

# *Welcome to The Red Door*

Nestled among mature trees and landscaped gardens, The Red Door stands proudly on the banks of Lough Swilly in the historic village of Fahan, just a few miles south of Buncrana in Inishowen, Co. Donegal.

The exclusive setting, unrivalled scenery and fantastic variation in colour in every season provide a stunning backdrop for your wedding celebration.

Offering the warmest hospitality, laid back luxury, award-winning food and attention to detail, you are guaranteed a truly memorable wedding day when you choose The Red Door.





## About Fahan

Built around an ancient Christian monastic settlement, Fahan Village is steeped in history and heritage. St. Mura was appointed Abbot of the 6th century monastery and is the patron saint of Fahan.

Attacked by Vikings who travelled up Lough Swilly in the 10th and 13th centuries, the monastery was destroyed. It was replaced by another monastery in the 16th century and its ruins stand to this day.

A 7th century cross slab believed to mark St. Mura's burial place is located in the graveyard adjacent to the monastery ruins. The graveyard is also the resting place of Agnes Jones, a famous nightingale nurse.

The original St. Mura's Holy Well is located in the grounds neighbouring The Red Door. To cater for the volumes of pilgrims flocking to the well in the 1800's, the landowner diverted it into the grounds of The Red Door, creating a second St. Mura's Holy Well. This well is situated at the bottom of The Red Door's walled garden and is a spiritual tourism attraction.

When the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway passed along the water in front of The Red Door from the mid 1800's to the mid 1900's, the track was carefully located so that it did not interfere with the holy well.



# About The Red Door

Originally called St John's, the first part of the country house was built in 1789 and this area is now known as 'Kate's Room'. The original sliding sash windows still flood the room with light and open up views over the courtyard while guests relax by the crackling open fire.

Formerly an outbuilding for storing turf and logs in the 1800's, the bar area is now at the heart of The Red Door experience. The original flag stones pave the floor and give a warm authentic feel as you enter the building.

Many famous visitors have been welcomed over the years including former US Senator Ted Kennedy and his sister Jean Kennedy Smith, former US Ambassador to Ireland. The family of the late Tip O'Neill, former US Speaker of the House, are regular visitors to The Red Door.



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## Exquisite Weddings

Today The Red Door is an exclusive wedding venue, defined by its attention to detail, personal service and ability to deliver incredible bespoke weddings.

The traditional open fires in the bar and Kate's Room enhance the homely atmosphere and these areas provide a perfect meeting place for guests to meet and have the craic before and after their meals.

Wedding celebrations are held in the beautifully appointed 'Willow Room', 'Violet Room' and 'Scarlet Room' where guests can enjoy the serene views of our landscaped gardens and Lough Swilly.

We can accommodate wedding parties of up to 160 guests in the 'Willow Room', 'Violet Room' and 'Scarlet Room'.







## *Treat Your Taste Buds*

We use only the best of fresh, local ingredients, including vegetables and herbs from our walled garden to create exquisite food for your wedding celebration.

Our Head Chef brings expertise from fine establishments such as The Ivy in London. Under his direction, each course is freshly prepared and reflects the pride we take in our cuisine.

Please see our packages for the full menu options available.





## *Civil Ceremonies*

We are delighted to be registered to hold indoor and outdoor (weather permitting) civil wedding ceremonies at The Red Door. Please get in touch to discuss your requirements. Registrar's table and decorative chairs are included as standard.



## *Marquee Weddings*

The Red Door Country House can accommodate intimate weddings of up to 160 guests. However, if you're planning a larger wedding in the Summer months, marquee hire in the grounds can be arranged.



Marquee hire is subject to availability and requirements. Please get in touch to discuss further.



# *Fabulous Photos*

Brochure photos by:

- ◆ Donal Doherty Photography
- ◆ Jay Doherty Photography
- ◆ Kayleigh Clarke Photography
- ◆ Paula Gillespie Photography
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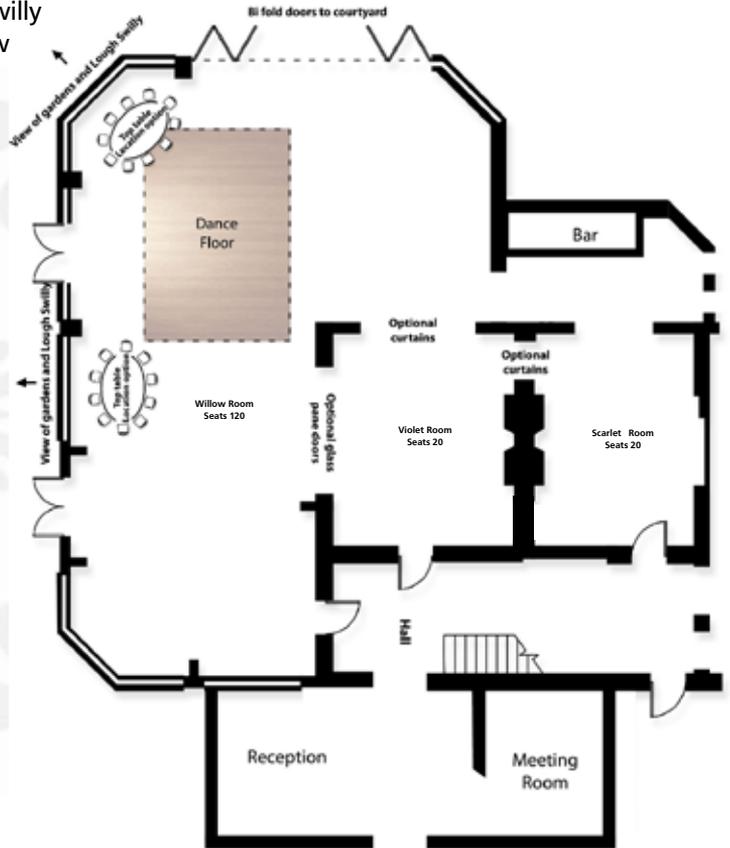


# Dining & Dancing

With views of landscaped gardens, Lough Swilly and Inch Island from every seat in the Willow Room, you and your guests will experience the exclusive setting of The Red Door Country House at any time of the year.

Dine and dance as the warm glow of candlelight reflects off the windows late into the evening adding to the romantic ambience.

- ◆ Seating:  
160 (Willow Room, Violet Room and Scarlet Room)  
140 (Willow Room and Violet Room)  
115 (Willow Room only)
- ◆ Dance Floor: 6m x 4m
- ◆ PA system and microphone for speeches





## *Luxury Accommodation*

Our bridal suite, 'Le Boudoir' (right), is steeped in sheer luxury and opulence. The soft colours and textures exude comfort in a romantic environment designed to relax you.

There are three en-suite double rooms available for your guests, each one individually decorated with loving care, attention to detail and thoughtful touches.





## *Included as Standard*

Each of our wedding packages include the following as standard.

- ◆ Dedicated wedding co-ordinator throughout the wedding planning process
- ◆ Complimentary menu tasting for the wedding couple only
- ◆ Red carpet
- ◆ Prosecco reception for bridal party
- ◆ Tea, coffee and biscuits for guests on arrival
- ◆ Decorative chairs
- ◆ Candelabras for all tables
- ◆ Crisp white linen and napkins at each table
- ◆ Personalised menus for each table
- ◆ Traditional cake stand and knife
- ◆ Ornate stand for table plan
- ◆ Complimentary bridal suite for the wedding couple on the wedding night followed by The Red Door wedding breakfast
- ◆ Reduced accommodation rates for guests attending the reception (all three rooms must be booked)
- ◆ Use of picturesque gardens for photographs
- ◆ Ample parking

# Nearby Photo Locations

- ◆ The Red Door Gardens
- ◆ St Mura's Monastery
- ◆ Fahan Marina
- ◆ Lisfannon Beach
- ◆ Inch Pier
- ◆ Swan's Park
- ◆ An Grianan Fort



# *Terms and Conditions*

## **Booking Procedure**

A provisional booking can be held for 14 days, after which time a non-refundable deposit of €1,500 is required to confirm your booking. Should we receive an enquiry for your chosen date during these 14 days, you will be required to confirm or release the date. Bookings will only be confirmed when a completed booking form, signed terms and conditions and a deposit are received by The Red Door.

Final guest numbers must be given to your wedding co-ordinator 10 days in advance of the wedding. The number given represents the minimum numbers used in calculating your total bill. If additional guests attend your bill will reflect the total number that attended. We will cater for up to 10 additional guests but cannot be responsible for any larger increase.

Full details of menu choices, drinks and canapés for reception and dietary requirements are to be provided to your wedding co-ordinator no later than three weeks before the wedding date.

## **Numbers Policy**

Payment for a minimum of 100 guests with the Sapphire package is required for Friday weddings. Payment for a minimum of 80 guests with the Sapphire package is required for midweek weddings. The Red Door will be closed to the public.

## **Food and Beverage**

No food may be brought into The Red Door or surrounding grounds, with the exception of the wedding cake. Guests found breaching this condition will be requested to leave. Should you wish to supply your own wine for your reception, this must be delivered one day before the wedding. Corkage charge is applicable.

All guests must be seated for their meals at the agreed time, (5.30pm at the latest).

## **Accommodation**

The Bridal suite is included as complimentary. We offer three bedrooms for your wedding guests at a reduced rate and require that all rooms are booked.

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## **Payment**

All prices are in Euros and are inclusive of VAT.

A further deposit of €2000 is due three months prior to your wedding date.

We reserve the right to amend prices in the event of changes in the rate of tax, the introduction of any government levy or as a result of significant unforeseen supplier cost increases.

The final balance must be settled prior to the wedding couple's departure. We accept cash, bankers drafts and credit cards. Please note, we do not accept personal cheques.

Maximum sterling cash payment accepted is £250 and will be converted to Euro at the current exchange rate.

## **Cancellations**

In the unfortunate event of cancellation by the couple, notice must be given in writing. An administration fee of €500 will apply.

Deposits may only be refunded (excluding administration fee) if the wedding date is resold with another wedding of similar size and value.

We reserve the right to cancel a booking if we believe that it may be detrimental to the reputation of the venue.

## **Wedding Guests**

We reserve the right to refuse admission or service and/or remove from the premises any wedding guest whose behaviour we deem to be inappropriate or offensive.

The wedding couple will incur any costs arising due to loss or damage to The Red Door throughout the duration of the wedding.

## **Entertainment**

All entertainment must be approved by The Red Door prior to the wedding.

## **Saturday and Sunday Weddings**

Weddings are not held on Saturdays or Sundays at The Red Door.



## *Contact Us*

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