

GENERAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING WEDDING CEREMONIES AND RECEPTIONS AT DE VETTE MOSSEL BEACH SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Thank you for your enquiry.

We believe that De Vette Mossel, with its exceptional location, outstanding menu, unique character, and way of doing things, is probably the most extraordinary beach wedding venue in South Africa. Also, be certain of our enthusiasm to ensure that your wedding is truly special and unforgettable.

Unlike most wedding venues which “rob” wedding couples with exuberant costs, we believe in true value for money – please do your own comparisons. Also, unlike many other “Beach wedding venues”, that are in fact kilometers from the sea; we are situated literally ON a pristine and isolated beach. Were we any closer – you would have gotten wet!

Please visit our website www.devettemossel.co.za for the “look and feel” and basic information. For anything else, please contact **Nikki** at devettemossel@gmail.com or 079 339 0170. She is our wedding planner and is responsible for bookings and arrangements regarding functions and weddings. She knows what is possible and what not.



1. THE COST OF THE BUFFET PER PERSON

The same as for normal guests of De Vette Mossel.

If your wedding day is between December 2022 and the end of November 2023, it is R320 per person, R250 per high school pupil, R170 per primary school, R90 for 4–6-year-old and under 4-year-old are free.

In addition, Rock Lobster is charged per person at R250 (depending on the size- 250g-500g) per whole lobster and R200 for 400g of whole prawns. Calamari and Catch of the day can also be order extra. There will be a price increase December 2023, VAT is included in the prices

2. VENUE-HIRE: EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE VENUE

1. From 1 May to end August - R12 500
2. From September to 30 November R19 500
3. From 1 December to 19 December – R25 000
4. From 20 Desember to 5 January – R55 000(No weddings from 24 December to 1 January)
5. From 6 January to end April R22 000

Please note this price increase every year 1 December with 8%, and is applicable on the day of the wedding and not when die booking was made.

- No liquor, water or cool drinks may be brought into the restaurant if the venue is hired exclusively. A corkage fee of R30 per bottle will be applicable on wine and cap Classique brought into the restaurant for weddings and functions, and R5 for water/cool drink bottles.

3. VENUE HIRE: NON-EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE RESTAURANT

1. From 1 May to end August - R3 500
2. From 1 September to 30 November - R6 500
3. From 1 December to 19 December – R8 000
4. From 20 Desember to 5 January – R20 000. (No weddings between 24 December and 1 January)
5. From 6 January to end April R8 500

Please note: these prices increase every year 1 December with 8%

This will mean that normal restaurant guests will also use the restaurant. However, you will have the exclusive use of the restaurant until the normal guests arrive at 18:00 for a dinner session and 11:45 for a lunch session. Please note that after this cut-off times NO electronic speeches or announcements are allowed, and we play our selection of music. At 21:00 you may start playing your music and use the dance floor. Furthermore, you will have the exclusive use of your section of the restaurant, and it will be divided from the rest of the restaurant with fishing netting.

Although your guests may bring in their own drinks, glasses, and ice, NO organized and **on large scale** liquor, water and cool drinks may be brought into the restaurant. This is not only against our policy but will also place our liquor license at risk.

Please note, that the word and meaning “exclusive” listed under "Venue Hire Includes" in number 5 below, is not applicable for this option of "non-exclusive venue hire”.

4. DISCOUNT ON VENUE USE – EXCLUSIVE OR NON-EXCLUSIVE (Only on venue hire)

- 40% discount on any weekday (Monday to Thursday, excluding school holidays, December, and public holidays)

5. INCLUDING IN EXCLUSIVE VENUE HIRE

- Exclusive use of restaurant with tables/chairs/benches;
- Sound and music system in Restaurant;
- Exclusive use of dance floor and Cocktail Bar area with Garden of Eden;
- Fulltime De Vette Mossel liaison person on site – also for decor etc.;
- Exclusive use of our well-stocked cash bar;
- Two on site meetings with the De Vette Mossel “wedding planner”; and
- Cleaning of the venue (Rented goods must however be removed by the bridal couple before 09:00 the next morning).

6. EXCLUDED FROM VENUE HIRE:

Food. (See no. 1)

Please note: With exclusive use of the venue, we don't do weddings for less than 50 guests during the year, 75, in school holidays and 100 in December. If you are fewer than 50, you still must pay for 50 guests. Please note that any other of your staff, such as DJ, photographers, etc., must also be counted as guests and paid for accordingly.

7. AND A DEPOSIT?

Your booking of the venue will be confirmed only when we have received a 50% deposit. A further deposit of 30% must be made no later than 2 months prior to the wedding date and the last 20%, and the **R2 500.00** breakage deposit, no later than one week prior to the wedding date. Possible refunding of the breakage deposit and final recon will happen no more than a week after the wedding.

We require an estimate of your number of guests when you book and the final amount (which you will have to pay for) no later than 7 days prior to the wedding. However, should your estimated number of guests change drastically in the meantime, please let us know?

Please note, that should you cancel the wedding, or change the date, you will naturally forfeit your deposit, since the venue/date was effectively removed from the market for other bookings, for the period it was reserved for you. However, we regard it immoral to benefit from other's bad luck or circumstances and we will repay your deposit, minus expenses, as well as a 20% handling fee, once we have secured another wedding of at least the same size for the same date, or pro rata should such a wedding be smaller.



8. HOW MANY GUESTS CAN THE RESTAURANT SEAT?

In December and up to 10 January the restaurant can seat 550 guests, although we normally seat a maximum of 500 guests, due to group dynamics. For the rest of the year, we seat a maximum of 300 guests, but it can be enlarged, or made smaller.

9. MAY WE HIRE THE VENUE AND GET OUR OWN CATERERS?

Unfortunately, not.

10. CAN WE SUGGEST ANOTHER MENU SUCH AS A LAMB ON THE SPIT?

Unfortunately, not. We are not caterers and are serious about protecting the exceptional experience that De Vette Mossel offers. Our announcements of how to approach the dinner/lunch always stay part of the package - even when the restaurant is used exclusively. We offer an experience – not merely a venue and food.

11. DOES THE RESTAURANT HAVE A DANCE FLOOR AND MUSIC?

Our dance floor consists of a raised and covered cement platform of about 6m x 10m. The use thereof is included in the venue hire. You are welcome to set up your own dance floor on the sand inside the restaurant.

De Vette Mossel possesses a powerful music/public address system which is normally used for background music and announcements – (only for our use, except if the restaurant is hired exclusively.) A cordless microphone is available for electronic announcements. When you want to dance, the speakers are moved in such a manner that the music can be louder on the dance floor whilst guests sitting at tables are still able to converse comfortably. We will strongly advise that you bring along your own laptop with your own music playlist and we will gladly play it for you. We do not have Eskom-power and make use of only solar power. Should you want to use a live band or a DJ with lights etc., you will have to hire your own generator.

12. MAY WE DECORATE OUR PART OF THE RESTAURANT?

You are more than welcome. Please note that should we also have a lunch session on the same day, it might happen, although unlikely, that you will only be able to start decorating at 15:30. Please discuss your requirements with Nikki. We have contacts with other service providers for

rental of other required products. As we must collect, clean, and return such other articles such as glasses at our cost, a 10% handling fee on these articles will be applicable.

We believe that the view and the unique décor/character of the restaurant lends itself to rather less than more decorations – e.g., large flower arrangements simply do not work. “Less is more” is applicable here. And much more affordable.



13. WHAT ABOUT GUESTS THAT DO NOT EAT SEAFOOD?

Please note that 8 of the 16 dishes are not seafood. Only when guests are in total allergic to ALL seafood, we are prepared to prepare one additional dish for those guests only at an additional fee of R50.00pp. Should somebody be allergic to only e.g. mussels, this will not apply as there are more than 15 other dishes he/she will be able to eat. This does not apply to guests that “do not like/eat fish”. After all, we are primarily a seafood restaurant.

14. CAN YOU SUGGEST ANYTHING ELSE THAT WILL MAKE THE EXPERIENCE MORE MEMORABLE?

Please be assured that what we offer will be exceptional and out of the ordinary which will make the experience unforgettable. As it is a beach wedding - you could enhance that experience by walking some 100 meters along this pristine beach to the gazebo for the ceremony. At an **additional fee** we can also organize for Cap Classique, wild oysters (which are harvested from the sea along the same beach!) and strawberries to be enjoyed on the beach just after the ceremony. Feel free to give your imagination, fantasy, and creativity wings! Talk to Nikki regarding anything else you may need or want to do.

15. UNTILL WHEN MAY WE CELEBRATE?

Normally and included in the venue-hire you must be off the premises at midnight. You can organize to stay later, but only till strictly 2am. After midnight a fee of R500 will be subtracted from the breakage deposit of R2 500.00, after 1am a further R500.00 will be subtracted and after 2am a further R1 500.00, if any guests are still there. Please note that whether it was organized or not, the subtractions will apply. We are not responsible to see that your guests leave on time. We strongly suggest that you appoint a responsible person that stays till the end to ensure that your guests leave on time and that they behave themselves. We are sure that you do not want to pay R4 500.00 for a few guests’ fun until the early morning.

16. WHAT ABOUT BAD WEATHER?

Please note that Mossel Bay, with at least 300 sunny days per year, has officially the second-best weather in the world. Do not compare George’s weather with ours. George is wet and cold. Of

the past more than 400 functions, we cancelled only two due to stormy weather. The restaurant is designed in such a manner that can be in operation without discomfort even in the case of light rain and strong winds. All guests are seated under roof and the whole restaurant can be closed off in a matter of minutes in case of bad weather. However, we rarely cancel – that decision lies solely with the guests. Also note that should you NOT want the ceremony on the beach itself, we can easily move the ceremony to inside the restaurant, should the weather not let up.



17. WHAT ABOUT DRINKS AND COOL DRINKS?

We do have a **well-stocked Cash Bar**, including a wide range of cocktails and shooters – at very reasonable prices. No liquor, water or cool drinks may be brought into the restaurant if the venue is hired exclusively. A corkage fee of R30 per bottle will be applicable on wine and cap Classique brought into the restaurant for weddings and functions, and R5 for water/cool drink bottles.

Should there be any specific tastes and requirements, please inform us at least a week beforehand. You may run a “tab” at the bar, but it must be paid before leaving that night. Or you may make the ruling that only beer and wine may be on the tab, but that guests pay everything else themselves. No individual tabs are allowed.

Debit/Credit card facilities are available at the bar, and we also take cash.

Bar prices are subject to normal increases.

18. MAY WE ALSO HAVE THE WEDDDING CEREMONY AT THE RESTAURANT?

By all means – most of the wedding couple do. We have three different locations to seal your love:

1. CEREMONY ON THE BEACH:

(There is a wooden staircase leading right to the beach.)

Gazebo with white voile over the gazebo
Seashell decor

Bamboo preacher's podium
Benches
Sound and music on the beach
Register table and 2 chairs
Upper deck, yellowwood bar

R 8 500.00

(Till 1 30 November 2023, where after a yearly increase of 8% shall be applicable)



2. OUR UPPER WEDDING DECK-VENUE

(Stunning views and with steps to the beach)

Permanent Gazebo
Bamboo podium
Benches or white plastic chairs
Sound and music system
Register table and 2 chairs

R 5 500.00

(Till 30 November 2023, where after a yearly increase of 8% shall be applicable)

3. OUR WEDDING DECK IN THE RESTAURANT

This is Plan B if the weather does not play along – if has happened only once in over two hundred weddings.

19. ANY ACCOMMODATION CLOSE BY?

We have also, and are constantly doing so, compiled a list of relevant service suppliers, such as wedding planners, event managers, florists, decor suppliers, violists, etc. for your benefit and comfort.

Although we take no responsibility for their services and products, we have hand-picked them as we believe they are fair and deliver an excellent service.

