



AN EXTRAORDINARY DESTINATION

For location, visual impact, recreational variety and luxurious splendour, Champagne Castle hotel is close to being the ultimate experience.

The most exquisite venue for a perfect wedding. Situated within a World Heritage Site, the Ukhahlamba Drakensberg Park, only serves to reinforce our slogan “Sense of place”. In short, our hotel is widely considered to hold one of the finest locations along the entire Drakenberg range.

Champagne Castle offers every wedding couple the opportunity to enter into a lifelong partnership in the pristine environment of the romantic Central Drakenberg.

We have a selection of buffet menus available ranging from brunches to dinners for a minimum of 50 adults (excluding children under 12 years) and a maximum of 80 people.

INCLUDED IN THE MENU PRICE

- The exclusive use of the Ukhahlamba venue and patio, with views looking out onto the chapel paddock and the awesome amphitheatre of the Drakenseberg.
- Cutlery, glassware and floor length white tablecloths and linen serviettes.
- White chair covers.
- Waiter staff, barmen and a manager on duty.
- A frame is provided to accommodate your seating plan and place it in the foyer for your guests' convenience.
- A cake table and gift table, if required.
- A non-alcoholic cocktail will be served to your guests on their arrival

- The use of our garden surrounds and paddock near the chapel for photographs.
- Accommodation for the bride and groom for the night of their wedding including full English breakfast the following morning.
- Complimentary fruit basket and sparkling wine in the room.
- All prices include VAT

EXCLUDED IN THE MENU PRICE

- A gratuity of 10% will be added to the final account based on the menu cost only.
- Flowers and stands.
- Photographer/ photography.
- Entertainment.
- Minister.
- Décor and draping.
- Candles.
- Chapel hire.

WEDDING RECEPTION VENUE

- A list of service providers in the area is available.
- Seating: 10-seater round tables dressed in white table linen and serviettes and used for all weddings. We do offer trestle tables for weddings.
- The venue has a podium, microphone, sound system and laptop projection available at no cost.
- 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 at the hotel the week starting of your intended wedding (five days).
- 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.
- All catering will be provided by the hotel except for the wedding cake.
- Service providers can either be included in your table seating if required or accommodated in the main restaurant of the hotel. Please advise the hotel of the plans for these circumstances so we can accommodate accordingly.

CHAPEL

- Chapel hire is R4,500 if the wedding reception is held at the hotel.
- Chapel hire is R6,500 if the wedding is not held at the hotel.
- Should you wish to book the chapel only, inquiries can only be made 3 months prior as preference is given to bookings which include both the chapel and wedding venue.
- The chapel has pews that can sit up to 50 people. The sliding doors open wide onto the patio of the chapel, where extra chairs can be placed. The hotel can facilitate the hiring of these extra chairs at R50 per chair.
- The pews have space where small flower arrangements can be placed down the aisle. There is a red carpet available and a podium.
- There is a table and chairs for signing of the registry.

- The chapel can be made available the evening prior to the wedding for a rehearsal by prior arrangement.

CATERING

- The choice of dishes determines the menu price.
- We regrettably, do not offer a plated menu option.
- Harvest tables and gin bars can be considered at an additional cost. Please discuss with the hotel wedding co-ordinator.

BAR

- A selected local bar is available at the wedding reception. No exotics or shooters, which will be available from the hotel bar after the reception is finished, should there be a demand.
- Please can we have your wine confirmation at least four weeks prior to the wedding to ensure we order sufficient stock.
- Please advise on your allocated bar tab limit, and what drinks will be included in the tab, and which drinks will be for settled by individual guests.
- Corkage will be applicable should you wish to bring your own wine or sparkling wine. No other drinks can be considered as we are a licensed premises. South African wine will be charged at R120 per 750ml bottle, and French champagne at R220 per 750ml bottle.

MUSIC/ NOISE

- Due to the venue being surrounded by hotel and chalet accommodation, we have an 80 dB limit that can be monitored with an online decibel counter.
- If accommodation is booked for wedding guests, the hotel will endeavour to allocate rooms closest to the venue, to minimise the potential impact of the music from the venue.
- Music will be allowed until 23h45 should you have booked the venue till midnight.
- Please ensure your server provider is briefed of these restrictions.

TIMES

- The maximum number of hours for a lunch/ brunch wedding is six hours from the start of the chapel ceremony.
- The maximum number of hours for an evening wedding is seven hours from the start of the chapel ceremony.
- A surcharge of R3,500 is charged per hour thereafter the abovementioned time frames.

DRAPING AND DÉCOR

- For safety reasons, please note that no draping is allowed over any lights, nor may any lights or draping be attached in any way to the central chandeliers.
- The hotel will take no responsibility for any damages or injury sustained by anyone nominated by yourselves or the draping company in the venue. The roof is extremely high, and the utilization of ladders can be dangerous.
- Should candles be utilised, please ensure that suitable containers are used to prevent wax dripping onto the linen.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

- It is important to note that we have a minimum rate of double occupancy and stay duration of 2 nights during weekends. Booking directly with the hotel will ensure guests are given the best rates available.

WEDDING BOOKINGS AND CANCELLATIONS

- Should you wish to make a wedding reservation, please request a provisional booking via e-mail to admin@champagnecastlehotel.co.za
- The wedding package contract needs to be signed by both the bride and groom and returned within 3 days.
- In order to secure your venue, a non-refundable deposit of R10,000 is requested and payable within 7 days.
- In the event of a chapel only reservation, the full amount is payable within 7 days.
- Once your deposit is received, your wedding booking will be confirmed in writing.
- A further deposit of R10,000 is due 3 months before the wedding day.
- The final menu must be confirmed one month prior to the wedding and final number of guests 14 days beforehand.
- The final wedding reception account is due 7 days prior to the wedding on the presentation of a pro-forma invoice.
- Any extras such as bar, corkage, surcharges, will be billed separately and settled on departure.

GENERAL

- Prices are valid from 01st January 2025 to 31st December 2025.
- There will be a 10% waiter fee levied on the menu cost.
- Champagne Castle standard is one waiter per round table.

See below for wedding menus, prices and contract details.



WEDDING BUFFET MENU 2025

Choose one of the below pate options...

Chicken liver and bacon pate
or
Smoked Salmon pate
or
Avocado pate

Served with a break basket and Melba toast

COLD MIRROR

Pickled tongue, pickled fish, ham and salami
or
Pickled ox tongue, Black Forest ham, salami, pork rolls
or
Seafood medley

Ham and mushroom quiche
or
Butternut and Feta cheese quiche

Selection of fresh garden salads

CHOOSE FROM THE CARVERY

Cherry and pineapple glazed gammon served with cranberry sauce

Roasted pork served with apple sauce

Roast beef served with Yorkshire puddings

Roast stuffed chicken with a pecan nut and herbed stuffing

Roast leg of lamb with a rosemary jus (R25 surcharge per person)

Chateaubriand with a Béarnaise sauce (R35 surcharge per person)

CHOOSE FROM THE HOT SELECTION

Cajun style line fish served on a bed of nutmeg infused mashed potato

Chicken and prawn curry (traditional or Green Thai)

Hoisin glazed roasted duck with a sticky tangerine sauce

Spinach ravioli with a fresh basil and tomato sauce

Italian penne pasta with a pesto and three cheese sauce

Butter chicken

Beef stroganoff

Traditional South African oxtail (R30 surcharge per person)

SELECT TWO VEGETABLES

Green beans sautéed with onion, potatoes and cracked black pepper, creamed spinach, cauliflower au gratin, roasted butternut with Feta, grilled baby marrow ribbons with fresh cherry tomatoes, roasted Mediterranean, vegetable medley

CHOOSE FOUR DESSERTS

Cheesecake: Chocolate, lemon, strawberry, granadilla, Amarula, Peppermint Crisp tart, decadent chocolate mousse, lemon meringue pie, Crème Brulee, Italian tiramisu, poached pears in wine, seasonal fruit platter (or caramelised fruit salad served with Crème Anglaise), Chateaux Gateaux, Croquembouche, layered fruit pavlova

Tea and coffee

PRICES VALID FOR 2025 (MINIMUM 50 ADULTS)

One roast and one hot selection:	R695,00 per person
One roast and two hot selection:	R730,00 per person
Two roasts and two hot selection:	R775,00 per person
Two roasts and three hot selection:	R825,00 per person

Children are charged as follows: 7-12 years old – 50%, 2-6 years old – 25%

South African cheeseboard, biscuits and preserves as part of the buffet served with dessert can be added at R60,00 per person as above.

WEDDING BRUNCH MENU 2025

Please inquire about our seasonal brunch menu options should you wish to consider a brunch/ lunch wedding. From R695,00

WEDDING PACKAGE CONTRACT FOR 2025

Please sign this contract as acceptance of the conditions contained herein and e-mail to admin@champagnecastlehotel.co.za. You will then be forwarded the necessary details to commence the planning and execution of your special day.

Date of wedding: _____

Chapel wedding only: Yes/ No

Chapel wedding and venue hire: Yes/ No

Estimated number of guests: _____

I, _____(full name and surname), accept the conditions contained herein. For the bride.

ID number: _____

Telephone number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

I, _____(full name and surname), accept the conditions contained herein. For the groom.

ID number: _____

Telephone number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____