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HARDIMAN  
1852

*Timeless Elegance*



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## TYING THE KNOT

Cherished from the very first moment, that's what we want you to feel. And that's what makes a wedding celebration at the Hardiman so special. A hotel steeped in history and romance, with a warmth of character that's woven into its very walls. The Grand Dame of Galway is the epitome of effortless charm and timeless elegance.

Since the very first couple stepped over our threshold all those years ago, The Hardiman has been right at the heart of wedding celebrations in Galway. An iconic landmark, perfectly positioned, overlooking Eyre Square, this historic building has played host to so many unions since 1852.

From intimate wedding breakfasts to gloriously opulent affairs, each wedding celebration has been uniquely personal. Yet one common thread ties them all together - exceptional service, delivered with a warmth and natural charm that puts you and your loved ones at the centre of it all.



## A SENSE OF PLACE

The Hardiman has always had a reputation for luxury and elegance. Originally the Railway Hotel, it was built in 1852 for the sum of £30,000, by the Midland and Great Western Railway Company. Designed by the renowned architect, John Skipton Mulvany, its grand entrance, opulent ballroom and exquisite furnishings were a magnet for High Society.

It has become intrinsically tied to the history of the city, the backdrop for many milestone celebrations. Over the years many notable and historic figures have been welcomed across the threshold, including heads of state, kings, princes, adventurers, soldiers, writers, actors and musicians.

And it's this rich history that we want you to be part of too.







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## A CITY WITH A BIG HEART

There's something magical about Galway. Steeped in tradition, yet buzzing with a vibrancy that takes your breath away. The narrow streets bustling with excitement, the ebb and flow of the sea, the drama of the wild landscape that surrounds it. A city that enfolds you in its very heart, with a charm that's irresistible.

It's a tradition in the west that a wedding should be celebrated by everyone in the local community. In Galway we still honour that tradition. That's why a wedding at The Hardiman is so special. It feels like the city is part of your celebration too. From the achingly romantic views of Galway Bay to the raw energy of a late night trad session, our vibrant city will add another chapter to your wedding story.



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## ABOVE & BEYOND

Call us old fashioned but we believe that the success of a great event hinges on exceptional service. We've honed that craft over many years and are proud to keep those old traditions, because that way we can offer a seamless experience delivered with a genuine, heartfelt warmth that will make your guests feel truly special.

It's all the little touches that make those lasting memories. From the minute you step over the threshold, our wedding team will ensure that each detail is executed to perfection, so that you can simply be in the moment, revelling in the company of the ones you love.

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“The staff of the The Hardiman were brilliant from start to finish. Paula, Margaret and the rest of the team were on hand to answer any questions we had and were always ready to make our life easier. Travelling from outside Galway made logistics slightly more complicated and the hotel were more than willing to go above and beyond to help us. We got a great package and everything turned out better than we could have hoped for. The day ran unbelievably smoothly and we can't thank the hotel enough for making our day so memorable and we can't wait to go back for a visit.”

*Caimehe & Ed*

## THE PERFECT SETTING



The Connemara Suite has hosted wedding celebrations for over 167 years.

This exquisite ballroom exudes the refinement and elegance of its unique Victorian character. This grand room boasts nine magnificent crystal chandeliers, complemented by stunning table candelabras. Together they create a dazzling spectacle that sets just the right tone for your wedding celebration.

Whether it's a magical candlelit winter reception or an opulent summer banquet, the Connemara Suite can cater for up to 300 guests. And so to feast... The pinnacle of a perfect day is to sit together, dine and share stories.

We've created some delicious menus that celebrate the very best local produce from land and sea. You'll have a pre-wedding tasting and consultation with our Chef, who will guide you through the process, helping you to choose the right dishes. We will also help you to pick the perfect wines to pair with your choices. And if you have any special requests we'd love to discuss them with you.

Our generations of experience have taught us a thing or two! We'll work with you to weave in all those little touches that will bring your unique wedding story to life.





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## MAKE IT HAPPEN YOUR WAY

### Civil Ceremonies

We're delighted to be a licensed venue for Civil Ceremonies. Our elegant Connemara Suite is the perfect setting to exchange your vows.

The Connemara Suite is perfect for ceremonies of 60-240 guests. Our Wedding Team are on hand to help you through every stage of the process. \*Room Hire Fee applies

### Celebrating your wedding in Ireland

Celebrating a wedding in Ireland feels like coming home. The warm welcome, the generous hospitality, the familiar ease makes it feel like you're amongst old friends. But it can be tricky to know where to start when it comes to planning. At The Hardiman we've hosted wedding celebrations for people from every corner of the globe. Here's a guide to help get your started on your journey.

### A step-by-step guide

A couple getting married in Ireland must give notice of their intention to marry to a Registrar at least 3 months before the date of the wedding. This applies to all marriages, religious or civil, no matter where they will take place.

Notice of intention to marry can be made to any registrar, not necessarily the one in the area where you live or where you will get married. Notice of intention to marry must be made in person. It costs €150 and you will need to provide the following to the registrar:

- ~ Passports and Birth Certificates
- ~ Original final divorce decree if either of you is divorced
- ~ Death certificate and previous marriage certificate if either of you is widowed
- ~ The date and location of the wedding
- ~ Name, address and other details about the person who will perform the marriage
- ~ Names and dates of birth of your two witnesses

You will also have to make and sign a legal declaration of no impediment, stating that you know of no legal reason why you should not be married. If everything is in order, the Registrar will issue you with a Marriage Registration Form.

Whether you choose religious, civil,  
humanist or spiritual, we're on hand  
to help you create a deeply personal  
ceremony that you will cherish forever.

#### Marriage Registration Form

This is like a marriage licence and gives permission for a couple to marry. You need this form to get married in Ireland, no matter where the wedding will take place. Once the form is issued, the marriage can take place at any time over the following 6 months. After that time, if you are still not married, you need to repeat the process again.

#### For detailed information

When you search online, you'll be bombarded with lots of material. To ensure that you get the correct information we recommend that you contact or talk directly to the Registrar Office.

You can contact the Galway Office of the General Registrar in Ireland directly on +353 91 562340. They will be able to advise you on the forms you require to set things in motion. The following are also excellent official web reference points for all queries:

**The General Register Office website:**  
[www.groireland.ie](http://www.groireland.ie)

**Citizens Information site:**  
[www.citizensinformation.ie/en/birth\\_family\\_relationships/getting\\_married/notification\\_requirements\\_for\\_marriage.html](http://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/birth_family_relationships/getting_married/notification_requirements_for_marriage.html)

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*All aboard...*



“Galway is a beautiful charming city so to have our wedding reception on Eyre Square in the fabulous Hardiman was special! We were treated like royalty from the outset. The staff were so capable and professional and led us through all the various steps leading up to our day. They guided us through so much of the planning which made the whole process a stress free and enjoyable one. I have no hesitation in recommending this hotel as a wedding venue. You can rest assured you will be looked after from start to finish!”

*Kate & Declan*





## CHURCH WEDDINGS IN IRELAND

If you wish to have a legal wedding in a Catholic church you must comply with all requirements of the Catholic faith, which are essentially the same the world over. Weddings which take place in a Catholic church can be legally registered and, importantly, there is no residency requirement.

The same applies to weddings in some other religions, for example, you can also have a Church of Ireland wedding, a Jewish wedding or a Presbyterian wedding. You do NOT need to have a civil ceremony in addition to a religious one.

You will need to have your Marriage Registration form with you on the day of the wedding. Following the ceremony the solemniser will complete it and your marriage is legal.

## CIVIL WEDDINGS IN IRELAND

If you choose to have a civil wedding, there are some steps that you'll need to follow. The process of serving notice of your intention to marry, and acquiring your Marriage Registration Form, is entirely separate from arranging your civil marriage with a registrar. You are advised to contact the registrar in the area where you will get married as soon as possible. This is particularly important if you are getting married in an approved venue, as a Registrar will have to be available to solemnize the marriage and their services are in high demand.

The Hardiman is a licensed venue for Civil Ceremonies. Registry offices and their staff operate from 9-5, Monday to Friday only, so it is not always possible to have a civil wedding at the weekend, though some registrars are more flexible in this regard. You can contact the Galway Office of the General Registrar in Ireland directly on +353 91 562340.



## A PICTURE PAINTS A THOUSAND WORDS

Galway offers a multitude of different photo opportunities from dramatic sweeping seascapes, to iconic cultural backdrops that give Galway its unique and charming character.

Each season brings a myriad of options. Our own unique location, overlooking the historic Eyre Square offers its own dynamic backdrop, capturing the spirit of this vibrant city.

### Iconic Galway Backdrops include

- ~ The Long Walk & the Claddagh
- ~ The Aula at NUI Galway
- ~ Salthill Beaches

### For striking 'cityscape' backdrops

- ~ Quay Street
- ~ The Latin Quarter
- ~ The Market

### For Festive Weddings

- ~ Eyre Square and the gorgeous Christmas Lights

And of course the exquisite Hardiman and The Connemara Suite.

*J. Hardiman*



“A sincere thank you to all the staff at The Hardiman for making our wedding day absolutely perfect. Planning our wedding was made so easy and stress free when we were in such capable hands.

The ballroom was a perfect venue for our Christmas wedding. Our guests had a fantastic experience and everyone loved the food. We are so happy with how the day turned out and would recommend The Hardiman to anybody.”

*Crona & Joe*





## STORIES WORTH SHARING

Over the years we've had the privilege of hosting many wedding celebrations and each story is so personal.

We're delighted to share some of those experiences with you.

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