort out local currency for your honeymoon
- ☐ Wear in your new wedding shoes
- ☐ Pick up wedding rings
- ☐ Finalise seating plan
- ☐ Arrange day and time for wedding set-up meeting and rehearsal

## 1 week before

- ☐ Write place cards
- ☐ Reconfirm details with photographer (dates, times, location, contact numbers)
- ☐ Organise for note or gift to be delivered to your partner on the wedding day
- ☐ Pack for your honeymoon and ensure you leave all details with a friend in case of an emergency
- ☐ Reconfirm details with hairstylist & make-up artist (dates, times, location, contact numbers)
- ☐ Pick up wedding dress
- ☐ Arrange to have your wedding cake delivered to your venue

## 1 day before

- ☐ Help decorate the venue if available
- ☐ Ensure your nails are manicured
- ☐ Run through the order of the day with the bridal party to ensure everyone knows what their roles and responsibilities are
- ☐ Get an early night

## On the day

- ☐ Stay calm and enjoy yourself!







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