



Victoria Campbell
and Chris Sullivan,
2nd June 2018

Words by Zoë Boothby

Photography by
Angie B Photography

Weddings are often as much about the people who can't be there as they are about the people who can. Such was the case for Victoria and Chris Sullivan, who wanted to pay their respects when they got hitched at Perth's Salutation Hotel. "Chris's mum once worked there as a barmaid, before he was born," Victoria explains. "He lost his mother in 2016, so we felt that our choice of venue included her in our plans somehow. The Salutation also professes to be the oldest hotel in the country, which we thought would be special for our guests, some of whom would be coming to Scotland for the very first time."

The couple's hearts were set on it, so much so that they didn't need to look at or even contact any other venues. The fact that the hotel was big enough to accommodate their 60 day and 90 evening guests and had excellent transport links didn't hurt - this wedding was going to be an international affair to say the least. Loved ones would be journeying from Liverpool, London, Ireland, Norway, South Africa and even Australia, as well as from all over Scotland.

This diverse guest list was certainly compatible with the couple's vision for their big day. "Our theme was travel," reveals Victoria. "Chris has always been in Perth but I grew up in different countries and we have travelled together a lot since we met - we also have a bucket list of places we still want to go." This theme was brought to life in the form of a suitcase-shaped cake, aeroplane place names and 'luggage' filled with sweets and tablet for favours.



We married at SALUTATION HOTEL Perth



"THE SALUTATION PROFESSES TO BE THE OLDEST HOTEL IN SCOTLAND, WHICH WE KNEW WOULD BE SPECIAL FOR OUR GUESTS"

The pair's all-inclusive package covered a piper, canapés, the hire of two rooms, and a complimentary meal for their first anniversary. There were a few other treats too. "We went for a menu tasting a couple of months before the big day and were given the opportunity to sample all of the menu choices and have a chat with the chef," Victoria recalls.

The couple's wedding experience began on the Friday night, when they sat down to a pre-nuptial meal with some of the guests who'd travelled from afar to be with them. The following day, which turned out to be one of the year's hottest, began at 2pm with a service in the hotel's Adam Room. "The suite in which the ceremony took place was beautiful," the bride smiles. "It has a huge window and amazing features, and the staff were happy to accommodate our request for purple light around the ceiling of the room." After photographs by the River Tay and speeches from the usual suspects (including a surprise toast from Victoria's children), the wedding party then boogied on down in the Moncrieffe Suite until 1.30am.

None of this would have been possible without the Salutation's hardworking staff, as Victoria appreciates: "The team at the hotel were very supportive, approachable and attentive. They helped us set up the reception tables the night before, which we had been fully prepared to do ourselves." Anyone in particular stand out? "Events manager Lorraine Geddes," says the bride. "She kept us exceptionally calm the night before, and nothing we asked for was ever too much bother."

Having had a year to reflect, the bride has some parting advice for would-be Salutation couples. "If you're getting married in the summer, a fold-up fan might be a fun accessory for the bridal party - the Adam Room is warm," Victoria laughs.

strathmorehotels.com

Photography by angieb.co.uk ♥