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Make Your Wedding Day Unforgettable at Idlewild Country Estate!

At Idlewild Country Estate, we believe that every wedding should embody your distinct love story. Set in a serene environment, our venue combines natural beauty with sophisticated charm, providing a stunning backdrop for your unforgettable celebration.

Why Choose Idlewild for Your Wedding?

- **Exclusive Use of the Venue:** Enjoy complete privacy with exclusive access to the entire estate, ensuring an intimate atmosphere for you and your guests.
- **Flexible Indoor & Outdoor Spaces:** Whether you prefer an outdoor ceremony or a stylish indoor reception, our versatile spaces can be tailored to suit your vision for both large celebrations and intimate gatherings.
- **Tailored In-House Catering:** Our skilled chef offers a variety of carefully crafted menu packages to cater to different tastes. We also work with you to create a personalized menu that reflects your style and meets dietary needs, including Halaal and vegetarian options.
- **Customizable Décor to Suit Your Style:** Let us transform your wedding dreams into reality with décor packages that showcase your unique personality. Whether you desire timeless elegance, rustic charm, or modern sophistication, we have it all. Our offerings range from enchanting fairy-lit ceilings to opulent gold-and-white accents.
- **Breathtaking Backdrops:** With stunning gardens and picturesque landscapes, neighbouring the Rietvlei Nature Reserve Idlewild is the perfect canvas for capturing the magic of your wedding day.
- **Personalized Service Every Step of the Way:** From the moment you book until the final dance, our dedicated team ensures your wedding unfolds seamlessly, with every detail expertly managed.

Whether you're planning a grand celebration or a more intimate affair, Idlewild Country Estate is the perfect place to create memories that will last a lifetime. Schedule a visit today and discover why our venue is where love stories come to life.

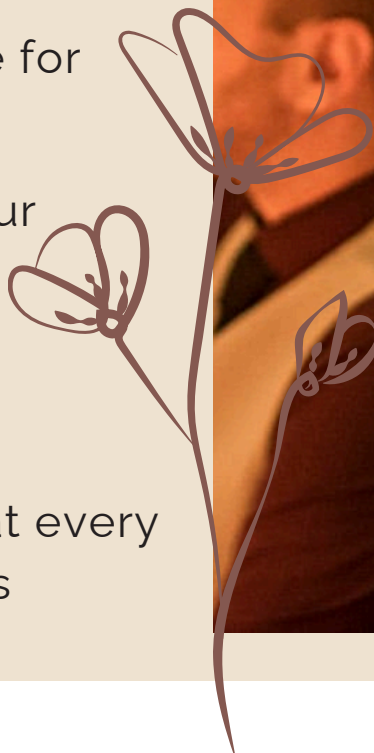


About Our Venue

Nestled amidst the tranquil beauty of the Rietvlei Nature Reserve, Idlewild Country Estate offers a rustic yet elegant escape less than 15 minutes from Irene and Midstream Estate. Our timeless chapel, surrounded by splendid natural scenery, provides the perfect backdrop for exchanging vows with your loved one.

Idlewild is truly one-of-a-kind, with free-roaming Blesbuck adding a serene charm to your celebration. The estate's breathtaking surroundings create an atmosphere of peace and grandeur, setting the stage for unforgettable moments.

Whether you're savoring our tantalizing cuisine or enjoying the seamless blend of rustic charm and natural elegance, Idlewild Country Estate ensures that every detail of your special day is memorable.

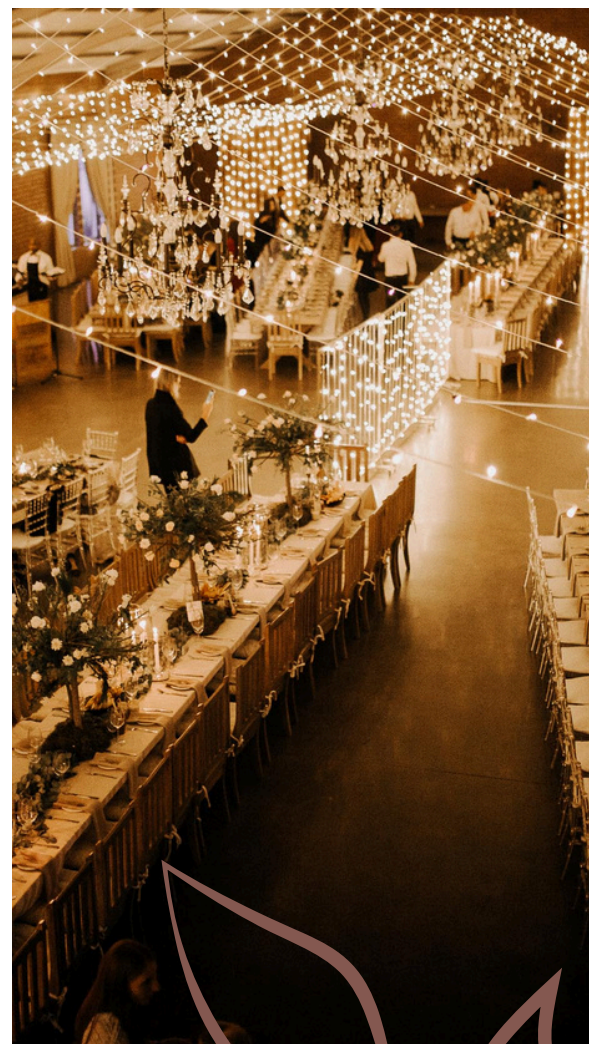
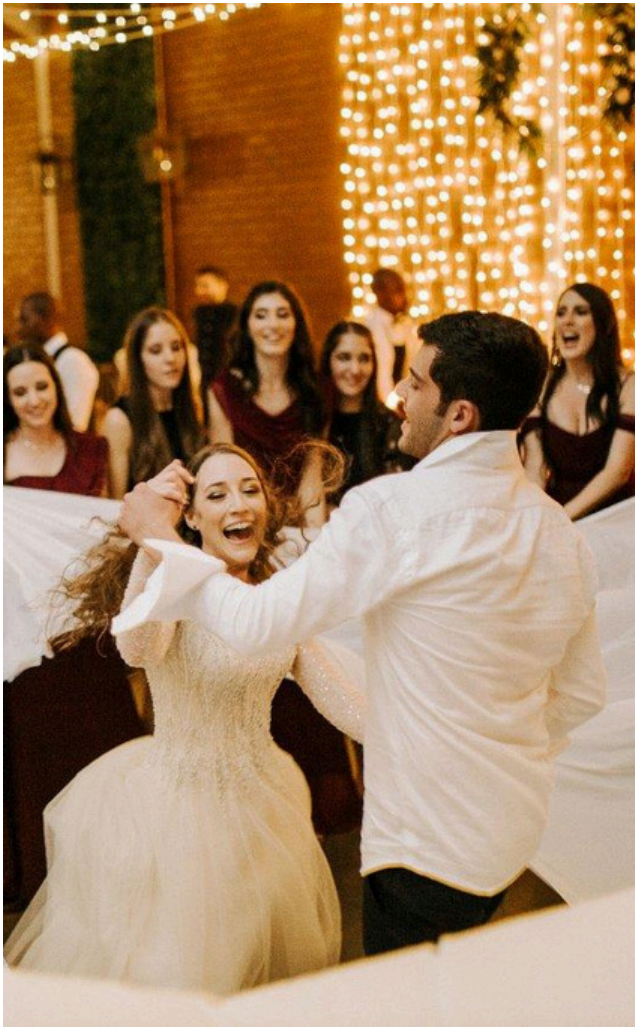




The chapel, also known as the Blesbuck venue, is an enticingly special venue with its simple, modern and elegant atmosphere. The intimate and natural surrounding is the perfect balance for a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The Blesbuck venue can seat up to 300 people cinema-style and 100 people banqueting-style.

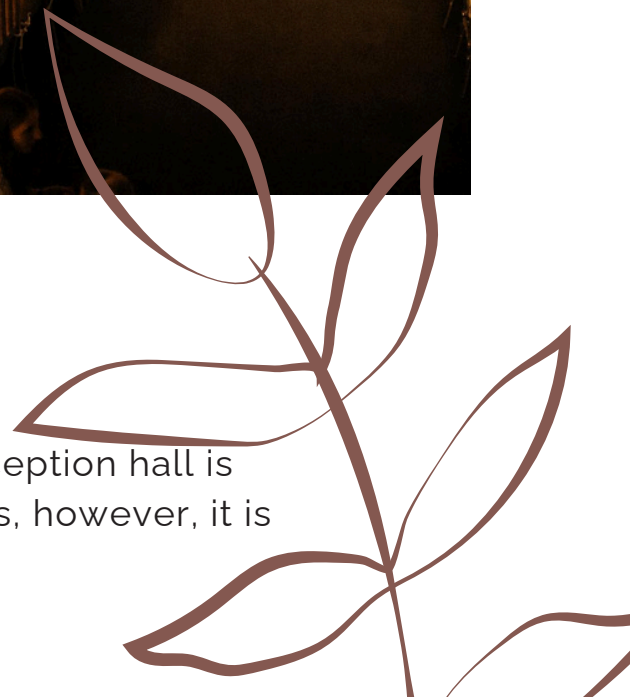
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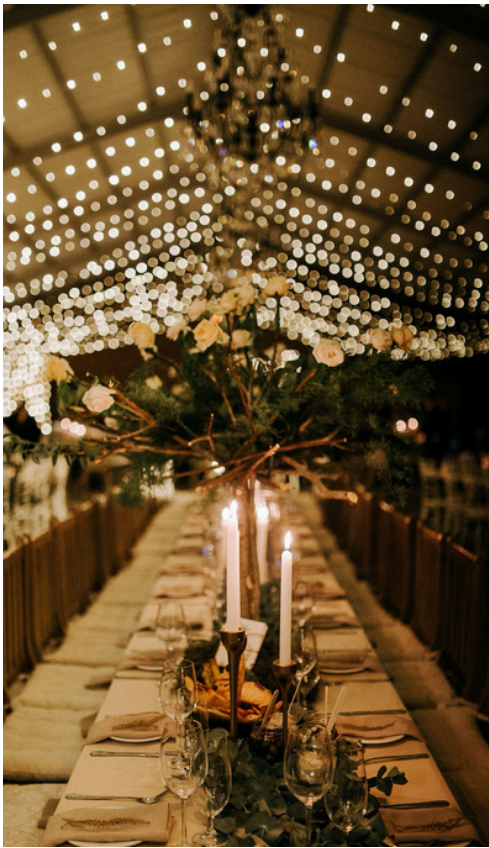


Our Reception

The hall - the jewel of Idlewild Country Estate - never fails to astound all with its heart-warming mood lighting and rustic wooden furniture. We offer in-house planning, styling and décor services to create your desired wedding, but also, to make it stress-free for you and your family on your special day.

Being able to host up to 500 people, the reception hall is ideal for extravagant and fairy tale weddings, however, it is also perfect for an intimate celebration.





Venue Hire

All prices are VAT inclusive.

January - May & August - December 2025

Monday - Thursday

R29,500.00

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, day before a
Public Holiday & Public Holidays

R38,500.00

June & July 2025

Monday - Thursday

R27,000.00

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, day before a
Public Holiday & Public Holidays

R35,000.00



Our Packages



Karee Package

R 625.00 p.p.

Kiaat Package

R 750.00 p.p.



All prices are VAT inclusive.

External catering surcharge of R200.00 p.p. A kitchen hire of R6,600.00 is also applicable. Please check the accompanying Terms & Conditions.

Our Packages

Marula Package

R 825.00 p.p.



Lavender Package

R 625.00 p.p.

All prices are VAT inclusive.

External catering surcharge of R200.00 p.p. A kitchen hire of R6,600.00 is also applicable. Please check the accompanying Terms & Conditions.

Example Cost Estimate

R38,500.00	Venue Hire	Payment 1	High Season Weekend
R75,000.00	Kiaat Package x 100 guests	} Payment 2	
<u>R113,500.00</u>	Subtotal		
R6,000.00	Refundable Breakage Deposit		
<u><u>R119,500.00</u></u>	Grand Total (Including VAT)		

High Season Weekday	R29,500.00	Venue Hire	Payment 1
	R75,000.00	Kiaat Package x 100 guests	} Payment 2
	<u>R104,500.00</u>	Subtotal	
	R6,000.00	Refundable Breakage Deposit	
	<u><u>R110,500.00</u></u>	Grand Total (Including VAT)	

R35,000.00	Venue Hire	Payment 1	Low Season Weekend
R75,000.00	Kiaat Package x 100 guests	} Payment 2	
<u>R110,000.00</u>	Subtotal		
R6,000.00	Refundable Breakage Deposit		
<u><u>R116,000.00</u></u>	Grand Total (Including VAT)		

Low Season Weekday	R27,000.00	Venue Hire	Payment 1
	R75,000.00	Kiaat Package x 100 guests	} Payment 2
	<u>R102,000.00</u>	Subtotal	
	R6,000.00	Refundable Breakage Deposit	
	<u><u>R108,000.00</u></u>	Grand Total (Including VAT)	





Included in the Venue Hire & Packages

Ceremony

- Chapel with a podium.
- Beautiful wrought iron gazebo and arch.
- Registry table & two chairs.
- Thirst quencher on arrival: Infused mint & lemon water.

Welcoming Area

- White pallet tables & chairs on the large lawn.
- Patio umbrellas.
- The use of authentic wood and sink baths.
- Standard welcome drink.

Staff

- One venue **coordinator** on the day of the wedding.
- Preparation & clearing after the wedding.
- Basic set-up of tables and chairs, cutlery, crockery & glasses.
- Barman (1 per 60 guests) & Waiters (1 per 20 guests).
- Janitors, one male and one female.
- Gate guard & car guards for the duration of the event (1 per 100 guests).

Reception

- Authentic wooden tables and chairs for guests.
- Buffet table, cake table, DJ table, and main table.
- Tables can comfortably seat 280 guests. We currently have 150 wooden chairs and 150 cross-back chairs.
- Draped fairy lights & waterfall fairy lights behind the main table.
- Rustic easel for seating plan.
- 3 Cozy fireplaces.
- **NO** cutlery, crockery, linen, décor, chafing dishes for external catering.

Bar Service

- All beverages must be bought from Idlewild Country Estate.
- Corkage is charged at R120.00 for local sparkling wine and local wines.
- At your instruction, we open a Full Bar, Cash Bar, Wine & Malt Bar, Soft Drink Bar or Kosher Bar.
- A 10% gratuity is added to the Open Bar.
- No alcohol or beverages are to be brought onto the Idlewild Country Estate premises by guests.

Inclusions for external catering differ from our standard offerings. Please contact management for detailed information. A surcharge of R200.00 per guest applies, along with a kitchen rental fee of R6,600.00.

Preferred Service Providers

Décor, Flowers & Stationary:

Purple Bell Events: Lomien Botha | info@purplebell.co.za | 083 3273261

The Bloom Collection: Lynni Du Toit | thebloomcollectionza@gmail.com | 071 643 7040

Stelo Events: admin@steloevents.co.za | 072 205 6336

Daring Events & Decor: Calista Vermaak | daringservices@outlook.com | 083 291 3976

Photographer:

Leané Wentzel Photography: Leané Wentzel | info.leanephotography@gmail.com | 076 505 9996

Louis Clarke Wedding Photography & Videography: Louis Clarke | info@louisclarke.co.za | 082 469 7302

Pelser Photography: Nici Pelser | pelserphotography@gmail.com | 082 459 1169

RdK Photography: Complete a form on their website rdkphotography.co.za

Mighty Fine Weddings: info@mightyfine.co.za | 012 809 0059

Lood Goosen Photography: Lood Goosen | info@lwgphoto.co.za | 084 404 0343

DJ & Music:

Lampro Event Solutions: Hanroux Lamprecht | info@lamproaudio.co.za | 083 469 1209

Events Engine: Francois Booyse | francois@eventsengine.co.za | 082 847 1557

DJ James: James Cassel | info@djjames.co.za | 072 191 6604

Kilowatt Productions: info@kilowattproductions.co.za | 082 524 7885

Make-up Artist & Stylist:

FDK Styling: Fafa de Klerk | FDKstyling@gmail.com

AfterGlow Studios: PG Kruger | afterglow@aurealux.co.za | 071 209 4187

Angelic Allure: Yolandi Mans | angelicallure777@gmail.com | 062 853 5458

Wedding Cake

Gosh Cakes: nats@goshcakes.com | 082 553 4555

In The Mix: Anke van Tonder | vantonder.anke43@gmail.com | (073) 097-0261

Oh My Treat!: Lynette Oberholzer | ohmytreatsbylynette@gmail.com | 082 498 1678

Wedding Website

Wedding Websites: Jeanette Gibson | info@weddingwebsites.co.za | 083 370 9781

Babysitting

The Wedding Nanny: info@the-wedding-nanny-sa.co.za | 076 227 1442

Wedding Insurance:

WedSafe: www.wedsafe.com

I Do Insure: info@idoinsure.co.za | 011 312 6784



Our Menu Options

Karee Menu

Canapés

Choose two (2)

Crumbed Chicken Strips with Yogurt Mayo
Fish Cakes with Tartar Sauce
BBQ or Peri Peri Chicken Wings
Chicken Spring Rolls with Sweet Chili Sauce
Cheese & Sweetcorn Samosas with Soya Sauce

Buffet Style Main

Choose one red and one white meat; alternatively substitute a meat option with a vegetarian dish.

Slow Cooked Tender Beef and Vegetable Stew
Durban Lamb and Potato Curry (Add R50.00 per person)

OR

Roast Chicken with Gravy
Tikka Chicken Biryani

OR

Vegetable Lasagna

Starch

Choose one (1)

Rice (Basmati or Parboiled)
Traditional Pap served with a Chakalaka Sauce
Crispy Roasted Potatoes
Traditional Layered Pap Tert
Samp or Savoury Samp
Dumplings or Savoury Dumplings

Vegetables

Choose one (1)

Roasted Mixed Vegetables
Garlic Butter Green Beans
Cream Spinach / Morogo Style
Cauliflower & Broccoli with Cheese Sauce

Salad

Choose one (1)

Coleslaw
Green Salad
Beetroot Salad
Chakalaka
Potato Salad

Dessert

Choose one (1)

Light & Fluffy Malva Pudding drenched in a Sticky Sauce served with Vanilla Custard
Fruit Salad with Ice Cream
Apple Crumble served with Whipped Cream
Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese

Kiaat Menu

Canapés

Choose two (2)

Capresé Kebab with Mozzarella Cheese
Beef Meatballs with Brie Cheese & Tomato Chutney
Teriyaki Chicken Wings
Crumbed Chicken Strips with Satay Sauce
Mini Prawn & Chicken Rissoles (add R20.00 p.p.)
Pork & Apple Sauce Bruschetta

Buffet Style Main

Choose one red and one white meat; alternatively substitute a meat option with a vegetarian dish.

Beef Sirloin in a Red Wine Jus
Beef Medallions with Pepper / Mushroom Sauce
Roast Leg of Lamb with Rosemary & Mint Jus (add R50.00 p.p.)

OR

Roasted Pork Belly with Apple Cider Sauce
Lemon, Garlic & Herb Roasted Chicken
Chicken Roulade filled with Spinach, Mozzarella, Pepadews & Feta

OR

Vegetable Lasagna
Parmigiana di Melanzane

Starch

Choose two (2)

Basmati Rice
Savoury Rice
Roasted Baby Potatoes
Roasted Sweet Potatoes

Vegetables

Choose two (2)

Roasted Mixed Vegetables
Pumpkin Fritters
Creamed Spinach with Mushroom or Morogo Style
Garlic Buttered Green Beans
Cauliflower & Broccoli Gratin

Salad

Choose one (1)

Roasted Beetroot & Couscous Salad
Watermelon, Cucumber & Feta Salad
Traditional Greek Salad
Butternut & Feta Salad

Dessert

Choose two (2)

Mini Milk Tart
Mini Lemon Meringue
Chocolate Pots
Mini Carrot Cakes topped with Cream Cheese
Individual Malva Puddings
White & Dark Layered Chocolate Mousse
Peppermint Crisp with Caramel

Our Menu Options

Marula Menu

Plated Starter

Choose one (1)

Trout Blini Style

Beef Carpaccio

Capresé Salad

Sun-dried Tomato Basil & Pesto Tart

Mini Crumbed Chicken Wrap

Mini Avocado & Feta Wrap

Mini Yorkshire Pudding with Rare Roast Beef & Horseradish

Prawn Cocktail (add R40.00 p.p.)

Plated Main Course

Choose one (1)

Roast Rack of Lamb

served with Potato Dauphinoise, Mint Jus, Baby Carrots & Peas (add R50.00 p.p.)

Grilled Beef Fillet

served with Potato Fondant, Mushroom Sauce & Sauteed Green Beans

Stuffed Grilled Chicken Breast

served with Linguine in a Creamy Tarragon Sauce with Garlic Baby Broccoli

Mild Lamb Curry

served with Butter Roti or Steamed Basmati Rice (add R50.00 p.p.)

Chicken Cordon Bleu

served with Blue Cheese Sauce, Cauliflower Mash, Brussel Sprouts & Baby Corn

Chicken Pie made with Short Crust Pastry, White Wine & Portabellini Mushrooms

served with a Greek Side Salad

Crispy Pork Belly

served on Creamy Mash Potatoes with an Apple Cider Sauce & Orange Glazed Carrots

Lasagna or Cannelloni - Vegetable or Ricotta, Spinach or Beef served with a Green Side Salad

Dessert

Choose one (1)

Cheesecake (Lemon, Strawberry or Passion Fruit)

Creme Brulee

Tiramisu

Dark or White Chocolate Mousse

Pavlova with Fresh Berries & Cream

Milk or Chocolate Tart

Chocolate Fondant

Layered Berries with Mascarpone

Red Wine Poached Pears with Cream

Lavender Menu

Starter

Plated Per Table

Choose five(5)

Vegetable Samoosa

Cheese & Sweet Corn Samoosa

Potato Samoosa

Brinjal Pakoda

Potato Pakoda

Paneer Pakoda

Mini Crumber Chicken Wrap

Vegetable Spring Rolls

Potato Spring Rolls

Potato Bhajia

Paneer Tikka

Buffet Style Main Course

Choose four (4)

Vegetable Briyani

Dhal

Dhal Makhani

Paneer Makhanwala

Broad Bean Curry

Paneer Tikka Masala

Jeera Aloo

Basmati Rice or Parboiled Rice or Roti's

Dessert

Choose one (1)

Soji served with Ice Cream

Vermicelli and Pappadom

Carrot Halwa

Tea & Coffee

Served with

Mini Milk Tarts

Mini Peppermint Tarts

Mini Lemon Cheesecakes

Biscuits

At Idlewild Country Estate, we understand that every wedding is unique. We are happy to customize our menu options within reason to align with your vision and preferences. Please note that these customizations may influence the cost of the package you select.



Important Information

Minimum Number of Guests:

- **Fridays:** 80 paying guests.
- **Saturdays:** 80 paying guests.
- **Public Holidays and the day before a Public Holiday:** 80 paying guests.
- **Weekdays & Sundays:** There is no minimum guest requirement.

Venue Capacity:

- **Reception Hall:** 300 guests. 450 guests with a dancefloor (additional equipment required)
- **Chapel:** 300 guests cinema style.

Bridal Suite & Groom's Room:

Your package includes access to both the Bridal Suite and Groom's Room on your wedding day:

- **Bridal Suite:** Available from 08:00 on the wedding morning.
- **Groom's Room:** Available three hours before the ceremony.

Additional time can be arranged with management if necessary.

Please remove all personal belongings from both rooms before the ceremony unless the Honeymoon Suite is booked for the night. Note that the Honeymoon Suite is not included in the package and must be booked separately.

Accommodation:

While we do not offer on-site accommodation apart from the Honeymoon Suite, there are numerous accommodation options nearby for your guests' convenience.

Bar Services:

All beverages must be purchased from Idlewild Country Estate, with prices subject to change. Key points include:

- **Corkage Fee:** R100.00 per bottle for sparkling and table wine brought by clients, added to the final wedding invoice due two weeks before the wedding.
- **Bar Tabs/Special Requests:** Bar tabs and any special beverage requests should be discussed with management in a. A 10% gratuity will be added to all bar tabs.
- **Cash-Free Policy:** For your safety the venue is a cash-free zone. Accepted payment methods include cards, SnapScan, and Zapper.

Important: Kindly include our cash-free payment policy on your wedding invitations.

Food Tastings:

Food tastings are available strictly by appointment and must be scheduled in advance. Tastings are limited to a maximum of two (2) guests and are restricted to one tasting per couple.

Set-Up Guidelines:

- **Early Access:** Enjoy exclusive access to the venue from 08h00 to 16h00 the day before your wedding, ensuring ample time for preparation. Please note that early access is only available if no other bookings are scheduled. If the venue is unavailable on the day prior, alternative early access arrangements can be discussed with management.
- **Day-of Preparations:** On your wedding day, the venue is accessible from 08h00 for final preparations. Both halls must be vacated at least two (2) hours before the ceremony begins to allow our team to complete the final touches.

- **Décor and Workstation Guidelines:** To preserve the beauty of our handcrafted wooden reception tables, we kindly request they are not used as workstations. Additionally, staples are strictly prohibited for attaching décor items to walls, trees, the roof, furniture, or other surfaces. Only masking tape, duct tape, or fishing line may be used.
- **Efficient Offloading:** Designated vehicles are permitted to park briefly near the venue for offloading. Once offloading is complete, vehicles must be moved to the designated parking areas.
- **Post-Event Collection:** All personal items and décor must be collected by 12h00 the following day. If another event is scheduled, all items must be removed immediately after the reception.

Wedding Planner:

At Idlewild Country Estate, we are committed to making your wedding day as seamless and stress-free as possible. As part of your wedding package, we proudly provide the services of our dedicated in-house event coordinator. This expert will guide you through the planning process, assisting with every detail to ensure your special day is flawlessly executed. Our in-house coordinator's involvement guarantees the highest standards of quality and coordination, giving you peace of mind from start to finish.

We also respect that some brides may have a strong relationship with an external wedding planner. Should you choose to engage an external planner, we kindly request their attendance at the final meeting one (1) month before the wedding. It is essential that they keep our team fully informed of all arrangements. Please note, however, that the in-house coordinator will have the final say to ensure our standards are upheld and your experience remains exceptional. For this reason, there will be no discount when using your own wedding planner.

Closing Times:

Your booking includes exclusive access to the venue for a total of eight (8) hours from the start of your event proceedings. Should you require additional time, extra hours can be arranged with management at a rate of R4,500.00 per hour.

To ensure smooth operations, last rounds at the bar will be called thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled end of the event, with the bar closing fifteen (15) minutes thereafter. Please note that the venue will remain open no later than 02h00, as stipulated by our licensing agreements.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in adhering to these timings to help us maintain compliance and deliver an exceptional experience.

In-Person Meetings:

Due to high demand, we offer a maximum of four (4) in-person meetings:

1. **Venue Viewing:** Explore the venue and envision your special day. Our team will answer any questions you may have and guide you through our offerings.
2. **Food Tasting:** Sample the menu selections and confirm your choices. Tastings are limited to two (2) guests and are conducted strictly by appointment.
3. **Mock Table Setup (Optional):** Create a mock table to visualize your décor. Mock tables are by appointment only and can be booked for Mondays to Thursdays between 08h00 and 16h00.
4. **Final Meeting:** This essential meeting ensures that every detail is finalized and must take place one (1) month before your wedding date. Please schedule this meeting in advance to ensure availability.

After The Wedding:

Following your special day, a final invoice will be issued, detailing any last-minute extras and breakages. The breakage deposit will only be refunded once all outstanding accounts have been settled. Any remaining amount from your breakage deposit will be returned within four weeks after the event.



Making Your Booking

STEP 1 - Schedule Your Viewing

Explore Idlewild Country Estate by scheduling a personalized site visit. Our team will guide you through the venue and answer your questions. We suggest setting aside one hour (60 minutes) for a comprehensive and enjoyable experience.

To schedule your viewing, contact us at info@idlewildce.co.za or (082) 907 0192.

STEP 2 - Confirm Your Event

1. Sign and submit your contract online. A secure link will be provided via email upon request.
2. Pay your booking deposit, which equals the venue hire amount (Payment 1).
3. Email your proof of payment along with copies of your ID to info@idlewildce.co.za.

We prefer EFT payments.

STEP 3 - Receiving Confirmation

Once we receive the required documents and booking deposit, your wedding date will be officially secured. A written confirmation will be sent to you promptly.

STEP 4 - Communicating With Us

For all wedding-related inquiries, please reach out to us at info@idlewildce.co.za. Kindly respect the coordinators' schedules, as they may be engaged with other events. Please allow up to 48 hours for a response. Our office hours are Monday to Friday, from 08h00 to 16h00.

STEP 5 - Final Payment (Payment 2)

Your final guest numbers and the balance of your invoice are due four (4) weeks before your wedding. Please note that if your final guest list is below the minimum required, you will still be charged for the minimum number of guests. Payment plans are available upon request.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

At Idlewild Country Estate, we pride ourselves on fostering a culture of respect, inclusivity, and fairness. We have a zero-tolerance policy for any form of rudeness or discrimination directed toward our staff members or guests.

We hold all individuals accountable for maintaining mutual respect and courtesy, ensuring a welcoming and harmonious environment for everyone.

Your cooperation in upholding these values is sincerely appreciated.

IN-PERSON MEETINGS

Due to high demand, we offer a maximum of four (4) in-person meetings to ensure personalized attention and efficient planning:

1. The Venue Viewing
2. The Food Tasting
3. The Mock Table Setup (optional)
4. The Final Meeting



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