





# How did you meet?

Joshua and I met when we were 15 in a physics revision class. He walked in, sat down opposite me and that's where our amazing little journey began. For months we texted each other, waited for each other at the bus stop before school and he walked me to my classes - then finally in October 2015 we went on our first date to Juliano's for some hot chocolate.

## How did he propose?

When I first met one of my now best friends Rachel at uni she told me all about a beautiful fort near her home in Donegal. She told me that it was the perfect spot for a proposal and joked with me that Josh would one day propose there - sure enough, he did.

In September 2019 Joshua was spending a few nights in Ballyliffin. On the 19th we drove the Inishowen 100. We stopped off at lots of gorgeous beaches, viewpoints, Malin Head and Kinnagoe Bay, before finally stopping at the beautiful fort that Rachel had told me all about "Grianan of Aileach". We spent some time exploring and after taking in the views Joshua got down on one knee, told me that he loved me, and asked me to be his wife. It was the most incredible feeling, I was so excited to marry my best friend and couldn't wait to begin planning our wedding ...

#### Why did you choose the Culloden Estate & Spa for your special day?

Choosing a wedding venue was such an exciting experience however we knew how important it was that we got it right. The first time we saw the Culloden we were blown away. I remember driving up to the entrance and smiling at each other as we looked at what seemed to be a beautiful castle. We were greeted by Ainsleigh who showed us so much care and a true passion to make our wedding day everything that we could ever dream of. The Stuart Suite was stunning and the view from behind the Top Table was definitely one of a kind. We knew that the gardens, the beautiful fire-places, staircases, and Lady Jane Tower would be the perfect spots to capture some special photographs during our big day. The next week we came back to show it off to our parents and they were equally as delighted with the stunning venue.



### What was it like planning two weddings? Highlights of the day?

Our wedding day was filled with endless joy and laughter. We had so much fun throughout and cherish every single second of it.

Our time at the Culloden couldn't have been more perfect. The Stuart Suite was everything we had imagined and more and our wedding meal was amazing.

The time we spent capturing our photographs in the hotel and on the grounds was incredible. Honeysuckle cottage was just the perfect little extra and our sparklers and smoke grenade photos were made even more spectacular by the beautiful backdrop of the Culloden.

The staff went above and beyond for us. One very kind Concierge even offered me his jacket because it was so chilly outside, it was such a heart-warming gesture.

Barry was also incredible and has such an eye for wedding planning, he set everything up so beautifully and made sure everyone's day was perfect - thank you Despite the cold we both really enjoyed every second of capturing our wedding photos at the Culloden. Emma Rock made everything so much fun, and we enjoyed laughing and spending time together, capturing our first special moments as a newly married couple. I especially love the photos Emma captured in the evening, everything was so spontaneous, I stuck on my DMs and we explored all the beautiful little corners in the Culloden to capture some beautiful memories. The staff once again were so accommodating, they were so excited for us and let us use one of the luggage trolleys to take some more quirky photos.

Our first dance was also a big highlight for both of us, and we couldn't have picked a more perfect venue to share it together. It was truly special.

## Any advice for other couples?

Enjoy every single second of your big day. In the end the little things don't matter - laugh with your best friend and take in all of the magic.

