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Dear Bride & Groom

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations on your engagement! Thank you for considering Monte Christo Wedding Venue to host your special day.

Surrounded by the serene beauty of Haenertsburg's misty mountains, our venue provides a magical setting where unforgettable memories are made. Let us help you create a wedding that is as unique and beautiful as your love story.

ABOUT US

Situated 12 km outside Haenertsburg, between Tzaneen and Polokwane, Monte Christo Wedding Venue lies on a historic farm once owned by the Pirie family. Following a devastating fire in 2011, David and Josie lovingly transformed the property, opening the venue on 23 March 2019 at their daughter Nicolas' wedding, a truly special beginning.

Set alongside the peaceful Monte Dam, the venue features lush green lawns, vibrant gardens filled with pink azaleas, and cosy wooden cottages just a short walk from the water. Monte Christo offers something for every couple, no matter your style or vision. For more information on what we offer, please see the details below.

Payments & Cancelations

ON VENUE HIRE

- Bookings are secured on a **first-come, first-served** basis.
- Your **date is confirmed** once we **receive a signed contract and a 20% Booking Confirmation Fee**.
- Proof of payment is required for **all EFT** transactions. Email : **chantellewilson2411@gmail.com**
- **50%** of the total amount is due **six months** before the wedding date. **Failure to pay may result in the booking being released.**
- Babies and pre-school children attend free of charge.
- A **R2,000 Breakage Deposit** will be added to your account and is refundable after the wedding, less any damages.
- If **damages exceed R2,000**, the remaining balance will be added to your final invoice.
- In the event of a **postponement**, any **discounts or special rates** will fall away, and updated pricing will apply to the new date.
- **Deposits are non-refundable.** However, they may be moved to a new date, subject to availability.
- **Cancellations for personal reasons will be handled in line with the cancellation policy.**

Payment Column

ON VENUE HIRE

WEEK 1

Confirming Wedding

- A **20% Booking Confirmation** Fee is required to secure your date.
- This **fee is non-refundable** if the wedding is **cancelled by the wedding party**.
- A **R2,000 Breakage Deposit** will be added to your total account and is refundable after the wedding, less any damages.
- The Venue Account **includes the catering fee, but excludes accommodation**.

6 MONTHS

Before the Wedding

- **50%** of the Venue Account total is due **six months** before the wedding date.
- This amount is **non-refundable** if the wedding is **cancelled or postponed after the six-month deadline**, unless the date is successfully rebooked.
- **Failure** to make this payment on time may result in the **forfeiture of your wedding date.**

4 MONTHS

Before the Wedding

- **80%** of the Venue Account total is due as per the agreed payment schedule.
- This amount is **non-refundable** if the wedding is cancelled by the wedding party.
- **Failure** to make this payment on time may result in the **forfeiture of your wedding date.**

2 MONTHS

Before the Wedding

- **90%** of the Venue Account total is due as per the agreed payment schedule.
- **Final guest numbers must be confirmed at this stage.**
- **Numbers confirmed are final and may not be reduced thereafter.**
- Any **additional guests** will be charged at **R550 per person**.
- This amount is **non-refundable if the wedding is cancelled by the wedding party**.

2 WEEKS

Before the Wedding

- **Final Venue Account** must be settled in full as per the agreed schedule.
- This amount is **non-refundable if the wedding is cancelled by the wedding party**.
- **100% of the Accommodation Account is payable in full**.



Viewings & Visits

VIEWING TIMES

WEEKDAYS (Big Group Max 6 people)	**8am - 3pm**
SATURDAYS (Max 4 people)	**7am-10am**
SUNDAYS	**CLOSED**

The wedding couple may book up to **two complimentary appointments** before the wedding date. **Any further** appointments will incur a **fee of R250 per visit.**

PLEASE NOTE

- Venue viewings on **Saturdays** are **limited** to the Venue and Ceremony area only.
- Please note that **accommodation will not be available for viewing due to existing cottage bookings**.
- All visits are by **appointment only**. Kindly ensure that your **booking and time slot are confirmed in advance**.
- Please aim to arrive **15 minutes** before your scheduled appointment, as **access roads** to the venue may take some time.
- If you arrive **more than 15 minutes late**, your appointment will **unfortunately need to be cancelled and rescheduled** to the next available date, as we accommodate multiple bookings.
- Venue viewings typically last **30–45 minutes.**

Venue Hire

The venue hire cost covers use of the **venue on Saturday and includes canapés, main course, and dessert**. Accommodation is **excluded**, except for one night's stay in the **bridal suite, Malachite Cottage**.



30 Guests | R48 500	**80 Guests | R76 000**
40 Guests | R54 000	**90 Guests | R81 500**
50 Guests | R59 500	**100 Guests | R87 000**
60 Guests | R65 000	**110 Guests | R92 500**
70 Guests | R70 500	**120 Guests | R98 000**





Venue Hire Fees

INCLUDES

CEREMONY AREA

- Choice of **Lawn Ceremony Area**, **Forest Ceremony Area**, or **Dam Deck Ceremony Area**
- **Wooden benches** for guests, or **white Wimbledon chairs** for s**maller weddings**
- **Wooden ceremony arch**
- **Umbrellas** for outdoor ceremonies (**please note: not intended for use in rain**)
- **One** bottle of **water** per guest
- **Ice** provided for water service
- Marriage signing table

RECEPTION

- Wooden tables
- White Wimbledon chairs
- Choice of standard **silver cutlery or gold cutlery**
- Standard **white** crockery
- Champagne and wine glasses
- Outdoor **lounge furniture** available at the venue
- **Tablecloths or runners** available from our collection
- **Linen napkins** available from our collection
- A **selection of décor** items available in **our storeroom**
- (**Please note: décor is limited**, as each wedding has a unique style, but a few items are available for your use.)
- **Firewood** provided for the indoor venue fireplace
- **Wi-Fi** available inside the venue for the **DJ only** (not available for guests)
- Backup **generator**
- **Fairy lights** pre-installed within the venue

EXCLUDES

- Naked wedding cake **(R3,000)** – please arrange directly with Colleen
- Drinks / Bar service **(cash bar)**
- Flowers
- **Additional décor items** (limited décor available in our storeroom)
- Audiovisual / sound system
- **Damages** (charged separately if applicable)
- **Welcome drinks** at canapés
- **Accommodation**
- Starters

WEDDING COORDINATOR

The wedding coordinator fee is **included** in your package. **Please note that this role is venue-based and differs from that of a full-service wedding planner**.

- The coordinator's role is focused on **on-the-day venue setup and coordination**, ensuring the **venue is prepared** and the day runs smoothly from a venue perspective.
- The coordinator is **not responsible for planning the wedding or assisting with arrangements in the days leading up to the event**.
- The coordinator **does not source or provide décor or flowers, nor do they take responsibility for the setup of any outsourced décor or items.**
- On the wedding day, the coordinator will **set up all venue-provided items**, i**ncluding décor, glassware, cutlery, tables, and chairs**.
- Any **items brought in from external suppliers remain the responsibility of the bridal party or hired service providers**.
- The coordinator will be on-site from **08:00 to 18:00** on the wedding day.
- Please note that the coordinator **does not manage the wedding programme or timeline**, and will n**ot guide ceremonial moments** (such as when to walk down the aisle). **Couples may appoint a separate planner or MC for these aspects**.

Pre Reception

WELCOME DRINKS

- Welcome drinks are served during the canapé reception and are **charged separately** from the venue hire fee.
- **Please note** that outside welcome drinks are **not permitted**, with the **exception of wine and champagne. A corkage fee of R65 per bottle will apply.**
- **Champagne** is **limited to 1 bottle per 6 guests**.
- **Wine** is limited to **2 bottles per table**, with no exceptions.
- **Guests are limited to two drinks per person** during the **canapé** reception. Any additional drinks may be purchased **directly from the bar**.
- Please select your preferred pre-reception drink options from the available menu. For pricing on welcome drinks, **kindly enquire directly**. **Final invoices or quotations** for beverages will be issued **one month prior** to the wedding date, as **prices are subject to fluctuation**.

OPTIONS

Choose 1 Option

- **Sparkling Wine – Crisp and refreshing**
- **Fruit-Infused Water – A light, non-alcoholic option**
- **Fresh Fruit Punch – Vibrant and flavourful**
- **Mimosa Bar – Sparkling wine served with a selection of fresh juices**
- **Iced Tea or Lemonade – A refreshing non-alcoholic choice**
- **Non-Alcoholic Sparkling Wine – Festive and inclusive**
- **Mixed Ciders & Beer Bottles – A selection to suit all tastes**
- **Pre-Mixed Gordon's Gin Bar – Self-serve gin and tonic station with garnishes**
- **Mixed Cooldrink Cans – A variety of soft drinks**

Menu

CATERING

Colleen and her dedicated team will take care of all your **catering requirements**, delivering exceptional cuisine from canapés through to dessert. Includes **three waiters**, extra waiters may be required at **R700 each**, depending on guest count and plating style.

Book a tasting with **Colleen: 083 305 2851.**
Wedding tastings are charged at **R485** per person **(minimum of 4 guests)**.

Please note that all catering-related enquiries and arrangements are to be made **directly with Colleen and not through the venue**.

STARTER OPTION

Choose 1 option

Starters are not included in the **venue hire** and are available **as an optional extra at R105 per person**.

Starter options:

- **Smoked Trout Roulade** – with roasted beetroot, rocket, and sour cream
- **Roasted Cherry Tomato & Pepper Tian** – with basil-infused cream cheese
- **Caramelised Red Onion, Camembert & Asparagus Tart**
- **Savoury Sun-Dried Tomato Cheesecake** – with sesame flatbreads
- **Cheddar & Cauliflower Soup** – with crispy cheese sticks
- **Mozzarella & Bacon Fritter** – with microgreens and red pepper coulis

MAINS

Choose from the following:

MEAT OPTION

Choose 2 options

Our **main course selection** is designed to **impress**, offering a variety of rich, comforting, and flavourful options for every **palate**:

- **Rosemary & Mustard Roasted Rump** – served with mustard and horseradish
- **Pepper-Crusted Beef Fillet** – with chimichurri sauce
- **Apricot & Garlic Roasted Pork Neck Steaks**
- **Crispy Pork Belly** – glazed with ginger and honey
- **Greek-Style Leg of Lamb** – slow-roasted with olives and tomatoes
- **Lemon & Herb Chicken Thighs** – deboned and marinated
- **Stuffed Peppadew & Feta Chicken Breast** – in a creamy mushroom sauce
- **Beef & Ale Pot Pie** – hearty and slow-braised
- **Red Wine Braised Beef Short Ribs** – tender and flavourful
- **Soy & Brown Sugar Baked Pork Tenderloin** – with toasted sesame
- **Parmesan-Crusted Chicken Breast** – crisp and golden
- **Coconut Lamb Curry** – (**R25** Extra pp.)
- **Pan-Fried Trout Fillet** – with creamy lemon and caper butter

A menu crafted to bring **warmth, flavour, and a touch of indulgence to your special day**.

STARCH OPTION

Choose 2 options

- **Garlic & Herb Melting Potatoes** – soft and flavourful
- **Baked Potatoes** – served with sour cream
- **Lemon-Infused Couscous** – light and fragrant
- **Brown Sugar & Bacon Roasted Sweet Potatoes** – a perfect balance of sweet and savoury
- **Creamy Herb & Garlic Potato Bake** – rich and indulgent
- **Roasted New Potatoes** – finished with lemon butter sauce
- **Seasoned Rice** – lightly spiced and aromatic
- **Wild Rice with Spinach & Peppers** – hearty and wholesome

VEGETABLE OPTION

Choose 2 options

- **Roasted Root Vegetables** – tossed with feta and pesto
- **Garlic Sautéed Green Beans** – with flaked almonds and poached cherry tomatoes
- **Creamy Spinach & Feta** – rich and flavourful
- **Cumin-Roasted Butternut Wedges** – warm and aromatic
- **Pumpkin Fritters** – drizzled with caramel sauce
- **Corn & Broccoli Bake** – a comforting classic
- **Aubergine Parmigiana** – layered with tomato and cheese
- **Whole-Grain Mustard Roasted Carrots** – a tangy twist on a favourite
- **Baby Carrots & Peas** – lightly seasoned and buttery

OR

SALAD OPTION

- **Greek Salad** – a classic mix of fresh vegetables, olives, and feta
- **Chickpea, Avocado & Tomato Salad** – light and nutritious
- **Apple & Walnut Salad** – crisp, sweet, and nutty
- **Caprese Pasta Salad** – with fresh basil, mozzarella, and tomatoes
- **Balsamic Beetroot & Butternut Salad** – with rocket and goat's cheese
- **Broccoli Salad** – with bacon and blueberries for a sweet-savoury twist
- **Seasonal Watermelon, Mint & Feta Salad** – refreshing and vibrant
- **Baby Spinach Salad** – with red onion, tomato, cucumber, and yoghurt dressing
- **Rainbow Coleslaw** – colourful, crisp, and tangy
- **Caesar Salad** – with crunchy croutons and creamy dressing
- **Green Salad** – featuring asparagus and green beans

DESSERT OPTION

Choose 1 option

- **Chocolate Brownies** – served with fresh cream
- **Malva Pudding** – warm and indulgent, served with custard
- **Ice Cream Bar** – a variety of flavours with fun toppings
- **Pavlovas** – topped with fresh berries and cream



OR

MINI DESSERTS

Choose 3 options

- **Strawberry Cheesecake Jars** – creamy and decadent
- **Doughnuts** – light, fluffy, and freshly made
- **Milk Tarts** – a classic South African favourite
- **Peppermint Crisp Jars** – layers of caramel, cream, and minty crunch
- **Pastéis de Nata** – traditional Portuguese custard tarts
- **Lemon Meringue** – the perfect balance of tangy and sweet
- **Eton Mess** – a delightful mix of meringue, cream, and berries
- **Red Velvet Mousse Cake Jars** – rich, smooth, and indulgent
- **Pecan Nut Pie** – buttery and caramelised to perfection

CANAPES

All included



- **Mature Cheddar & Camembert** – a selection of rich, flavourful cheeses
- **Hummus, Tzatziki & Baba Ghanoush Dips** – served with fresh bread and butter
- **Preserves** – sweet and tangy accompaniments
- **Bread Sticks** – crispy and perfect for dipping
- **Bruschetta** – toasted bread topped with a savoury mix
- **Liver, Biltong & Trout Pâté** – a unique and flavourful spread
- **Fresh Fruit & Berries** – a refreshing, colourful assortment
- **Cocktail Cheese Grillers** – savoury bite-sized favourites
- **Beef Samosas** – crispy pastries filled with spiced beef

CANAPE EXTRA

You Choose

Additional Canapés **(not included in packages)**

Enhance your canapé selection by adding the following options to your standard menu:

- Buffalo Wings – **R20** per person (3 wings per person)
- Biltong & Droëwors – **R30** per person (40g per person)
- Peanut & Soya Chicken Skewer – **R13** per person (1 skewer per person)
- Moroccan Beef Kebabs – **R13** per person (1 skewer per person)
- Jalapeño or Biltong Rolls – **R15** per person (1 roll per person)
- Smoked Trout on Bruschetta – **R15** per person (1 piece per person)
- Cold Meats – **R15** per person (2 slices per person)
- Riblets – **R35** per person (2 ribs per person)

COFFEE BAR

You Choose

Coffee bar is available as an **optional add-on at R30 per person**. If not selected, instant coffee is available at **R20** per cup.

Includes:

- Filter coffee (regular & decaf)
- Coffee, hot chocolate & cappuccino sachets
- Hot water urn for tea and other hot drinks

Additional Sides (No Meat) – R30 PP
Midnight Snacks – R55 PP
Hawaiian or Regina Pizza Slices
Toasties
Chicken Prego Rolls

Sunday Breakfast

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

- If you wish to use **The Baby Otter Venue for Saturday or Sunday breakfast** (or any additional use), a rush cleaning fee of **R600** will apply.
- For **Sunday breakfast in the Main Venue**, a rush cleaning fee of **R950** will apply.
- If The Baby Otter Venue was not used on Friday night, Sunday breakfast venue hire will be **R1 500**.
- Venues will be ready for use from **09:00**.
- Waiters are charged at **R700** each, **depending on function size and requirements**.

FARMHOUSE BREAKFAST

R150 PP

- A hearty breakfast spread including scrambled eggs, crispy bacon, sausage, fried mushrooms, grilled tomatoes, hashbrowns, fresh bread, butter, and jam. Served with tea, coffee, and juice.

WAGTAIL

R85 PP

- Bacon, Egg, and Cheese Breakfast Rolls (prepared on the flat top for a quick grab-and-go), with Tea, Coffee, and Juice.

Breakfast Platters

PRE-WEDDING MUNCHIES FOR THE BRIDE & GROOM!

Choose from the following:

CROISSANT BOARD

R120 PP

- Freshly Baked Croissants – Served with a selection of cold meats, cheeses, preserves, smoked trout, and fresh fruit.

TUX PLATTER

R150 PP

- Cocktail Cheese Sausages, Smoked Trout Pinwheels, Chicken Sausage Rolls, Vegetable Spring Rolls, Greek Meatballs, Beef and Pepper Kebabs, Jalapeño Rissoles.

EARLY BIRD

R100 PP

- Yogurt & Muesli Jars, Blueberry Muffins, Danish Pastries, and a Selection of Sandwiches.

FULL MONTE

R165 PP

- Spinach and Feta Frittata, Smoked Trout and Cream Cheese Roulade, Cold Meats and Cheeses, Seasonal Fruit, Chicken Kebabs, Springbok Carpaccio with Rocket, and Cocktail Sausages.

Bar

BAR SERVICE

- **No tabs allowed**; payment is **cash or card only**. A **guest tab limit may be arranged**, after which guests must pay for their own drinks.
- **Open bar option available.**
- **Standard beverages are stocked**; special requests cannot be accommodated.
- **Wine selection may vary**, but specific wines can be ordered on request.
- **Prices are subject to change**; updated price lists available on request.
- **No outside beverages permitted unless approved by management.**
- **Two bartenders** are included in venue hire; **additional bartenders are R700 each**.
- Venue **closes at 00:00. Overtime is R550 per hour (until 02:00 max)**. **To extend service, payment must be made at 00:00**. If not paid, the **bar will close** and guests will be asked to leave for lock-up.

CORKAGE FEE

- Outside welcome drinks are **not permitted**, except for **wine and champagne**, which are subject to a corkage fee of **R65 per bottle**. **Champagne is limited to 1 bottle per 6 guests, and wine is limited to 2 bottles per table – strictly no exceptions.**

Baby Otter Venue

BABY OTTER VENUE

- **The Baby Otter Venue** is available for **optional use on the Friday** night before your wedding at **R4 000** (maximum **40 guests** due to space limitations).
- You may use our catering services by contacting Colleen, or arrange your own catering.
- The venue includes **braai facilities** and a **fully equipped kitchen**.
- **Own beverages are permitted on Friday night only**.
- If you wish to use the venue for Saturday breakfast or any additional use, a rush cleaning fee of **R600** will apply.
- For Sunday breakfast in the Main Venue, a rush cleaning fee of **R950** applies. Venues will be ready for use from **09:00.**
- If The Baby Otter Venue was not used on Friday night, Sunday breakfast venue hire will be **R1 500.**

General Information & Rules

ACCOMMODATION

- The **Bridal Party** will be responsible for **collecting all accommodation payments from their guests** and making a **single consolidated payment** to Monte Christo Wedding Venue.
- All on-site accommodation is offered at a **fixed rate per cottage** and must be managed directly by the Bridal Party.
- **Full payment is required at least 2 weeks prior to the wedding date**.
- Please note that a block booking of all cottages for a **minimum of 2 nights is compulsory**.
- Should the cottages **not be fully booked** for the required 2-night stay, the outstanding amount will be **deducted from the breakage deposit**, and **additional charges for unoccupied cottages will apply**.

Kindly ensure that:

- **Our banking details are not shared with any guests.**
- Guests **do not contact the venue directly** regarding accommodation arrangements.
- The **maximum capacity per cottage is not exceeded**.
- **Guests remain in the same allocated cottages** for the full duration of the weekend, as linen will not be changed during a 2-night stay.
- We can accommodate a **maximum of 32 guests**, including the bride and groom.

- Check-in: **13:00 – 15:00**
- Check-out: **10:00**
- For more information on the accommodation, please visit: **https://www.mountainflyfishing.co.za/**
- A **detailed accommodation list will be provided** for you to allocate guest names accordingly.

