



Wedding Package

Dear Bride & Groom

Congratulations on your engagement and thank you for considering Arniston Spa Hotel as a possible venue for your wedding. We would be delighted to host this important event and to welcome you to our "village". Arniston was voted by "Time" Magazine as one of the world's top 10 hideaways.

Arniston is a leisurely two-hour drive from Cape Town, on a road that meanders through the beautiful rolling hills of the Overberg region. The four-star Arniston Spa Hotel is set in the Overberg in one of the Cape's most exquisite locations next to the old fishing village of Kassiesbaai, which makes for beautiful photographs with its white chalked thatch-roof houses. With the Indian Ocean splashing on your doorstep and white sandy beaches, you couldn't have asked for a more romantic venue.

The hotel offers breathtaking sea views and 60 luxurious rooms, all equipped with comforts of a world-class hotel. The restaurant is well-known for its scrumptious breakfast buffet, delectable and relaxed lunches and fine dinners, complimented by an award-winning wine list which includes the finest local wine producers.

Our friendly and efficient staff will aim to make your wedding day a truly romantic, blessed and unforgettable experience.

Wedding Details

Unforgettable, seductive Arniston, where time stands still and whales play in the sheltered bay. Because of our location, the Arniston Spa Hotel is a romantic wedding venue which caters for all your special needs.

Ceremonies can be hosted in either the village's quaint little church, on the hotel lawn overlooking the ocean, or on the beach. Wedding celebrations are tailor-made to your specifications and either held in one of the restaurants or on the front lawn of the hotel in a tent. Due to the fact that we do not have an exclusive reception venue, the hotel will be reserved for your wedding ceremony and all 60 rooms will be included in your wedding package quotation.

ACCOMMODATION

Our 60 luxurious rooms are all en-suite and equipped with world-class amenities. The seafront rooms have spectacular views and you can drift off to sleep to the sound of waves breaking on your doorstep.

Some rooms are inter-leading, perfect for families, while other rooms have fireplaces for those cosy winter evenings.



MEALS

For guests staying at the hotel:

- breakfast is included in the accommodation package and served buffet-style in our main dining room;
- a light lunch can be enjoyed in our bistro area or around the swimming pool;
- dinner is served in both restaurants and is A' la Carte

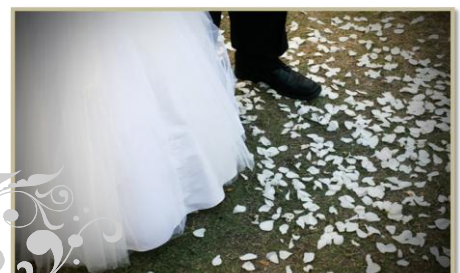
For the wedding reception:

Our Chef will compile any menu you desire and quotes are based on your choice of service and availability of ingredients. Service styles include:

- Set Menu, which can be as many courses as you desire and is served to your guests by service staff or
- Buffet Style Menu where guests help themselves at the Buffet station

BAR

We have our own Liquor Licence and therefore do not allow any alcohol from outside to enter the premises. Corkage is charged at R30, 00 per bottle of wine, should you wish to serve your own special selection.



CEREMONY FACILITIES



Should you wish to have your wedding ceremony in Arniston, there are a few options to choose from. There is an historic Dutch Reformed Church, Anglican and Assemblies of God churches or you can also opt for a ceremony on the beach or on the front lawn of the hotel.

The Minister should be arranged by the wedding couple.

RECEPTION FACILITIES

Main dining room

Our main dining room can be set up to your specifications and desires. This venue can accommodate 60 people.



Bar/bistro area

We prefer using this venue for weddings because it has a relaxed atmosphere and opens onto a patio overlooking the aquamarine waters of the Indian Ocean. The bar also forms part of the venue. This venue can accommodate 120 people.

Wine cellar



Our wine cellar makes for a quaint and romantic venue if you have a small wedding party. This intimate venue can accommodate 30 people around a long Oregon pine table.

Room Dimensions: 11m x 3.6m 3m (height)
Doors: 2m x 1.6m
Table Dimensions: 2 Tables, each 125cm x 400cm

Outside (tent)

Celebrate your big day in a tent on the front lawn of the hotel, overlooking the Indian Ocean. These modern tents are available in all shapes, sizes and colour to fit your decor.



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Each wedding package is tailor-made to suite your wishes and requirements. We can also recommend service providers from free-form coverings and gazebos to photographers, draping, décor and DJ's. Menu samples can be forwarded as soon as we have a guest count, date of wedding and type of food service you desire.

Included in our normal packages are:

- Accommodation & Breakfast
- Accommodation for wedding couple is free on their wedding night
- Catering during wedding ceremony
- Reception venue hire
- Waiters
- White table linen and serviettes
- Hotel's cutlery, crockery and glasses

Not included in packages are:

- Lunch, room service orders or other meals
- Service gratuity
- Other décor, table linen and serviettes other than those of the hotel
- Other cutlery, dishes and glasses other than those of the hotel
- Flower arrangements
- Any hired items for the ceremony or reception
- Free-form canopy or gazebo hire



Leisure Activities

Arniston boasts plenty of activities and things to do and see for wedding guests who decide to visit our region for a couple of days:

Arniston GINKGO Spa:

The Arniston Ginkgo Spa is situated on the second floor of the hotel and is influenced by the Bay, with hues of aquamarine oceans, sandstone beaches and crisp clear skies.

There are four beautiful treatment rooms, a tranquillity lounge and two saunas, all spacious and comfortably designed rooms that encapsulate the essence of wellbeing. The Twin Treatment Room is the ultimate in couple's therapy. The Rasul, a detoxifying Turkish steam ritual, adds to the delight of this incredible experience in indulgence. Please pre-book any treatments to avoid disappointment.

Agulhas / Stuisbaai:

Take a trip to Africa's most southern point & stand at the end of a continent. Observe the meeting of two oceans taking note of the different sea vegetation. Climb the rickety staircase of South Africa's second oldest Lighthouse erected in 1848. Stop in the holiday village of Struisbaai and visit the small and beautiful harbour. And no visit is complete without a traditional "fish and chips" at the harbour café.

Beaches and Swimming:

Choose from the hotel's swimming pool or the warm Indian Ocean. Body boards and towels are available from hotel reception and there are two very safe beaches for swimming and beach activities. The one beach is directly in front of the hotel or alternatively you can take a walk along the beautiful coastline, to Roman Beach, about a kilometre away.



Boating:

Boat trips can be organised from the Struisbaai harbour and around the bay where you might even have a close encounter with a school of dolphins. Check out the southern-most point from both oceans and then further to De Mond Nature Reserve where you might spot a Great White. Finish your trip off with a glass of Sparkling wine as you cruise back to Struisbaai.

Bredasdorp:

Discover the town of Bredasdorp. Visit the historical and magnificent Bredasdorp Dutch Reformed Church and then the only Shipwreck Museum in the Southern hemisphere just around the corner. Your daytrip should also include the world-renowned Kapula Gallery and candle factory. Stop for tea or lunch at Julian's Ceramic and Décor Gallery and have a guided tour of the factory. Bredasdorp is well-known for its artists of all kinds and calibres and is filled with interesting little shops, nooks and restored houses.

Cycling:

This is a great area for cycling, with little traffic on the roads and interesting off-road mountain biking tracks. The hotel has five mountain bicycles for guest use.

Sundowners on the beach or in the dunes:

From this vantage point you can watch the sun set over the Bredasdorp mountains and observe how the ocean and sand dunes change colour.

Tractor Rides:

Climb on a tractor-drawn trailer just outside Bredasdorp on the farm Kleinsanddrift. See beautiful "fynbos" & many species of birds, including our national bird, the Blue Crane. Enjoy panoramic views over the Agullhus Plain to the southern-most point of Africa. Partake in some local fare, a "Potjiekos", in the field. Cost R 90.00 per person.

Volleyball:

We can set up a court on the beach or the lawn in front of the Hotel.

Waenhuis Cave:

This is a famous land mark. In fact, the village gets its Afrikaans name from this wonderful sea cave, accessible only at low tide and called so as it is large enough to turn a span of oxen, towing a wagon. The English name coming from the wreck of the East Indiaman Sail Ship the Arniston, which sunk off the coast here, resulting in a tragic loss of lives, surpassed only by the Titanic. The wreck of the Arniston lies exposed on the sandy beach about a 2 km walk from the Hotel.

Walking:

There are many walks along miles of beaches. A favourite is the De Mond Nature Reserve. We can transport the group to this unique location. Have a picnic and then walk a leisurely 4 hours back to the hotel. Or you can set off from the Hotel after breakfast, walk to De Mond and have a picnic there. Cost = R 50.00 per person (transport & parks board entry permit)

Whale watching:

Whales play in our clear waters in front of the hotel from May to November each year.

