

Scotgun Weddings: Fairy Pools, Isle of Skye revealed as best place to get married during pandemic

One of the UK's leading last-minute holiday marketplaces has revealed the best destinations to get married, for Brits who've had their prenuptial plans disrupted due to the pandemic. Travel experts from the marketplace identified Scotland as the best spot for weddings, with Fairy Pools on the Isle of Skye taking the number one spot, as unlike England and Wales, Scottish law allows couples to get married indoors or outdoors and at night, as long as a celebrant or minister is present, and does not require air travel.

One of the UK's leading last-minute holiday marketplaces has revealed the best destinations to get married, for those who have had their weddings cancelled or indefinitely postponed this year due to the pandemic.

After analysing location appearances, safety/social distancing regulations, local marriage laws and COVID-19 infection rates, [LastMinute-Cottages.co.uk](https://www.lastminute-cottages.co.uk) has published a list of the top 10 wedding locations for Brits who are keen to get married this year.

Every location on the list is in Scotland, as unlike England and Wales, current Scottish law allows couples to get married anywhere, as long as a minister or celebrant is present, whether that be outside in a field or inside of a pub, and during anytime of day. In addition, travel to Scotland can be carried out without the use of public transport, like boarding an aeroplane.

Situated at Glenbrittle on the Isle of Skye, Fairy Pools, a waterfall oasis tops the list. The series of rockpools creates a vibrant blue and green backdrop for a remote ceremony, and ensures couples and guests can celebrate in private away from populated areas, with the nearest town over five miles away.

The top five best locations to get married during the pandemic are:

1. Fairy Pools, Isle of Skye
2. Dunnottar Castle, Stonehaven
3. The Kelpies, Falkirk
4. Outer Hebrides
5. Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh

The full list of the 10 best locations to get married in during the pandemic can be found here: <https://www.lastminute-cottages.co.uk/scotgun-weddings>

When compiling the list, the travel experts considered factors such as Government safety precautions and social distancing guidelines, the number of reported COVID-19 cases within the

area, local COVID-19 enforcements in place, venue availability, travel methods and the aesthetic value of the location.

Currently the Scottish government is advising that wedding ceremonies should be no more than 20 people and couples must give notice to the district registrar at least 28 days before their planned wedding date. Other than those stipulations, weddings can proceed in Scotland with the attendance of a celebrant or minister to perform the ceremony*.

The Rest Easy Group, which owns LastMinute-Cottages.co.uk and eight other holiday booking platforms, has noted a 192% increase in people booking large (5+) properties in Scotland in July and Aug this year, compared to 2019.

LastMinute-Cottages.co.uk is a trusted marketplace for travellers to discover the best last-minute stays across the UK and Europe. LastMinute-Cottages.co.uk has over 60,000 last minute holidays with late availability in professionally managed, independent cottages, lodges and apartments all for the best price possible.

Matt Fox, CEO and co-founder of LastMinute-Cottages.com, said,

“Despite the easing of lockdown measures, thousands of couples have had their wedding day cancelled or postponed as a result of the pandemic. The current uncertainty around travelling overseas also means that eloping abroad isn’t a feasible option either. So, with that in mind, we wanted to work with our travel experts to create a list of viable places that would make for a beautiful wedding location.

“Some people might not be surprised to see that every area identified is in Scotland, as its marriage laws are a lot more lenient than England and Wales. Another factor that really swings in the country’s favour is how easy it is to travel to, the majority can simply drive there, cutting out the need to travel on public transport, which many are understandably reluctant to do right now.

“There are some gorgeous locations on the list, which are not only free to get married at, but are also remote, private and very romantic. We hope the list helps any engaged couples affected at this time, motivated and inspired to continue with their wedding plans!”

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*<https://www.mygov.scot/getting-married/>

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