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**HOTHOUSE**

ARIA E VITA

DULLSTROOM



BAHAMA BURGUNDY



DOVE IL TEMPO  
SI È FERMATO

WHERE TIME  
STANDS STILL

# INTRODUCTION

Situated at the foot of the mountains of the Zuikerboschhoek Bewarea and with a view of water, forest and countryside, The Hothouse venue has become known as one of the most intimate and private venues in the area.

It showcases the essence of the Dullstroom Highlands and with the combination of Bordeaux-style buildings and the modern star-lit roof of the venue, it creates a cosy and sociable atmosphere.

Most of the time, it is the chosen venue for couples looking to have a small, family-focused, weekend wedding, with the highlight being a very special ceremony either in the poplar forest or overlooking the dam and mountain range, topped off with a 'LA DOLCE VITA' reception in The Hothouse venue.

The Hothouse is a boutique venue and not commercialised in any way. We are very mindful about the surrounding nature and do not take in more than two weddings per month. We also follow a strict environment-friendly approach and do not permit any decor items that are not biodegradable or reusable.

We ask you to please be mindful of the unique venue setup, ask as many questions as possible during your viewing and make sure you enjoy the venue for what it is – a destination wedding weekend.





# MANGIA BENE, RIDI SPESSE, AMA MOLTO.

Eat well, laugh often, love much.

By traveling abroad, we have adopted the Italian custom of enjoying life to the fullest. We appreciate the small moments in life - time with family, feeling loved, admiring the complexity of nature, having dinner under the stars.

Therefore we aim to replicate this custom, or rather, this feeling, when having a birthday, wedding, event or any celebratory function at The Hothouse.

Combine this feeling with the surrounding nature, and we can promise you one of the most special events that you will ever experience.

I hope to meet you soon.

Linél - Owner, The Hothouse



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# THE VENUE

The venue can accommodate up to 120 guests.

It is located next to the Oak House on the edge of the dam.

The venue was expanded in 2020 with the addition of the glass and steel frame. This added more space to the venue to allow the wedding party to have a big dancefloor as well as spectacular views of the sun setting behind the mountains while enjoying bubbles and a first course of a specially-designed menu.

Decor and Styling by Mode Events



# YOUR CELEBRATION

The Hothouse venue is a destination weekend experience.

The venue will provide a basic co-ordinator and certain décor items as seen during your viewing. All suppliers appointed must be of a high standard and pre-approved by the venue. We do not allow any DIY décor items in the venue.

Please note that accommodation of service providers is not included and will be added to their respective quotes.

## Compulsory costs

Venue hire (up to 60 pax)	R 20 900.00
Venue hire (61 - 80 pax)	R 25 850.00
Venue hire (81 - 100 pax)	R 30 250.00
Venue hire (101 - 120 pax)	R 34 100.00

## Accommodation - full weekend booking required

Oak House (sleeps 10)	R 13 000.00
Silo Lodge (sleeps 6)	R 7 800.00



We allow you to check into Oak House on the Thursday evening (6 persons max) at no extra charge. (Optional)

Please note that the venue hire fee will not change if the number of guests are less than the package that was booked on. The venue hire fee will however increase should the number of guests be more than the number of guests booked on.

# WHAT IS INCLUDED IN YOUR VENUE HIRE?

Basic co-ordination

Wooden tables & chairs in The Hothouse

String lights in venue as well as in square outside bar

Access to venue decor items as seen during viewing

Standard crockery for canapés and dinner service (as seen during your viewing, any other items to be hired in)

After dinner coffee table setup with Nespresso machine and urn

Glassware for bar

Hot towel welcome station upon guests' arrival

Cash bar service

Barmen with ice

Cleaning of venue

3 bottles per table are allowed to be brought in with no corkage charge, R50 per bottle thereafter

# WHAT IS INCLUDED IN YOUR BASIC CO-ORDINATION?

Phonebook with supplier contact list

Excel Wedding Planner for the Hothouse Bride

Assisting wedding couple with setting of tables on the Friday (décor & styling excluded, we strongly advise the appointment of a wedding planner and will allocate 10% discount to your venue hire cost in case of Mode Weddings being appointed as your wedding stylist and wedding planner).



# ADD ON'S

These items are provided by the venue and will be quoted according to your requirements.

## Catering options

We have two outstanding caterers that you may choose from to cater for your wedding:

- Onside Events
- Toast Fine Foods

Our venue co-ordinator can provide their contact details upon request.

Please note that the waiter service is an additional charge and is invoiced by the venue once the final menu and guest numbers have been confirmed 30 days prior to the wedding.

Please budget for one waiter per 10 guests.

## Wedding planning and styling

A basic co-ordination fee is included in the compulsory venue cost. We highly recommend the appointment of Mode Weddings for your wedding planning and styling needs and we will allocate 10% discount to your venue hire fee should you appoint them for your wedding.

## Venue to provide pre - drinks service during canapés

Pre-drinks bars are available starting at R 65 per person

Wine Bar | Gin Bar | Whiskey Bar | Bubbles Bar | Aperol Bar | Craft Beer on Tap

## Excludes

Outdoor furniture & décor (please budget approx. R40 per person for chairs for the ceremony) | Pastor | Guest Favours | Cake | Photogaphy | Videography | Stationery | Buddy Bus | Accommodation for services providers

R10 000.00 minimum bar spend deposit

Use of Polaris with driver for photo's in mountains @ R500 will be added to bar tab.



# MEET YOUR CATERERS (OPTION 1)

Onside Events is a Johannesburg-based catering company. They are well-known in the industry as one of the best event management companies and their clients include Shepstone Gardens, Porsche SA, Toyota and Momentum.

We have chosen Onside Events as our catering partner not only because we love to work with them, but because their menu is of a very high standard and they go out of their way to deliver on absolute perfection.



# MEET YOUR CATERERS (OPTION 2)

Toast Fine Food is owned by Ivan Richards, well-known in the industry for his creativity and 'art-style' food. Ivan does not let food go out of the kitchen without adding his final 'Picasso' touches and attention to detail is key for him and his team.

Ivan has been featured on various TV shows and is currently in production for his own show on KykNet based in his test kitchen.

We have chosen Toast Fine Food as our catering partner as we love working with them and they are known for family-style dinner service, which we highly recommend for couples looking to do a sharing menu as we do not allow buffet menu's.





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# VIEWING & BOOKING

Kindly note that our weekend guests' privacy is our number one priority. Please do not show up at the venue without booking a viewing in advance.

We will require a R 1 000,00 non-refundable fee to reserve your wedding date, after which you will have two weeks to secure your booking with the non-refundable booking fee (50% of venue hire, compulsory costs and accommodation). The R 1 000,00 will be deducted from your booking fee if you secure the venue.

All wedding invoices are required to be paid in full a minimum of 30 days before the date of your wedding event.





# T'S & C'S

We work on a first-to-view first-in-line basis. We will require a non-refundable fee of R 1 000,00 to block your date for you for two weeks after which we will require the non-refundable deposit to secure the booking (50% of venue hire fee, compulsory costs and accommodation). The R 1 000,00 will be deducted from the deposit when the booking is secured.

We do not accommodate mid-week weddings.

10% will be added if your wedding weekend falls on a long weekend and the accommodation booking will be subject to the full long weekend. A minimum bar spend of R10 000 is required. The full balance is payable 30 days prior to the wedding.

Entrance to the premises are completely at own risk by the wedding party and we do not take responsibility for any loss or damages.

Smoking to adhere to designated areas.

We are not a child friendly venue because of the dam in front of the venue and the couple will have to arrange for a child minder in case of a lot of children.

The wedding party agrees that the venue can use their photo's received from the photographer for marketing purposes.

Please note we cannot promise that the granadilla in the venue will be green and lush all year around. We need to trim it at least twice per year and it has happened before that it falls ill and then we need to trim it down. Please take this into account during your viewing and when booking the venue.

## D e p o s i t   r e q u i r e m e n t s

Non-refundable deposit of 50% of the compulsory and accommodation costs will be payable within two weeks of blocking your wedding date. The balance will be payable one month before your wedding date.

# T'S & C'S

## Breakage policy

We do not charge a breakage deposit, however if any decor items are damaged or broken or anything on the property is vandalised or broken, full replacement costs will be charged and payable no later than 7 days past wedding date.

## Cancellation policy

Kindly note that the venue will have the right to cancel the booking should the wedding party not adhere to the terms and conditions of the venue.

Should either party cancel the booking prior to the function, the wedding party will be liable for 70% of the total invoice value.

If at that stage the wedding party has only paid 50% deposit, they will be liable for an additional 20% payment and will be issued a voucher for the amount paid for accommodation to be used in future for accommodation only.

If at that stage the wedding party has paid 100% of the invoices, the venue will refund 30% of the invoices total and the wedding party will be issued a voucher for the amount paid for accommodation to be used in future for accommodation only.

The venue will not be held liable for any loss of deposit or paying of any costs to any service providers in regard to additional services.

The wedding details form, which is sent out 30 days prior to the wedding, should be completed and submitted no later than 3 weeks before your wedding date.

## Bar

The bar will invoice separately for any special arrangements including pre-drinks and we do have card facilities available.





# ACCOMMODATION

## OAK HOUSE

Four en suite rooms, and one extended family room, Oak House can accommodate up to ten persons comfortably.

Oak House offers the following:

- An upstairs double room with en-suite bathroom, boasting a spa bath and shower.
- An upstairs twin room with en-suite bathroom and shower.
- A downstairs double room with en-suite bathroom and shower.
- A downstairs family room, which has one double room and one twin room sharing an en-suite bathroom and shower.
- A spacious lounge with a bar area, DSTV, fireplace and indoor braai facilities.
- Free satellite Wi-Fi.
- Dining room seating ten persons comfortably.
- Outside braai facilities and patio overlooking the trout dam.

Well equipped kitchen, comprising of the following:

- Gas stove with electrical oven
- Microwave
- Fridge/freezer
- Dishwasher
- Gas and electrical kettle



GARICK VAN STADEN

# ACCOMMODATION

## SILO LODGE

With three en suite bedrooms, one with an open-air shower, Silo Lodge can accommodate six guests.

The spacious lounge with sociable “Hemel en Aarde” bar, shares an open fireplace with the adjacent dining room and kitchen. The living area opens onto a verandah with well equipped built-in braai, overlooking a trout dam and impressive mountain range.

Silo Lodge offers the following:

Three en-suite bedrooms: two with double beds, one with twin beds.

Spacious dining room with seating for six.

Comfortable living room with bar area, indoor braai facilities, and fireplace.

DSTV & Netflix

Free satellite Wi-Fi

Patio with built-in braai, overlooking the trout dam and mountain range.

Outdoor KolKol wood-fired hot tub.

Well equipped kitchen, comprising of the following:

- Gas stove with electrical oven
- Microwave
- Fridge/freezer
- Dishwasher
- Gas and electrical kettle



THERE ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH SIMILAR LODGES IN A 10KM RADIUS TO ACCOMMODATE ALL OF YOUR GUESTS AS WELL AS A 4 X 4 'BUDDY BUS' FOR SAFE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE WEDDING.



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