

THE GRAYSON

The Afters & Party Playbook

How to throw the best afters in the city



Free Planning Guide

6 To 350 Guests

No. 41 St Stephen's Green · Since 1745

The new shape of the Irish wedding

Dinner for the people you'd ring at 2am. An afters for everyone else.

The dinner list is getting shorter and the party is getting better. This is not a compromise wedding, it is the wedding most Irish couples actually want, and the numbers agree.



141 ↓ from 154

The average Irish guest list, and falling. Smaller dinners, bigger nights.

37.7%

Of Irish weddings now happen off the Friday and Saturday axis.

Friday

Is now Ireland's most popular single wedding day.

Dec 28–31

Are the four most booked wedding dates in the country. The afters season.

Most venues still ask for 100 guests on a Saturday before they will talk to you. We think 20 chairs at dinner is exactly right if 20 is your number, with a hundred in the room by nine.

The afters running order that works

Built on how Irish wedding evenings actually run, with space beside each step for your own times.



Who do you invite to the afters? Everyone you couldn't seat. Two words on the invite do all the work: "evening reception". Every Irish guest knows exactly what it means.

The late-night menu

10pm. The food your guests will talk about on Monday.

Every great afters has the same secret: generous food landing exactly when the dance floor needs it. Sharing formats, proper portions, no fuss. It arrives, the room cheers, the night gets a second wind.

From the late-night kitchen

Canapés as the evening crowd lands: smoked salmon on Guinness bread, goat's cheese tartlets, comté croquettes

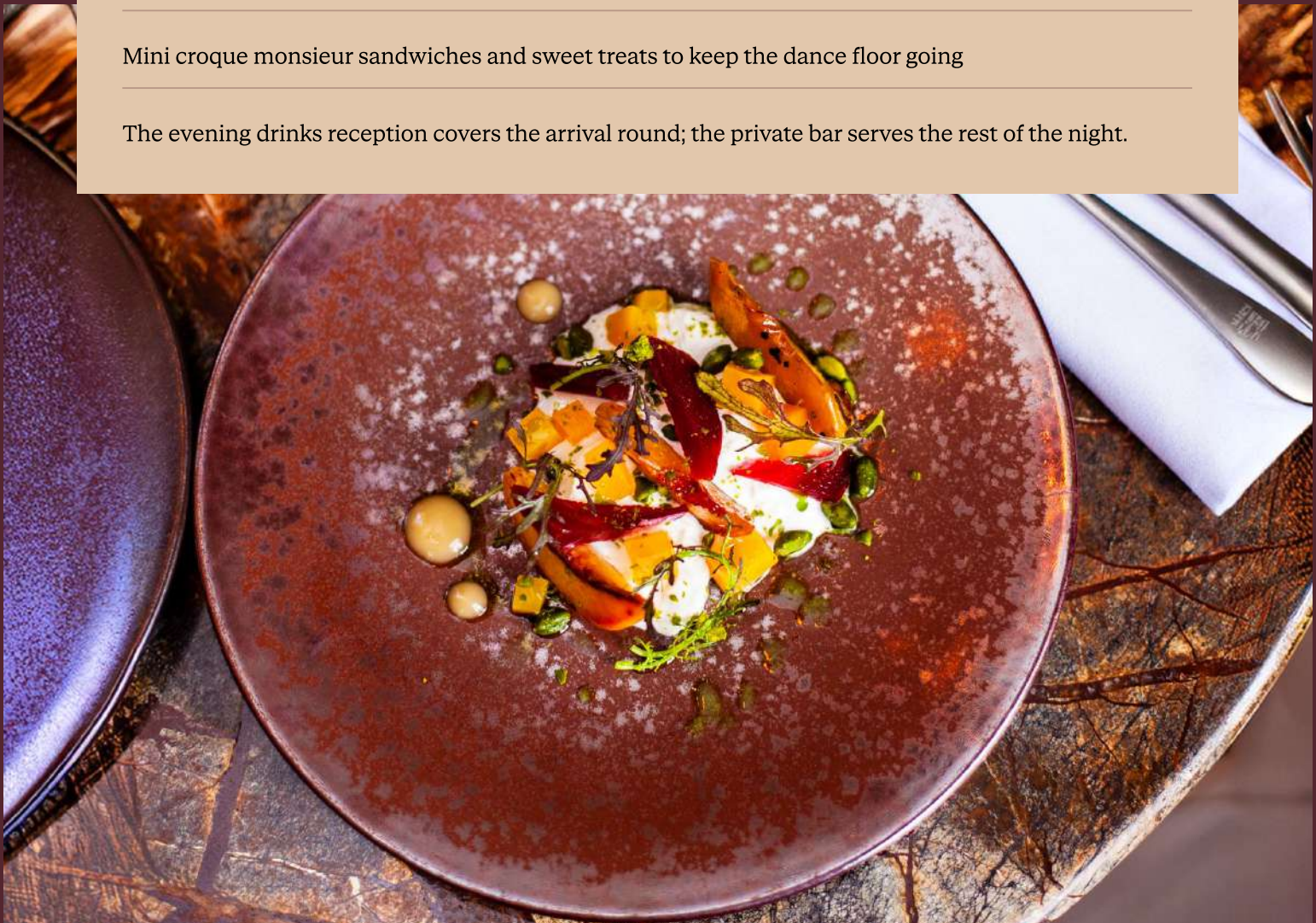
Supper bowls when the band breaks: gochujang pork belly, tempura fish and chips, beef short rib tagine, gnocchi marinara

The 10pm drop: late-night finger food with fries

A cheese and charcuterie station as the evening crowd lands, then a dessert table of five

Mini croque monsieur sandwiches and sweet treats to keep the dance floor going

The evening drinks reception covers the arrival round; the private bar serves the rest of the night.



Four floors, one night

One house on the Green. The night moves through it.

Not a list of function rooms: a route. Dinner up top in the Georgian rooms, the afters under the glass roof of the Atrium, the kick-on at the late bar. Your guests never call a taxi between venues, they just take the stairs.

Take one floor or take the house → 6 to 350 guests, since 1745.

The dinner

Mrs Croker Dining Room & Bar

Fireplaces and sash windows over the Green.
Speeches that actually get heard.

34 seated | 50 cocktail



The private floor

The Indigo Suite

A floor of your own with its own bar and a view of the park.

55 seated | 80 cocktail



The afters

The Atrium & Terrace

A glass roof by day, the stars by night. The room every review raves about.

100 cocktail



The kick-on

Wolfe Tone Bar & Delaney Suite

Brass, low light, the late bar your guests will talk about.

25 seated | 70 cocktail





Marrying elsewhere?

Say the vows anywhere. Bring the party here.

Church in the morning, City Hall at one, the registry office on a Friday, or a beach abroad last month. Wherever the vows happen, the celebration has a home on St Stephen's Green.

After the church

The long way round

Morning ceremony, photographs, then the whole convoy lands at one address for the rest of the day and night.

One stop, no coach hire

After City Hall

The city classic

A 1pm ceremony, out by three, and the building shuts at five with no catering. The Green is a twenty-minute stroll through town, or a short taxi.

~20 min walk

After the registry office

The Friday move

Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Grand Canal Street Lower, runs Monday to Friday slots. Registry office at noon, dinner and a proper afters by evening.

A short taxi across town

Rather say the vows here too? Ceremonies with registered solemnisers can be held in the house, on the Terrace, for €1,000.

Out-of-town guests? The Shelbourne, The Fitzwilliam, Buswells and Brooks are all within five minutes on foot. Nobody hires a coach.

What a night here costs.

Every figure below is from the current wedding brochure at 2026/27 rates. Read it with your feet up, decide what you want, and bring the questions to a call.

From €120pp Seated dinners. Arrival drinks, three courses and half a bottle of wine each. Menus at €120, €135 and €150 per person.	From €7,500 Multi-space packages, hire fee and minimum spend together: Indigo, Atrium and Terrace, Sunday to Wednesday. €10,500 Thursday to Saturday. Add the Wolfe Tone Bar and Delaney Suite for €9,500 and €13,000.
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A night for 100, worked out

20 seated in Mrs Croker Dining Room & Bar, 100 at the afters in The Atrium & Terrace

Intimate dinner for 20 in Mrs Croker (arrival drink, 3 canapés, 3-course, ½ bottle wine, tea & coffee, €135pp)	€2,700
Evening drinks reception for 80 (beer & prosecco)	€800
Cheese & charcuterie station for 80	€1,280
Dessert table for 100	€2,000
Late-night food, 100 at 22pp	€2,200
F&B total	€8,980
Service charge	€1,122.50
Venue hire	€1,350
Bar extension	€600
Décor package (candlesticks, hurricane jars, bud vases)	€150
The whole night, one address	€12,202.50
Cost per guest, based on 100	€122.03

The same 100 guests, seated all night

Seated dinner for all 100, Package 1 at €120pp	€12,000
Dinner for 20 plus afters for 80, as above	€8,980
Back in your budget, on food and drink	€3,020

A sample structure, not a quote. Both columns use the same brochure rates for the same 100 people, so the only thing that changes is the shape of the night. Worth knowing: no single room here seats 100, so a hundred-cover dinner would run across floors, which is a large part of why the afters shape works so well in this house. Figures are 2026/27 rates and the total above includes the 12.5% service charge, so the total is the total — so there are no hidden costs or surprises. The food and beverage spend of €8,980 clears the minimum spend on any day of the week. Sunday to Wednesday dates carry the same rooms for less, and bank-holiday Sundays price as Saturdays. Your own numbers take forty-five minutes on a call.

Fourteen decisions. That's the whole plan.

The exact questions your coordinator settles with you between the first call and the final numbers. Fill in what you know, leave the rest blank, and bring this page to your free planning call: they will price it with you, line by line, while you are on it.

☐ The date: Thursday to Saturday, or the softer Sunday to Wednesday rate (bank-holiday Sundays price as Saturdays)

☐ The dinner list: who sits at the table

☐ The evening list: who arrives from 8.30pm, with "evening reception" on the invite

☐ The rooms: one floor, or the full route through the house

☐ The seated menu: €120, €135 or €150, and the courses within it

☐ The evening: drinks reception, cheese & charcuterie station, dessert table — priced by item

☐ The 10pm food: late-night finger food, €22pp

☐ The bar: a tab with your own limits, or guests buy their own

☐ The late finish: bar extension to 2.30am on Fridays and Saturdays

☐ The décor: house package at €150 — candlesticks, hurricane jars, bud vases.

☐ The ceremony: vows elsewhere, or a solemniser-led ceremony at the house, €1,000

☐ The tasting: complimentary for two on seated bookings of 30 or more, Mondays and Tuesdays at 5pm

☐ Kids and suppliers: under-12s dine at €30, supplier meals at €25

☐ The paperwork: 25% deposit holds the date, balance and final numbers two weeks out

What couples say

Don't take our word for the night.

"The late night finger food exceeded our expectations!"

"Saturday was absolutely phenomenal. It was honestly just perfect. The food was amazing, which we both already know about the Grayson, but our guests were blown away by the standard."

- Hannah & Brian | Married at **THE GRAYSON**

"They handled our 180-person wedding party with grace."

"As soon as we arrived at The Grayson I knew we didn't have to worry about a single thing. We could not have been happier with how the day went!"

- Megan & Wally | Married at **THE GRAYSON**

"Everything I dreamed. It was perfect!"

"The staff were amazing and so accommodating, the food was lovely, even the kids loved it. Would highly recommend for anyone looking to be married in Dublin City."

- Hazel · February 2026 | ★★★★★ 5.0 on [weddingsonline](#)



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Four Floors · 6 To 350 Guests

Since 1745 | The Ivy-Clad Townhouse On The Green

Your people, one house, the whole night.

A free planning call is forty-five minutes with a dedicated Grayson wedding coordinator, who plans the night with you. Bring your decisions sheet and they will price it with you on the call. No obligation.

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