BURTOWN WEDDINGS

Six exceptional wedding weekends each year

"We open Burtown for just six Wedding Weekends each year.

The celebration begins on Thursday afternoon, when you arrive with those closest to you, and unfolds gradually through dinner, gardens, music and the wedding itself on Friday. On Saturday, there is time to gather once more before saying goodbye.

By giving each wedding this time and space, our hope is to create something relaxed, generous and entirely individual — an experience that could not happen anywhere else."

James & Joanna Fennell

A Wedding at Burtown

Burtown is a living family estate, shaped by its gardens, its food and the generations who have cared for it.

For six weekends each year, Burtown closes to the public and welcomes one wedding party to make the estate their own.

This allows to approach every celebration personally, giving each couple the time, attention and individuality their wedding deserves while preserving the character and natural rhythm of the estate.

A wedding at Burtown is not a conventional venue package.
It is a private celebration that unfolds through a series of distinctive spaces — from a ceremony among the gardens, to drinks and canapés outdoors dinner in The Green Barn and an evening of music and dancing in the Stream Barn.

We work with couples who feel a genuine connection with Burtown and who value exceptional seasonal food, beautiful surroundings, houghtful hospitality and a celebration that feels relaxed, generous and entirely personal.

No two weddings here are ever the same,
but every one should feel unmistakably Burtown.

A Living Family Estate

Burtown House was built in 1710 and remains one of the few Irish country houses still lived in by the family who built it. The house is surrounded by twelve acres of flower, woodland and kitchen gardens, with a further 140 acres of parkland, wildflower meadows, forestry and farmland beyond.

Burtown is home to James and Joanna Fennell and their family. In 2012, they opened the gardens to visitors and created a small café in the sunny stable-yard courtyard.

Its success led to the opening of The Green Barn in 2016 an award-winning restaurant rooted in the produce of the estate.

Today, Burtown brings together family history, contemporary design, gardens, food and hospitality. Its weddings feel personal because they take place within a home and estate that continue to be lived in, cared for and shaped every day.

A Celebration Across the Estate

One of the pleasures of a wedding weekend at Burtown is that the celebration is never confined to a single room—or even a single day. It moves naturally through the estate, allowing each part of the celebration to have its own atmosphere.

Over the course of the Wedding Weekend, guests experience a succession of very different spaces and atmospheres: an intimate Thursday welcome, fireside drinks and music, a Friday ceremony within the gardens, cocktails and canapés outdoors, dinner in The Green Barn and an evening celebration in the Stream Barn.

The following morning offers one last opportunity to gather over brunch or lunch before the estate returns fully to its weekend rhythm.

Each Wedding Weekend is shaped around the season, the number of guests and the character of the couple. There is no fixed formula, but every part of the experience is considered carefully so that it feels connected, unhurried and unmistakably Burtown.

Ceremonies in the Gardens

Ceremonies at Burtown are intimate, natural and deeply connected to the landscape of the estate.

Depending on the season and the character of the celebration, vows may be exchanged in the courtyard garden,

beside the natural pool and lime walk, beneath the trees of the woodland garden, within the Yew walk or in the rustic surroundings of the Stream Barn.

Each ceremony setting is selected carefully with the couple, taking account of the time of year, guest numbers and the natural flow of the day.

Existing garden structures, benches and selected Burtown furnishings can be incorporated,

while floristry and additional styling may be developed separately to complement the surroundings.

As with every outdoor celebration, a considered wet-weather arrangement is agreed in advance,

allowing the ceremony to retain its atmosphere whatever the day brings.

Drinks in the Gardens

Following the ceremony, guests gather for drinks and seasonal canapés within one of Burtown's agreed garden spaces.

Depending on the time of year, the reception may unfold in the courtyard, beneath the garden tent or among the wider gardens, with lanterns, fire pits and existing Burtown furnishings used to create a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

Canapés are prepared by The Green Barn kitchen and shaped by the season, combining produce from the gardens with carefully sourced Irish ingredients. Drinks are selected separately for each celebration.

Couples may choose from sparkling wine, Champagne, bottled beers, carefully chosen wines and botanical cocktails inspired by the gardens at Burtown.

This part of the day is intentionally unhurried, allowing time for photographs, conversation and a natural progression through the estate before guests are invited to dinner.

Dinner in The Green Barn

The Green Barn is the heart of a wedding at Burtown.
Designed as a contemporary counterpoint to the historic house and gardens, it brings together natural materials,

A world away from the conventional hotel ballroom.

Guests gather around beautifully laid tables for a seasonal wedding feast prepared by The Green Barn kitchen.
The room can be arranged to suit the scale and character of each celebration, from long communal tables to a more traditional dining layout.

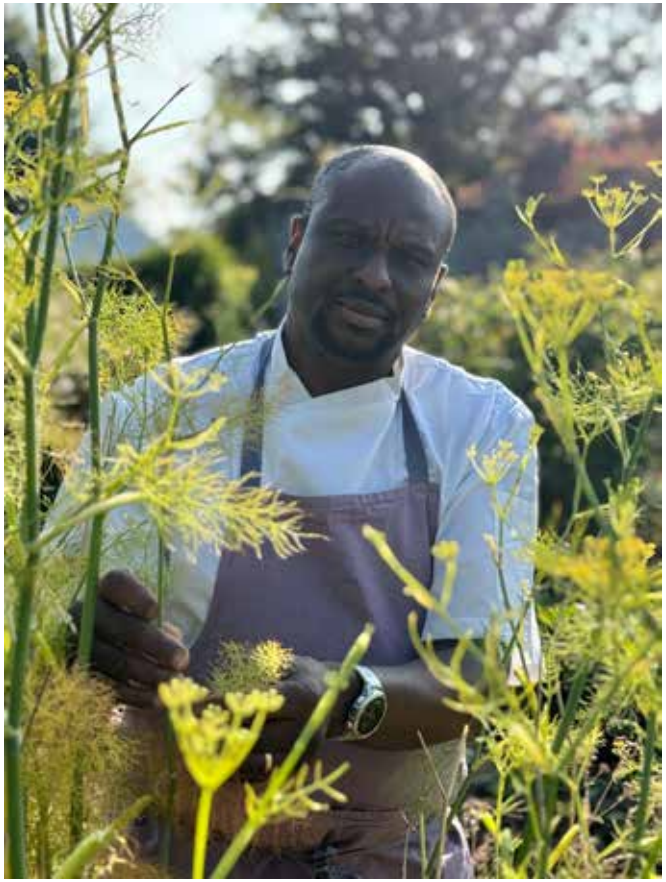
Flowers and foliage from the gardens, candlelight and Burtown's existing collection of furniture and decorative pieces allow the room to feel abundant without becoming overly formal. Bespoke floristry, specialist furniture and additional installations can be developed separately where required.

The Green Barn is best suited to celebrations of approximately 70 to 120 guests,
allowing the room to retain both its sense of occasion and its natural intimacy.

“Our wedding menus begin in the gardens.

They are shaped by what is growing, what is at its best and what will make guests feel genuinely well looked after.”

James & Joanna Fennell



Food from the Estate

Food is at the heart of every wedding at Burtown.

Our menus are led by the seasons and by what is growing across the estate—from the kitchen gardens and polytunnels to the wider field-scale plots. Produce is harvested at its best and brought directly to The Green Barn kitchen, giving each celebration a genuine connection to the place and time of year.

Alongside ingredients grown at Burtown, we use carefully sourced Irish beef, free-range poultry and wild seafood. The cooking is generous, thoughtful and full of flavour, allowing exceptional produce to remain at the centre of every dish.

Rather than offering a fixed wedding package throughout the year, we work with each couple to create a menu suited to the season, the style of their celebration and the natural rhythm of the day.

From garden canapés and the wedding feast to late-evening food, everything is prepared with the same care and character that define dining at The Green Barn.

BURTOWN WEDDING MENU

STARTERS
please choose two

Walled Garden Soup
guinness brown bread

Smoked Salmon & Crab Cannelloni
cucumber ketchup, sweet red pepper, mini blinis

Goat's Cheese Nougat
beetroot purée, sourdough, pesto dressing

Tomato Tarte Fine
red onion confit, burrata, red pesto

Free Range Chicken Caesar Salad
garden leaves, garlic croutons, pickled garden produce, parmigiana reggiano, caesar dressing

Chicken Liver Pâté
fig & apple chutney, garden pickles, sourdough toast

Pil Pil Prawns
garden herbs, garlic, sundried tomato, chilli, lemon, crusty sourdough

Black Pudding & Ham Hock Croquette
piccalilli garden vegetables, tarragon mayonnaise

MAINS
please choose two & one vegetarian option

Fillet of Salmon
black olive pomme purée, garden vegetables, rocket

Organic Mushroom Risotto (vegan adaptable)
extra virgin olive oil, aged parmigiano reggiano, kale crisps, roast beetroot

Irish Feather Blade Beef
roast garden vegetables, chive & scallion mash, red wine jus

Roast Supreme of Irish Chicken
spinach, baby carrot, fondant potato, grain mustard sauce

Pan Seared Irish Sea Bass
sea asparagus, celeriac purée, prawn bisque, potato croquette

Baked Irish Cod
garden herb crust, confit fennell, sauce vierge, pomme purée

Coconut Red Lentils (v)
grilled garden vegetables, coriander pesto, curry & lime dressing

Rump of Irish Lamb
confit tomato, sprouting broccoli, pommes anna, rosemary jus

DESSERT
please choose one

Vegan Chocolate Ganache Tart
berry compote

Double Chocolate Brownie (GF)
salted caramel, vanilla ice cream

Classic Crème Brûlée
shortbread

Ice Cream
selection of ice cream

White Chocolate & Raspberry Cheesecake
brandy cherries

Seasonal Crumble
creme anglaise

Lemon Tart
raspberry coulis

Royal Chocolate Mousse
creme anglaise

Please note our menus are seasonal and are subject to change with the seasons.

Evening in the Stream Barn

On Friday evening, after the wedding feast, the celebration returns to the Stream Barn for music, dancing and the more relaxed rhythm of the night. Set beside the watercourse and woodland garden, the barn has a character entirely its own—rustic and atmospheric, but designed to work beautifully for live music, DJs and late-night gatherings.

Its generous interior, built-in bar and sheltered veranda create space for guests to dance, gather over drinks or step outside into the evening air. Existing lighting and furnishings give the barn a warm, informal atmosphere, while additional production, staging or specialist lighting can be arranged separately where required.

Late-evening food is prepared by The Green Barn kitchen and developed to suit the style and season of each celebration. Music, bar service and departure times are agreed in advance and operate within the licensed hours of the estate.

Stay on the Estate

Staying at Burtown allows the Wedding Weekend to unfold at a completely different pace. From arrival on Thursday afternoon, the couple and their closest guests are able to settle into the estate, enjoy the night-before gathering and wake at Burtown on the morning of the wedding.

Following Friday's celebration, Saturday begins more slowly, with time to gather again before guests depart and Burtown returns to its normal weekend rhythm. The Stable Yard House offers a warm and characterful base for close family or the wedding party,with three bedrooms, open fires, wood-burning stoves and a traditional kitchen centred around the Aga.

Adjoining it, the double-height Studio Apartment provides a private retreat for the couple, with a four-poster bed,mezzanine sitting area and doors opening into the secluded stable-yard garden.

A small collection of private Eco Barn Cabins is also being created within the wider estate. Designed as peaceful retreats for two guests, availability for individual wedding dates will be confirmed as part of each couple’s accommodation proposal.

Accommodation at Burtown is reserved separately from the wedding celebration and is subject to a minimum stay.

Further accommodation is available within the surrounding area, and our team can provide a carefully selected list of local country houses, hotels and guesthouses, together with transport recommendations.

Onsite accommodation is reserved separately from the Wedding Weekend investment.
Availability and accommodation requirements are discussed as part of each couple's individual proposal.

What Our Couples Say

Weddings at Burtown are designed to feel personal, relaxed and deeply connected to the estate.
These are the memories our couples and their guests have taken away with them.

"We knew as soon as we arrived that Burtown was our perfect wedding venue.
The surroundings are completely gorgeous, The Green Barn is beautifully styled and the whole place feels relaxed and elegant.
The food was incredible, especially the vegetables picked from just outside the restaurant.
Our weekend at Burtown felt so relaxed and special."

Maeve & Charlie

"Our wedding at Burtown was a magical experience. From the family dinner the evening before to the end of the celebration,
we had nothing but wonderful moments. James and the team supported us at every step,
and the food—from the reception canapés to dinner—was magnificent."

Tatiana & Aymeric

"The Green Barn lived up to all our expectations and more.
Our guests could not stop talking about how beautiful everything looked, and many said it was the best food they had ever eaten
at a wedding. The service was excellent, warm and genuinely friendly throughout."

Susan & Ollie

The Wedding Weekend

The Day-Before Session

The experience begins on Thursday afternoon, when the couple and their closest guests arrive and settle into the estate. That evening begins quietly over dinner and drinks in The Green Barn, before the celebration moves into the privacy of the Stream Barn, where the wider wedding party can gather for drinks, conversation and a lively traditional Irish music session.

It is relaxed, informal and full of character—a chance for guests to meet properly, enjoy the evening and begin the wedding weekend with genuine warmth and a sense of place.

The Stream Barn bar, additional food and entertainment are tailored to the size and style of each gathering.

The Wedding Day

The following day, the wedding unfolds across the estate—from ceremony and garden drinks to dinner in The Green Barn and an evening of music and dancing in the Stream Barn.

The Day After

The celebration continues on Saturday providing a slow pace, with a long breakfast or brunch, time in the gardens and the opportunity to say goodbye without the abrupt ending of a conventional wedding night.

More private or bespoke day-after events may also be arranged elsewhere on the estate, subject to availability.

A small number of private midweek weddings are also available on selected Wednesdays and Thursdays for celebations of up to 80 guests. Midweek weddings are offered as a private single-day celebration and begin from a minimum wedding investment of €30,000. Please enquire for further details.

Your Wedding Investment

Wedding celebrations at Burtown begin from a minimum wedding investment of €45,000, based on approximately 80 adult guests. The Burtown Wedding Weekend is designed with an intimate Thursday welcome and Saturday farewell for the couple's closest family and friends. From Thursday afternoon until Saturday, Burtown closes to the public and the agreed wedding areas of the estate are devoted to one celebration. This investment brings together estate exclusivity, seasonal food, drinks, wedding planning and the principal elements of the wedding day. A detailed proposal is prepared for every couple following their initial visit and consultation with our team.

Estate Exclusivity

€10,000

Private use of the agreed wedding spaces and gardens, together with wedding planning and coordination, standard Burtown furniture and tableware, existing decorative pieces, set-up, reinstatement and normal post-event cleaning.

Wedding Ceremony

From €1,250

Preparation of the agreed ceremony setting and use of available Burtown ceremony furniture. Bespoke floristry, additional structures and specialist production are quoted separately.

Seasonal Wedding Feast

From €175 per adult

A three-course seasonal wedding feast prepared by The Green Barn kitchen, including breads, accompaniments and filtered still and sparkling water.

Drinks and Canapés

Seasonal canapés from €35 per person

Curated beverage selections from €65 per adult

Late-Evening Food

From €22 per adult

The minimum wedding investment applies to the wedding weekend and comprises the Estate Exclusivity Fee together with all food and beverages supplied by Burtown.

Accommodation, bespoke floristry, entertainment, external suppliers, specialist production, extended access and the refundable security deposit are quoted separately.

Smaller celebrations may be considered where the minimum wedding investment is met.

Planning Your Wedding at Burtown

As Burtown hosts no more than six weddings each year, we begin every enquiry with a conversation about the couple, the date they are considering and the kind of celebration they hope to create.

To help us understand your plans, we ask that initial enquiries include:
Your preferred wedding date or season
Your estimated number of guests
Your overall wedding-weekend vision
Your likely accommodation requirements

Wedding celebrations at Burtown begin from a minimum wedding investment of €45,000, excluding accommodation.
Following an initial conversation, suitable couples are invited to visit the estate, explore the wedding spaces and discuss how their celebration might unfold.

A detailed, individually prepared proposal is then provided.
We would be delighted to hear from couples who feel a genuine connection with Burtown and would like to make the estate part of their wedding story.

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