



SLIEVE DONARD
RESORT AND SPA

Your Wedding

Names: James McConkey & Ashleigh Maginnes

Venue: Slieve Donard Resort and Spa

Wedding Date: 20th Feb 2016

James is an IT engineer from Annahilt and Ashleigh is a scientist from Belfast who met through a friend and had their first date in Maud's café. James proposed at the Slieve Donard Resort and Spa and they loved it so much they decided to get married here.



"The proposal was a huge surprise for me! James came to pick me up and we headed towards Tollymore Forest Park. During a walk along the river James stopped at the stepping stones and it was here he got down on one knee and asked me to be his wife. After this we headed to The Slieve Donard Resort & Spa for an overnight stay. We had a lovely meal in the restaurant to celebrate and the next morning we both had a massage and used the spa! It was great! "



We both really love the hotel and its surroundings. The staff are all so pleasant and helpful and the hotel is so luxurious! We decided on the Slieve Donard Resort and Spa as it is very special to us after spending birthdays and special occasions here we couldn't imagine having our wedding venue anywhere else.

The whole experience was amazing. The Chandelier Suite was stunning with room styling by SBD and floral arrangements by James' dad (Wedding designs by David McConkey) and with views of the sea and mountains it was exactly what we wanted. The management and staff excelled themselves to make our day perfect and our master of ceremony Mohammed managed our day to ensure everything flowed. Our guests all commented how amazing the venue was and the top quality of the service received on the day and even at the private breakfast the next morning.



Our wedding photographer Matt Symons made the experience so enjoyable. We met with him and his wife Carrie in the lead up to our wedding so he could find out the things we thought would be most important on the day. Working with them on the day was easy, they knew what we wanted and made it fun. Lots of laughs were had.

As our first date was in Maud's we decided upon an ice cream theme. Each of our tables were named after a Maud's ice cream. Our favours were a little wooden ice cream spoon with 'J&A' on them attached to the place setting. We carried the theme through to our meal with our trio of dessert having a tub of Maud's signature Pooh Bear delight.

Just for a bit of fun after the ceremony, the wedding party called in at Maud's cafe on the Lisburn Road for some photos and ice cream!



The suits were chosen by James, from Groom formal hire, Banbridge. They all wore brightly coloured socks, James wore bright yellow as this is his favourite colour!!

My dress was a ball gown dress with lace and beaded bodice and ivory satin bow around the waist. I added a lace jacket to add 1/2 length sleeves to the dress and a full length veil with diamanté for added sparkles at the back. I wore irregular choice shoes from their wedding collection.



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