



Dear Happy Couple

A romantic venue with a Scottish twist!

Congratulations on your forthcoming wedding or partnership, and thank you for considering The National Piping Centre.

Here at The National Piping Centre we believe that your special day should be as individual and personal as you both wish – therefore, every booking guarantees you the help and support that you need to turn your dreams into a reality.

We are more than happy for you, along with our expert guidance, to design your own unique and perfect wedding.

We hope the enclosed information is of assistance in making your plans, and we would be delighted to show you around our facilities and, to discuss any queries you may have regarding your big day.

We would be delighted to show you round The National Piping Centre, therefore please do not hesitate to contact us to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely

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Our Building



The National Piping Centre is a beautiful building, built in 1872 by the architects Douglas and Sellers.

Regarded as an Italianate church with a decidedly Tuscan tower, it also has a mixture of Greek elements with a simple pedimented facade onto what is now Cowcaddens Road.

To the sides, the beautiful glazing is referred to as "a la" Alexander Thomson and some think the Church has design echoes of Thomson's work at the Caledonian Road Church built in 1856 and also, St Vincent Street Free Church which Thomson built in 1858.

The National Piping Centre was lovingly re-stored in 1997 and has become one of Glasgow's most popular wedding venues.



Ceremony Hire for both Marriage and Civil Partnerships



The ceremony hire for The National Piping Centre is £350.00, however all couples must arrange their own celebrant. Our auditorium is a superb setting for your Scottish ceremony, accommodating up to 120 guests.

We can accommodate religious, civil and humanist ceremonies. Please ensure you are registered with Park Circus registry office, who we will work together with to ensure your ceremony is personal and a very happy occasion.



For further information on ceremony requirements, we would suggest you look at:

www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/Residents/BirthDeathMarriage

www.gayweddingsinscotland.com

www.scottishweddingdirectory.co.uk

www.reallifeweddings.co.uk

www.thepipingcentre.co.uk

Venue Hire

For your wedding breakfast and evening party to be held in The National Piping we charge a fee of £650.00 per day. Our capacities range from 40 to 120 dining guests to a maximum of 150 guests in the evening.

Included within this price is:

- Exclusive use of the Auditorium and the Blue Room for your ceremony, wedding breakfast and evening party
- Exclusive use of the Museum of Piping and The Pipers' Tryst Bar, for your drinks reception
- Menu tasting pre-event for the bride and groom
- A red carpet welcome
- A National Piping Centre piper to pipe all guests into the building, and also the happy couple into dinner
- Menus, table plans and name place cards
- Round silver cake stand, bride's knife and cake table
- Complementary accommodation on the night ceremony for the happy couple
- A full hotel block out of bedrooms for the bridal party (maximum of 8 rooms)
- In addition, full professional co-ordination

Individual wedding consultations are offered for every couple to help successfully plan the big day. Just remember that this is your big day and that we are here to help ensure that it is perfect and memorable!

Weddings can be held on any day of the year except, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Hogmanay.

Seasonal and off-peak discounts may apply, please ask your wedding coordinator for any special offers or check our website.



Menus and Drinks

We have put together the following food and wine selection to simplify the menu and drinks options available to you.

The combined price table is an easy way of working out the costs for your day. These tables are here primarily as a guide, individual menu requests and additional courses can be discussed and where possible, we will be happy to accommodate them.

<u>Drinks Package</u>	<u>Menu 1</u>	<u>Menu 2</u>
Drinks Package A	£39.00	£42.00
Drinks Package B	£44.00	£46.00
Drinks Package C	£55.00	£57.00

Drinks Package A

A glass of *sparkling* wine on arrival
Half bottle of *wine* with the meal, red or white
A glass of *wine* for toasts

Drinks Package B

A glass of *sparkling* wine on arrival
Half bottle of *wine* with the meal, red or white
A glass of *sparkling* wine for toasts

Drinks Package C

A glass of *champagne* or *kir royal* on arrival
Half bottle of *wine* with the meal, red or white
A glass of *champagne* for toasts



Menu One

Tomato and basil soup

Carrot and coriander soup

Trio of fanned melon with berry compote

Haggis neeps & tatties

Chicken liver pate with toasted brioche and red onion chutney

Smoked salmon and prawn parcel with balsamic leaves

Ham hough, cabbage and potato terrine with beetroot chutney

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Pan fried rib eye of beef served with a creamy green peppercorn sauce

Breast of chicken stuffed with haggis served with a café-au-lait sauce

Roast rump of lamb with baked cherry tomatoes

Grilled haddock with herb crust and Arran cheddar cream sauce

Roasted supreme of chicken with a roast pepper and tomato coulis

Fillet of Scottish salmon with a lemon and chive beurre blanc

Pan fried venison with a red cabbage and bacon cream sauce

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Cranachan in brandy snap baskets with shortbread love hearts

Tart au citron with raspberry & mango coulis

Rich chocolate tart with cranachan cream

Sticky toffee pudding

Individual summer pudding with a raspberry coulis

Individual chocolate and mint truffle with a baileys anglaise

Apple and blackberry crumble with calvados anglaise

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Tea or coffee with home made shortbread

Menu Two

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Cream of broccoli soup with Arran cheddar croutons

'Posh' prawn cocktail

Venison terrine with redcurrant sauce, served with oatcakes

Caprese salad ~ tomato, mozzarella and basil salad

Seafood platter with prawn-marie-rose, gravadlax and smoked mackerel

Chicken and wild mushroom terrine on a bed of salad served with oatcakes

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Fillet of beef served with a haggis crouton and a whisky jus

Pepper crushed salmon with lemon and chive cream sauce

Roast chicken filled with Stornoway black pudding, apple and thyme essence

Pan fried venison with haggis tartlet and whisky cream

Chicken stuffed with ham and brie wrapped in filo pastry with tomato coulis

Poached haddock and asparagus roulade, in a caper butter sauce

Roast rump of lamb with a garlic and rosemary jus

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Vanilla pod crème brulee

White chocolate cheesecake with boozy peaches

Baked dark chocolate tort with white chocolate curls

Mango and blackcurrant mousse

Individual apple tarts with honey ice cream

Glavya and wild heather honey parfait

Raspberry, rhubarb & redcurrant frangipane

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Tea or coffee with home made shortbread

Menu Additions

Canapés on Arrival

- Mini traditional haggis baskets
- Chilli prawn skewers
- Mini vegetarian haggis patties
- Smoked salmon, dill and cream cheese cups
- Mini spring rolls with chilli dip
- Tomato and basil galettes
- Chicken liver pate on oatcakes
- Goats cheese and red onion marmalade served in pastry cups
- Mini assorted quiche
- Smoked salmon and cream cheese roulade
- King prawns wrapped in filo pastry
- Mini strawberry tarts
- Mini lemon tarts

3 choices: £5.25

4 choices: £7.00

Extra Courses

- Soup from £3.95
- Haggis £6.95
- Sorbet £2.00
- Cheese £5.95

Please discuss with your wedding coordinator how each course would be implemented into your meal.

Vegetarian Options

It is our aim to cater for all the different dietary needs in your party; therefore we offer a range of vegetarian options for your guests to choose from.

Starters

- Roasted Mediterranean vegetable terrine with a red pepper and rocket dressing
- Warm salad of balsamic mushrooms and parmesan shavings
- Arran cheddar and leek tartlet
- Roasted red pepper risotto with basil pesto
- Trio of fanned melon with mixed berry coulis
- Warm goats cheese salad with pine nuts

Mains

- Aubergine, courgette and mozzarella bake with basil pesto
- Sun blush tomato, spinach and mozzarella tartlet
- Vegetable and tomato wellington
- Spiced vegetable haggis, neeps and tatties
- Open brie and redcurrant tart with rocket and parmesan salad
- Char grilled vegetable risotto with parmesan crisps and balsamic reduction

Please note that this is not a menu choice as we only cater for the number of vegetarians attending.

Evening Buffet

Sandwiches + 4 choices £9.00pp
(individual requirements for buffets can be discussed)

- Assorted reception sandwiches
- Tortilla wraps
- Open sandwiches

All sandwiches come with a selection of fillings including vegetarian choices.

- Chicken liver pate on oatcakes
- Mixed pizza wedges
- Hummus and crudités
- Warm mini sausage rolls
- Salmon and pepper bites
- Hot salsa and nachos
- Mango and brie parcels
- Warm chicken satay skewers
- Chicken yakatori skewers
- Warm cajun chicken drumsticks
- Warm garlic ciabattas (with or without mozzarella)
- Warm vegetarian pakora
- Warm onion bajias
- Warm spinach and potato pakora
- Mixed vegetarian quiches
- Warm oatmeal haggis patties

Scottish Options

- Beef stovies buffet - £7.95 pp
- Haggis buffet - £7.95pp
- Mince 'n' tatties - £7.95pp
- Cheese platter - £35.00 per platter
- Roll and bacon - £2.50pp
- Roll and sausage - £2.50pp
- Roll and potato scone - £2.50pp

Children

Children can be served half portions, or alternatively, they may have a more child-friendly option such as chicken goujons or pizza.

Age 9-12:	Half portion price:	Half adult cost of food
Age 2-8:	Melon starter, Pizza/Chicken/Fish Fingers, Ice cream:	£9.00 per child.

For children under 2 years of age, there is no charge.

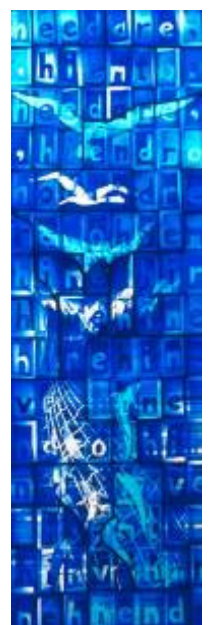
Décor

Our wedding team would be delighted to assist you in choosing the correct décor for all rooms available. Flowers are a crucial part of every bride's dream, and within our premises we suggest the following:

- The Auditorium is decorated with blush wall coverings with a huge contemporary blue, green and purple tartan stage curtain.
- This is The National Piping Centre's own tartan, which was specially blended for the building. (NB: We do not suggest using tartan table coverings or ribbons of a different tartan)
- We recommend floral centrepieces for the centre of all tables and of course a top table arrangement
- We can arrange these on your behalf or you can arrange yourself with a florist of your choice
- Floral colours should be – purple, green, white, red, deep pink, lilac, twigs, heather and thistles
- Balloon colours should be – the same colours as the flowers or metallic silver

Suggestions and possible areas to decorate within The National Piping Centre:

1. Front door – bay trees, floral pedestals, red carpet, red velvet, ropes
2. Ceremony – two large pedestals at the top of the aisle, eight tall pillar arrangements
3. Museum of Piping - table top floral arrangement
4. The Pipers' Tryst – bud vases for the table
5. Bannister – ivy and floral garland
6. Ladies toilets – a small posy per toilet (two required)
7. The Auditorium – round table centrepieces, top table arrangement, napkin tuck-ins
8. Family – bride, bridesmaids, two mothers bouquets, button holes, petals for scattering



A Proposed Agenda - Ceremony

The Groom's Party

The groom, best man and ushers should arrive at 1/2pm in order to greet the guests as they enter The National Piping Centre.

The Guests

The guests should try to arrive half an hour before the ceremony. Guests may be able to have refreshments prior to the ceremony in The Pipers' Tryst, dependant on when they arrive and at the bride's discretion.

Seating

The groom and best man/men will make their way into the auditorium, whilst the ushers seat everyone. The ceremony will then begin at 2 or 3pm.

The Bridal Party

The bride and her party will be greeted at the front door by the manager on duty. A few photographs may be taken at this stage, before making their way to the Auditorium.

Reception timings

First to arrive at The National Piping Centre will be the guests, who will be greeted with a piper, and a drinks reception. This will be from 2.30pm to 4pm.

The bride and groom will then arrive to have their photographs taken in several locations, and possibly with the cake. This should run from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

All the guests will then be brought into the auditorium, for 4pm to 5pm, with the bride and groom being piped in as the very last people to enter the room.

The meal will commence at 4.30pm to 5.30pm with possible grace, and will be finished at 6pm to 6.30pm, dependant on how many courses are required.

Speeches will then commence for around 30 minutes.

In order to accommodate fellow guests who are arriving for the evening celebration, we would ask that all guests leave the auditorium, and make their way to The Museum of Piping or the Blue Room for further drinks. The Pipers' Tryst is not permitted at this stage.

After a short time, all guests will again be asked to make their way to the evening reception. At this point the cake will be cut. The first dance will commence shortly after the cutting of the cake at 8pm.

During the course of the night a buffet will be served from 9.30pm till 10pm.

Unfortunately we do not hold a late licence to sell alcohol and therefore last orders will be called at 12.30am Monday to Saturday. On a Sunday however last orders will be called at 11.30pm

Other Types of Wedding Receptions

The National Piping Centre also caters for small intimate gatherings and also for large "evening only" receptions.

Small Intimate Gatherings

This type of celebration caters for couples who wish to have a smaller ceremony and meal. The ceremony can be held in The Museum of Piping, The Ivory Room or the Blue Room. After the ceremony The Pipers' Tryst restaurant is offered for reception drinks and dinner.

We are able to cater for parties from two to 40 within these areas. The Pipers' Tryst restaurant is charged at £650.00 for an event from 12pm to 630pm. After dinner, the couple have an option of staying in The Pipers' Tryst (additional fees apply dependant on time of year) or booking the auditorium for a large evening party.



Ceremony	-	Within our premises	£350.00
Option 1	-	The Pipers' Tryst (12pm – 630pm)	£350.00
Option 2	-	Auditorium (630pm – 12am)	£300.00

Evening Celebrations Only

We also offer the option of having a large celebration, skipping the formalities and the sit down meal. This is aimed towards couples who perhaps got married abroad or who would like to have a small intimate gathering and then, ensure all their friends have the opportunity to join in the celebrating of their special day.

The hire of our main auditorium for an evening reception is charged at £650.00

This includes:

- Round tables with white linen
- Church candles and tea lights
- Cake table and knife
- Personalised guest menus
- Table plans
- Full license until midnight (excluding Sundays)

In whatever style you wish to celebrate your marriage, please speak to us and we can make it happen! Our management team is happy to tailor-make your own perfect wedding with a Scottish twist!

Commonly Asked Questions

CORKAGE

- We allow corkage on wine, sparkling wine and champagne only
- Red and white wine is priced at £5.00 per bottle
- Sparkling wine or champagne is priced at £10.00 per bottle
- We do not allow any spirits or liqueurs to be brought onto the premises
- We do not allow any draught beer to be brought onto the premises

OWN CATERING

- We do not allow any catering to be bought into the building.
- The only item allowed is the wedding cake, baby food and favours

ACCOMMODATION

- Single £50.00
- Double or Twin £65.00
- All rates include continental breakfast
- Cooked breakfast can be purchased at an extra cost
- All bedrooms will be held from the date of confirming your wedding.
- When booking your wedding we insist that 100% occupancy is taken by your party on the night of your wedding.

THE PIPERS' TRYST

- The Pipers' Tryst restaurant and bar is available for all drinks receptions up to 4.30pm.
- In the evening guests attending the wedding will not be permitted to come to the bar as it is for dining guests only.
- We do not rent out The Pipers' Tryst on a Friday or Saturday.

BAR LICENCE

- For all weddings held Monday to Saturday the bar will shut at 12.45am.
- Last orders will be called at 12.30am with the bar closing at 12.45am.
- By Scottish law drinking up time is 15 minutes; therefore exit is at 1am.
- For Sunday weddings however, the bar will shut at 11.45pm

RESIDENT'S LICENCE

- As the hotel only has eight bedrooms we do not hold a full licence.
- The Pipers' Tryst bar shuts at 11.45pm daily, therefore, there will be no after hours drinking.

PARKING

- There is no car parking on the premises at The National Piping Centre.
- There are two NCP large multi storage car parks 2 minutes walk from the building. Normal rates apply.
- There is new privately owned car park next door to The National Piping centre. Cheap rates will apply.
- Street parking is available at 12p for 10 minutes in the immediate area. Although further a field the rate will increase to 30p for 10 minutes
- We do not take responsibility for guest's cars.

BEAUTY TREATMENTS

- These can be booked directly through Gemma Laidlaw, General Manager
- Manicures £15.00
- Pedicures £20.00
- Aromatherapy massage £40.00 one hour
- One or two therapists will be brought into the building
- Guests are to settle the bill directly with the therapist

CHECK IN - CHECK OUT

- Check in is at 2pm at the earliest to have access to the room
- We do offer an earlier check in, however the room may not be ready, therefore, we can keep your bag for you until such time as the room is ready
- Check out is at 11am at the latest

Useful Contacts

The National Piping Centre, 30-34 McPhater Street, Glasgow, G4 0HW. 0141 353 0220
www.thepipingcentre.co.uk

Romantic ceremony Music and reception

"Occasional Music"
Andrew Dickie – 07782 315 024

Clarsach player

Jennifer Port - 07713 177 087
(Jennifer played at Madonna & Guy Ritchie's Wedding)

Sarah Hughes – 07880 961 981
sarah_hughes29@hotmail.com
(A royal national MOD gold badge winner)

Ceilidh band with disco

Kilter
www.kilter.co.uk
Ross Lothian: 07946 738 417

Ceilidh band with disco

Broomielaw
Gordon Bruce 07828 984 631
bothypiper@hotmail.co.uk

Wedding band

Fudge Machine - www.fudgemachine.com
Neil Drover Agency - 0845 062 3377

DJ & Ceilidh DJ

Stuart MacLennan 07908227772 / 0141 569 4163
www.scotiaentertainments.com

Florist

10% discount for all National Piping Centre Bride's
"Every Bloomin' Thing" 1073 Cathcart Road, Glasgow, G42.
Catriona 0141 649 9955

Balloons and wedding confetti

The Arty Party Shop, 73 St George's Road,
Glasgow, G3 6JA. 0141 331 0707

Cakes

Special Days Celebration Cakes - 01698 327 07
www.specialdays.org.uk

Bridal accessories

Twinkle Twinkle Tiaras
Kirsteen Marie Connell, 01505 812 898 / 07792 428 122,
Email: enquiries@twinkletwinkletiaras.com, Website: www.twinkletwinkletiaras.co.uk

Photographer

Venart Photography, 39 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 1HW,
Tel: 0141 332 4683, Email: info@venart.co.uk, Website: www.venart.co.uk

Religious celebrant

Rev Jim Strachan
01294 557 182 / 07745 378 078.

Hair & Makeup Artist

Get Lippy
Ann Aitken – 0790 851 7531 / get-lippy@hotmail.co.uk

The National Piping Centre is very happy to highly recommend these organisations. Please contact them directly for their terms and conditions.

WEDDINGS & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTRACT

Please find below The National Piping Centre's terms and conditions for weddings & civil partnerships.

1. There are no minimum numbers for a wedding meal – the price is venue hire plus the cost per head for the meal and drinks. Please note that the hall may be too big for parties of fewer than 40.
2. A provisional booking can be held for up to 14 days without obligation. This provisional booking will be released unless written confirmation is received, accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of **the total venue hire . (i.e. ceremony and wedding reception £1000.00)**
3. The final total account is payable one month prior to your wedding day, with any extras that may be incurred on the day, payable on that day.
4. The numbers that you anticipate attending, both for the day and evening reception must be given at the point of booking. The final menu selection must be made one month prior to the event and final numbers are required 14 days prior to the event and are therefore charged accordingly.
5. All hotel accommodation must be assigned and payment received on the day. Any no shows will be added to any other additional charges.
6. No alterations are to be given to The National Piping Centre unless they are made in writing, by you, and there after accepted by the Hotel.
7. Neither you nor any of your guests may bring beverages of any kind (except for infant feeding) to The National Piping Centre.
8. All quotations are guaranteed for 60 days from date of issue.
9. Should the event be cancelled 90 days prior to its due date the deposit will be withheld. Within 60 days of the event, 50% of the anticipated revenue will be payable if a cancellation is made. Cancellation 30 days prior to the event results in the full amount of the expected revenue being due to the Hotel.
10. The National Piping Centre will not be liable for the cost of any damage, and all repairs that may be required as a direct result of such damage to any part of the building or, any equipment therein contained, caused by any person invited by you or on your behalf.
11. The National Piping Centre will only accept liability in respect of any loss or damage to articles brought onto the premises, which are reported at the time and, can be proven to have been the direct result of the negligence or willful act or default of The Piping Centre Trading Limited or, any of their employees, servants or agents.
12. All prices quoted are inclusive of VAT at the rate prevailing when this contract was issued. They are subject to change without notice should there be a change in the rate of VAT chargeable (not withstanding clause 6 above). All prices quoted are valid until 31st December 2007
13. This agreement will only come into force when a copy is signed and dated by the customer and given to The National Piping Centre. If the agreement fails to be signed, the National Piping Centre reserves the right to cancel the event.
14. The National Piping Centre reserves the right to refuse alcohol.

Brides Signature:

Grooms Signature:

Date of Wedding:

Date of Signing Contract:
