

Weddings and Private Parties



“The venue is one of the prime considerations when planning a wedding or private party. At Knockomie we promise to listen carefully to your requirements and to offer our assistance with menu planning, wines, table plans, timings and all the other details that will make your wedding reception special. We also promise to ensure your wedding or private party is carefully supervised to ensure we deliver exactly what we agreed with you whether your wedding is for 2 or 40 people.”

Gavin and Penny Ellis

The prices in this booklet are valid until January 2012, unless otherwise stated and may be changed at any time.

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www.knockomie.co.uk

The Property: Knockomie Hotel is situated in an elevated position to the South of the Royal Burgh of Forres. The hotel is situated in 4 acres of lawned grounds and parkland. By car to the town centre takes 3 minutes whilst by foot it takes 15 minutes. Inverness is approximately 30 minutes drive. The hotel is easily located off the A940 Forres to Grantown-on-Spey road. The hotel is regularly upgraded and refurbished. Knockomie hotel is rated 4 stars by the Scottish Tourist Board, is recommended in the Best Loved Hotels Directory and The Michelin Guide.

The History: The building, which is now Knockomie Hotel, was built in 1821 and was substantially extended in 1914 and again in 1993. The house was originally owned by the Fraser family who retired to Scotland from India in 1912 and were responsible for the first extension that doubled the size of the house. The house was converted to a Hotel in 1986. In November 1987 the Ellis family purchased the hotel and extended again in 1993. The hotel is open throughout the year under the supervision of Gavin and Penny Ellis who have extensive experience in the management and operation of quality hotels throughout the UK.

The Facilities: The hotel comprises 15 bedrooms, all of which have en-suite facilities. Most of the bedrooms are particularly large with views across to the town of Forres and the grounds of the hotel. All are equipped with tea and coffee making facilities, satellite colour television, direct dial telephone and hair dryer. Our Aberlour and Benromach Rooms with their four poster beds are ideal for the bride and groom. There is also the very popular Glen Burgie room, beautifully furnished with a Scandinavian theme, mood lighting, under floor heating in the bathroom and a bath and shower to die for! It's been more popular than the traditional four posters!

To celebrate 24 years of hospitality we have given our restaurant a new interior which will seat 24 guests comfortably, it is contemporary yet respectful of our arts and crafts heritage. The menu has also changed reflecting modern demands for hand crafted local produce.

The Malt Library Bar with its book lined walls and shelves stocked with over 100 malt whisky's provides an ideal meeting place.

The Strathcona Room is adjacent to The Malt Library and is another particularly fine and decorative room. This room is used primarily for private functions and will seat up to 40 people.

Ample car parking is available.

Your Booking: At Knockomie Hotel we firmly believe that every private booking needs our careful and individual attention. We will work hard with you to ensure your day or evening is a success. Part of our commitment to you is that we do not offer standard "packages".

We welcome guests at any time to view our facilities but would stress that it may be difficult to spend time with you if the hotel is very busy. To ensure we have time to spend with you it is helpful to give us a call and let us know when you would like to visit.

At this first meeting we will discuss with you exactly what you require and we will show you our facilities and explain to you what we can offer. If you wish, you may then make a provisional reservation, particularly appropriate for weddings. We will hold this reservation for you for 14 days to allow you to check availability of a minister or registrar. A letter of confirmation together with the appropriate deposit should follow this. We will then confirm the booking back to you. At this stage you should also book your photographer, cake, flowers, entertainment and transport. We would then like to meet with you again a few weeks before your wedding or private party and discuss in detail with you your requirements. At this stage we confirm timings, drinks, menus etc. etc... We will then write to you to confirm the details we have discussed.

We ask you then to confirm these details are in order. Final details such as numbers, table plan etc. should then be with the hotel 2 weeks prior to the wedding.

Sometimes weddings and parties are booked at fairly short notice. If this is the case all the details can be dealt with at one meeting. Many of our weddings are for couples from overseas and it is difficult to visit the hotel prior to the wedding. If this is the case we are happy to discuss details with you over the telephone and by letter, fax or email.

Getting Married: At Knockomie Hotel we can host both civil and religious weddings. Whether your marriage is to be civil or religious you still need to contact the registrar as he is responsible for all the paperwork. If you have a religious wedding he will prepare the marriage schedule for signing and you will collect it from him and return it signed after the wedding. You have a choice of a religious or civil wedding in the hotel or a wedding in a local church or in the registry office in Forres. Many of our bride and grooms come to us asking for the ceremony to take place in the hotel but we will always ask you to consider being married out with the hotel. The reason for this is that we believe a ceremony in the hotel sometimes lacks some sense of occasion. When you and your guests have all got dressed up it is special for the bride to go out to her wedding then to return, with her new husband to the reception. The decision however is left entirely to the bride and groom.

Registry Office: Many brides and grooms tell us they do not want a registry office wedding. This is usually because they have an impression that the registrar will be rushing the wedding through complete with his plastic carnation and that you will have to queue outside the office and wait your turn. That's not what happens in Forres! You will not be in a queue or "processed". The office, I think, married only around 100 couples in the whole of last year. The registrar Heather Kellas is a lovely lady and she will make your wedding special. If she has more than one wedding she will not allow them to be so close together that you meet each other at the door!

Local Church: You can be married either in the St Laurence's Church, a Church of Scotland or St John's Episcopalian church (the Episcopalian church is very similar to the Church of England). Both churches are very friendly and are lovely places to be married. The ministers in both churches are friendly and will help make your day a great success.

Hotel: Only Heather Kellas, the Registrar, Reverend Barry Boyd from St Laurence's Church, a Church of Scotland Minister of your choice or a Humanist can marry people at the hotel. The ceremony is normally in the hotel, but, if the weather is nice, we can move outside if you prefer. With the un-predictable Scottish weather it is not safe to plan an outside wedding without a fall back plan.

Numbers: We welcome weddings for any number up to 40 guests. If you do not take exclusive use of the hotel we limit the number of rooms you can book to 8. This is to ensure your comfort and that of other guests using the hotel. There is, of course, some flexibility to this rule if you are being married at a very quiet time of the year. We can accommodate up to 40 guests in comfort for the wedding and reception. Although we have only 15 bedrooms there are other hotels and Bed and Breakfast houses that can provide additional accommodation. Additional guests can join the celebration in the evening if you so wish.

Exclusive Use: The hotel is available for exclusive use at most times. Exclusive use entitles you to all our 15 bedrooms plus our Strathcona Room and Restaurant as required and our rates include an allowance towards dinner, bed and breakfast. More details are available on request.

Entertainment: In order to ensure your enjoyment and also that of other guests who may be using the hotel we insist that amplified music can only be used if you have taken a minimum of the 2 bedrooms above the dance floor and bar or that you have exclusive use of the hotel. All entertainment must be agreed with us in advance.

Malt Library Bar: During your evening reception you and your guests will have full use of the Malt Library bar; this is not for your exclusive use unless you have booked the whole hotel.

CHARGES

Smaller Parties: We offer a 15% accommodation discount from our published tariff for guests attending the wedding.

Room Hire Charges: The Grill Room or Lounge are available for hire for the wedding ceremony at a charge of £275.00. If you have taken our exclusive use option the room is included in the exclusive use charge.

Corkage: We do not allow guests to consume their own drinks in the hotel and do not operate a corkage policy.

VAT: Please note that all our prices include applicable VAT.

Deposits: When a wedding reception is booked a deposit of £275.00 plus £100.00 per room is required to confirm the booking. It should be noted that in the event of a cancellation this deposit is strictly non refundable.

Payment: We are pleased to accept Cash, Mastercard, Visa, Amex, Switch or Delta. Credit cards used for payment will incur a 3% service charge. If you wish to pay the balance of your account by cheque, you must advise us of this 10 days before the function.

DINING

Our Chef produces interesting and imaginative dishes using fresh local ingredients wherever possible.

This selector is deigned to be used by organisers for parties of at least 10 guests. When selecting your menu we would ask that you select one dish for each course. If you wish a choice we would recommend no more than two dishes per course. Where there is a choice the cost of the menu will be increased by £1.60 per course.

We always offer a vegetarian option, special diet menus or an alternative dish if you know a guest will not enjoy your choice. There is no charge for this option and we must be notified in advance.

Knockomie Hotel Menu Selector

Below is a selection of dishes individually priced for you to compile your own menu. Following these, there are set price menu's to choose from.

Starters

Scottish Smoked Salmon Caper Berries, Lemon and Dill Crème Fraiche	£6.80
Gravadlax of Salmon steeped in Laphroaig Whisky with Quails Egg, Beetroot Puree and Wholegrain Mustard Dressing	£7.50
Chicken Liver Parfait with Knockomie Chutney Toasted Brioche	£6.00
Guinea Fowl Mushroom and Leek Terrine, Cumberland Sauce and Oatcakes	£6.50
Warm Tartlet of Goats Cheese and Red Onion, Garden Leaves And Balsamic Dressing	£5.95
Galia Melon, Citrus Fruits and Passion Fruit Coulis	£6.25

Soups

Cock – a – Leekie	£4.00
Potato and Leek Soup, Smoked Paprika Oil	£4.00
Parsnip and Apple Soup with Herb Croutons	£4.00
Cullen Skink	£5.50
Roasted Tomato and Red Pepper with Basil Scented Crème Fraiche	£4.25

Intermediate Course

Blackcurrant Sorbet	£3.00
Mango Sorbet	£3.00
Lemon Sorbet	£3.00
Champagne Sorbet	£3.00
Traditional Haggis, Neeps and Tatties with Whisky Jus	£3.95

Main Courses

Roast Sirloin of Beef with roast potatoes, seasonal Vegetables, Yorkshire Pudding and Madeira Jus	£26.50
The above dish with rib of beef	£24.00
Herb Crusted Rack of Morayshire Lamb, Fondant Potato with Glazed Seasonal Vegetables and Rosemary Jus	£20.50
Breast of Chicken stuffed with Woodland Mushroom and Herb Mousse, Chateau Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Red Wine sauce	£16.00
Breast of Chicken stuffed with Haggis on Wholegrain Mustard Mash Seasonal Vegetables and Whisky Cream Sauce	£16.00
Roasted Fillet of Salmon on Herb Crushed New Potatoes Glazed greens and Lemon and Dill Buerre Blanc	£16.00
Fresh Herb and Parmesan Crusted Fillet of Salmon, Vanilla Mash Wilted Spinach and Chive Cream Sauce	£16.00
Fillet of Beef Wellington with a Duchesse of Horseradish Mash, Sautéed Green Beans and a Madeira Jus	£28.75
Sun Blush Tomato Risotto with Glazed Baby Vegetables and Parmesan Crisp	£11.00
Wild Mushroom and Brie Pancake Masked with Tomato Coulis	£11.00

Puddings

Heather Honey and Raspberry Cranachan with Shortbread (available May to September)	
Baked New York Cheesecake with Berry Compote and Lemon Sorbet	
Apple Crumble Sauce Anglais and Vanilla Ice cream	
Glazed Lemon Tart, Lemon Sorbet and Chantilly Cream	
Profiteroles with Chocolate Orange Sauce	
Warm Sticky Toffee Pudding with Toffee sauce and Vanilla Ice cream	
Dark Chocolate Tart, Orange and Vanilla Compote	
Vanilla Panacotta, Blueberry Compote and Black Cherry Ice Cream	
*All desserts £6.00	
Selection of Scottish Cheeses with Oatcakes	£7.50

Tea and Coffee

Java Coffee and a Selection of Teas with Tablet and Mints are included with our compliments.

Sample Set Menus

The Glenlivet

Chicken Liver Parfait with Knockomie Chutney Toasted Brioche

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Roasted Fillet of Salmon on Herb Crushed New Potatoes
Glazed Greens and Lemon and Dill Buerre Blanc

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Apple Crumble Sauce Anglais and Vanilla Ice Cream

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Java Coffee and a Selection of Teas with Mints

£28.00 per person

The Macallan

Cullen Skink

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Breast of Chicken stuffed with Haggis on Wholegrain Mustard
Mash Seasonal Vegetables and Whisky Cream Sauce

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Profiteroles with Chocolate Orange Sauce

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Java Coffee and a Selection of Teas with Mints

£27.25 per person

The Cardhu

Scottish Smoked Salmon Caper Berries, Lemon
and Dill Crème Fraiche

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Mango Sorbet

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Roast Sirloin of Beef with roast potatoes, seasonal
Vegetables, Yorkshire Pudding and Madeira Jus

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Glazed Lemon Tart, Lemon Sorbet and Chantilly Cream

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Java Coffee and a Selection of Teas with Mints

£41.30 per person

Evening Buffet

Menu A

Selection of Cocktail sandwiches
Cocktail Sausage Rolls
Vol au Vents

£8.00 person

Menu B

Selection of Cocktail sandwiches
Cocktail Sausage Rolls
Vol au Vents
Mini Spring Rolls

£9.00 per person

Menu C

Traditional Stovies and Oatcakes

£9.50 per person

Menu D

Selection of Open Sandwiches on Crisp Rolls
Individual Mini Quiches
Haddock Goujons with Garlic and Herb Dip
Mini Spring Rolls with Thai Sweet Chilli Dip
Cocktail Sausage Rolls

£12.00 per person

The above menus are not available as a main meal, and each buffet option is served with tea and coffee.

CANAPÉS

Cream Cheese and Chive Tartlets
Leek and Bacon Mini Quiche
Smoked Salmon Blinis
Haggis Bon Bons
Black Pudding Bon Bons
Prawn tails and Sweet Chilli Dip
Houmous and Vegetable Crudites

Choice of 3: £4.20 per person

Choice of 5: £5.50 per person

Knockomie Event Wine List

Champagne

Louis Roederer Brut NV	£41.00
Poilvert – Jaques Brut NV	£36.00

Sparkling Wine

Prosecco, Barocco, Extra Dry NV	£23.00
Cava Castelle Lord Brut Nature NV	£19.50

White Wines

France

Cotes de Saint Mont Blanc Plaimont	£17.50
Chablis Domaine du Colombier 2007	£31.50

Chile

Las Condes Sauvignon Blanc	£15.50
Las Condes Rose	£15.50
Santa Ema Sauvignon Blanc	£16.75
Santa Ema Chardonnay	£17.95

South Africa

Veldt Chenin Blanc	£16.00
Cullinan View Sauvignon Blanc	£16.50

Australia

Peter Lehmann Weighbridge Chardonnay	£17.25
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New Zealand

Francesca Bay Sauvignon Blanc	£20.75
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Red Wines

France

Cotes de Saint Mont Rouge Plaimont	£17.50
Cotes du Rhone Rouge, Parcelles 38,	£19.75
Les Ormes de LaGrange, Bordeaux Superior	£21.00

Chile

Las Condes Cabernet Sauvignon	£15.50
Santa Ema Cabernet Sauvignon	£18.75
Santa Ema Merlot	£18.75

South Africa

Veldt Shiraz	£16.00
Cullinan View Shiraz	£21.00
Cullinan View Pinotage	£19.80

Australia

Peter Lehmann Clancy's	£18.85
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New Zealand

Francesca Bay Pinot Noir	£22.75
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Our award winning wine list is available on request.

Useful Telephone Numbers for you to consider. We may offer more than one for no other reason than they have been used by previous couples. Please ensure that the supplier is what you desire; there are others available. We have had hairdressers and photographers flown in from London and Paris for no other reason than that is what the bride was comfortable with and what is wrong with that?!

THE ESSENTIAL PEOPLE

Church of Scotland: St Laurence; Rev Barry Boyd 01309 672260

Church of Scotland: St Leonard's; 01309 672380

Episcopalian: St Johns; Rev Canon Cliff Piper 01309 672856

Catholic Church: St Margaret's; Rev Francis Barnett 01667 453323

Registrar: Heather Kellas 01309 694000

Humanist Society Scotland 07010 714774
north@humanism-scotland.org.uk

Photography

Hemsworth Images – Mary Hemsworth
My World , Your World, Through a Lens 01667 453545
07795 632733

Email info@hemsworthimages.co.uk www.hemsworthimages.co.uk

Picture This Photography, Scott Hogg 01224 824654 or
01309 674516

»Modern but timeless wedding photography Email – hpicturethis@aol.com

Bodies of Banff, Iain Bain 01261 812250
Email – iainbain@mac.com
<http://www.bodiesofbanff.com>

Stationary

Piccolo Press, Nairn 01667 454508
»As printing should be done; a unique company
Email - print@piccolopress.co.uk

Place settings- Catriona Pirie Morrison 07891 777048
www.calligraphyink.co.uk

Florists

<i>Stephen Seedhouse Flowers, Nairn</i>	01667 456223
»Outstanding, imaginative and a specialist in his field with a great team E-mail - seedhouseflowers@aol.com	
<i>Room to Bloom, Elgin</i>	01343 548677
<i>Little Flower, Forres</i>	01309 672676
<i>Bay Tree Florist, Elgin</i>	01343 551488

Jewellers

<i>Smiths the Jewellers, Forres</i>	01309 675577
<i>Colin Campbell & Co, Inverness</i>	01463 222737

Outfits from around the world

<i>Bubbles at Brodie Country Fayre, Forres</i>	01309 641555
<i>Connections, Forres</i>	01309 672446
<i>Marmalade, Forres</i>	01309 696841
<i>Johnston's of Elgin</i>	01343 554099

Bridal

<i>Wedding Daze, 19 Harbour Street, Nairn, IV12 4NX</i>	01667 456196
<i>Avorio Bridal, Fochabers</i>	01343 821444

Kilts

<i>Carol Henry (kiltmaker)</i>	01309 675341
<i>Chuck MaCalls (hire) of South Street Elgin</i>	01343 540590

Hair and Beauty

<i>KAM Hair and Body Spa, Lossiemouth</i>	01343 812325
»Will visit you here at the hotel by prior arrangement	
Louise Chrystal	07743459044
Freelance hairdresser www.louisechrystal.com	
Hailey D. Campbell	07919362817
Makeup Artist www.haileydcampbell.com	
<i>Sculpture Hairdressers, Forres</i>	01309 696996
<i>Highland Beauty Clinic, Forres</i>	01309 675674

Piper

Calum "Spud" Fraser 01479 810033
»Piped at Madonna's wedding - need we say more!

Taxis and Chauffeurs

Mundole Taxi and Cars, Forres 01309 673168

Platinum Limos 0870 2244405 or 01343 835184

Mobile Car Valeting Services

Clean Macar, Forres 01309 671675 or 07990510739
Email - cleanmacar@fsmail.net

Cakes

Andrea Webster 07834 038251

Macleans Bakery, Forres 01309 672859

Classic Cakes, Joy Potter, Fochabers 01343 820732

Olive Tree, Elgin 01343 842913

Balloons

Helen McCartney 01309 675791
Email - highflyingballoons@hotmail.com

Honeymoon

Beaver Travel, Forres 01309 672203
»This is a proper Travel Agent that cares for you,
finds and plans what you want to do and will
suggest destinations that you might not have
considered.
www.beavertravelonline.com

Wedding Insurance

e & I Insurance 08449 808984
www.eandl.org.uk/wv

Musical Entertainment Contact Numbers

<u>BAND</u>	<u>CONTACT NAME</u>	<u>TEL. NUMBER</u>
Simply Music – beautiful instrumental background music	www.simply-music-scotland.com	07989356899 simplymusic1@live.com
<u>SCOTTISH COUNTRY</u>		
Real Easy	Mr. CJ Stevenson	01667 452774
Fraser McLean Dance Band	Fraser McLean	01463 870249
Ian Campbell Band	Jim Campbell	01467 642532
<u>CEILIDH</u>		
Mak-A-Rak-It	James Alexander/Ian Cruickshank	01343 820870
Jock Fraser	Jock Fraser	01463 234397
Strathnairn	Ian	01808 521360
<u>VARIED</u>		
Michael MacLennan	michaelmaclelland@hotmail.com	http://www.myspace.com/mmaclelland
Dave Levon	Dave Levon	01309 671526
Stage 3	Eric McGillvary	01343 830810
West End	John Sutherland	01667 454083
Current Affair	~	01542 888093
Loaded	Gareth/Sonya	07870107426/07967597222
Stun	Kenny MacDonald	01343 549373
Sunset	Ian Forbes	01542 831646
Free Wheeling	Graham Keith	01343 549465
Once Bitten	Ros Nicholson	01309 651204
Spex	Ronnie Smilie	01542 882228
Reno	Ronnie Thain	01542 834496
Maximum Bob	Nigel Sleaford	01309 676379
BedHead	~	01343 814749
Illusion	~	01542 886326
The Limit	Kyle	07793718654
<u>DISCO</u>		
Disco Bros	Calum Liptrot www.disco-bros.com	0800 9554933 / 07734 187139 info@disco-bros.com
Peter Major	Peter Major	01667 453569
Music in Motion	Ian Forsyth	01343 544596
Ritchies Disco	Ritchie	01463 220700
PJC Entertainment	~	07834954217/01463 718694
Kraxy 'G's Disco	Gordie	07748441525/01667 454105
<u>MAGIC/ ENTERTAINMENT</u>		
Highland Magician		0845 201178

Terms & Conditions 2011:

- Provisional bookings will be held for a period of 14 days.
 - On or before the 15th day, a non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of £275.00 is required to confirm the booking. Should the advance deposit not be paid by this time, the hotel reserves the right to release any provisional bookings without notice. As stated earlier should you wish to have amplified music you must take the two bedrooms above the Malt Library and Strathcona Room.
 - At least six weeks prior to the wedding, and once the menu and beverages have been selected, we will send a pro-forma invoice for a second payment, equivalent to 50% of the estimated cost for the numbers booked.
 - Proposed final number of guests attending and a draft table plan should be provided two weeks before the wedding, when we would like to discuss final details with you.
 - The final number attending the wedding should be advised seven days before the event and this is the amount which will be charged to the account, unless there is a subsequent increase.
 - The final estimated account, less the deposits, should be paid at least seven days before the event.
 - All payments made by credit card will incur a surcharge of 3%
 - Accommodation – any reserved bedrooms cancelled 35 days before the event will be charged in full to the main account unless we are able to resell the accommodation.
 - Knockomie will not be held responsible for any personal items lost during or left after the wedding, unless the items have been given to a member of staff for safe keeping. The hotel will store items left after the wedding for 7 days only.
 - In the unfortunate circumstances of cancellation, the following charges will apply:
 - 26 – 12 weeks prior 50% of total estimated value
 - 12 – 4 weeks prior 80% of total estimated value
 - Less than 4 weeks prior 100% of total estimated value
- We would strongly advise that wedding cancellation insurance be considered to cover these circumstances.**
- The client will be responsible for the orderly conduct of guests attending the event and any damages to the property or grounds by guests during the event. We also ask that the client informs the hotel of the number of guests under the age of 18 who are attending the wedding, and that they ensure that no alcoholic beverages are supplied to any guest under the age of 18 years. Please note that photographic proof of age may be requested.
 - Estimates only can be given for weddings booked for more than a year in advance.
 - Prices are inclusive VAT at 20% (for 2011).



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Wedding Reception Booking Confirmation

Date of Wedding:

Name of Bride:

Name of Groom:

Address for Correspondence.....

..... Postcode.....

Telephone number:

**PLEASE READ THROUGH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS
ON PAGE 15**

Payment Details – (Person responsible for payment of the wedding account)

Name:

Address:

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Telephone Number:

Credit Card Number:.....

Valid From:..... Expiry :.....

Security Code:.....

I have read, understood and accept these terms and conditions of booking on page 15.

Signature:.....

Date:

(Person responsible for payment of the wedding account)