

Weddings at The Farmhouse Matopos



The Farmhouse Lodge is located only 48kms from Bulawayo on the Matopos road in the heart of the Matopos World Heritage site. The magical hills offers a stunning backdrop for the couple wanting a destination wedding. Close enough to Bulawayo, guests are able to choose if they want to drive back to town after the wedding or stay in one of the lodges in the area. The Farmhouse is able to offer a venue in their lovely gardens as well as a site away from the lodge that overlooks the Matobo hills.

We have 3 package options that you can choose from for your special day. Either the Bambata, Nswatugi, or Pomongwe. Each one offers something different allowing you a variety of choices.

Top of the World

For the Bambata, Nswatugi & White Rhino packages, your wedding can be arranged at the Top of the World. This is 2km drive from the main lodge and whilst parking is available, it's not suitable for more than 20 vehicles so if it's a large wedding, alternative measures need to be taken to ferry guests from the main lodge to the service area.

There is a large gazibo that is suitable for snacks and drinks but has limited facilities. Basic toilets are available. There is a kitchen type area there that your caterer can use, but please be sure they know the set up there, if you are using your own caterer.

There are some solar lights but no other power at this site so you would need a generator music etc.

Note: during rainy season rain back up is essential as this is an open area

Farmhouse Lawn area

There is also an option to have your wedding located on the main lawns at The Farmhouse. The main lodge area itself is not large enough for weddings inside so a tent needs to be hired (inclusion depends on your package choice).

The catering will have use of the kitchen, but the caterer will need to supply their own equipment if you are arranging your own caterer. This area is capable of holding up to 70 people

Lodge Chalets

Bambata & Nswatugi packages include all chalets (12) for a maximum of 36 people accommodation for the night before the wedding and the wedding night. They also include dinner the night before the wedding, and breakfast for the morning before and after the wedding.

If you have any guests wishing to Camp for the night of the wedding it is possible, unless you are having your event there. We can discuss this.

You will be able to start setting up for the wedding from noon the day before the wedding.

Take down should be complete by noon the day after the wedding.

N.B. Unless you have booked the Bambata package, the package deals are for the venue only and excludes tent, chairs, tables, chairs covers, glasses, plates, cutlery, and all decor and flowers. Farmhouse will not arrange any of these or the catering for the wedding. You need to source this yourselves.

The Farmhouse bar License is valid until 23h00 with all weddings and functions finishing at 1am

Bar facilities

The Farmhouse offers bar services but will allow weddings to supply their own alcohol.

All packages include a bar assistant for the wedding night and you should provide your own bartender, or point person to look after the bar. Provision must be made for ice and for the drinks to be chilled, we do not have a cold room here or spare fridge/freezer space. Cash up and stock is the responsibility of the wedding party. The Farmhouse cannot be held responsible for any alcohol that goes missing after the event. Should you require a combination wedding where The Farmhouse supplies the drinks but the Wedding supplies the wine and champagne, this can be arranged.

Staff

Each package includes a number of staff to assist with the setting up of the event, assist the caterer in serving/waiting tables, And breaking down of the event. Any waiters or cleaning up staff required over the package amount would be an additional fee of \$15 per person.

Generator

The Farmhouse has a generator which is capable of running the event, should it be required on the day it can run for 3 hours included in your package amount, there will be a fuel charge raised depending on the number of extra hours it runs.

Accommodation

All the packages include accommodation. It must be noted that it is necessary that to hire all our chalets for the night before and the night of the event. I'm sure you can understand that we cannot have other guests in while a private wedding is happening. The package deals include meals outside of the Wedding menu, final numbers should be given to us no later than 2 weeks before the wedding so we can be sure to have adequate stocks.

Terms and Conditions

1.0 BOOKINGS & CONFIRMATIONS

Bookings are only accepted in on receipt of a written request. No verbal bookings or confirmations will be honored. Confirmation of bookings are at the receipt of a deposit.

1.1 PAYMENTS & CANCELLATION POLICY

Please note bookings are only held on a tentative basis until a non-refundable deposit is received. To secure the venue a 15% nonrefundable deposit is due within 30 days of bookings. Full prepayment less deposit is due 30 days prior to function.

- Balances withstanding at the end of the event should be paid for on the morning after the event or within 24 hours of event.
- Final numbers to be confirmed two weeks prior to date of event, and a guest list should be sent to us.
- The signed copy of contract is to be returned within 14 (fourteen) days upon receipt

1.2 Cancellation of Event

Refunds will only be made where there is confirmed written communication of which The Farmhouse will retain a percentage (%) cancellation fee from the initial quoted bill as follows;

90 – 60 days prior to event: 50 % cancellation fee

59 – 30 days prior to event: 75 % cancellation fee

30 days prior to event: 100% cancellation fee.

NO SHOW or non arrival of confirmed arrivals will incur a 100% fee and payment is deemed immediately due and payable.

1.3 STANDARD TERMS

- Quotes are subject to availability at the time of enquiry.
- The hotel reserves the right to alter the venue should there be any changes in numbers anticipated.
- All prices include VAT & Tourism levy & are subject to change without prior notice if no deposit has been paid.
- The Farmhouse shall not be liable for any loss or damage to property or items of equipment or any articles brought in by the guest or any related subcontracted persons (s) or companies or their guests.
- **NO LITTER will be tolerated.** As we have an abundance of wild animals on our property, we cannot have rubbish left lying around.
- Please also note you will need to take your excess glass bottles/plastic bottles back to town with you.
- Confetti must be natural and biodegradable (like Seeds, bubbles or flower petals). We do not allow plastic bits and paper confetti makes such a mess.
- Please communicate your plan with us ahead of time for confirmation.
- In the event of any breakages or damage to any hotel property, the client will be liable for any payments or replacements arising.