

KELTIC LODGE AT THE HIGHLANDS

*a Nova Scotia destination*

# WEDDING GUIDE

Imagine exchanging vows while overlooking the  
Atlantic Ocean, high on the cliffs of Cape Breton.



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# *storybook* ELEGANCE

Perched on the cliffs of the Middle Head Peninsula in the Cape Breton Highlands, sits our wooden castle, *Keltic Lodge at the Highlands*.

We pride ourselves on our Cape Breton hospitality and outstanding location for wedding ceremonies and receptions. Whether a traditional reception or a more intimate, laid-back affair, a Keltic wedding is always nothing short of spectacular.

Our experienced Wedding Coordinators will assist you with every detail, from advance preparations to the big day itself, delivering an experience that you and your guests can share forever.



# *your* CEREMONY

There will be a site setup fee for any wedding ceremonies taking place on the Keltic Lodge grounds. Please contact our Wedding Coordinators for an outline of the fees.

## YOUR SITE FEE WILL INCLUDE:

- + Set up and tear down of site with the exception of your personalized décor
- + Table & chair for signing
- + A table for the Guest Book and gifts
- + Use of entire property for photography with suggestions of some popular spots
- + Wedding arch that may be used in decoration
- + Sound system & microphone
- + A water station for your guests
- + The use of our white outdoor chairs



### CLIFF TOP GRANDSTAND WEDDING

We have a spectacular opportunity for a stunning location on the top of the cliffs. This offers a grand entrance down the long wooden stairs at the back lawn of the Main Lodge to a ceremony where guests can gather on the gentle slopes, giving your guests the very best view of the exchanging of vows.



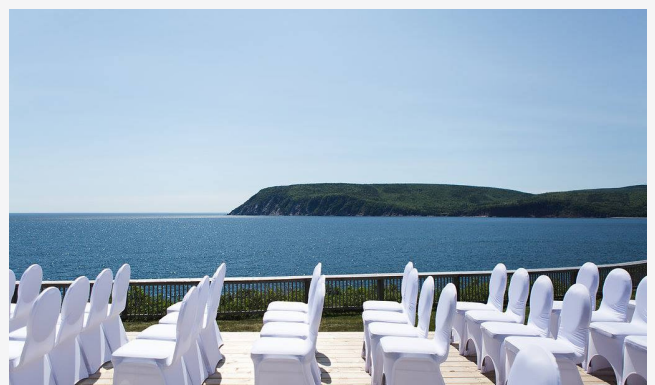
### TIMELESS KELTIC WEDDING SITE

Your wedding deserves to be as timeless as *Keltic Lodge at the Highlands*. Inquire about hosting your ceremony on the beautiful front lawn of the *Keltic Lodge*. This exclusive site is based on availability with the beautiful Main Lodge and surroundings providing the ultimate background for your front lawn ceremony a top Middle Head Peninsula.



### CEILIDH CLIFF TOP WEDDING SITE

Directly adjacent our Ceilidh Hall, Cape Smokey sets a stoic back drop to your picture perfect wedding. A wedding on the back lawn with the sound of the crashing waves, overlooking the ocean and scenic cliffs will accommodate up to 160 guests. Our gazebo is available for use by the wedding party.





## *wedding reception* LOCATION

### HISTORIC CEILIDH HALL

Ceilidh Hall can accommodate 160 guests for a plated dinner or 130 guests for buffet style dinner. Ceilidh Hall has an entry foyer, ladies and mens washrooms. As you enter the hall, a fabulous view of the Atlantic Ocean meets your gaze with a full expanse of floor to ceiling windows and patio access to the deck, which is surrounded by perennial gardens of lavender and roses. The deck can accommodate the wedding ceremony or reception before entering the hall for dinner.

Inside has ample space to display your guest book, photos and seating chart if required. The main room is 80' x 40' with a permanent dance floor at one end and has a ceiling height of 15' with exposed painted wooden beams.

# *reception* FEATURES

Because your wedding is something you have always dreamed of, *Keltic Lodge at the Highlands* is proud to provide you with the expertise of our Wedding Coordinators. From traditions of the past to trends of today, you will receive the guidance and attention the event of a lifetime deserves. Please contact our Wedding Coordinators for further information on pricing.

- + Special group bedroom rates for you and your guests
- + Set up and tear down of the venue with the exception of your personalized décor
- + Rental of your reception, dinner and dance venue
- + Use of our banquet chairs & tables
- + Use of our white linen tablecloths, napkins, and chair covers
- + Your head table, cake table & gift tables
- + Sound system & microphone
- + Menu tastings available to assist in choosing your menu (additional costs may apply)
- + Full use of property for wedding photographs
- + Wedding agenda for overnight guests at check-in
- + Bartender & service staff for reception
- + Banquet team
- + Printed dinner menu on each table
- + Complimentary accommodation available for bride and groom for one night, provided 25 rooms or more are booked by your wedding guests at the contracted room rates
- + Sparkling wine and chocolate for the bride and groom in your room on your wedding night
- + The opportunity for you to offer a specialty signature cocktail of your choice that will help in personalizing your celebrations (prices vary depending on individual choices)

# *chef inspired* MENU

We and our culinary team pride ourselves on providing a variety of special dinner menus tailored to your individual taste using fresh locally sourced produce. We offer either a buffet or various plated services.

WE ALSO OFFER THE FOLLOWING:

- + A wide selection of hot & cold hors d'oeuvres for a cocktail reception
- + Special children's menus
- + Vegetarian and other dietary options
- + Late evening snacks & coffee service on request

## *cake* SERVICE

Can you bring your own cake? Absolutely! We will supply fridge space if needed. Should you wish to self-serve the cake, there would be a flat charge of \$75.00 for our Chef to cut and tray the cake.



# *elegant* BEVERAGES

## AWARD WINNING WINE LIST

Our wine list and pricing is subject to change from year to year. Therefore, we will provide our most recent wine list to you at a minimum of three months in advance of the wedding day, should you prefer a choice other than our house wine. In order to have a sufficient supply of your preferred wine, please advise us of your wine order at least 30 days in advance.

## CASH BAR

Available for non-sponsored functions where attendees purchase their own refreshments. Cash bar pricing is subject to a \$100 setup fee, applicable taxes, and gratuities.



## BAR SET-UP INCLUDES:

Famous Grouse Scotch, Beefeater Gin, Bulldog Gin, Keith's, Oland's, Stella Artois & our house wine.

Mixes include: orange, Mott's Clamato and tomato juices, as well as regular and diet soft drinks. Bar set-up also includes bartender, glasses, ice & condiments.



## *reception* OPTIONS

Keep the celebrations alive with a dance party. We supply the dance floor and the bar and you supply the music. If you are in need of suggestions for a DJ or a band, our Wedding Coordinators can steer you in the right direction. Late night munchies are also available at reasonable prices.

### BIG BACKYARD PARTY: EXECUTIVE COTTAGE RENTAL REQUIRED

When all the pomp and circumstance is winding down, let everyone kick off their shoes and have a backyard party complete with a bonfire on the cliffs. There is nothing quite like an evening under the star-filled sky, while the ocean waves roll in and out. We can recommend a guitar player or suggest in your invitations that guests bring their own instruments to play together. We can supply the firewood. All we ask is that you are considerate to those in the surrounding area and keep the noise to a dull roar!

Just remember, all celebrations shut down at 1:00AM and the function area must be vacated by 1:30AM

# *options for the* REHEARSAL

## EXECUTIVE COCKTAIL PARTY

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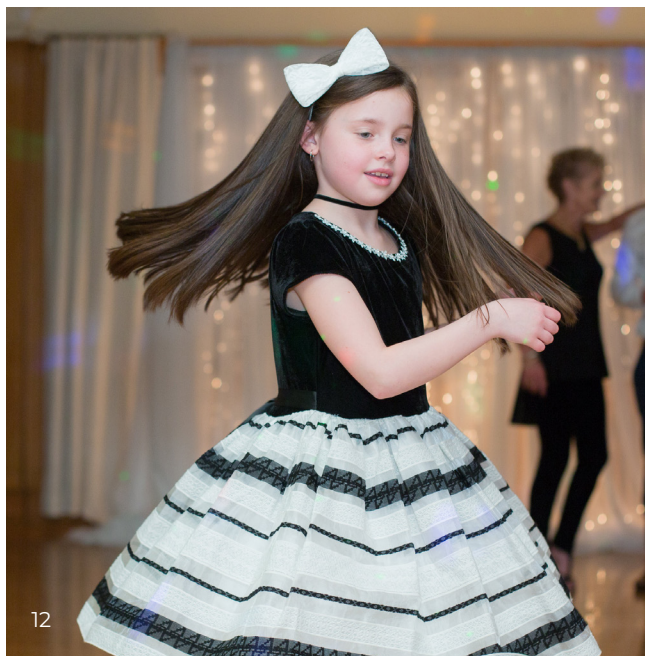
## CATERED BARBECUE

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## DECORATIONS & SIGNAGE

All decorations are the responsibility of the Bride & Groom. Confetti of any kind may not be thrown on the premises, however our pristine National Park environment is well suited to bubbles & flower petal options. Due to the Location in Cape Breton National Park, fireworks lanterns are prohibited without prior park approval and no open flame candles and the burning of sparklers are permitted indoors. An appropriate time for decorating may be coordinated with our Wedding Coordinators. Depending on the location of your ceremony or reception and the resort's occupancy at the time, we typically like to set up 3 hours prior to the ceremony, and in the morning of the reception. However, if the venue is not in use the day before the event, we may start your setup and provide access to the room earlier. Your Wedding Coordinator will be able to advise availability a couple of weeks prior to your date. All decorations & signage are subject to approval of the management of *Keltic Lodge at the Highlands*.



## *entertainment &* **MUSIC**

Invite your guests for a pre-ceremony gathering in our Highland Sitting Room. We have our finger on the pulse of entertainment available in Cape Breton. Music is a corner stone of the Island and we can assist with music options for the ceremony and dinner. Options include vocalists, pianists, guitarists, bagpipers, fiddlers, DJ services and live bands.

All musical entertainment is subject to SOCAN (Society of Composers, Authors & Music Publishers of Canada) charges. SOCAN charges are based on room capacity authorized under the Hotel's Liquor License on behalf of SOCAN, Keltic Lodge is obligated to charge an entertainment fee when booking and payment is arranged through us, which is \$59.17. This fee is submitted directly to SOCAN and is non-negotiable and not a hotel fee. Keltic Lodge at the Highlands is obligated by law (as of July 2012) to charge an additional fee over and above the SOCAN fee noted above. Re: Sound represents the rights of artists and record companies (the people who created sound recordings) while SOCAN (Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada) does the same for composers and music publishers (the people who created the compositions that are embedded in those sound recordings).

# *explore golf* AT THE LINKS

Unwind with a challenging game of golf at *Cape Breton Highlands Links*, located within walking distance. This course is one of a kind! Conceived and constructed under the watchful eye of world-renowned designer Stanley Thompson, *Cape Breton Highlands Links* is a master piece 18-hole, par 72 course carved out of one of Canada's most pristine wildernesses: the Cape Breton Highlands National Park. Ask about special group pricing.



## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Our location within the Cape Breton Highlands National Park is defining. Ingonish has something for everyone and so does Keltic Lodge at the Highlands. Guests can play close by in our on-site heated pool, or venture beyond the resort and explore Cape Breton Highlands National Park's 26 local hiking trails. Experience whale watching, beach glass hunting on our sandy beaches or enjoy an afternoon of kayaking in fresh or salt water. For the more active individuals, groomed walking and hiking trails are a prominent part of the lodge property.

# *reservations &* ACCOMMODATIONS

KELTIC LODGE OFFERS 55 ACCOMMODATION UNITS

## STANLEY THOMPSON SUITES

Overlooking the first tee of the Cape Breton Highlands Links golf course, the Stanley Thompson Suites offer two one-bedroom luxury accommodations. Each suite features a king-size bed, pull-out sofa, living area with TV, mini fridge, microwave, and a tea and coffee station. The upper suite—our most popular choice for bridal stays—features a private deck with panoramic views of Cape Smokey, Ingonish Beach, Mount Franey, and Holes 1 & 18 of the golf course. The lower suite also includes an outdoor deck to enjoy the stunning scenery.





## CORSON HOUSE

### 40 LARGE GUEST ROOMS AND LOFT SUITES

Casual comfort rooms with bed configurations to suit couples and families. Rooms include king size beds or two double beds in each room. Our Loft Suites offer additional space with a King or Queen bed on each level. Some rooms are equipped with pull out couches for larger family needs. All rooms are air-conditioned.



## COURTYARD SUITES – ARGYLE & MONTROSE

The Argyle and Montrose buildings house four modern one-bedroom suites, each with a king bed, pull-out sofa, living area with TV, mini fridge, microwave, sink, tea and coffee station, and a private deck. These buildings also feature four individual guest rooms, each offering a king-size bed, TV, mini fridge, tea and coffee station, and a modern private bathroom



## EXECUTIVE COTTAGE

Our Executive Cottage has a private fenced yard, three bedrooms, and full kitchen, living and dining areas. This cottage has a private deck with one of the most outstanding views in all of Cape Breton. Our Executive Cottage is the perfect home base for your wedding party.

\*Specific room types should be requested and reserved prior to signing the wedding contract, otherwise special room type requests are subject to availability at time of reservation request.

# GROUP RATES

We offer a variety of guest room options with prices varying by season. Once your booking is confirmed, your guests may begin to reserve by calling *Keltic Lodge at the Highlands* at 1-800-565-0444 and informing us they would like to book a room within your wedding block.

Rooms are held until 60 days prior to the event, at which time any rooms remaining unsold in the block will be released into the general room inventory of the resort. Any of your guests still wishing to book within the 60-day window will receive the wedding rate, but availability will no longer be guaranteed.

\*A minimum of 25 cumulative guest rooms must be placed in your wedding block to receive the group discounted rate. Check in 4PM and Check out 11AM.

\*Rates are net, non-commissionable and quoted in Canadian funds. Rates are subject to applicable HST. Rates subject to 3% county tax. Children under 12 stay for free when occupying same room as adults. Additional adult in room is \$40 plus HST.



# *safe alcohol service* POLICY

All liquor must be provided by the *Keltic Lodge at the Highlands*, however, we are happy to work with your selections to personalize your wedding day; special order wines, beers and spirits can be arranged upon advance notice to meet your particular preferences.

Wines may be brought in for your wedding. All wines must be unopened and purchased through a licensed Nova Scotia Liquor Commission (NSLC) outlet. A corkage fee of \$25.00 per bottle will be applied and a receipt must be present. Homemade wine may not be offered to your guests as all product served must be purchased through the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission (NSLC). No 'outside' alcohol is to be transported into and/or consumed in functions spaces. The Resort reserves the right to terminate any function prior to the scheduled ending time if there is any infringement of *Keltic Lodge* policies relating to liquor consumption or distribution.

- + All alcoholic beverages will be served in a professional manner at all times
- + *Keltic Lodge* will adhere to all laws and regulations pertaining to the service of alcohol to intoxicate and under age persons. Your guests must be at least 19 years of age and have a picture ID to consume alcohol
- + If you anticipate attendance of guests under the age of 19 after 10pm, a list with their name, along with the name of the parents/guardian in attendance, must be provided to the bartender for the event
- + We reserve the right to refuse alcohol service to any guest we feel has over-indulged
- + Consumption for host bars will be charged on a per drink basis



# *food & beverage* GUIDELINES

As your event will be held in a private function venue, one menu for the entire group must be selected for the event. Additional choices will be discussed with our chef and may be available at an additional charge. However, should any guest require a special menu or have allergies we would be more than happy to create a specific menu at no additional cost, provided advance notice is given. If you would like to provide your guests with a choice of entrée, we ask that you add the options to your invitations for guests to reply with their choice of meal. A final number of each selection then needs to be relayed to our Wedding Coordinators with your final numbers.

We ask that you indicate on your place cards if a guest is having a special meal (vegetarian, gluten free, dairy free) and their selection of entrée if a choice has been offered to your guests. To maintain our exacting standards for Health and Safety, *Keltic Lodge at the Highlands* will be the sole supplier of food and beverage items, with the exception of wedding cakes. The customer is to identify and hold harmless *Keltic Lodge at the Highlands*, their employees and agents against any damages and all suits caused by own, or by independent contractors on their behalf, including supplied materials and food and beverage for use of consumption by guests.

All prices are subject to change without notice; however, Keltic Lodge will guarantee prices 60 days prior to the event. All food and beverage prices are subject to a 18% service charge and applicable taxes that are currently 14%.



Menus and wine selections must be confirmed 30 days prior to your wedding day, along with an estimate of guests attending and any dietary requirements. The Conference Services Department must be notified of the guaranteed number of guests attending the function(s) 14 days prior to the event date (excluding weekends and holidays). This guaranteed number will be the minimum number to be charged. Should guaranteed numbers not be received, the hotel reserves the right to charge for the original numbers quoted.

Should the number of guests attending the function differ greatly from the original contracted number, the hotel reserves the right to provide an alternate room best suited for the group's size.

Last call for bar service in the function rooms is 12:45AM with all entertainment and bar service ending at 1:00AM and the function room vacant by 1:30AM.

To ensure that all requirements are as agreed upon, we ask that a signed copy of the Banquet Event Orders be returned, signed to the Conference Services Office at least 14 days prior to the event.

The use of confetti, sparkles or glitter is prohibited due to our Park location; however we recommend bubbles or fresh flower petals to add to the festivities.

Personal effects and equipment must be removed from the function rooms at the end of the scheduled day. We reserve the right to inspect and control all private functions. *Keltic Lodge* is not responsible for damages to or loss of any articles left in the hotel prior to, during or following any function by the client or their guests. Special security arrangements may be made through our Conference Services Department.

*Keltic Lodge* does not maintain storage space. Storage of goods shipped prior to the event is subject to prior arrangements and space availability. *Keltic Lodge* does not accept liability for any loss or damage to goods stored before, during or after the event.

Should you require information on additional services, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our utmost to assist you with your request.

## *deposit &* PRE-PAYMENT

*Keltic Lodge* requires a non-refundable, advance deposit of \$1,000.00, returned with a signed contract to confirm the space requested for your event.

A further deposit is required six months prior to your event and the balance of an estimated total is due 14 days prior to your event. We will reimburse any balances to the client within one week after the event has taken place.

Additional deposits may be required depending on the size of the event & number of guest rooms.

# *your wedding* PROFESSIONALS

## FLORISTS

Family Heirblooms	902-567-5195	<a href="http://www.familyheirblooms.ca">www.familyheirblooms.ca</a>
Trinity Florals	902-241-2547	<a href="http://www.trinitysflorals.com">www.trinitysflorals.com</a>
Lotherington Flowers	1-800-565-2114	<a href="http://www.lotheringtonsflowers.com">www.lotheringtonsflowers.com</a>
Twig & Twine		<a href="http://www.twigandtwine.ca">www.twigandtwine.ca</a>

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## WEDDING CAKES

Keltic Lodge Cakes		In House Pastry Chef
Sugarwitch Bakery	902-776-0284	<a href="http://www.sugarwitch.ca">www.sugarwitch.ca</a>
Not Just Cakes Sweet	902-564-6000	<a href="http://www.notjustcakessweetstudio.com">www.notjustcakessweetstudio.com</a>
Blackfly Bakery		<a href="http://www.blackflybakery.square.site">www.blackflybakery.square.site</a>
Aucoin Bakery	902-224-3220	<a href="http://www.aucoinbakery.com">www.aucoinbakery.com</a>

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## PHOTOGRAPHERS / VIDEOGRAPHERS

Tia Loryssa Photography	<a href="http://www.tialoryssaphotography.com">www.tialoryssaphotography.com</a>
Sherri Poirier Photography	<a href="http://www.sherripoirier.ca">www.sherripoirier.ca</a>
James Forsey Photography	<a href="mailto:james_4c@hotmail.com">james_4c@hotmail.com</a>
Erin Bulgar Photography	<a href="http://www.erinbulgerphoto.com">www.erinbulgerphoto.com</a>
CDM Photography	<a href="http://www.cdmphotography.ca">www.cdmphotography.ca</a>
Chris & Amber Photography	<a href="http://www.chrisandamberphoto.com">www.chrisandamberphoto.com</a>
Arrow & Knot Videographer	<a href="http://www.arrowandknot.ca">www.arrowandknot.ca</a>

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## OFFICIANTS

David Donovan	<a href="mailto:dave.donovan@ns.sympatico.ca">dave.donovan@ns.sympatico.ca</a>
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## WEDDING PLANNERS

KM Wedding & Event Co	902-210-4508	<a href="http://www.kmeventco.com">www.kmeventco.com</a>
J Marie Weddings		<a href="http://www.jmarieweddings.ca">www.jmarieweddings.ca</a>
Graceful Wedding & Events	902-471-1576	<a href="http://www.gracefulweddingsandevents.ca">www.gracefulweddingsandevents.ca</a>
Fawn Memories Events	519-577-7171	<a href="http://www.fawnmemoriesevents.ca">www.fawnmemoriesevents.ca</a>

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## DECORATORS

Family Florals	902-224-7005	<a href="mailto:familyflorals@hotmail.com">familyflorals@hotmail.com</a>
Fawn Memories	519-577-7171	<a href="http://www.fawnmemoriesevents.ca">www.fawnmemoriesevents.ca</a>
Belle & Thistle	902-322-0172	<a href="http://www.belleandthistle.ca">www.belleandthistle.ca</a>
Rhythm On Paper Calligraphy	902-302-8436	<a href="mailto:tammy@rhythmonpaper.com">tammy@rhythmonpaper.com</a>

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## MUSICIANS / DJS

Lori Shannik - Harpist	902-500-0071	<a href="mailto:loril@lorilshannik.com">loril@lorilshannik.com</a>
Merimac Band	902-469-8000	<a href="http://www.merimac.ca">www.merimac.ca</a>
DJ Northern Lights (Lloyd Marsh)	902-285-4192	<a href="mailto:djsly842@gmail.com">djsly842@gmail.com</a>
DJ Majestic	902-574-3333	<a href="http://www.majesticns.ca">www.majesticns.ca</a>
DJ Blazing Sounds	902-578-4604	<a href="mailto:blazinsoundssydney@yahoo.ca">blazinsoundssydney@yahoo.ca</a>

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## HAIRDRESSER / MAKE-UP

Melissa	<a href="http://www.milestonebeauty.com">www.milestonebeauty.com</a>
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN

# KELTIC LODGE AT THE HIGHLANDS

TO CELEBRATE YOUR SPECIAL DAY!



For any further information or to make a confirmed booking Please contact our  
Conference Services Manager at 902-285-2880 or [banquets@kelticlodge.ca](mailto:banquets@kelticlodge.ca)

We look forward welcoming you and your guests *Keltic Lodge at the Highlands!*

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