

# *Lansdowne House*



# *Wedding & Event Pack*

## *Wedding venues in the Wairarapa?*

*The first and still the best wedding venue in the Wairarapa that springs to mind has to be Lansdowne House. Nestled in an acre and a half of beautiful grounds with soaring majestic trees, rose gardens, gazebos, waterfalls and more, Lansdowne House is a premier wedding venue that has everything a bride and groom could wish for. With its historic significance as the largest house in Masterton and its romantic beginnings,*

*Lansdowne House has to be seen to be fully appreciated. As a wedding venue it is licensed for 150 people and boasts a huge ballroom that seats more than 120 guests comfortably. With a smaller more intimate dining room for romantic dinners and smaller weddings, a light and airy lounge bar opening onto a brick walled courtyard, three open wood fires and the warm glow of candle light.*

*Lansdowne House has something for everyone.*

As a wedding venue in the Wairarapa, Lansdowne House has so much to offer. The house itself is unique with wood panelling, sparkling chandeliers, polished wooden floors and antiques aplenty. Outside the gardens have been extended and enhanced to offer several private areas for the ceremony itself either in the red & white rose garden or under one of the huge old trees. Whatever the weather, whether inside or out, Lansdowne House can provide you with a special, very private venue for the wedding ceremony itself as well as countless photo opportunities to record your special wedding day with all its memories.

If you are thinking of having your wedding in the Wairarapa there are other things you need to consider as well as the venue. These include designing a very special 'wedding breakfast' to celebrate your marriage and commitment to one another as well as having warm, friendly, well trained staff on the day who will make you and your guests feel welcome and 'at home'. The accommodation, too, needs to be arranged and all the little details that go into making your wedding in the Wairarapa perfect need to be organized. At Lansdowne House it is our very special pleasure, free of charge, to assist you to organize and arrange your wedding so that no stone is left unturned, everything from our very special honeymoon suite, our wedding accommodation package, a 'one off', sumptuous menu, the flowers and the music, the table colours and settings, special touches like Grace & Favours as well as organizing the wedding rehearsal and brunch for your guests the day after the wedding. All of these things and more we can help you with at Lansdowne House so that your wedding day in the beautiful Wairarapa is special, unique and perfect.

*...ask about our romantic history!*

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## *Your wedding day:*

Lansdowne House is a truly unique and magical venue. It has old world charm and an ambience which cannot be duplicated in modern establishments. With spectacular polished floors, gorgeous chandeliers and splendid antiques, you have the opportunity to make your special day one of a kind.

As well as the outstanding qualities of the main house, the gardens have recently been extended and given a complete makeover. They feature many old trees of exceptional beauty, gardens full of colour and several new water features including a pond with an arched bridge and a waterfall as well as a private, walled garden with a striking water cascade.



The combination of the house and the garden complex offer you the chance to enjoy your wedding day all in the one place, everything from getting dressed in one of our huge honeymoon suites, to the ceremony itself, the wedding breakfast and the dancing afterwards. At the end of the evening you can say "goodnight" to your guests and then amble up the grand staircase to your fabulous honeymoon suite. The photo opportunities are endless and mean that you can have wonderful photographs to treasure whilst still being able to stay on site with your guests.

Whether your wedding is a large spectacular, a more intimate soiree or a themed theatrical, we will work with you to create something absolutely unique and one of a kind. You will have a day to remember and memories to cherish.



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## *Wedding Ceremony:*

Along with your reception, Lansdowne House is available for your wedding ceremony, either:

- In the garden under the wonderful old willows, by the pond with the Japanese bridge and the good luck horseshoe of roses or in the private walled garden in front of the waterfall and the Dublin Bay roses, or
- In front of a roaring log fire.

Seating and a table on which to sign the register can be arranged. The cost to have your ceremony here is \$450.00 +G.S.T.



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## *Wedding Breakfast:*

Your wedding is special. You have your own ideas and preferences and you know the likes and dislikes of your family and friends. This is your day and you want a wedding breakfast menu that will reflect your individuality. We recognise this and we are happy to sit down with you to design a 'one off' menu which will celebrate your day.

### **Prices range for your wedding breakfast**



For a 'stand up' cocktail style occasion offering a range of continuous hors d'oeuvres

From... \$35.00 - \$55.00 per person incl. G.S.T.

For a full seated wedding breakfast which includes:

\$60.00 - \$95.00 per person incl. G.S.T.

- A range of pre dinner hors d'oeuvres.
- A buffet style main course including a wide selection of carved meats, vegetable dishes, salads and more.
- Desserts galore all made on the premises and including a wide selection of ice-creams.
- A wide choice of teas and filtered coffee and accompanying 'naughty nibbles'.

For a personalised a la carte menu

From \$65.00 - \$100.00 per person incl. G.S.T



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Whilst traditional in style, we have an extensive range of food options and we are always willing to try something new. We take pride in preparing as much as possible on the premises and our homemade ice-creams are a special favourite. We are happy to forward to you our wider range of choices but a random sample would be:



### **Hors d'oeuvres:**

- ◆ Bite size chicken, ginger & coriander rolls in puff pastry with a lime, coriander & sweet chilli salsa
- ◆ Tiny vegetarian spring rolls & Samosas with sweet chilli & spicy plum dipping sauces
- ◆ Devils on horseback with prunes & streaky bacon or bananas & streaky bacon
- ◆ Individual spicy meatballs on a stick with tomato & chilli sauces
- ◆ Bite size prawn cutlets with a spicy dipping sauce

### **Main Buffet:**

- ◆ Especially smoked for Lansdowne House, hot ham on the bone studded with cloves & cooked with an orange, hot English mustard & honey glaze accompanied with crushed pineapple, hot English & Dijon mustards, spicy tomato or date & feijoa chutneys, plum sauce & Maraschino cherries
- ◆ Roast chicken with a sautéed fresh sage, thyme & butter onion stuffing, wrapped in streaky bacon & served with cranberry sauce & traditional gravy
- ◆ Scandinavian Gravlax Salmon—specially cured 'in house' and decorated with cucumber & egg rings & served with a dill & horseradish sauce
- ◆ Gourmet potatoes steeped in a mint, parsley & chive butter
- ◆ A baked vegetable medley of orange kumara, Crown pumpkin, carrots, parsnips, red onions & roasted peppers tossed in a brown sugar, fresh rosemary, a rice bran oil rub & baked till tender
- ◆ Broccoli & cauliflower lightly steamed & served in a Parmesan, Aged Cheddar & Gruyere cheese sauce, topped with croutons & paprika & grilled till golden
- ◆ A mixed green salad with rocket, cucumber, spring onions, fresh garden herbs, avocado & more, topped with freshly cooked croutons & accompanied with an orange balsamic Vinaigrette or traditional salad cream
- ◆ An Italian Roma tomato, red onion and basil salad topped with fragments of feta cheese

### **Desserts:**

- ◆ A 36 egg three tiered raspberry Pavlova extravaganza each layer filled with a tangy raspberry coulis, covered with Chantilly cream & decorated with coulis, pink meringues & seasonal fruits
- ◆ Wairarapa strawberries & orange segments covered with a light Cointreau syrup & served with icing sugar & lashings of cream
- ◆ A death by Chocolate thick, creamy mousse topped with cream swirls & Maraschino cherries
- ◆ Brandy snaps filled with baileys Cream
- ◆ A medley of our own icecreams – double chocolate, tangy passionfruit & tropical pineapple accompanied with extra raspberry coulis, a rich Chocolate Ganache & a thick caramel sauce

### **'Afters':**

- A wide selection of teas & herbal teas as well as freshly brewed coffee served out of silver pots & accompanied with a selection of after dinner 'naughties' or Petits Fours with the compliments of Lansdowne House.

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## Alcohol:

We have a full On-Licence and we can source your favourite beers and wines at very competitive prices. We also have a wide range of spirits and special whiskeys to celebrate the occasion. After dinner ports or liqueurs are also available.

Only in very special circumstances will we offer a B.Y.O service for wine only. This *will* incur a charge of 8.00 per head +GST which covers the use of our glasses, chilling your alcohol, staff to open and serve your drinks, cleaning and washing glasses and removal of empties.



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## Music:

An 'in house' system for background music is available. We can also suggest musicians and pianists to suit your requirements and a top of the range English upright piano can be hired.

## Lighting:

There are 12 chandeliers on the ground floor as well as a fabulous chandelier in the stairwell and period 'up lights' in the buffet and blue rooms. We also have a range of mood lighting and can turn pelmet lighting to a soft yellow or a warm red for evening dancing. These give a wonderful romantic feeling to the room.

## Photography:

A select number of photographers can be suggested to you. The house and the grounds lend themselves to a large number of photographic opportunities and the upstairs veranda can be used for a unique group shot.

## Flowers:

We provide seasonal flowers in all the main rooms. We can also assist you with individual arrangements as required. We have a variety of options on the tables which we can discuss with you including candelabra and table centrepieces. Once we know your colour preference, we will order flowers to match your colour scheme.



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## *Accommodation:*

Accommodation is available for 12 guests.

**LANSDOWNE HOUSE** has two honeymoon suites and a large double room. All the rooms contain irons and hairdryers as well as the use of an upstairs kitchen to make tea and coffee and enjoy our ready supply of cookies. In the rooms there are fresh flowers as well as a well stocked fruit bowl.



There is also a very large and beautifully appointed original bathroom with claw foot bath and a huge shower which all the guests are free to use.



The **Williams Suite** is huge! It has a king size sleigh bed and a working fireplace along with two huge mirrors and several antique pieces including a Victorian dressing table. The suite has its own sitting area in front of the fire with an antique lounge suite and large brass coffee table. There are also tiffany style lights to create a romantic atmosphere as well as top quality drapery and fittings plus a gorgeous ensuite. The standard price for this suite is \$265.00 which includes a full Lansdowne House breakfast for two.

The **Eastwood Suite** is another room of very generous proportions. It boasts a queen size wrought iron four poster with top of the range Sheridan bedding. There are several antique pieces together with tiffany light fittings, a stunning central chandelier and top quality drapery. A built in dressing mirror adds to the atmosphere. The standard price for this room is \$245.00 incl. G.S.T. which includes a full Lansdowne House breakfast for two.

The **Scott Room** is a substantial double bedroom with an art deco bedroom suite including two single beds, a large dressing table and a tallboy. Both beds have top quality Sheridan bedding and are very comfortable. The room boasts an original wash basin and there are two beautiful rugs as well as period style lighting. The price for this room is \$195.00 incl. G.S.T. for a double or \$165.00 incl. G.S.T. for a single. The price also includes a full Lansdowne House breakfast

For weddings where all the rooms are taken we will negotiate a special package price.

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**LANSDOWNE VILLA** is a self contained, spacious retreat with 3 double bedrooms all with quality queen sized beds and top of the range Sheridan towels and linen. There is a new bathroom and a well appointed kitchen as well as a separate dining room and a large lounge with television, two bookcases loaded with books, picture windows and a log fire. The Villa with two guests sharing twin is offered at \$195.00 incl. G.S.T. per night. Each additional guest will cost \$70.00 per room incl. G.S.T. per night with a maximum of 6 people. A full English or continental breakfast is available on request.



### **Deposit:**

We do ask for a deposit of \$1000.00 once the venue and wedding date have been confirmed. The balance of the final invoice is payable upon departure. This deposit is not refundable if the wedding is cancelled unless another booking of similar numbers can be found to replace it.

### **Modus Operandi:**

Our modus operandi is to work with you to create a magical event which you can celebrate in a relaxed and carefree atmosphere with friends and family. Because Lansdowne House is one of a kind, you will enjoy a unique experience and have memories to treasure in the years to come.

If the concept of Lansdowne House appeals to you, we are open daily for viewings between 11.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. except when we have functions. However, pre arranged appointments are essential.

Please note that these prices apply as of 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2011 and may be subject to change.

We look forward to hearing from you

Kadia & Richard Merralls

## *Testimonials...*

We were really impressed and so did enjoy the atmosphere you have created at Lansdowne House. You have something quite special. Thank you for your great hospitality...you made us feel so very welcome."

*- Vivienne and Allan*

*"Tony and I would like to thank you both, most sincerely for the wonderful effort you both made to ensure our wedding at Lansdowne House was so successful...."*

*We heard glowing comments from all the guests as to the smooth running of our reception, the lovely venue and the delicious and well presented food...."*

*You are both true professionals with a wonderful caring attitude and we are just so pleased we chose you to host our reception."*

*- Janise and Tony*

*"Thank you so much for making our wedding anniversary such a happy occasion, your beautiful rooms and lovely meal were enjoyed by all our guests...."*

*-Nancy and Ivan*

*"Thank You for a great stay. Diane and myself thoroughly enjoyed your hospitality and the way you over catered for our special occasion. You certainly went beyond the call of duty. It's a shame it had to end, but it was nice to get away and enjoy your hospitality. We certainly will be recommending you to others- that's for sure. Once again - thanks it was nice to meet you both and thoroughly enjoyed the stay. Till next time"*

*- Eddie*

I would like to say – so many people have commented back to us on the wonderful food – especially the cheeses and breads – the presentation, atmosphere, marzipan castles (which are still talked about), and that they all had a wonderful time.

Thank you both – so much for helping make it a special day...the weather was great so the grounds were perfect for the ceremony"

Of the Villa: "the house where we stayed was just perfect, comfortable and secluded, definitely the best choice for us to stay there.

Ian and I have such wonderful memories of our day".

*-Caro and Ian*

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