

We married at THE ROYAL HOTEL OBAN Argyll



Jade MacEwan
and Jonathan Brown,
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If a venue has the right staff it's odds-on that any event held there will be a success. Thankfully for Jade and Jonathan, each and every member of the Royal Hotel Oban's workforce made it their mission to ensure this couple's day was a truly memorable one. "They did everything in their power to make our wedding day as special as possible," beams bride Jade. "The commitment they showed really was my favourite thing about the venue. It meant our day ran perfectly."

Selecting the Royal as their venue hadn't been a difficult decision for the couple. "We had two other options on our shortlist before we settled on the Royal. It had everything

we were looking for: reasonably priced, good reviews and big enough to accommodate all of our guests." That last point was an important one, as the bride explains: "We had 120 for the meal and then a further 100 joined us for the evening reception."

Most of the crowd didn't have to travel far to join in the fun. "Jonathan and I are both from Oban and most of our relatives live in the area," says Jade. "Several guests came from different parts of Scotland, though, and a few travelled all the way from Germany; the hotel made sure they were well looked after, and even offered us discounted room rates, which was very helpful."



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When it came to package options, the Royal Hotel outshone any other venue Jade and Jonathan had considered for their big day. “We opted for a drinks package which offered three bottles of wine per table, along with champagne on arrival. For the meal, guests had a choice of three options for each of the three courses, and the evening food was half buffet and half morning rolls, which everyone enjoyed. Also included were table decorations, accessories and an overnight stay in the honeymoon suite for us.”

On top of all that, the couple’s package helped extend the celebrations into the following day. “We had use of the bar downstairs the day after the wedding to have lunch with our guests who had spent the night in the hotel,” Jade explains. “It allowed us time to say a proper goodbye, which we really appreciated.”

They also struck gold as far as their theme was concerned: the background of the Royal Hotel Oban fitted in with their ideas beautifully. “We opted to incorporate the colour mint into our day. We made our own centrepieces out of slate and Tiree sea glass as my dad is a slater and Jonathan’s parents have a house in Tiree. The team at the venue were so accommodating in helping us to bring this vision to life. They spent a long time sourcing chair bows in exactly the right colour to fit with the theme.”

The Royal Hotel also had one last trick up its sleeve. “My bridesmaids and I had choreographed a dance as a surprise for our guests, and the staff were particularly keen to help us set this up and keep it a secret until the right moment,” recalls the bride.

Jade’s advice for future couples? “Trust the staff and let them do what they do. They genuinely are amazing.”

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