
MANGAMAUNU
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WEDDINGS



THE VENUE

Welcome to a place where weddings unfold slowly and meaningfully. Our venue is designed for couples who want more than just a single day, it's about gathering your favourite people, immersing yourselves in nature, and celebrating together over several unforgettable days in Kaikōura.

WHY PICK US?

- Exclusive use of a private, peaceful coastal retreat
- Boutique on-site accommodation for up to 11 guests
- Five acres of beautiful gardens, lawns and private spaces to explore
- Stunning views overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Kaikōura mountains
- Helicopter access for a truly unforgettable arrival or experience
- BYO alcohol, giving you the freedom to make your celebration your own
- A relaxed, multi-day wedding experience rather than just one wedding day
- Flexible marquee options available to suit your guest numbers and celebration style

Our venue is located in Kaikōura, 2.30 hrs from Christchurch, 2hrs from Picton, and 1.30 hrs from Blenheim.



ACCOMMODATION

Wake up to stunning views of the Pacific Ocean and the Kaikōura ranges. Our property accommodates up to 11 guests across beautifully appointed suites, featuring bespoke décor, elegant mid-century furniture, and luxurious bedrooms, the perfect blend of comfort and style.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS:

Surfwatch House
2 bedroom guest suite, with full kitchen, large dining area and lounge, including fire place, and bathtub.

Hapuku Studio
1 bedroom guest suite, with full kitchen, large lounge and dining area.

Oceanview Suite
1 bedroom guest suite with ensuite bathroom, and kitchenette.

Mangamaunu Cottage
1 bedroom guest suite, sofa bed, full kitchenette, lounge, fireplace, private patio area with outdoor bath.



EXPLORE OUR

WEDDING PACKAGES



ELOPEMENTS

Introducing our Elopement Package, the perfect choice for couples seeking a private and romantic way to celebrate their commitment and love. Set against the stunning backdrop of Kaikōura's breathtaking coastline, our venue at Mangamaunu Retreat offers a serene and intimate setting, ideal for an unforgettable escape.

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- Exclusive use of the whole property for the duration of your stay
- 1-night luxury accommodation for up to 10 people
- BYO alcohol
- Dedicated support from our Property Manager and staff throughout your wedding day, ensuring smooth operations and assistance with any property needs
- Unlimited access to our picturesque ceremony and reception locations

PRICING STARTS FROM $3800



11-30 GUESTS

INTIMATE WEDDINGS

Introducing our Intimate Wedding Package, designed for couples who envision a close-knit celebration surrounded by their nearest and dearest. Set along Kaikoura's stunning coastline, our venue at Mangamaunu Retreat offers a peaceful and breathtaking backdrop, creating the perfect atmosphere for a romantic and personal celebration.

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- Exclusive use of the whole property for the duration of your stay
- 2-nights luxury accommodation for up to 11 people
- BYO alcohol
- Dedicated support from our Property Manager and staff throughout your wedding day, ensuring smooth operations and assistance with any property needs
- Unlimited access to our picturesque ceremony and reception locations
- Ambient lighting in the garden and reception areas

PRICING STARTS FROM $8650



31-60 GUESTS

BOUTIQUE WEDDINGS

This package includes three nights of gorgeous on-site accommodation for up to 11 guests, allowing you to truly settle in, celebrate, and enjoy every moment. From relaxed arrival drinks to your wedding day and a peaceful farewell brunch, your wedding becomes a weekend, not just a few hours.

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- Three nights of luxurious accommodation for up to 11 guests
- BYO alcohol
- Unlimited access to our picturesque ceremony and reception locations
- Extra guest bathroom facilities for added convenience
- Ambient lighting in the reception areas
- Dedicated support from our Property Manager and staff throughout your wedding day, ensuring smooth operations and assistance with any property needs
- Exclusive use of the whole property for the duration of your stay

PRICING STARTS FROM $15,400



Introducing our Grand Wedding Package, designed for those who wish to celebrate their commitment and love surrounded by family and friends in one of New Zealand's most breathtaking locations. Nestled on the pristine coast of Kaikōura, Mangamaunu Retreat offers an idyllic, romantic, and tranquil setting, making it the perfect backdrop for a truly unforgettable wedding

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- 3-nights of luxurious accommodation for up to 11 guests
- BYO alcohol
- Unlimited access to our picturesque ceremony and reception locations
- Extra guest bathroom facilities for added convenience
- Ambient lighting in the reception areas
- Dedicated support from our Property Manager and staff throughout your wedding day, ensuring smooth operations and assistance with any property needs
- Exclusive use of the whole property for the duration of your stay

PRICING STARTS FROM $19,275



PACKAGE ADD ONS

Marquee Hire

Weather-ready and beautifully styled, our marquee includes flooring, ambient lighting, and heating, with multiple size options to suit your guest numbers.

Full Bar Service

A professional bar package including alcohol, bar setup, glassware, and experienced staff is available on request. (Conditions apply.)

Camping & Glamping Options

Additional on-site accommodation for up to 100 guests, allowing everyone to stay together and enjoy the full wedding experience. A fee of $50 per person (including children) is payable per night. Extra toilets are provided for campers.

Additional Nights of Accommodation

Extend your stay and enjoy more time with your guests before or after the celebration.

Helicopter Experience

Take your celebration to new heights with a scenic helicopter flight, capturing unforgettable photos against breathtaking mountain and coastal views. We offer a dedicated area on the property for seamless helicopter arrivals and departures.



WINTER WEDDINGS

Winter is one of the most beautiful times to celebrate in Kaikōura, when the surrounding mountains are capped with snow and the atmosphere feels calm, romantic, and beautifully still. The softer seasonal light and dramatic alpine backdrop create a setting that feels both intimate and unforgettable.

Inside, guests can relax in warm, inviting rooms complete with fireplaces, while the outdoor bath offers a unique way to soak in the crisp winter air and mountain views. For celebrations and gatherings, our adjustable-size marquee is available for hire, featuring flooring and heating to create a cosy, weather-ready space for ceremonies or receptions.

*To make winter celebrations even more appealing, we offer **15% off** our wedding packages during the off peak season (4th of May to October 18th), giving couples the chance to experience a truly special destination wedding with added value.*



EXCLUSIVE VENUE STAY

We offer venue visits free of charge, but if you are coming from out of town, we invite you to experience the magic of our venue with a special offer for couples.

Stay overnight at Mangamaunu Retreat and enjoy 30% off your accommodation when visiting the venue. Choose from one of our four beautiful accommodations.

If you decide to book the Retreat for your wedding, the cost of your night's stay will be deducted from the wedding invoice, making your visit free!

To book your stay please contact us and we to our best to accommodate your ideal dates.

We look forward to helping you envision your dream wedding at Mangamaunu Retreat – where the sea, lush gardens, and mountains create the perfect backdrop for your big day.



MARQUEE HIRE

We offer on-site, flexible marquee options in a range of sizes, making them ideal for everything from your ceremony through to your reception.

We strongly recommend hiring a marquee, particularly for larger weddings, as our indoor spaces can accommodate a maximum of 30 guests should the weather turn. A marquee provides a beautiful, comfortable space for your celebration while ensuring your plans can continue whatever the weather.

Marquee hire includes full setup, flooring installation, lighting, heaters, and pack-down after your event.

Dimensions of Marquee	Price for hire
6m x 8m	$3,450
9m x 8m	$3,950
12m x 8m	$4,450
15m x 8m	$4,950



FAQ'S

Can we hold both our ceremony and reception at the venue?
Yes. There is plenty of space on the property to host both your ceremony and reception.

What wedding services do you provide?
We provide a beautiful location, accommodation for up to 11 guests, and a Venue Manager who will be available throughout your event to assist with any property needs. We also offer a size-adjustable marquee hire depending on your group size.

Do you have wet-weather options?
Yes. We recommend hiring our marquee for weather-ready ceremonies or receptions. For elopements and small weddings, ceremonies or gatherings can be held inside the accommodation. Please note we have a strict shoes-off policy indoors, as heels can damage the flooring.

What does BYO mean?
As a BYO venue, you are welcome to provide your own alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages with no corkage fee. BYO applies to the hosts only — guests may not bring their own drinks.

Do we still pay for accommodation if we stay elsewhere?
Yes. Accommodation is included in all wedding packages as the property is reserved exclusively for your event. This allows time for setup, pack-down, and ensures your privacy throughout the celebration.

Is there a curfew for weddings or events?
There is no curfew. Last call at the bar is 1am, and we ask that music volume be reduced from 11pm to respect neighbours. If celebrations continue after 1am, an additional fee of $200 per hour applies to cover late-night staffing.

Can helicopters land at the property?
Yes. We have a designated helicopter pick-up and drop-off area on site. Helicopter access is weather dependant.

What bathroom facilities are available?
The accommodation provides four toilets suitable for up to 30 guests. For larger weddings, additional toilets are provided and are included in the venue hire. Guests camping will have toilets provided as part of the $50 per person camping fee.

Do you offer catering options?
Whist we don’t cater weddings ourselves, we can recommend excellent local caterers who showcase the best food from the Kaikōura region.

What is required to secure our date?
A 30% deposit is required at time of booking to secure the date and the remaining balance is to be paid 3 months (or 90 days) before the wedding date. You will be required to sign an event hire contract and read our T's and C's before sending us your deposit.

How many guests can the venue accommodate?
The accommodation can sleep up to 11 guests, while we can accommodate many guests camping. Please enquire if you would like more infomation about camping on the property.