



## AN EXTRAORDINARY DESTINATION

Champagne Castle Hotel is an extraordinary destination. For location, visual impact, recreational variety and luxurious splendour.....Champagne Castle Hotel is pretty close to being an ultimate experience.

### ***The Most Exquisite Venue for a Perfect Wedding***

Situated within a World Heritage Site, the uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park, only serves to reinforce this 4-star hotel's slogan; 'Sense of Place'. In short, our hotel is widely considered to hold one of the finest locations in the entire Drakensberg range.

Champagne Castle Hotel offers every Wedding Couple the opportunity to enter into a lifelong partnership in the pristine environment of the romantic Central Drakensberg.

Champagne Castle Hotel has become a much sought-after venue. Please take note of the following conditions attached to staging your wedding reception:

- A maximum of 80 people and a minimum of 50 people can be accommodated for Wedding Receptions.
- Due to the proximity of the venue to the hotel rooms and chalets, it is imperative that noise levels are kept to a minimum at all times. We regret to advise that only soft background music is allowed. Wedding bookings will only be considered under these conditions.
- We have a beautiful chapel with the most magnificent view of the majestic Drakensberg Mountains. There is seating for 50 people and by opening the glass sliding doors, there is standing room for a further 25-30 people. Extra seating is considered at an additional cost of R35 per chair.
- Accommodation reservations are optional. The hotel offers 60 hotel rooms and 7 self-catering chalets.
- Wedding reservations are not considered over busy periods such as Christmas, Easter, school holidays and long weekends.

# WEDDING PACKAGE CONTRACT 2024

We have a selection of menus available (buffets only) ranging from brunches to dinners for a minimum of 50 adults (excluding children) and maximum of 80 people – see below.

Select your menu choice to determine the price of the menu.

The menu price includes the following:

- The exclusive use of our magnificent uKhahlamba venue and extensive patio, looking out at the awesome amphitheatre of the Drakensberg.
- For your Reception, we will provide the standard cutlery, crockery, glassware and floor-length white table linen and serviettes.
- White chair covers.
- Waitron staff, Barman and Manager on Duty.
- Adequate parking and security guard.
- We will provide a frame to accommodate your seating plan and place it in the foyer for your guests' convenience.
- We will provide a cake table and gift table, if required.
- A non-alcoholic Cocktail will be served to your guests on their arrival.
- Use of our beautiful gardens for your wedding photos.
- Complimentary accommodation for the bride and groom for the night of the wedding including full English breakfast the following morning.
- A complimentary fruit basket and chilled bottle of sparkling wine in the room.
- All prices include VAT. Note that a gratuity of 10% based on the menu cost only will be added to the final account.

**Excluded:**

- Flowers and stands
- Photography
- Beverages (full bar facilities available)
- Entertainment
- Organist
- Minister
- Décor and Draping
- Candles
- Chapel Hire



## Wedding Reception Venue:

- A list of Service providers in the area is available on request.
- Seating: 10-seater round tables dressed with white table linen and serviettes are used for all weddings. We regret that we do not offer trestle tables at weddings.
- The venue has a podium, microphone, sound system and laptop projection available at no cost.
- As we offer a buffet, no request will be considered to “take-away” whatever may be left on the buffet.
- The hotel endeavours to start setting up the Reception venue a few days prior to the wedding. Should the bridal couple prefer to utilise their own tablecloths, serviettes and/or runners which cover the table, **please ensure that they are received by the hotel 5 days prior to the wedding.**
- The venue, in most cases, will be available to the bridal couple and service providers to finalise décor, from two days prior to the wedding. This needs to be confirmed with our Banqueting Coordinator well in advance.
- Placing of all extra’s such as tie backs, centre table arrangements, gifts etc. are the responsibility of the bridal couple.
- Champagne Castle Hotel is a catering establishment therefore no food will be permitted to be brought to the chapel or wedding reception venue. All catering will be provided by the hotel and charged for accordingly.
- When planning your wedding, please take any of your service providers into account who may be present during your wedding ceremony. You have the option of either including them in your table seating at the same cost as your other guests or alternatively, arrangements can be made to accommodate them in our main restaurant at the hotel. Please advise the hotel when finalising the details so that the amount can be included in the final Proforma.

## Chapel:

- Chapel hire is R4250 if the wedding reception is held at the hotel.
- Chapel hire is R6250 if the wedding reception is not held at the hotel.
- Should you wish to book the chapel only, bookings can only be made 3 months prior as preference is given to bookings which include both the chapel and the wedding venue.
- The chapel has pews which can seat up to 50 people. The sliding doors open wide onto the patio of the chapel where extra chairs can be placed **at an additional charge of R45 per chair** (weather permitting).
- The pews have facilities where small flower arrangements can be placed down the aisle.
- Option of red carpet
- Podium
- Table and two chairs for signing of the registry.
- Small table for laptop or similar. (Music for your own arrangement).
- The chapel can be made available the evening prior to the wedding for a chapel rehearsal, by prior arrangement.

## Catering:

- Below please find the menu options. The choice of dishes determines the menu price. No reduction on the menu price will be considered. The menu price includes venue hire, table settings as listed above, waiter service and buffet as selected.
- We regret that we do not have the facilities to be able to serve a plated menu.
- As Champagne Castle Hotel is a catering establishment, no food or drinks may be brought to the venue, even if it is a “gift” from one of your guests.
- There is a current trend of Harvest boards, Gin Bar’s, savoury “Cheese Cakes” etc. Please discuss with our wedding coordinator if required. We will quote accordingly.

## Bar:

- As bar prices are subject to change without notice, please request our latest wine list one month prior to arrival.
- A selected local bar is available at the wedding reception. **No exotics or shooters offered.**
- Please confirm your wine selection 4 weeks prior to the wedding to ensure we have sufficient stock.
- Please also advise your bar arrangements i.e. which drinks are for your account and which drinks may need to be paid cash by your guests. Please advise the bar limit if applicable.
- Should you prefer to bring your own wine, corkage is charged at R120 per bottle for South African wines and R220 for imported Champagne per 750ml bottle. As we are a catering establishment, we will not consider negotiating the corkage charge.
- We regret to advise that shooters are not available at the wedding reception.
- Under NO circumstances will any other beverages be permitted to be brought to the wedding reception as we are licenced premises.
- A deposit is payable on arrival based on the number of guests at the wedding and your bar requirements.

## Music / Noise:

Due to the venue being surrounded by hotel and chalet accommodation, we require that the noise factor is kept to a minimum so as not to disturb our guests who usually choose Champagne Castle Hotel for its peace and quiet. The noise level is determined based on whether it can be heard in the adjacent hotel rooms or chalets. Our maximum decibel reading is 80.

Should you be happy to keep doors and windows closed, it minimises the noise factor significantly. You will be advised should the noise level be too loud. However, should the above not be adhered to, you will be required to switch off the music and/or vacate the venue.

- Only soft background music is allowed.
- Music to stop playing by 11h45 should you have booked the venue till midnight.
- It is the wedding couple’s responsibility to clearly communicate our sound policy to the person/s providing the music for the wedding and to your guests, to prevent any misunderstanding between the hotel and the wedding party.

## Times:

- Brunch and Lunch weddings to close after a maximum of 6 hours. A surcharge of R3000 per hour is applicable thereafter.
- Evening weddings to close after a maximum of 7 hours. This time is calculated from the starting time of the chapel ceremony. A surcharge of R3200 per hour is applicable thereafter.
- Last drinks orders are taken 45 minutes prior and the music switched off 15 minutes prior to closing time. The venue needs to be vacated by midnight latest.

## Draping and Décor:

- For safety reasons, please note that no draping is allowed over any lights i.e. the spotlights on the side walls, nor may any lights or draping be attached in any way to the central chandeliers.
- The bridal couple is responsible for ensuring that any service provider engaged to erect lighting or draping, is informed accordingly. The only area which can safely be draped is the alcove in the front of the room.
- Kindly take note that the hotel takes no responsibility for any injuries sustained by anyone nominated by you to do draping/decor in the venue. The roof is extremely high and utilization of ladders can be extremely dangerous.
- Should candles be utilized, it is the bridal couple's responsibility to ensure that suitable containers are utilized to prevent the wax dripping onto the table cloths.
- Should the bridal couple prefer to utilize their own tablecloths, serviettes and/or runners which cover the table, **please ensure that they are received by the hotel 5 days prior to the wedding.**
- The venue needs to be cleared of all draping and décor by noon the day after the wedding unless alternative arrangements are made and confirmed by the hotel.

## Room Reservations:

- Over weekends, we have a minimum stay of 2 nights, at a minimum of double occupancy rate.
- Booking directly with the hotels Reservations Department will ensure that your guests are given the best possible rates.

## Wedding Bookings and Cancellations:

- Should you wish to make a reservation, please request a provisional booking in writing with the hotel.
- The Wedding Package Contract needs to be signed by both the bride and groom and returned within 3 days of making the provisional reservation.
- Once the Contract is received by the hotel, in order to secure our venue for your wedding day, a strictly non-refundable deposit of R10 000 will be requested which is payable within 7 days.
- In the event of chapel only reservations, the full payment of R6000 is payable within 7 days.
- Once your deposit has been processed, your wedding booking will be confirmed in writing.
- A further non-refundable deposit of R10 000 is due 3 months prior to arrival.
- The final menu must be confirmed one month prior to the wedding and the total number of guests 14 days before the wedding.
- The final wedding reception account is due in full, 7 days prior to the wedding, on presentation of a Proforma invoice.
- Any extras such as bar, corkage, surcharges etc., will be billed separately and must be settled prior to departure.

## General:

- Prices are valid from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.
- Kindly note - prices are subject to change without notice.
- There will be a 10% Waiter fee levied on the menu cost.
- Champagne Castle's standard is one waiter per two tables during the wedding reception – should you require one waiter per table, there will be an additional charge for the extra waiters. This is upon request only.
- Should you require staff to assist you in any way prior to the wedding reception, please request a quote and make prior arrangements with the hotel.

See below for wedding menu, prices and contract details.



# WEDDING BUFFET MENU 2024

Chicken Liver & Bacon Pate or Smoked Salmon Pate or Avocado Pate  
or Butternut and Orange Soup  
Bread Basket/Melba Toast

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## COLD MIRROR

Pickled Tongue, Pickled Fish, Ham & Salami

Or

Pickled Ox Tongue, Black Forest Ham, Salami, Pork Rolls

Or

Seafood Medley

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Ham & Mushroom Quiche or Butternut & Feta Cheese Quiche

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Selection of fresh Garden Salads

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## CHOOSE FROM THE CARVERY:

Cherry & Pineapple Glazed Gammon served with Cranberry Sauce

Roast Pork served with Apple Sauce

Roast Beef served with Yorkshire pudding

Roast Chicken stuffed with Pecan Nut and Herb Stuffing

Roast Leg of Lamb with Rosemary Jus (surcharge R25 per person)

Chateaubriand with Sauce Béarnaise (surcharge R35 p/p)

## CHOOSE FROM THE HOT SELECTION:

Cajun Line Fish served on a bed of Nutmeg-infused Mash

Chicken and Prawn Curry (choice of either traditional or Green Thai)

Hoisin-glazed roasted Duck with sticky Tangerine Sauce

Spinach Ravioli with a fresh Basil and Tomato Sauce

Italian Penne with a Pesto and Three Cheese Sauce

Butter Chicken

Beef Stroganoff

Traditional South Africa Oxtail (surcharge R30 per person)

## Select 2 vegetables:

Green Beans sautéed with Onions, Potatoes and Cracked Pepper

Creamed Spinach / Cauliflower au Gratin

Roasted Butternut and Feta

Grilled Marrow Ribbons with Fresh-fried Cherry Tomatoes

Roasted Mediterranean Vegetable Medley

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## CHOOSE 4 DESSERTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

Cheesecake: Chocolate, Lemon, Strawberry, Granadilla, Amarula /

Peppermint Crisp Tart / Decadent Chocolate Mousse / Lemon Meringue / Crème Brûlée / Tiramisu /

Poached Pears in Wine / Seasonal Fruit Platter or Caramelised Fruit Salad served with Crème

Anglaise / Chateau Gateau / Croquembouche / Layered Fruit Pavlova

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Tea/Coffee

## PRICES VALID FOR 2024 (Minimum 50 Adults):

One Roast & one Hot Selection R650.00 per person  
One Roast and two Hot Selection R695.00 per person  
Two Roasts & two Hot Selection R730.00 per person  
Two Roasts & three Hot Selection R775.00 per person  
Children are charged as follows: 7-12 years – 50% 2-6 years – 25%

Extras: South African Cheese Board, Biscuits & Preserves **as part of the buffet served with dessert.** Add R55.00 to the menu price per person as above.

## WEDDING BRUNCH MENU 2024

### COLD SECTION

Freshly Sliced Fruits, Compotes and Yoghurt with Muesli, Nuts and Honey

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Select from:

Quiches: Ham & Mushroom, Butternut & Feta or Spinach, Leek & Feta

Continental Cold Meat platter

South African Cheese Board served with a selection of Preserves

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Greek Salad

Baker's selection of Danish Pastries, freshly baked Croissants, Scones, Muffins and homemade Bread with Fruit Preserves and grated Cheese

### HOT SECTION

Select minimum of 5 and maximum of 7 items:

Creamed Scrambled Eggs with Chives

Crispy Grilled Bacon

Grilled Beef or Pork Sausages

Chicken Livers with Bacon

Savoury Mince

Smoked Haddock in Cheese Sauce

Grilled Tomatoes with Herbs & Parmesan

Creamed Mushrooms

Cheese & Potato Bake or Sauté Potatoes

### DESSERTS

Apple Tartlets or Coconut & Pear Crumble Tartlets with Cream

Cheesecake: Cherry, Strawberry, Granadilla or Lemon

Austrian Chocolate Mousse / Carrot Cake

Filter Coffee and Tea

Price will be quoted based on your selection (from R650 p/p)

(Fruit Juice optional extra at R120 per 1.5L jug)

**Minimum 50 Adults**



## WEDDING PACKAGE CONTRACT 2024

Please sign this contract as acceptance of all the conditions contained herein and return to the hotel within 3 days of receipt. Please email to [admin@champagnecastlehotel.co.za](mailto:admin@champagnecastlehotel.co.za). You will then be forwarded a request for a deposit of R10 000 to secure the reservation or R6000 for chapel only weddings. Please note that prices for each year are only confirmed by the 1st of July the year prior.

Date of Wedding.....

Chapel and wedding reception: Yes/No

Estimate of number of guests: .....

I.....(print full name and surname of bride) accept the conditions contained herein.

ID No:.....

Telephone number:.....

Email address: .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....

I..... (Print full name and surname of groom) accept the conditions contained herein.

ID No:.....

Telephone number.....

Email address: .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....