



DERWENTWATER INDEPENDENT HOSTEL

Wedding Celebrations 2023/2024



A Georgian Mansion Overlooking Derwentwater

Derwentwater Independent Hostel offers a unique venue for your wedding celebration.

A truly special location with a relaxed atmosphere ideal for spending precious time together with family & friends.



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A Georgian mansion, waterfalls, 17 acres of lawns and woodlands, and a view of Derwentwater, Cat Bells & Skiddaw make a memorable setting for your wedding celebration weekend.



The hostel is available for Exclusive Hire at any time of the year, for wedding celebration weekends for up to 120 guests, with overnight accommodation for up to 92 guests (80 in the hostel and up to 12 in camping pods).

Unlike most venues we don't offer set wedding packages - what we do is to help you to create your own unique event. Spacious communal facilities, large grounds and a relaxed atmosphere, allow family and friends to spend precious time together, creating a truly memorable gathering. The hostel is yours for the weekend, so please feel free to decorate and set up rooms as you choose.

There are two styles of events which work particularly well:

- A smaller wedding celebration for up to 65 guests using the hostel dining room as the main reception and party room, either self catering or with the hostel providing some or all of your food.
- A larger outdoor wedding event for up to 120 guests using a marquee or tipi on the lawn, with the hostel providing bed & breakfast, and outside caterers of your choice providing your celebration meal in your marquee.



For large exclusive hire events we charge a fixed fee to hire the whole hostel and grounds rather than charging per person, and there is a minimum two night stay. Your booking will include:

- accommodation for up to 92 guests in the hostel and camping pods
- exclusive use of the hostel from midday on day of arrival until 10am on departure day
- use of the grounds to pitch a marquee or tipi, for up to 120 guests.
- 30amp electrical supply for marquee/tipi suitable for lighting and music
- temporary event notice to enable outside entertainment



Hostel Accommodation

Accommodation is in bunk bedded rooms of varying sizes, broken down as follows: 1 x two bedded room, 3 x four bedded rooms, 3 x six bedded rooms, 3 x eight bedded rooms, and 1 spectacular sixteen bedded room with ornate plaster ceiling and Adam fireplace. Also included within exclusive hire bookings are 3 x four person camping pods.

Toilets and showers are located throughout the building, close to all bedrooms, and on a ratio of 1 toilet and shower for every 10 beds.

Derwentwater Independent Hostel is located 2 miles south of Keswick in the Borrowdale Valley, standing in its own spacious grounds overlooking Derwentwater and backing onto Barrow Cascade Falls.

Exclusive Hire Booking Terms & Conditions

Bookings have a minimum 2 night stay, and the hostel is usually available for you from midday on the day of arrival until 10am on the day of departure, although a later check out may be available.

Deposit Payments

If you are booking more than 6 months in advance we ask for a holding deposit of 10% of the total cost, then a 25% deposit 6 months before your stay and the balance to be paid 4 weeks before your stay.

If booking within 6 months of your stay, we require a 25% deposit and the balance is due for payment 4 weeks in advance of your stay.



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Dining Room & Self Catering Kitchen

The main hostel dining room, can comfortably seat 65 people, with additional dining space in the self catering kitchen. This is the largest room in the hostel, and can easily be cleared of all furniture for a dance or a party, or set up theatre style for a ceremony.

The self catering kitchen is available for your use throughout your stay. The hostel can provide some, or all of your meals. We can discuss your preferences when we meet up and look around the hostel.



If you choose to self cater, we can also offer a wash up service, to wash crockery and cutlery in our commercial dish wash; leaving you more time to relax and socialise.

Additional Hostel Facilities

- Pool room
- Table tennis room
- Lounge with open fire
- Small TV Lounge
- Limited Wifi
- Drying room/Laundry
- Parking for up to 30 cars

Cycle store



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DERWENTWATER INDEPENDENT HOSTEL Room Plan

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Room 1 - 16 beds



Room 2 - 8 beds



Room 3 - 4 beds



Room 4 - 6 beds



Room 6 - 4 beds



Room 7 - 8 beds



Room 8 - 8 beds



Room 9 - 6 beds



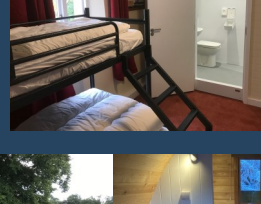
Room 11 - 6 beds



Room 12 - 6 beds



Room 14 - 2 beds
Single over Double Bed
Ensuite



Room 15 - 4 beds
1 x Single over Double
1 x Bunk
Ensuite

Room plan may change slightly from year to year.
We will issue an updated room plan if anything
changes after you have booked.



Camping Pods. Our heated camping pods can sleep up to 4 people, each on 2 single beds and one double bed. Toilets and showers are in the main hostel building.



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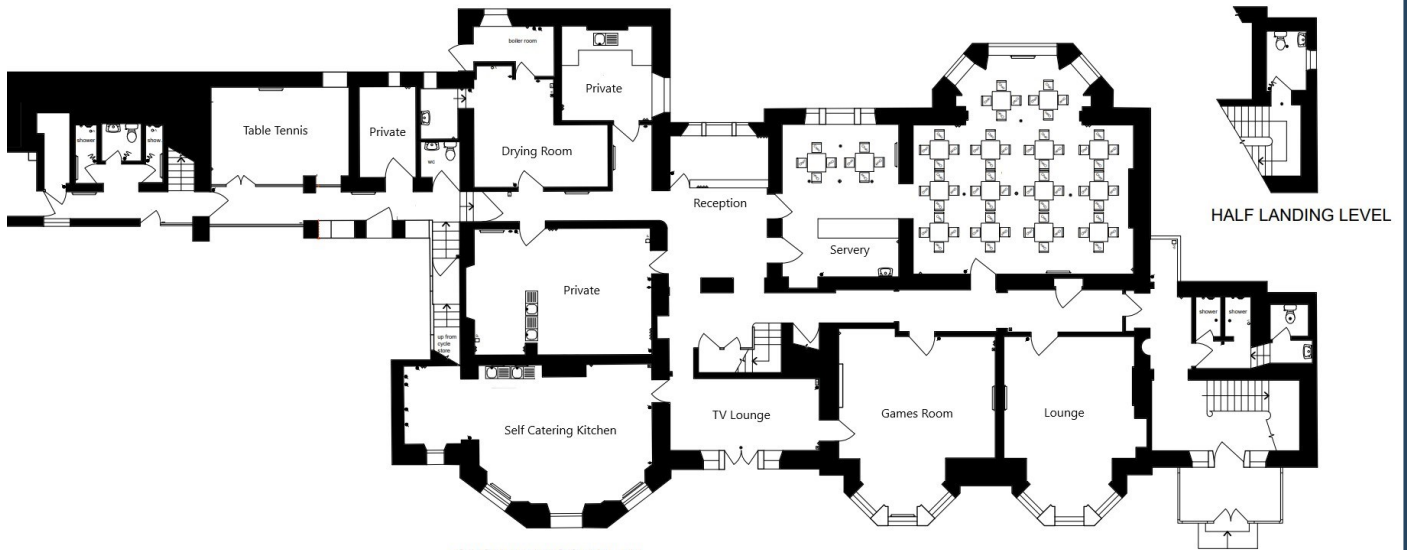
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN



GROUND FLOOR PLAN



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Frequently Asked Questions

How much does it cost to hire the hostel?

For large sole use events we charge a fixed fee to hire the whole hostel and grounds rather than charging per person. Per night prices range from £995 in winter, up to £1,495 in spring & autumn and £2,250 per night in the summer. Please contact us for exact prices for your preferred dates.

Is there a minimum length of stay?

Yes, we usually have a minimum two night stay for exclusive hire bookings, and three nights over Bank Holiday Weekends.

Is the hostel licensed for wedding ceremonies?

No we don't have a license for civil marriages or partnerships, so you will need to arrange for the formalities to take place somewhere else. There are many beautiful places in and around the hostel grounds for a non legally binding ceremony.

Can we do our own catering?

Yes, you'll have use of the self catering kitchen. The hostel can also provide some or all of your meals, and you also have the option to bring in outside caterers of your choice if you would like a meal served in your marquee. We'll discuss catering options when we show you around.

Is there an electricity supply for a marquee?

Yes, we can provide a 30amp electrical supply suitable for lighting and musical equipment in your marquee. However, this isn't suitable for heating or catering. You'll need to ensure you have the correct leads to connect to this supply on the outside of the building.

Is there a late night curfew?

The hostel is licensed for entertainment and the sale of alcohol until midnight, and therefore we have to ask that all live and amplified music finishes at midnight.

What about drinks?

As a licensed premises we can't usually allow guests to bring their own drinks onto the premises. The hostel can run a bar for you, with an agreed drinks list, or you can preorder drinks at a discount, which can include house wines on a sale or return basis, sparkling wines for your toast, and Keswick Brewery ales sold by the cask.

What time can we take over the hostel and what time do we need to leave?

The hostel will be ready for you from midday on arrival day. On the day of departure we ask guests to vacate bedrooms by 10am, and to vacate the hostel by midday. Depending on the dates booked, it may be possible to arrange a later checkout.

Can we move furniture around and set the hostel up how we want?

Yes, it's yours for the weekend, and you can set up rooms as you like. When we meet up in advance to plan your weekend, we'll talk through all of your plans, to check we are happy with everything you are planning. We don't allow you to take indoor furniture outdoors, and ask that everything is put back to its original place prior to your departure.

How do we make a booking?

The first stage should always be to check availability for your preferred dates and then arrange to come and look around the hostel, to help you decide whether this is the right venue for you. If you are booking more than 6 months in advance we ask for a holding deposit of 10% of the total cost, then a 25% deposit 6 months before your stay and the balance to be paid 4 weeks before your stay.

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If there is anything else you would like to ask, please do get in touch.



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