



Weddings at Dithōlō Lodge & Wildlife Estate



RATES:

Prices applicable from July 2011 – July 2012

R12 500.00 once off cost for venue exclusivity of all areas, Set up and use of all venue areas as stipulated in the inclusions section below.

Main Lodge Accommodation Rates:

R 899.00 per person sharing including Dinner, Bed & Breakfast & 1 game drive

R 999.00 per person single including Dinner, Bed & Breakfast & 1 game drive

Minimum amount of guests to qualify for rate: 20 Adults

Maximum amount of guests at the Main Lodge is 40 sharing, we can also overflow a further 20 sharing guests to the Bush camp subject to availability at a lower rate.

15% discount on Overnight rates for the Bride & Groom with a free bottle of JC le Roux Sparkling Wine.

(Winter weddings will receive extra discount on all costs subject to availability at the time of the request)

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- Welcome drinks per person on arrival at lodge OR on arrival at the wedding ceremony (non alcoholic fruit cocktail)
- Luxury Guest Accommodation, coffee / tea making facilities in room, mini bar, TV & en suite shower, toilet, basin in room.
- 3 course Dinner for each night booked with Filter coffee served after dinner
- Full Buffet Breakfast for each night booked with Fresh fruit juice & Filter Coffee
- Unlimited Coffee, Tea, Milo & Hot Chocolate during your stay
- 1 Game drive per guest per night booked (min 6 / max 20 guests per drive)
- Use of the Game Viewer for the bride & groom photo's in the bush after ceremony
- Use of any area at the Main Lodge
- Use of all the available facilities which the Lodge has to offer during your stay
- For the ceremony: Chairs with organza ribbons (only specific colours available)
- For the ceremony: Table for the signing of the register as well as a white table cloth
- For the ceremony: White chiffon draping against the chapel area in the tea garden
- For the ceremony: 1 large flower arrangement for the register table
- 14 Mini Luxury Oil Lamps for use during ceremony or reception
- 2 large wrought iron stands with 7 white / cream candles on each stand for use during ceremony or reception.
(Color & Type to be discussed with bride – subject to specific flower availability)
- Assisted use of the P.A. System with microphone for the ceremony and if required for reception
(Bride to supply Ipod / USB with choice of music)
- Special gold under-plates for the wedding reception dinner & serviettes in the bride's choice of colour
- 5 Round tables seating 8 people comfortably in the area of your choice with white table cloths
- The venue exclusively with bar staff available until 01h00
(thereafter an overtime fee is required for staff & use of bar)

PACKAGE EXCLUDES

- Any other colour table cloth (only white available)
- Table cloth overlays
- Chair Covers
- Any other under-plate other than gold
- Extra Flowers / arrangements, transport and displays thereof
- Extra Candles
- Professional Music/ Entertainment
- Napkin holders/ Serviette rings
- Table plans, numbers or name cards
- Reverend or Minister
- Professional photographer
- Any additional décor or Linen not stipulated in the Wedding Package such as draping, fairy lights etc.
- Hiring of specialized equipment / Hiring of any Marquee tent or Gazebo's
(Please note that anything not listed can be arranged at an extra cost available on request)

MENU SELECTION

A choice of menus are available subject to quality and/ or supplier and seasonal availability. Customized menus are available should a client require a particular theme. (A surcharge will be applicable depending on the request.)

Should you have a suggestion of a specific dish you would like us to make, please feel free to suggest it as we take pride in being flexible for the Bridal Party. We believe in providing the quality that reflects Dithōlō Lodge's standards and will not take on something which surpasses our means.

Should an outside caterer be used for specialized dietary requirements such as Kosher or Halaal, a surcharge per person will apply.

CHILDREN

We welcome children on wedding days as well but it's up to the wedding party whether they want children at the lodge during their wedding celebration.

There are only 4 family suites however some rooms are large enough for one child to share. Babysitters can be provided on request in advance.

Children aged 4-16 pay 50% of the adult rate.

CO-ORDINATION SERVICES

The service of our management team is available to clients throughout the planning stages of their wedding. We allow site visits strictly **by appointment only**.

Should you want our wedding co-coordinator at your disposal during your stay at the lodge an additional surcharge will apply – cost on request.

BAR SERVICES

We require a brief regarding billing instructions i.e. cash bar, main account, etc.

A full bar includes the supply of a range of imported beers and spirits

A Local bar includes the supply of local brands only.

Cocktails are only served on client's request and for a function will be served in jugs and not individual cocktails. These need to be pre-ordered.

Expenses charged to the main account may be limited according to instructions received from the client. For control purposes, reconciliations will be undertaken during the course of the function.

No liquor / food may be brought onto the premises for consumption without the prior consent of Dithōlō Lodge & Wildlife Estate management. A corkage fee per opened bottle of wine / special Champagne will apply. We do not under ANY circumstances permit hardtack or other alcoholic beverages to be brought onto the premises.

Bar prices are subject to change and are available on request from the reservations office.

Dithōlō Lodge & Wildlife Estate reserves the right to close the bar at any time should there be any irregularities on the guest's behalf.

SET-UP AND CUT-OFF TIMES

Overtime will be charged for the venue after 01h00 am, per hour. This will apply should the guests be continuing with their function or if they are sitting in the bar having a drink, as the staff are being paid for their overtime.

Set up on the day before cannot always be guaranteed especially when a venue is utilized the night prior to the wedding. This needs to be requested in writing in advance and can only be confirmed within the same week as your function.

All equipment and décor must be removed by 11h00 the next day as we have no storage space available. Items not collected may be left outside in the open and we do not accept responsibility for any damage or loss.

PARKING/TRANSPORT

Ample parking is available for vehicles on the property at the Main Lodge

Road Transfers & Helicopter Transfers can be arranged with our reservations office at an additional cost.

BOOKINGS

Always make a provisional booking to avoid disappointment however we suggest you view our facilities before you pay your deposit. For an appointment or any more information please contact the Reservations Manager.

To confirm your booking a non refundable deposit of 50% is to be paid into Dithōlō Lodge account. In the event that a payment plan is the choice of the Bridal Party, the R5000 deposit made in good faith and the signed contract is seen as the confirmation. Should this be the case the Bridal Party is given 6 months to pay the full 50% deposit. The final amount must be paid 14 days prior to the function date. **This needs to be requested in writing.**

In the event that you do not pay your deposit within the time stipulated, we will cancel your booking without further notice or liability to you.

A site inspection can be arranged for you and your partner at Dithōlō Lodge at any time during the week / weekend but must be pre-arranged.

FINAL REQUIREMENTS

- **14 days prior:** Final Payment & Final numbers
Final Checklist of wedding day & Guest numbers should be provided
Final confirmation of menu & liquor
Seating plan submitted

Note: To ensure the professional execution of your wedding this is the latest we will accept any changes or confirmations. No final arrangements, changes or additional requirements will be accepted after this deadline.

- **3 days prior:** Delivery of additional "special" items including wine/ champagne, room drops, name cards, table placing lists, guest name lists, table numbers etc. either to the lodge directly or with prior arrangement to the Johannesburg office.

CANCELLATIONS

Should a client need to cancel a reservation subsequent to the venue hire or deposit being paid, a refund at management's discretion will be made (not applicable to the 50% deposit). This will only be made should we be able to re-sell the venue for a similar function on the date for which the function was booked.

1 months prior - No Refund

3 months prior – 50% handling fee

6 months prior - 25% handling fee

9 months prior – 10% handling fee

In the event of non-payment of the venue hire fees within the time specified, Dithölrö Lodge shall be entitled to cancel a provisional booking without further notice or liability to you.

In the event of any other fees not paid within the time specified, Dithölrö Lodge shall be entitled to cancel a booking after notifying you. Money is **non-refundable** once paid by the client within the stipulated period.

Dithölrö Lodge reserves the right to cancel any booking forthwith and without liability on its part in the event of any damage to, or destruction of the venue by fire, shortage of labour, strikes, industrial unrest, or any other cause beyond the control of Dithölrö Lodge, which shall prevent it from performing its obligations. In this circumstance, every effort will be made to find an alternative venue.

Dithölrö Lodge reserves the right to cancel any booking without liability on its part should any irregularities be found on the part of the client whereby Dithölrö's terms and conditions are not adhered to, or whereby any financial arrangements are not honored in terms of agreements between Dithölrö and the client.

Clients must confirm all cancellations in writing.

RISK/LOSS/DAMAGE

No paper confetti is allowed. You are welcome to use bird confetti, fresh flower petals, potpourri or bubbles. If paper confetti was used (regardless of the agreement), the client will be charged per hour for casual cleaning staff as it is a time consuming cleaning session.

Dithölrö Lodge will not be held liable for any damage caused during the transportation of any property, including but not limited to, candles, flowers, vases or cakes.

Dithölrö Lodge shall not be held liable for interruptions of services (water, electricity ,sanitary services) during your stay.

Whilst every precaution will be taken to ensure the safeguarding of your belongings, **Dithölrö Lodge will not be liable for loss or damage to any property** (décor, flowers, wedding gifts, valuables, etc.), before, during and after the function. We recommend that all personal and valuable property be removed directly after the function.

Should the Dithölrö buildings, surrounding gardens, décor or any equipment be damaged during the set-up duration or break down of the function, the client shall be held responsible and will be billed accordingly.

Dithölrö Lodge, its employees or any person employed at any function will not be held liable to any loss, injury to persons, due to negligence or any other cause whatsoever.

Décor and props must be removed the following day by no later than 11:00 am