AFRICAN HILLS

SAFARI LODGE & SPA

Wedding Portfolio 2027



ABOUT US

The 4* African Hills Safari Lodge & Spa, just over an hour from Johannesburg and Pretoria, offers so much more than just a wildlife experience. Aside from being surrounded by tranquil bushveld teeming with wildlife and rich in history, African Hills understands your dreams and wishes and will go the extra mile to ensure that all of these come true.

African Hills Safari Lodge & Spa offers you the use of the Antique Style Chapel or, for the more adventurous bridal couple, the use of our open-air forest venue. The wedding reception will take place at our Day Visitor Centre in either the Akira Function Venue or in the Azima Restaurant overlooking the majestic Magaliesberg Mountain Range.

The Lodge also offers accommodation for 96 guests in our chalets overlooking the Elephant Dam. Leisure activities for the bridal couple or their guests include African Hills Spa, Game Drives, Elephant Experiences and Hikes which may be booked at reception or with the wedding coordinator.

Contact our wedding coordinator for more information on events@africanhillslodge.co.za

FACILITIES AND TARIFFS

Venue Hire

1 November 2025 – 31 October 2026 Venue hire for the Antique Chapel OR Forest Chapel, Azima Restaurant OR Akira Function Venue		
January - April September - December	January - April September - December	May - August
Saturdays & Public Holidays	Monday - Fridays & Sundays	Monday – Sunday
R 64080.00	R57672.00 Mon - Fri R51264.00 Sun	Charged at Sunday Venue Hire rate
Antique Chapel Min 40 – Max 120 | Bush Chapel Min 40 – Max 150 Azima Restaurant Min 40 – Max 80 | Akira Function Venue Min 40 – Max 150		

Included in the Venue Hire:

Accommodation:

- Accommodation (dinner, bed & breakfast) for the bride the night before the wedding
- Accommodation for the groom (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast) the night before the wedding and day use for the day of the wedding.
- Accommodation (bed & breakfast) for the bridal couple on the night of their wedding including a bottle of Sparkling Wine

Bush Chapel:

- Wooden benches
- Wooden table under a gazebo for the minister
- Wooden table for the signing of the register
- Wooden table for the DJ

OR

Antique Chapel:

- Pews
- Wooden lectern for the minister
- Wooden table with a tablecloth for the signing of the register



Venue: Akira Function Venue OR Azima Restaurant

- Tables and chairs for pre-reception drinks (umbrellas are supplied in summer)
- Welcome drinks:
  - Alcoholic & non-alcoholic fruit punch in summer
  - Glühwein or sherry in Winter
- Round tables (seating max 10 guests) – 1.8m in diameter & 71cm high
- (In Azima Restaurant, we have long tables seating 12 – 14 guests. Round tables are available depending on the number of guests)
- Main table (rectangular) with tablecloth (trestle table 180 cm in length x 79 cm wide)
- Tablecloths and napkins
- Wooden or conference chairs
- Lectern for speeches
- Standard cutlery and crockery
- Wine glasses and champagne flutes
- Ice buckets with ice
- Back-up generator
- Full bar service
- Buffet set up with tablecloths (should you choose our buffet option)
- Square or oval cake table with a tablecloth
- Gift table with a tablecloth
- DJ table with a tablecloth
- Duty Manager
- Waiters & barman for a period of 8 hours, but not beyond 24h00 from the scheduled start time of the ceremony. We provide 1 waiter per table for a plated menu and 1 waiter per two tables for a buffet menu.
- Ample parking
- Set up tables, chairs, cutlery and crockery (no décor)
- Air-conditioning in Akira Function Venue only
- Dance floor (5m x 5m)
- Use of the venue from 08h00 on the day of the wedding
- The unique opportunity to have your photos taken with the elephants (bridal couple only)
- A spa experience for the bride & groom, the day before the wedding
- Welcome/photo shoot canapés



Excluded from the Venue Hire

- Snack platters whilst getting ready are available at **R495.00** per platter
- Accommodation for your guests at a special rate. It is advisable to book well in advance. A **50% deposit** will be required to confirm bookings
- Menu selection
- All beverages, except including welcome drinks. We have a fully licensed bar on premises and No drinks on site. Any guest caught with their own beverages will be removed from the premises.
- PA System – the PA System and microphone for the ceremony and reception venue are to be supplied and set up by the DJ
- Screen and data projector are available at a rate of R1240.00 for the two. TV, DVD and overheadprojector are available at an additional cost
- Overlays/runners and tiebacks may be hired on your behalf from independent suppliers at a **25% handling fee.**
- Candles – no candles are allowed to be placed directly on the table linen
- Printing – menu cards, wine lists, name cards, seating arrangements and table numbers
- Draping, décor & flowers – draping, décor, fairy lights and flowers for the function are not included in the venue hire. All décor must be supplied by independent décor suppliers. All décor must be discussed with the Wedding Co-ordinator to ensure that no damage is done to the venue
- Cake stand/s
- Confetti – only bio-degradable items such as flower petals, oats, bubbles and popcorn may be used as confetti
- First year anniversary – contact us for a special rate

Venue Dimensions

Akira Function Venue	
Floor Dimensions Length m Width m	 20.4 12.8
Draping behind main table – floor to roof	3m
Area – sq. m	261
Doors Height – m Width – m	 2.1 1.8
Screen Height – m Width - m Width – m	 1.6 1.2 3

ACCOMMODATION

- Availability of accommodation cannot be guaranteed and works on a "first come, first served" basis.
- Please ensure that you book your accommodation directly with African Hills Safari Lodge. African Hills SafariLodge does not accept block bookings without a **50% deposit** to confirm the booking.
- Discounted rates are available for guests attending a wedding. Wedding guests making use of our special wedding rate must indicate whose wedding they will be attending in order to qualify for this offer.
- Regrettably, we cannot make rooms available to wedding guests to get dressed, as the rooms are serviced and ready for check-ins.
- Normal check-in times apply to wedding guests who have booked accommodation. Check-intime is strictly 14h00 onwards and check-out time is strictly 10h00. The full room rate will be an additional charge for early check-ins and is subject to availability.
- All accommodation rates are subject to change.
- All accommodation rates are quoted per person and not per room.
- Regrettably, no specific room numbers can be guaranteed.
- No provisional bookings are made, and you are required to confirm and pay no less than 2 (two) months before your wedding.
- To book exclusive tickets for the lodge, you are required to book and pay for all the lodging rooms on the night ofyou wedding. Should your wedding take place on a Saturday, you will be required to take the Friday night as well, which will then guarantee you the exclusivity of the Lodge.

Rates:

- **R4680.00.00** per person for both Friday on a dinner, bed & breakfast basis and the Saturday night, bed & breakfast. Single rate: R8160.00
- These rates are valid from 1 November 2026 until 31 October 2027.

Alternative accommodation:

Alternative accommodation is available at our sister Lodge, Warthogs, which is 4km from African Hills Safari Lodge.





STANDARD ROOM (Stand- alone)
Smallest of our rooms overlooking the dam
King size bed, TV, aircon, bathtub,
shower, basin & toilet



DELUXE ROOM
Most of these 45m² overlook the dam
and some can split in 2x ¾ beds,
TV, air conditioning, bathtub, shower,
basin & toilet



GARDEN COTTAGE
2 units each with 3 bedrooms - ideal for families.
King-size beds, TV, aircon, bathtub, shower,
basin & toilet (min 6 guests)



Standard Room (Semi- detached)
35m² rooms, stand- alone units closest to the Main
Lodge overlooking the pool and dam. TV, aircon,
king-size beds, both tub, shower, basin & toilet



BRIDAL SUITE
Indulge in pure luxury for your honeymoon
night in the honeymoon suite, overlooking the
dam and mountain range. King size beds, TV,
aircon, bathtub, shower, basin & toilet.



GARDEN SUITE
Split into two rooms {A & B) each with their
own bathroom (A has a shower only & B has
a shower and bath). King size beds, TV,
aircon, basin & toilet.

MENU PRICING

MENU BUFFET	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
40 – 79 people	R825.00 pp	R905.00 pp	R940.00 pp
80 – 120 people	R1025.00 pp	R1070.00 pp	R1150.00 pp
Option consists of	3 Starters & 1 soup 2 Main dishes 2 Starches 2 Vegetable dishes 1 Vegetarian 4 Desserts	4 Starters & 1 Soup 3 Main dishes 1 Carvery 2 Starches 2 Vegetable dishes 1 Vegetarian 5 Desserts	5 Starters &1 Soup 3 Main dishes 2 Carvery 2 Starches 2 Vegetable dishes 1 Vegetarian 6 Desserts
Included	Tea & Coffee	Tea & Coffee	Tea & Coffee

MENU PLATED	Option 1	Option 2
40 – 79 people	R654.00 pp	R770.00 pp
80 – 120 people	R830.00 pp	R880.00 pp
Menu consists of	1 Starter 1 Main 1 Dessert	1 Soup 1 Amuse Bouche 1 Starter 2 Main 1 Sorbet 1 Dessert
Included	Tea & Coffee	Tea & Coffee

Unfortunately Halaal and Kosher meals cannot be arranged at an additional charge, We can cater halaal or kosher respectful meals only. Brunch, Braai & Spit Braai options available.






TERMS & CONDITIONS

Payments:

- A non-refundable deposit to the value of the venue hire is required to secure your booking/date and venue. Your booking will only be confirmed when we receive proof of payment from our bank, a signed-off quote and signed Terms & Conditions. Payment is only accepted by Credit/Debit cards or direct bank transfers. Please forward proof of payment to the Wedding Coordinator with your reference number – events@africanhillslodge.co.za
- The final number of guests must be confirmed in writing no less than 21 (twenty-one) days prior to the wedding date, in order to facilitate catering arrangements and for your invoice to be adjusted accordingly for the final payment, which is due 14 (fourteen) days prior to the wedding date. All suppliers(photographer, DJ, etc.) are to be included in the number of guests for catering purposes.
- By paying a deposit, you automatically indicate your acceptance of African Hills Safari Lodge's policies regarding payment, cancellation and postponement.
- Failure to make payments as stipulated could lead to African Hills Safari Lodge cancelling the wedding.
- Initial invoice – this is for 50% of the estimated cost of your wedding (excluding accommodation) and will be sent to you 2 (two) months prior to your wedding. Payment must be made no less than 1 (one) month before your wedding.
- Second invoice – this is for the balance, allowing you to finalise guest numbers etc. and is due 16 days before your wedding.
- The final account for the wedding will be reconciled and settled on the day of the wedding or the following morning by debit/credit card only.
- All prices are inclusive of VAT and exclude any staff gratuities.
- All rates are subject to change.
- Please note that African Hills Safari Lodge is a cashless property. Please inform your guests that payments are accepted by debit/credit card only.

Catering:

- No outside or private catering is permitted at African Hills Safari Lodge whatsoever. No food may be brought on to the property, and no food may be taken off the property.
- Your final menu selection is required in writing via email 2 (two) months prior to the wedding.
- Halaal and/or Kosher meals can be arranged from a certified supplier at an additional charge, but no more than 10% of your total guest amount.
- We regret that no food tastings are available. Sunday Lunch is available to see and taste the quality of the food prepared by our Chefs. (Charges apply).
- All menu prices are subject to change.
- All menu items/ingredients are subject to availability and season.
- Menu prices may not be reduced by excluding selections/items/courses.
- All service providers must be included in the guest amount for catering purposes.
- Children under the age of 12 are charged either 50% of the wedding menu or they have the option of selecting the kiddie's menu.
- No menu course may be substituted for pre-reception snacks.
- No food in the form of gifts for guests is permitted.

Accommodation:

- The "honeymoon suite" is available from 08h00 on the day of the wedding.
- Regrettably, we cannot make rooms available to wedding guests to get dressed, as the rooms are serviced and ready for guest check-ins.
- Check-in time is strictly 14h00.
- Check-out time is strictly 10h00.
- The FULL room rate will apply for early check-ins (subject to availability)
- Breakfast is served in the Restaurant from 07h00 – 10h00.
- Bookings are to be made directly with the Wedding Co-ordinator.

Beverages:

- We are a fully licensed lodge. Beverages are charged at the rates current at the time of the wedding. You may select your own wine from our comprehensive range.
- Please note that it is against the SA Liquor Law to bring alcohol on to the premises as we are a fully licensed property.
- No liquor / beverages, other than that supplied by African Hills Safari Lodge may be brought onto the property/ used at the wedding.
- No alcoholic gifts may be placed on the tables for the guests to consume.
- We are not allowed to serve alcohol to persons under the age of 18 years. No persons under the age of 18 years are permitted in the bar.

Appointments and Co-ordination:

- Our Wedding Co-ordinator is available to see you by appointment.
- Please be advised that we do not allow clients to view the wedding venue on dates when weddings have been booked, however this is flexible and prior arrangements for viewing may be made with the Wedding Co-ordinator.
- Please ensure that once you have booked a viewing/meeting time that Reception is informed, before proceeding to the venues.
- Please note that should you arrive early/late for your appointment, there is no guarantee that the Wedding Co-ordinator will be able to meet with you due to other scheduled appointments.
- Please be advised that a final co-ordination meeting will be scheduled to take place no less than a month prior to the wedding date. All details in respect of the wedding, decided and agreed upon by both African Hills Safari Lodge Management and the client, will and shall only be changed through written communication. These changes may only be made by the due signatories of this document. No verbal changes will be accepted by African Hills Safari Lodge Management after the confirmation of this document.
- Final appointments can be scheduled to take place from Monday – Sunday between 09h00 – 16h00, subject to the availability of the Wedding Co-ordinator.
- We will make every effort to make your day a success. Therefore, in order to avoid confusion and misunderstandings, persons not involved in the final co-ordination meeting, should not make changes on the day of the wedding. Changes should only be made by an authorised person and should be done via the Wedding Co-ordinator and no other members of staff.
- Please note that African Hills Safari Lodge's co-ordinator is not responsible for assisting with flower arranging, décor set up, etc.
- A mock table setting can be arranged for days that weddings are not taking place and are subject to availability. Please note that should a function/conference booking be made for a day that a mock table setting has been arranged, you will be informed and the mock table will have to be rescheduled or moved to an available venue on the property.
- The same arrangement as for mock table settings applies to the rescheduling of Rehearsals.

Cancellations and Postponements:

- The initial confirmation deposit for the venue hire is non-refundable/transferable.
- Postponements may only be done more than 2 (two) months before the original date booked. Should you postpone your wedding for whatever reason, African Hills Safari Lodge may refund or move a portion of the money paid to us on to the new date. This will only be allowed with written permission from the General Manager.
- All cancellations/postponements are to be confirmed in writing.
- If the wedding is cancelled 2 (two) months or more prior to the wedding, a 50% cancellation fee of the total wedding account will be charged.
- If the wedding is cancelled 1 (one) month prior to the wedding, a 100% cancellation fee of the total wedding account will be charged.

Service Providers:

- Anything hired on behalf of the client from external suppliers (e.g. If you request for the African Hills co-ordinator to hire chairs etc. in on your behalf) will be charged directly to the client, plus a 25% handling charge plus VAT. This is charged on anything such as décor, flowers, etc. that is not included in the venue hire.
- African Hills Safari Lodge will take NO responsibility for the wedding cake whatsoever including should it not be removed the morning after the wedding. African Hills Safari Lodge does not have/supply any cake stands. It is the responsibility of the cake supplier to deliver the cake to the cake table and assemble it accordingly. African Hills's kitchens are not available for cake decorating and assembling. Cakes may be delivered to the venue from 08h00 on the day of the wedding. Fridge space can be made available by prior arrangement. Please ensure that the cake stand is removed on the evening of the wedding by a family member/wedding party and returned directly to the cake supplier – African Hills Safari Lodge does not store cake stands.
- We accept no responsibility for poor service delivery, actions or opinions from third party suppliers, recommended or otherwise.
- All third-party supplier details must be made known to African Hills Safari Lodge no later than the final appointment (latest 14 (fourteen) days prior to the wedding date.
- The DJ is responsible for supplying a sound system, microphone, any and all extensions cords and adaptor plugs which may be required on the day.

Décor and Flowers:

- The venue will be available for set-up from 08h00 on your wedding day.
- No decorating or flower arranging may take place at African Hills Safari Lodge prior to the date of your wedding.
- Please be advised that all decorations must be removed by 08h00 the following morning. Should a breakfast function or conference be taking place in the same venue the following morning, the décor company/florist will be required to remove décor, draping and flowers before 07h00.
- Only rose petals, bubbles or popcorn may be used as confetti. No paper confetti, streamers, lanterns, balloons, seeds, etc. are allowed.
- Please ensure that pins are supplied/attached to corsages and buttonholes by the florist. It is the
- responsibility of the florist to deliver the corsages/buttonholes and bouquets directly to the bride/groom to meet with their approval.
- African Hills Safari Lodge does not supply any flowers or decorations.
- African Hills Safari Lodge staff members are not responsible for assisting with décor placement/flower arranging.
- African Hills Safari Lodge does not supply staff to off-load/load décor/furniture/flowers etc.
- African Hills Safari Lodge does not have storage facilities before/after the wedding for flowers/cakes/décor/chairs etc.
- African Hills Safari Lodge does not take any responsibility for breakage/damage/loss of any décor items whatsoever.
- African Hills Safari Lodge will place the tables, tablecloths, cutlery, crockery and glassware accordingly. In other words, items supplied by African Hills Safari Lodge will be set up and placed accordingly by African Hills Safari Lodge staff. In turn, items supplied by external suppliers have to be set up accordingly by themselves.
- African Hills Safari Lodge does not supply any extension cords, ladders, tape, string, rope, scissors or any other items/equipment which may be required by a supplier – it is the responsibility of the supplier to travel to African Hills Safari Lodge with all items which may be required for setting up purposes.
- Décor at the Forest Chapel may only be set up after 10h00 on the day of the wedding and must be removed immediately after the ceremony.
- Please ensure that all table numbers, menu cards, seating arrangements, hymn sheets etc. are
- printed/cut/ glued/assembled prior to arrival. African Hills Safari Lodge does not supply a printing service, scissors, Prestik, cellotape, glue etc. or staff to assist with these items.
- No candles are allowed to be placed directly on the table linen. It is your responsibility to ensure appropriate precaution is made in this regard. Candleholders must be wide enough to prevent the wax from dripping on to any of African Hills Safari Lodge's table linen (including linen napkins). African Hills Safari Lodge reserves the right to remove any candles, should such precaution not be taken. African Hills Safari Lodge furthermore reserves the right to charge the client (signatory of the service agreement) in full for any damages caused to any table linen as a result
- of burns or wax drippings.
- All decorations need to be discussed with our Wedding Co-ordinator to ensure that no damage is done to the venue.
- Should chair covers be supplied by an external supplier, please ensure that the chair covers are placed over the chairs by the supplier in order to ensure that the correct fit, quality and quantity are met.
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Staff:

- Please be advised that all final operational details, as well as cleaning, will be completed by African Hills Safari Lodge, no less than 2 (two) hours prior to your chapel service.
- African Hills Safari Lodge will allocate a Banqueting Manager as well as staff to run your wedding. The staff allocation will be done at our discretion and will be to the level that we see functional to run a successful wedding.

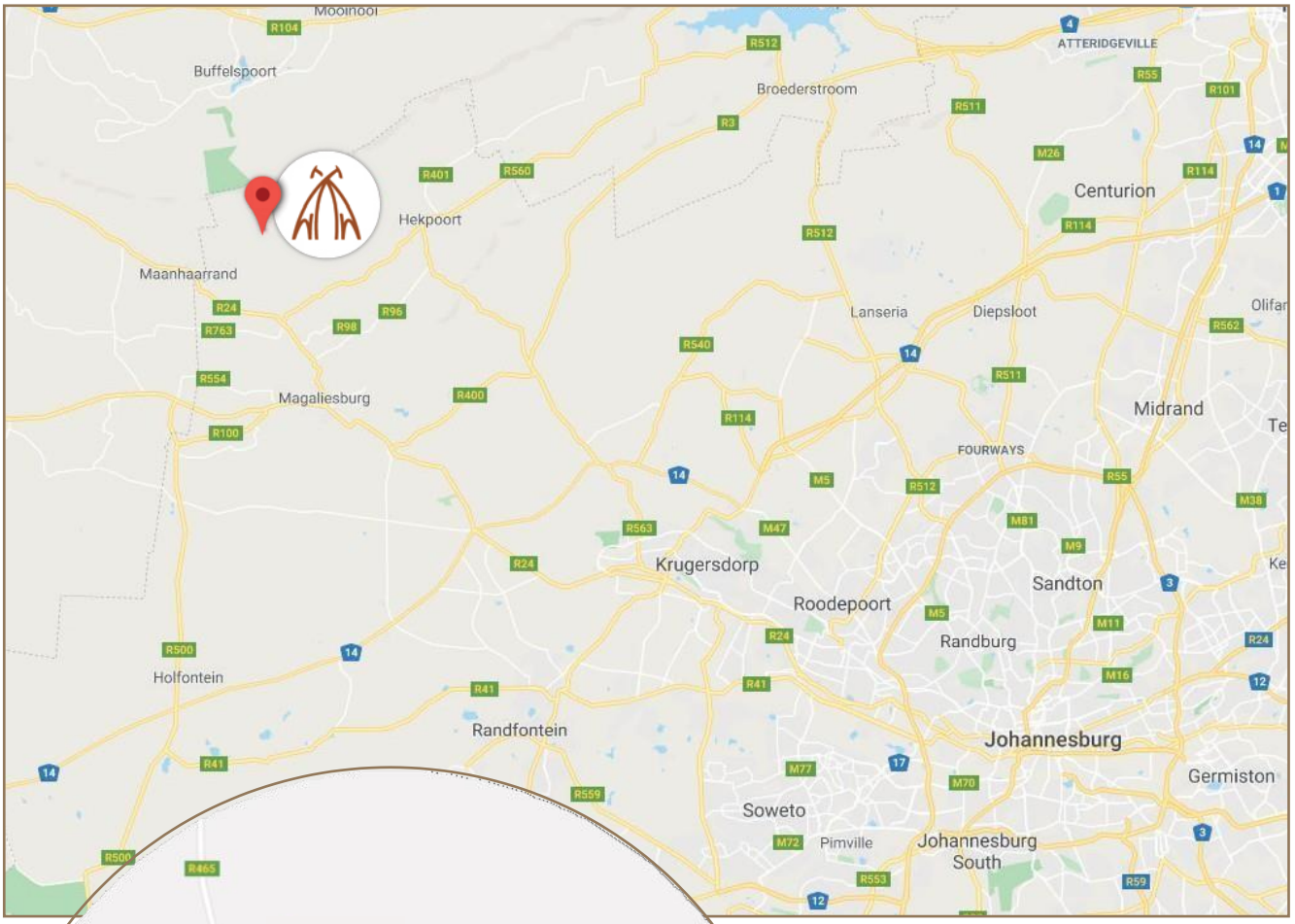
Operating Policies:

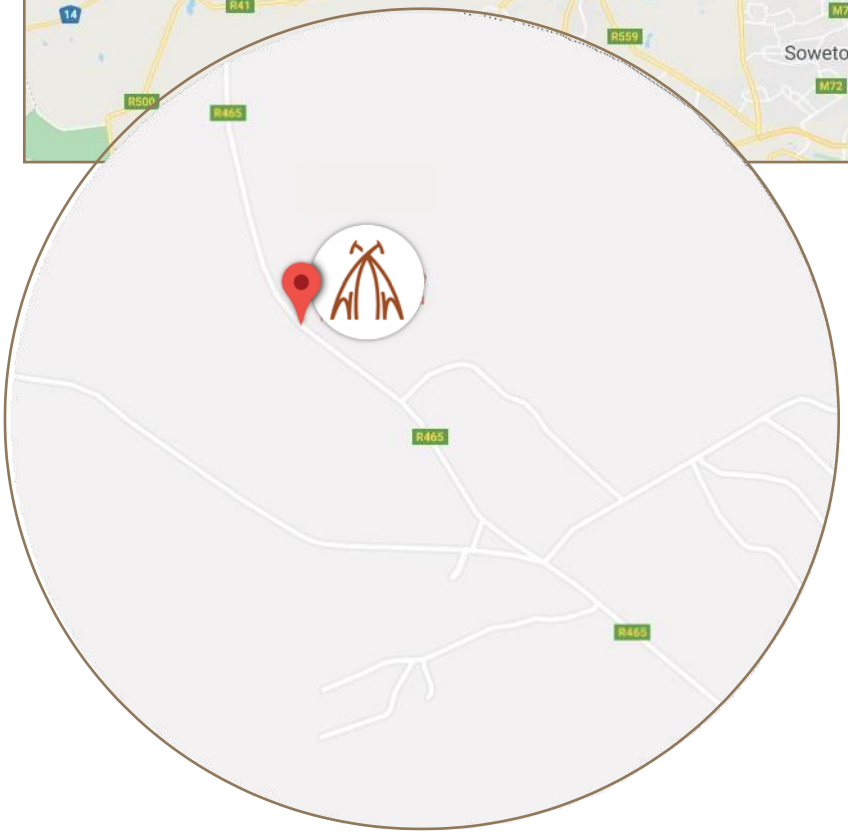
- African Hills Safari Lodge will accept no deliveries prior to the date of your wedding unless prior arrangement has been made with the Wedding Co-ordinator.
- We accept no responsibility for any deliveries that are not indicated on the signed final function sheet.
- The venue is available for the following hours:

  - Lunch functions are from 12h00 – 17h00
  - Morning functions are from 08h00 – 13h00
  - Evening functions are from 16h00 – 24h00

- Should you wish to keep the venue and bar open after midnight, you will be charged R2400.00 per hour or part there of. This is to cover operation costs up until maximum 02h00.
- African Hills Safari Lodge reserves the right to close the bar at any time, at its discretion to protect property, guests or staff of African Hills Safari Lodge.
- African Hills Safari Lodge or any of its employees do not accept responsibility for any loss or damage of personal property. All damages caused to the venue (structural), cutlery, crockery, linen and furniture will be charged directly to the client. (Signatory as per the service agreement). African Hills Safari Lodge does not accept responsibility for any loss, damage to personal property or inconvenience due to power failures and/or acts of nature.
- African Hills Safari Lodge reserves the right to cancel any bookings (provisional or confirmed) forthwith and without liability on its part in the case of any damage and/or destruction caused to the venue by fire, acts of nature, industrial unrest and any other cause beyond the control of African Hills Safari Lodge, which shall prevent African Hills Safari Lodge from performing its obligations. However, in these circumstances, African Hills Safari Lodge will make every effort possible with available resources to assist in finding an alternative venue for your wedding.
- NO fireworks will be allowed on the African Hills Safari Lodge property.
- NO live animals will be allowed on African Hills Safari Lodge property.
- NO open fires, sky lanterns, sparklers, fireworks etc. are allowed.
- The Owners, Management and Staff members do not take responsibility for any of the guest or host's belongings or any injuries, damage or loss suffered by any persons, and damage to such belongings, the host waivers any claim it may have.
- Please note that our facilities are smoking, however there are designated outdoor areas.
- RIGHT OF ADMISSION RESERVED.
- Due to the nature of our business, and also being a game reserve, African Hills Safari Lodge cannot restrict access to the hotel by members of the public or our lodge guests.
- Out of consideration for other lodge guests, music volume should be reduced to an acceptable level after 24h00.
- We do require that adult supervision of any children is maintained at all times. Remember that we are a Big 5 Game Lodge, and there are wild animals that come to the Lodge, especially at night.
- All guests that enter African Hills Safari Lodge or any area of the Plumari Private Reserve are required to sign an indemnity on arrival. No individual may sign on behalf of a family or group. We regrettably cannot accept any guests not signing such an indemnity.
- African Hills Safari Lodge hosts one wedding per day, but due to the nature of the business, conferences and banquets may also be hosted on the day.
- Exclusivity may be arranged at an additional cost and only if all the venues, restaurants and accommodation are booked by the wedding party – subject to availability.
- Elephant photos – a half hour photo session is included in the venue hire. This takes place at 16h00 in winter, and 17h00 in summer. Only preferred photographers will be allowed to take the photos with the elephants for safety reasons. Any other photographers must be briefed before the time.
- ONLY the bridal couple will be going to the elephants for the photos.
- You will be briefed on safety before going to the elephants. Should you not adhere to these rules and regulations, the experience will be stop immediately.
- You are required to keep to the chosen time for the elephant photos. Should you be late this interaction will be cancelled.
- Although our elephants are trained animals, they still remain wild and must always be handled as such.

DIRECTIONS





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