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The
Rock
HOTEL GIBRALTAR



WEDDINGS

Dear bride and groom to be...

Before you read on I would just like to thank you for considering the Rock Hotel, and of course Gibraltar itself, for your special day.

Most of what you need to know about weddings at the Rock Hotel is contained herein but if we have left anything out, or if you have even the tiniest question, please contact us on the various numbers to be found in the following pages and we shall be delighted to answer.

A reminder that you can read more about the hotel itself on www.rockhotelgibraltar.com

I sincerely hope we have the pleasure of hosting your nuptials in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Davenport
General Manager



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YOUR IDEAL WEDDING VENUE

Weddings are an important part of the Rock Hotels calendar. From the smallest family gathering to a formal wedding breakfast for around one hundred and fifty, we can guarantee a fabulous day is had by all.

The Rock Hotel, built by the Marquis of Bute in 1932, is an institution in the Mediterranean and majors on sadly diminishing values such as individual customer care and fine, old fashioned, standards of service.

The surroundings of the hotel, including the excellent botanical gardens nearby, offer fabulous possibilities for your wedding photography. The Gibraltar climate, for the majority of the year, lends itself to al fresco celebrations in certain parts of the hotel.

The emphasis is on quality of service and personal attention to detail. Whether helping you arrange your actual ceremony at the hotel - we are licensed to conduct civil ceremonies at the Rock - or arranging your reception, the team at the Rock will handle everything in an experienced, friendly and professional manner.

Alfred Rodriguez, our head chef and his team, have designed a number of menus across a wide culinary spectrum and our wine list is an eclectic one featuring, in particular, a number of new wave Spanish wines from our neighbours across the border.

Toby Tobelem, our deputy and food and beverage manager, has a wealth of experience in overseeing weddings at the Rock and he will be there on the day to personally ensure that you have nothing to worry about other than enjoying the day and the company of friends.

Please do not hesitate to call Toby on 00350 73000, fax him on 00350 73513 or e-mail him at toby@rockhotel.gi



PLANNING YOUR WEDDING

Organising a wedding can be a daunting task! We will be only too pleased to assist you with any aspect of your wedding day from seating plans and menus, from recommending cars, cakes, photographers and flowers to any number of special requests that may add another dimension to the proceedings.

With many years of experience behind us we are able to offer you a highly polished pre-wedding service that will help you explore your options for the big day.

We can combine our considerable expertise to ensure we give you not only a day to remember but one that you will feel is truly yours. We believe that there is no set formula and that each couple is unique.

During the weeks prior to your wedding we will always be available to offer guidance and reassurance and on the day of your wedding our management team will personally co-ordinate the day's events.

Why not visit us and let us help you with any queries you may have - we may even be able to show you an appropriate room already set up for a wedding.



Rock Hotel

YOUR CIVIL WEDDING CEREMONY IN GIBRALTAR

We are delighted to inform you that civil wedding ceremonies are now possible at our hotel. This brings obvious benefits as you can now organise your entire day, from the ceremony to the reception, all at the same time.

To help you organise your civil ceremony we have compiled some initial guidance notes.

- * Firstly, establish a firm date and time with the registrar. Civil ceremonies are becoming popular in Gibraltar and the registrar's time is valuable. It is probably more important to establish their availability at this early stage than the hotel's.
- * Please note that the registrars do not open their 'books' for a civil ceremony at the hotel, or in fact at the registry office, until 1st November for the following calendar year and only for that following calendar year. A written request for a date ahead of this period will see you put on a waiting list from which you should be contacted.
- * You should contact: The Gibraltar Civil Status and Registration Office, Marriage Registry, Joshua Hassan House, 3 Secretary's Lane, Gibraltar. Telephone 00350 72289, Fax 00350 42706 or e-mail csro@gibnynex.gi
- * The registrar will explain the relevant charges and the documentation that you will be required to produce.
- * You will need two witnesses but do not worry too much if you do not have friends or family to hand - the hotel would be happy to provide some friendly faces to stand in on such an occasion.
- * Once you have established the availability of the registrar you can confirm your requirements to the hotel.
 - * At the time of writing marriages outside the registry office can only be conducted on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and not on Bank Holidays. Timings on these days for the ceremony can be from 9.30 am until 12 noon.
 - * Please be aware that the information above is accurate at the time of going to press and that we cannot be held responsible for any change of administration in the interim.



YOUR WEDDING LOCATION AT THE ROCK HOTEL

The Rock has a choice of venues for your wedding breakfast. The Wisteria Room - This room, which will seat up to around forty for a formal wedding meal, has access to a wisteria covered terrace that commands views over the Bay of Gibraltar, the Spanish mainland and the Rif mountains of Morocco.

The Wisteria Room is also the room that would be used for a civil ceremony should you hold that at the hotel. Please note that the hotel would require at least 90 minutes to change the room around for dining after the ceremony. The lounge area can be used to gather whilst this is being done. A maximum of forty people may join you whilst the ceremony is being conducted.

The Rib Room - This is the largest room available in the hotel and can seat around 150 people for dining with space for a dance floor and a live band or disco. The room looks over the bay and commands some of the best night time views of Gibraltar.

The Swimming Pool - The pool and surrounding gardens are annexed a short way from the hotel. The pool is open seasonally from April 1st and closes each year on October 5th. The pool and area are available for hire for evening gatherings such as receptions and cocktail parties as well as barbecue style dining.

There is a charge for these areas from the following rates:

The Wisteria Room £250

The Rib Room £500

The Pool and Gardens £750



Rock Hotel

YOUR WEDDING DAY

When you have made your decision on your dining location and chosen your menu and drinks, the following are provided with our compliments.

- * A red carpet welcome
- * Cake stand and knife
- * Complimentary double room for the bride and groom on their wedding night (subject to number of guests attending)
- * Special accommodation rates for wedding guests
- * Use of the hotel grounds for your photographs
- * Use of our dance floor
- * The services of our banqueting manager throughout the day and as toastmaster during the wedding breakfast
- * Lots of free smiles on the day!

Additional Services

In addition to the above we can offer a number of splendid and quirky ideas that could really set your celebrations apart. The following are just a few of the many enhancements that could add another dimension to your unique day.

- * Croquembouche
- * Floral swags on the top table
- * Large pedestal flower arrangements in the room
 - * Balloon displays and arches
 - * Ice carvings
 - * Champagne fountains
 - * Chocolate fountains
 - * Audio-visual equipment for the speeches!
 - * String quartets, guitarists or a piper!
 - * Disposable cameras on each table to capture the moment - all pictures sent on to the bride and groom! The list is as long as your imagination - please ask!



Black Hotel

YOUR WEDDING DAY

Honeymoon Special

As long as a minimum of 50 persons attend your wedding breakfast we will automatically reserve a complimentary double bedroom for your wedding night. Alternatively, you can reserve a suite, junior suite or penthouse at a special supplementary rate subject to our availability.

Your Guests

Your overnight guests will be offered a special wedding rate of £110 Per room, which includes full English breakfast.

Confirmation of all reservations should be made as early as possible to avoid disappointment as these rates are always subject to availability. When your guests book directly with the hotel and not via you they must strictly emphasise the name of the wedding that they are attending.



Rock Hotel

DRINKS PACKAGE

The following are for your guidance and ease of choice - they range from the simple to the exotic and fun! We would, of course, be happy to quote for any combination of drinks from our extensive bar and cellar.

The Traditional

Buck's Fizz on arrival

A half bottle of red or white house wine with the meal

A glass of sparkling wine with which to toast the bride and groom

£16.50 per person

A Taste of Spain

Traditional Sangria on arrival

A half bottle of red Rioja or Torres Vina Esmeralda with the meal

A glass of Freixenet Cordon Negro cava with which to toast the bride and groom

£17.50 per person

A Touch of Elegance

Jugs of Pimm's No. 1 Cup on arrival

A half bottle of Protos Crianza, Ribera del Duero or Enate 234 Chardonnay with the meal

A glass of champagne de Vauzelle with which to toast the bride and groom

£23.95 per person

A Touch of the Exotic

Bellinis on arrival (champagne and peach juice)

A half bottle of Rosemount Shiraz or South African Chardonnay with the meal

A glass of Spanish pudding wine with the dessert

A glass of rose cava with which to toast the bride and groom

£26.00 per person

The Sophisticated

Dry Martinis or White Ladies on arrival

A half bottle of Gevrey Chambertin or Meursault with the meal

A glass of Sauternes with the dessert

A glass of NV Moet et Chandon with which to toast the bride and groom

£42.00 per person



Black & White Hotel

WEDDING MENUS

MENU 1

Melon and Deep Fried Serrano Ham in Rosewater and Mint Essence
Corn Fed Chicken Breast, Apricot Pear and Stilton Mousse set on Sage, Onion and Potato Wafer
Bitter Chocolate and Caramelised Walnut Parfait with White Peach Sorbet
From £24.00

MENU 2

Bay Lobster and Langoustine Bisque, Dill Croutons
Fillet of Beef, Baby Leeks, Salpicon of Summer Truffle, Foie Gras Bon Bon
Bread and Butter Pudding with Raspberry Salsa
From £26.00

MENU 3

Harira Broth Scented with Leaf Coriander and Cumin
Roasted Fillet of Lamb, Spiced Cous Cous and Baked Capsicum
Baked Red Plums with Cinnamon and Vanilla Ice-Cream
From £30.00

MENU 4

Warm Salad of Grilled Goats Cheese with Apricot Compote and Toasted Pine Kernels
Baked Coubillac of Salmon and Keta Caviar Velouté
Assiette Belle Vue
From £35.00

Ingredients are like musical notes - the combinations are endless. The above are simply four ideas (and they are only ideas) to get you thinking. We have an array of other menus that we can post or e-mail to you with prices ranging from* £24.00 to £45.00. Likewise, our chef would be delighted to liaise with you to conjure up a menu to suit your requirements.

Our wine list is an eclectic one but we make no excuses for featuring a number of wines from the extraordinary portfolio that our neighbours in Spain are currently producing across both their classical and newly established regions.

* Please note that we reserve the right to change these prices due to inflationary reasons but any price quoted at the time of booking will of course be honoured.



Rock Hotel

Our Customers Viewpoint

....."Toby, we wanted to write and thank you and your team for making our wedding day and our stay at the Rock so very special."
Mr and Mrs H UK

....."Everything was so much better than I ever expected and ran like clockwork. Every one of our 16 guests thought the hotel, the food and the whole wedding package was superb."
Mrs GH Portugal

....."Toby, we wanted to write and thank you and your team for making our wedding day and our stay at the Rock so very special."
Mr and Mrs H UK

....."The food was excellent and the waiting staff were very polite and not at all obtrusive. Altogether our family enjoyed themselves immensely. We are so appreciative of the memories we have of the entire weekend".
P and S Hants

....."Please accept our sincere thanks for the excellent support your staff provided to S and myself at our recent wedding. From start to finish the service was faultless and we have nothing but the highest praise for the Rock Hotel."
Cmdr. and Mrs P I Hampshire

....."The Wisteria Room was an excellent choice for us, as was the wedding breakfast. Your staff gave excellent service and we are particularly grateful to you for acting as toast master."
Mr and Mrs DH UK

....."Dear Toby...I take this opportunity to thank you personally for the arrangements you made for the wedding reception, and congratulate your staff on what turned out to be an excellent evening enjoyed by all."
Mr CF Gibraltar

....."On behalf of both of us, our family and all our friends who attended our wedding we wanted to say thank you very much for everything. The whole day was absolutely perfect."
Mr and Mrs L Peterborough

....."Hi Nina, I thought I would drop you a line now I'm back in the office to thank you for making our wedding so memorable."
Mrs MB Lancashire

....."My special day was all the more memorable because of your staff's kindness."
JB - Gibraltar

....."Dear Toby, just a note to say thank you very much indeed to you and all your staff for making our wedding a very special day for both of us, our family and friends."
Mr and Mrs LM UK

....."We would like to thank the Rock Hotel for its effort on my brother's wedding. He and his new wife had a fantastic stay and were full of praise for the service they received".
SK UK

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