The first step to successful wedding planning is finding the perfect venue. For the most romantic and memorable weddings, The Twelve Apostles Hotel and Spa is guaranteed to fulfil every desire. The hotel is situated on Cape Town’s - if not the world’s - most scenic route, nestled between the majestic Twelve Apostles Mountain range and guided by an incandescent marine reserve. This magnificent setting is suitable for a range of wedding options.

Professional and friendly staff are on hand to organise the big day and to ensure that each couple experiences the perfect wedding. From flowers to entertainment and customised menus, the dedicated weddings team will assist the couple with planning even the smallest detail as a complimentary service that Twelve Apostles offers.

At The Twelve Apostles, your choices are endless when it comes to planning your special day, and the enthusiastic team is passionate about the service they provide. Whether it’s a big affair or a small, intimate destination wedding, Twelve Apostles will do whatever it takes to treat you like royalty and offer the most romantic and exclusive wedding that you could possibly dream of.
OUR GIFT TO YOU - THE HONEYMOON SUITE
Each newlywed couple receives the following:

- A complimentary one night stay in Superior Sea-Facing accommodation on the wedding night
- Romantic rose petal turndown
- Personalised luxurious monogrammed bath towels to take home
- A bottle of Bouchard Finlayson white wine with a commemorative wedding label
- Complimentary first anniversary dinner in the award-winning Azure Restaurant, with a delicious 3-course set menu, excluding beverages

OUR VENUES
Ceremony: The Fynbos garden with gazebo is available for intimate ceremonies
Pre-reception: Guests can enjoy cocktails and canapés in the Fynbos garden – the perfect backdrop for group photos
Reception: The magnificent Atlantic Terrace Marquee is the perfect venue for a memorable reception
After Party: The Lions Head Room is available to those who wish to extend their wedding festivities with an "after party celebration"

VENUE HIRE - Ceremony and Pre-reception
The couple will enjoy complimentary use of the Fynbos gardens for the ceremony (subject to weather conditions), which is situated within the hotel's private gardens and seats a maximum of 80 guests.

Weather dependent, ceremonies are held under a gazebo in the fragrant, indigenous Fynbos Garden, where couples may exchange vows amidst uninterrupted views of the glistening ocean and a magical mountain backdrop. This enchanting setting accommodates eighty guests, offering the perfect space for pre-reception drinks, and sets the scene for photo opportunities to capture the spirit of this special day to create the perfect wedding album to page through in years to come.

Venue hire includes:
- Cushioned benches for guest seating
- A beautiful Gazebo for the ceremony
- Hand-held white sun umbrellas to provide shade for the guests (one per two guests)
- An area for pre-ceremony drinks and cocktails
- Table for the PA system

Venue hire excludes:
- Music and sound equipment
- Microphone for the ceremony vows
- Printed programmes
- Floral arrangements
- Unity candles

Please note:
Should the weather conditions not be suitable, the ceremony will be relocated into the Atlantic Terrace Marquee with guests witnessing the exchanging of the vows from their seating at tables; or for another option, the ceremony can take place in the Lion’s Head Room or Milkwood Rooms (subject to availability). To guarantee an alternate venue for the ceremony an additional venue hire would be applicable, please enquire with the weddings team for rates.

VENUE HIRE - RECEPTION
Please see the attached "wedding venue hire packages" for rates

Celebrate with a stylish reception at the Atlantic Terrace Marquee – the ideal venue for a dazzling wedding that caters for up to eighty guests. This impressive semi-permanent space offers unsurpassed sea views with its open marquee that invites salty sea breezes and glorious sunsets to spill directly into the main seating area. The neutral palette venue requires very little additional décor, allowing couples to put their unique stamp on it to reflect their own personality and taste.

Venue hire includes:
- High quality white linen tablecloths and napkins
- Clear perspex tiffany chairs (including cushions)
- Superior quality crystal ware, silverware and china
- Waitrons and bar staff (excluding gratuity)
- Silver base/charger plates

Please note:
- Venue hire is subject to availability on booking
- The Atlantic Terrace Marquee venue hire ends at 23h00
- Dancing is permitted in the Marquee until 22h30. Thereafter light background music is allowed until 23h00
- The Lions Head Room can be booked at an additional fee for an "after party celebration", and is available from 23h00 to 01h30
VENUE HIRE - AFTER PARTY

Please see the attached "wedding venue hire packages" for rates

The Lions Head is a spacious venue on the fourth floor of the hotel and has its own private bar, as well as restrooms. It is a popular choice for those looking to extend dancing on the evening. This really does add to the splendour of the day, and has been a very successful inclusion for a number of couples, giving them and their guests the feeling that they are walking into their own private night club.

Venue hire includes:
• Four cocktail tables with white cloths
• A fully stocked bar area
• A table for the DJ
• Two lounge seating pockets

Venue hire excludes:
• Dance floor
• DJ and party lighting
• Cocktail chairs
• Applicable beverage and menu costs

Please note:
• Venue hire is subject to availability on booking
• Dancing is permitted in the Lions Head until 02h00, no alcohol will be served after 01h30
• For the purpose of sound-proofing, all doors and curtains are to remain closed at all times
• This really does add to the splendour of the day, and has been a very successful inclusion for a number of couples, giving them and their guests the feeling that they are walking into their own private night club.

SEATING STYLE

The main table can be designed as a long traditional table, seating up to eight guests or a round table, seating a maximum of twelve guests per table. Due to the dimensions of the Atlantic Terrace Marquee, we can accommodate a maximum of six round guests' tables and one main/top table.

ACCOMMODATION

Guests are spoilt with spectacular views of the ocean and mountain in each of the 70 tastefully decorated, luxurious bedrooms and suites, all superbly designed to provide the utmost comfort and style. The Presidential Suite, boasting lavish fittings with both sea and mountain views, is also available on request.

As an additional service, The Twelve Apostles Hotel and Spa offers a special "Discounted Wedding Accommodation Rate" applicable to guests attending the special day. This allows those travelling from far, to spend quality time with their loved ones – or to avoid late night travelling!

To find out more about these discounted wedding rates, kindly contact the weddings team on weddingplanner@rchmail.co.za

Exceptional facilities include The Spa at The Twelve Apostles, two beautiful swimming pools (one heated), a 16-seater cinema, The Leopard Bar with scheduled live entertainment, and the award-winning Azure Restaurant for an unforgettable dining experience.

The Honeymoon Suite:
Check-in time for the complimentary Honeymoon Suite is 14h00. The couple is responsible for signing in or alternatively, for nominating a family member or friend to sign in on their behalf at the specified time.

We strongly recommend that our brides book a room the night before the complimentary wedding night to ensure the utmost relaxation, at a special wedding guest discounted rate. This way, she will wake up in a calm environment, where service providers will come to the rescue and alleviate any unnecessary pressures or stresses that may arise on this significant day by travel and not being at the venue.

COMPLIMENTARY PARKING

Your guests are welcome to park on either parking level within the hotel.

CATERING

Please note that all the current catering prices are subject to increase on an annual basis. Before finalising your budget, please ensure that you have received the updated menus and prices as they may have increased since you booked your wedding date.
MENU
Pre-reception and Reception:
Please see the attached “12 Apostles – Wedding menus and beverage lists” for details

After the ceremony, guests will be able to mingle in the breathtaking setting of the Fynbos garden, an ideal spot to quench their thirst and tickle their tastes buds while you are taking group photographs.

For the reception meal we are able to offer a plated starter, buffet main course, plated dessert and plated cheese course – should you wish to include a cheese course. Our chef is very flexible with the menus. We are happy to exchange items within the menus, and re-cost this for you accordingly. If there is any dish that you would like to include on the menu and which is not present on the wedding menu selection, please let us know and we will do all in our power to provide this for you.

Please Note:
- A 10% service charge will be levied onto your total food account
- The hotel does not allow for any food to be brought onto the premises with the exception of the wedding cake

Children's Menus:
- We welcome children of all ages
- Children up to 12 years old will be offered a "children's wedding menu", which includes the choice of a main course and a dessert which they can select from on the day
- Children over the age 12 years, will be charged the full adult menu price

Suppliers' Meals:
Most wedding suppliers require a meal to be provided during the event. We are able to offer your entertainers, photographers and videographers a table in the nearby venue, The Café Grill. They can choose from The Café Grill or The Leopard Bar menu up to R275 per person, as well as non-alcoholic drinks, which will be charged to the master account.

Pre and Post Wedding Arrangements:
We are also on hand to arrange dining requirements on the days prior to, and following the wedding day, including a rehearsal dinner in the Azure Restaurant; cocktails and snacks for the wedding party in The Leopard Bar on the evening before the big day; or even high tea for close friends and family the day following the wedding to catch up before everybody goes their separate ways. We also have exciting options such as Gin-making experiences and wine - or craft beer tastings on offer. For more information please feel free to discuss with our weddings team.

Dietary Requirements:
Special meal requirements i.e. Halaal, Vegan, Vegetarian or Kosher and any food allergies are to be indicated 30 days prior to your function. Unfortunately we do not cater for strictly Halaal or Kosher, as we do not have the facilities. Our menus can be prepared in a Halaal or Kosher respectful manner, or alternatively, vegetarian options are available.

Strictly Halaal or Kosher meals can be purchased from the hotel's supplier at a supplementary fee of R 220 on the menu price.

As per hotel policy, we will outsource up to 10% of your final number of guests’ special meal requirements, which will be based on your menu selection.

BEVERAGES
Please see the attached “12 Apostles –Wedding menus and beverage lists” for details.

We recommend you budget for an estimated R350 to R550 per person for the beverage allocation, which includes all beverages during the pre-reception drinks and beverages served during the reception (sparkling wine, wine and other soft beverages).

Please specify in writing your requirements:
- Beverage limit (to be paid 30 days prior to wedding date)
- Any charge restrictions which will apply to the beverage limit
- Beverage requirements during pre-ceremony and pre-reception drinks
- Beverage requirements during the reception meal which would include: Approved table wines, Champagne/sparkling wine for toasts and drinks policy

Please note:
- A 10% service charge will be levied to the total master tab beverage cost
- Corkage is not available and therefore all beverages would need to be purchased from the hotel
VENUE SET UP

Ceremony
- The hotel provides the Gazebo and benches to seat a maximum of 80 guests
- All music, sound systems and microphone equipment, floral and décor requirements and printed stationary will be to the couples account
- Kindly note: Only organic and biodegradable confetti is permitted in the Fynbos Garden
- The hotel will supply white hand-held umbrellas (one per two guests) which are to be returned at the end of the ceremony
- The hotel does not permit any other marquees or tents to be erected in the Fynbos garden
- Depending on weather conditions, the ceremony will be re-located to the Atlantic Terrace Marquee where guests will witness the ceremony from their tables, or in the Lion’s Head Room or Milkwood Rooms (subject to availability).

Marquee Verandah (Smoking Area)
- Sun umbrellas
- A few scattered tables and chairs

Reception
- Long top/main table which seats a maximum of eight persons
- Six round guest tables seating a maximum of twelve persons each
- A small dance area
- A buffet area including chaffing dishes and carving unit
- A fully stocked bar area
- Entertainer’s area
- Cake table with cake knife

Kindly note that Atlantic Terrace Marquee can accommodate a maximum of seven tables including the main/top table.

After Party Celebration
- Four cocktail tables with white cloths
- A fully stocked bar area
- A table for the DJ
- Two lounge seating pockets
- Dance floor (not included in venue hire)
- DJ and additional party lighting (not included in venue hire)
- Cocktail chairs (not included in venue hire)

DÉCOR AND FLOWERS
The hotel has its own highly talented and innovative florist, Gerrit Van Niekerk-Reis from Duke and Duchess (www.dukeandduchess.co.za), who will assist with the specific requirements for the wedding ceremony and reception. A specialist in wedding table floral decorations, all bridal bouquets and flower displays, he is a creative and talented table stylist who can help with all your décor desires.

To book an alternate florist, please contact the weddings team for preferred suppliers.

Please note:
Flowers may not be assembled in the Fynbos Gardens, The Atlantic Terrace Marquee or anywhere else in the hotel. This needs to be assembled off-site and delivered directly to the tables or position of display.
Draping inside the Gazebo is permitted but no draping is permitted in The Atlantic Terrace Marquee. Please liaise closely with the weddings team regarding which table dressings and décor are being supplied.
All flower arrangements, including containers and other material, should be removed either at midnight on the wedding day or by 08h00 the following morning. The hotel is not responsible for any of the equipment left behind.

SOUND RESTRICTIONS
Dancing is permitted in the Atlantic Terrace Marquee until 22h30. Thereafter light background music is allowed until 23h00. Only authorised bands and DJ’s are permitted to play in the Atlantic Terrace Marquee.
SUPPLIERS
Upon sending you a wedding contract we will ask our supplier - florists/décor, musicians, photographers, wedding cake supplier, makeup artists and hair stylists and minister to contact you. Should you require additional recommended suppliers, please enquire with the weddings team. Should you not wish to be contacted by our preferred suppliers, kindly inform your weddings team.

The following services and suppliers are not included in the venue hire rate:
- Photography
- Videography
- Marriage Officer/Minister/Priest for the ceremony
- Musicians and entertainment for the ceremony, reception and after party
- Wedding cake
- Printed material such as ‘order of service programme’, ‘reserved signs’, ‘seating plan’ and ‘themed easel’ for seating plan, ‘menu cards’, ‘table numbers’ and ‘name cards’ etc.
- Hair and make-up

Please note:
The bridal couple is responsible for the suppliers’ actions and performance. All suppliers must be recognised by Twelve Apostles as an ‘approved supplier’ with a credible track record. In the event of any damage whatsoever caused by the supplier and/or their staff, becomes the responsibility of the bridal couple.

SMOKING
Please be advised the hotel adopts a strict non-smoking policy in all public areas. Due to the passing of the Tobacco Products Amendment Act, we kindly request all our guests adhere to the non-smoking policy within the designated areas of the hotel.

THE SPA AT THE TWELVE APOSTLES
Slowing down and focusing on the upcoming ceremony is important for both the bride and groom, and there is no better place than the hotel’s award-winning ‘Leading Spa’ to achieve this. The Spa at The Twelve Apostles is a magical oasis of tranquillity, which will leave you feeling nurtured, purified, pampered and relaxed before the big day.

The secluded mountain gazebos have panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean and are extraordinary for open-air treatments to enjoy as a couple.

Should you require more information, please enquire with the weddings team.

BOOKING AND PAYMENT TERMS
- **First payment:** A non-refundable deposit for the full venue hire is required within 14 days of the contact date.
- **Second payment:** A 50% non-refundable deposit of the wedding estimation is required within 90 days of the wedding date.
- **Final payment:** A non-refundable pre-payment of the outstanding wedding estimation is required within 30 days of the wedding date.

The wedding estimation would consist of the following items:
- Food
- Beverage estimation
- Gratuity (10% gratuity is added to all food and beverage items)
- Accommodation
- Equipment rental
- Any suppliers the hotel pays for on behalf of the bridal couple (a 10% handling fee will be charged on all transactions and should the vendor be non-VAT registered, VAT at 15% will be levied)

Please email your deposit slip to the weddings team: weddingplanner@rchmail.co.za or send via fax to +27 (0)86 560 2758 – payment is not allocated without proof of payment and the function will not proceed without full pre-payment.

In the event that the beverage limit is exceeded on the night of the wedding, the couple is obliged to settle the additional beverage costs either on the night of the wedding or on departure from the hotel.

Should the couple have a nominated family member or friend to settle the additional beverage costs, this must be put in writing to the weddings team and signed off on the final function sheet prepared by the hotel.
Please be advised that a booking has not been made on request of a quotation. A provisional booking can only be made once a signed contract has been received. Your booking is then finalised when we receive proof of payment of your deposit. Should the booking not be provisionally booked or confirmed, the venue will automatically be released.

YOUR HONEYMOON

The Twelve Apostles Hotel and Spa is the perfect honeymoon destination and offers numerous romantic activities that newlyweds can enjoy together including dual spa treatments, picnics for two, sunset cocktails in The Leopard Bar, relaxing mountain walks and time spent at the pool. Couples can also indulge in a romantic dinner or enjoy a movie night in the hotel’s private cinema.

We highly recommend our sister properties for an extension of the perfect honeymoon:
This five star Relais & Chateaux lodge is an enchanting spiritual retreat in the Cederberg Mountains, 270km from Cape Town. A South African Natural Heritage Site, the predator and malaria free reserve provides sanctuary for diverse flora, fauna and ancient Bushman rock art. Complimented by splendid luxury, generous hospitality and world-class personal service; your honeymoon will be left in the hands of our passionate team that will make all your dreams come true.

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