



*A Cape Breton Highlands Wedding  
... An Affair to Remember*

*Congratulations on your engagement.*

*Imagine declaring your vows overlooking the Atlantic ocean, high on the cliffs of Cape Breton's famed Highlands. Keltic Lodge Resort and Spa offers an idyllic setting to make your celebration truly memorable.*

*Our goal is to provide you and your guests with a picture perfect wedding including the ceremony with oceanfront vistas, an exquisite meal and an evening of lasting impressions.*



**KELTIC LODGE**  
*Resort and Spa*

## **Timeless Elegance**

Perched on pink granite cliffs of the Middle Head Peninsula of the Highlands, sits our wooden castle, Keltic Lodge Resort and Spa.

The internationally renowned “Spirit of the Highlands” has been providing fine accommodation and cuisine to visitors since 1940. The main Lodge combines tradition, charm, and romance with the most spectacular scenery: A perfect backdrop for those timeless wedding photos.

We pride ourselves on our friendly service and outstanding location for wedding ceremonies and receptions. Whether a traditional reception or a more intimate, laid-back affair, a Keltic wedding is always nothing short of spectacular. Our experienced wedding coordinator will assist you with every detail, from advance preparations to the big day itself.

## **Rehearsal Ideas**

### **Barbeque**

A rehearsal dinner barbeque is a great way to socialize with family and friends prior to the wedding day. A barbeque offers guests the opportunity to relax in a casual setting, free from some of the formalities that can be associated with the ceremony and reception. Kick off the wedding festivities with a barbeque on the back lawn of the Main Lodge, Ceilidh Hall, or Corson Room.



View of the Keltic Lodge and Cape Smokey

**Casual Barbeque Selection**

\$34 per person (Minimum 25 people)

Homemade dinner rolls with creamery butter

Cape Breton potato salad

Valley greens with assorted dressings

Jumbo hot dogs

Beef patties

Marinated chicken breasts

Vegetarian patties

Gourmet baked beans

Corn on the cob

Sliced cheddar, tomatoes, dill pickles, sliced onions, mustards, ketchup, barbeque sauce  
and relish

A selection of desserts from our pastry shop

Coffee and an assortment of teas

\* Contents and pricing subject to change

**.... or, for a bit of Celtic fare, a more traditional menu:**

**Eastern Coast Heritage Menu**

\$30 per person (Minimum 25 people)

Traditional bannock and scones with butter

Corn succotash salad

Valley greens with dressings

Crab cakes with lemon dipping sauce

Islander's lamb stew

Roasted root vegetables and potatoes

Rhubarb and apple crumble with whipped cream

Butter tarts and fresh fruit

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### **Your Own “Kitchen Party”**

Host your own event at our Executive Cottage for a more intimate affair. Rental prices range from \$500 to \$650 per night plus tax for a private function. This cottage has a private fenced yard, three bedrooms, full kitchen, living and dining areas. It boasts a private deck with one of the most outstanding views in all of Cape Breton.

If the privacy and simplicity of the executive cottage is what you are after, but still want to relax, ask our wedding coordinator for custom catering options.

## **Ceremony**

There will be a site fee of \$600.00 for any wedding ceremonies taking place on the Keltic Lodge grounds. This fee includes:

- Set up and tear down of site with the exception of the décor
- Rental of banquet hall for reception provided a minimum block of 15 guestrooms are reserved and occupied. If less than 15 rooms are utilized, a rental fee of \$350 plus tax applies.
- Usage of banquet chairs, tables, and linens for ceremony
- Guest book table as well as table for gifts
- Wrought iron wedding arch that can be used in decoration
- Portable sound system, microphone, and LCD projector if required
- A water station for your guests
- Use of the Highland Sitting Room for an indoor ceremony should it rain
- Use of entire property of photography with suggestions of some popular spots

### **Outside on the Grounds**

We offer two locations directly behind our main Banquet venue, Ceilidh Hall including a gazebo- for use by the wedding party. A wedding on the back lawn overlooking the ocean and scenic cliffs will accommodate up to 180 guests. Beautiful views surrounding the main Lodge provide the ultimate background for your front lawn ceremony if you wish .

### **Ingonish Beach**

If you have always dreamed of a beach wedding, we can make this happen. You must be aware however, that the beach is in the National Park and some restrictions apply. We can help you contact with Parks Canada to obtain a letter of permission outlining specific conditions and restrictions. The area cannot be reserved, as it is a public venue. We recommend that you visit the beach to see if it is your preferred venue.



Overlooking Cape Smokey and the Atlantic Ocean

### **Justices of the Peace & Traditional Church Venues**

We have contact information for Justices of the Peace that officiate wedding ceremonies here on a regular basis. Ten minutes from the resort are the St. Peter's Catholic Church, the Ingonish United Church and the St. John's Anglican Church. Arrangements are made directly between the clergy/ justice and the engaged couple.

## **Wedding Dinner Locations, Packages, Menus and Guidelines**

### **Ceilidh Hall**

Our main Banquet venue, Ceilidh Hall can accommodate 150 guests for a plated or buffet style dinner. Ceilidh Hall has an entry foyer to accommodate a display for your guest book, photo display and seating chart if required. The main room of the hall is 60' x 40' with a full stage for your entertainment selection and has a ceiling height of 15' with exposed, painted wooden beams. The hall has two doors leading to a deck overlooking the ocean and is surrounded by perennial gardens of lavender and roses.



*Ceilidh Hall Outdoor*

## **Our Wedding Package:**

Because your wedding is something you have always dreamed of, Keltic Lodge Resort and Spa is proud to provide you with the expertise of our wedding coordinators. From traditions of the past to trends of the new millennium, you will receive the guidance and attention the event of a lifetime deserves.

### **Our wedding package features:**

- Menu tasting for the bride and groom to assist in choosing their menu
- Personal Event Coordinator
- First class service staff
- Full use of property for photographs
- Coordinated ceremonies on site
- Wedding agenda for overnight guests at check-in
- Elegant complimentary banquet room and dance floor for your special day
- Complimentary AV equipment including LCD projector
- Complimentary Bartender for reception (maximum of 8 hours)
- Complete buffet or sit down dining service to include one of our set menus of your choice
- Special children's menu and vegetarian options available
- White linen tablecloths and napkins
- Printed dinner menu on each table
- Complimentary sparkling wine/ cider for toasts
- Glass of house wine per person during the dinner
- Late evening coffee service, if requested
- Three votive candles on each table with white tea lights
- Décor with white lights and tulle to accent the head table and cake table, if requested
- Complimentary bridal room available for bride and groom for one night, provided 15 rooms or more are booked on the contracted rate on the wedding night
- Sparkling wine and chocolate dipped strawberries for the bride and groom after the reception
- Complimentary breakfast in the dining room for bride and groom
- Complimentary one night stay with dinner for their first anniversary, provided 15 rooms or more are booked on the contracted rate on the wedding night.

**~ A variety of special menus tailored to your individual taste may be offered. Prices ranging from \$50. ~**

**~ A selection of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres for your choosing. Priced from \$20 per dozen. ~**

## **Wine List**

Our wine list and pricing changes from year to year. Therefore, we will provide our most recent wine list to you at a minimum of 3 months from the wedding day if you would like something other than our house wine.

**In order to have a sufficient supply of your preferred wine, please advise us of your wine order at least three weeks in advance.**

## **Beverage Services**

**HOST BAR:** Suited to functions where an individual or organization is “hosting” or assuming the total cost of beverages served to all attendees. Host bar pricing is subject to applicable taxes and gratuities.

**CASH BAR:** Available for non-sponsored functions where attendees purchase individually their own refreshments. Cash bar for sales of less than \$300.00 per function are subject to a set-up/service charge of \$60.00 plus taxes.

**BAR SET-UP:** Include for the above, premium scotch, gin, rum, vodka, domestic beer & house wine. Include mixes: orange, clamato, tomato juices, regular and diet soft drinks. Include bartender, glasses, ice & condiments.

**~ Choice of alcoholic & non- alcoholic beverage prices supplied on request.~**

## **Guidelines regarding food & beverage service:**

As your event will be held in a private function room, one menu for the entire group must be selected for the event. However, should any guest require a special menu or have allergies we would be more than happy to create a specific menu at no additional cost, provided advance notice is given.

Menus and wine selections must be confirmed within 30 days prior to your wedding day.

To maintain our exacting standards for Health and Safety at Keltic Lodge, all Food and Beverage to be consumed during your event (with the exception of wedding cakes) must be supplied and prepared by Keltic Lodge.

Last call for bar service in the function rooms is 12:30am with all entertainment and bar service ending at 1:00am and the function room vacant by 1:30am.

**Keltic Lodge Resort and Spa's policy in regards to alcohol service:**

- Due to liquor laws, all liquor must be provided by Keltic Lodge Resort and Spa. We are happy to customize or special order wines and spirits upon advanced notice to meet your particular requests.
- Homemade wine may not be offered to your guests as all product served must be purchased through the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission (NSLC).
- All alcoholic beverages will be served in a professional manner at all times.
- Keltic Lodge will adhere to all laws and regulations pertaining to the service of alcohol to intoxicated and under age persons. Your guest must be at least 19 years of age and have a picture ID to consume alcohol.
- If you anticipate attendance of guests under the age of 19 after 10pm, a list with their name, along with the name of the parents/guardian in attendance, must be provided to the bartender for the event.
- We reserve the right to refuse alcohol service to any guest we feel has over indulged.
- Consumption for host bars will be charged on a per drink basis.



Ceilidh Hall

## **Cake Service**

*Our Pastry Chef can create an elegant cake on site, so you don't have to worry about transporting it up Smokey Mountain. Choose from 6 delicious flavours, buttercream or fondant icing, and bring any décor or flowers you wish to accent the cake. Prices range from \$110-\$780 depending on size and cake choice. Custom cakes available.*

*Service of your wedding cake of \$2.00 per person will apply for the Chef to cut, plate, and decorate with coulis, whipped cream and fresh mint. Should you wish to self serve the cake, there would be a flat charge of \$75.00 to cut and tray the cake.*

**Can you bring your own cake?** Absolutely. We will supply fridge space if needed.



## **Late Night Reception Options**

### **The Dance**

Definitely the most popular way to keep the celebration going is a traditional dance. We supply the dance floor and the bar, and you supply the music and you are all set! If you are looking for a DJ or a band, our wedding coordinator can steer you in the right direction. Late night “munchies” are also available.

### **Big Backyard Party**

For whatever reason you have chosen Keltic Lodge Resort and Spa as your venue, here is a surefire way to make your wedding location memorable and distinctive. Why not, when all the pomp and circumstance is done, let everyone let everyone kick off their shoes and have a backyard party complete with a bonfire on the cliffs. There is nothing quite like an evening under the star-filled sky while the ocean waves roll in and out. We can hook you up with a guitar player or suggest in your invitations that guests bring their own instruments to jam together. Bring your s’more ingredients and we can supply a bar and the firewood. All we ask is that you are considerate to those in the surrounding area and keep the noise to a dull roar!

*Just remember, all shuts down at 1:00am and the function area must be vacated by 1:30am.*



Ceilidh Hall Reception and Dance

## Wedding Enhancements

### Entertainment

We have our finger on the pulse of entertainment available in Cape Breton. Music is a corner stone of the Island and we can assist with music options for the ceremony and dinner. Options include vocalists, pianists, guitarists, bagpipers, DJ services and live bands.

All musical entertainment is subject to SOCAN (Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada) charges. SOCAN charges are based on room capacity authorized under the Hotel's Liquor License

On behalf of SOCAN, the Keltic Lodge is obligated to charge an entertainment fee when booking and payment is arranged through us, which is:

- \$28.75 for any music without dancing or

- \$57.55 for any music with dancing

This fee is submitted directly to SOCAN and is non-negotiable and not a hotel fee.

### Spa at Keltic

Our full service Aveda concepts Spa can accommodate a wedding party of any size. Our spa's delectable treatments and nurturing staff serve as wonderful gifts to surprise loved ones with. We offer an on-site makeup artist, professional stylists, estheticians and massage therapists. Services range from pedicures and manicures to body wraps, facials and massages. Facilities include indoor and outdoor hot tubs, saunas, an exercise room and private lockers.



### **Golf at Highlands Links**

Unwind with a challenging game of golf at the Highlands Links, located just down the hill. The Cape Breton Highlands Links Golf Course is one of a kind. Conceived and constructed under the watchful eye of world-renowned designer Stanley Thompson, Highlands Links is a classic 18-hole, par 72 links course carved out of one of Canada's most pristine wildernesses, the Cape Breton Highlands National Park. Ask about special group pricing.

### **On site Activities, Whale Watching, Kayaking and other local attractions**

Keltic Lodge is a haven for the golf, spa and outdoor enthusiasts. We have an on-site outdoor pool for those that would like to work on their tan. For the more active individuals, walking and hiking trails are a prominent part of the lodge property.

### **Child care**

At any time during your or your guest's stay, let our recreation coordinator create a specific event for the children. Scavenger hunts, hikes and Trash to Treasure arts & crafts are amongst the favorites. Or, let them relax in the comfort of their guestroom while watching a movie. Snacks, TVs/ DVD players and childcare services can be arranged through the hotel at an additional cost.

### **Gifts**

The Keltic's own Birch Tree Gift Shop provides an array of different gifts for your bridal party or family members to thank them for being part of your special day. The shop offers many carefully handcrafted Nova Scotian tokens of appreciation to remember this beautiful destination. Gift ideas include spa packages and gift certificates.

### **The "Day After" Brunch**

If you would like to continue the festivities the day after your big event, a private brunch is a great closing before you depart on your honeymoon and your guests head home. This is also a great opportunity to open gifts and thank all who came to share in your special celebration. Our chef would be happy to create an original brunch menu for a minimal surcharge to our breakfast buffet that is already built into the room rates.



Outdoor Pool

## **Accommodations and Reservations**

Keltic Lodge Resort & Spa has 105 accommodation units.

### **Main Lodge:** 32 guest rooms and 2 Executive Suites

The Lodge Guest rooms have queen or king beds. Full of charm and history, the Lodge is the hub of most of the resort activity.

The Executive Suites occupy the entire third floor of the Main Lodge with each having a double height sitting room with a balconied fourth floor window and telescope. Each suite has two bedrooms, one with a king bed and one with a queen. Each bedroom has a private bath with soaking tub. The sitting room has a dining area, fireplace, ½ bath, TV, CD player, mini fridge, telephone/fax and computer hook up. The views are outstanding looking north over Ingonish Island and south over the Highlands toward Cape Smokey.

### **The Inn at Keltic:** 40 large guest rooms

Four rooms with king size beds and the balance with a double bed and single bed in each. Some are equipped with pull out couches for larger family needs. There are many rooms with bed configurations to suit couples and families. All rooms at the Inn are air conditioned.

### **Cottages:** 2 bedroom, 4 bedroom and Executive Cottages

Our ten cottages, of which five offer four bedrooms and five offer two bedrooms share a common area with fireplace and soft seating. Cottage rooms are treated as individual hotel rooms, each bedroom completely self contained with private bath. These units are pet friendly.

Our Executive Cottage has a private, fenced yard, three bedrooms, and full kitchen, living and dining areas. This cottage has a private deck with one of the most outstanding views in all of Cape Breton.

**~ Special room type requests are subject to availability at time of reservation request. ~**

**Group Rates:**

We offer a variety of guestroom options with prices varying by season. Once your booking is confirmed, your guests may begin to reserve by calling Keltic Lodge Resort and Spa at 1-800-565-0444 and informing us they would like to book a room within your wedding block.

Rooms are held until 60 days prior to the event, at which time any rooms remaining will be released into the general room inventory of the resort. Any of your guests still wishing to book within the 60-day window will receive the wedding rate, but availability will no longer be guaranteed.

Should you miss the breakfast included in your room rate, a credit or transfer is not applicable.

*\*Rates are net, non-commissionable and quoted in Canadian funds.*

*\*Rates are subject to applicable HST.*

*\*Rates subject to 2% county tax.*

*\*Children under 12 stay for free when occupying same room as adults.*

*\*Additional adult in room is \$40 plus HST.*

**Check in 3 p.m. / Check out 11 a.m.**



*Honeymoon Suite*

## Deposit & Prepayment

The Keltic Lodge requires a non-refundable, advance deposit of **\$1000.00** to be returned with the signed contract to confirm the space requested. A further deposit of **50%** of the anticipated food and beverage revenue is required **5 months prior** to your event and the balance is due **30 days prior** to your event. The Hotel will reimburse any balances to the client within one week after the event has taken place.

## Catering Policies

For your clarification, the following outlines our catering policies:

1. All prices are subject to change without notice; however, Keltic Lodge will guarantee prices sixty (60) days prior to the event. All food and beverage prices are subject to a 16% service charge and applicable taxes which are currently 15%.
2. For all meal functions, the Conference Services Department must be notified of the guaranteed number of guests attending the function(s) by 12:00 noon, 3 days prior to the function date (excluding weekends and holidays). Should guaranteed numbers not be received, the hotel reserves the right to charge for the original numbers quoted.
3. Menu selection(s) must be confirmed thirty (30) days prior to the function(s).
4. Keltic Lodge Resort & Spa will be the sole supplier of food and beverage items, with the exception of wedding cakes. The customer is to identify and hold harmless Keltic Lodge, their employees and agents against any damages and all suits caused by own, or by independent contractors on their behalf, including supplied materials and food and beverage for use of consumption by guests.
5. Hotel policy permits the service of alcoholic beverages from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m.
6. The use of confetti sparkles or glitter is prohibited.
7. To ensure that all requirements are as agreed upon, we ask that a signed copy of the Banquet Event Orders be returned, signed to the Conference Services Office at least 14 days prior to the event.
8. Should the number of guests attending the function differ greatly from the original contracted number, the hotel reserves the right to provide an alternate room best suited for the group's size.
9. Personal effects and equipment must be removed from the function rooms at the end of the scheduled day unless reserved on a twenty-four (24) hour basis. We reserve the right to inspect and control all private functions. Keltic Lodge is not responsible for damages to or loss of any articles left in the hotel prior to, during or following any function by the client or their guests. Special security arrangements may be made through our Conference Services Department.
10. Keltic Lodge does not maintain storage space. Storage of goods shipped prior to the event is subject to prior arrangements and space availability. Keltic Lodge does not accept liability for any loss or damage to goods stored before, during or after the event.

## Wedding Contacts

### ~ Wedding Planners / Decorators ~

Nancy Orkish  
Decorator & Florist

Sydney – (902) 794-3464  
Cell (902) 578-7788

Maureen Barrington  
[maureenmike@eastlink.ca](mailto:maureenmike@eastlink.ca)

Sydney – (902) 270-2076  
Cell: (902) 371-3602

“I Do” Special Events  
Photography/Decorating

Sydney – (902) 862-8031

Kathleen MacEachern  
Golden Dog Art Department

Halifax - (902) 499-1083

Teresita Doucet  
[teresita.doucet@gmail.com](mailto:teresita.doucet@gmail.com)

### ~ Photographers ~

Greg Ferens Photography  
[www.gregferensphotography.com](http://www.gregferensphotography.com)

Ingonish: (902) 285-2128  
Cell: (902) 285-4505

Abbass Studios

Sydney - (902) 564-8234

Warren Gordon  
[www.gordonphoto.com](http://www.gordonphoto.com)

Sydney- (902) 564-5665

Ratchford Photographic

North Sydney - (902) 794-8880

Picturesque Photography

Sydney - (902) 562-6278

Scott McIntyre

Sydney - (902) 371-2456

Brad Sampson, Photography & DJ  
[www.bradsampsonphotography.com](http://www.bradsampsonphotography.com)

Port Hawkesbury – (902) 345-0670  
Cell (902) 623-0955

Cory Jansen

Dartmouth - (902) 405-9602

Alex MacAuley  
[alex@amphoto.ca](mailto:alex@amphoto.ca)

Halifax – 1-877-327-0516

**~ Florists ~**

Lotherington's Flowers & Gifts  
174 Ashby Road, Sydney

1-800-565-2114

Tuttle's Flowers  
306 Charlotte Street, Sydney

1-800-856-4935

MacKillops Flowers

Sydney – (902)-539-1214

Nancy Orkish,

Sydney – (902) 567-1433

Decorator and Florist

Cell (902) 578-7788

Trinity Ings

Sydney Mines – (902) 736-6625

Goodwin's Nurseries  
[trinityings\\_9@hotmail.com](mailto:trinityings_9@hotmail.com)

Toll Free – (866) 283-6717

**~ Chair Covers ~**

Celebrations Event Planning

Sydney – (902) 539-6307

Finishing Touch Centre

Sydney – (902) 567-2777

MacFarlands & Creative Coverings  
[rhubleym@macfarlands.com](mailto:rhubleym@macfarlands.com)

Halifax – (902) 453-0110

**~ Disc Jockey Services ~**

MacDonald DJ Services,  
Norman MacDonald  
[macdonalddsj@hotmail.com](mailto:macdonalddsj@hotmail.com)

home: (902) 383-2703

Cell: (902) 285-4333

Johnson Music Services

Sydney - (902)-564-4250

D&D Music Factory

Sydney - (902)-567-0734

**~ Musicians ~**

Cheryl Reid O' Hagan- harp	(902) 832- 9014
“Candlelight Trio”- violin, viola, cello	(902) 477- 3094
Patrick Taylor - piano	(902) 383- 2277
Jason Kempt - piano	<a href="mailto:jasonkempt@eastlink.ca">jasonkempt@eastlink .ca</a>
Cyril McPhee- guitar/ vocals	(902) 535-2874
Norm MacDonald- guitar	(902) 383-2703
David Papazian- fiddle	(902) 929- 2953
Paul Cranford & Sarah Beck- fiddles	(902) 929- 2391
Michael Campbell- bagpipe	(902) 567-6235
Pat Melanson- bagpipe	(877) 457-4737
Liam Costelo- bagpipe/ small Scottish pipes	(902) 383- 2177
Stephanie Hardy- vocals	<a href="mailto:hardystep@yahoo.ca">hardystep@yahoo.ca</a>

**~ Justices of the Peace ~**

Sandra Usifer	(902) 285-4266 (902) 756-3104
Stan MacKinnon	(902) 383-2760
Robert Costelo	(902) 383-2177
Kathy Graham	(902) 371-2518
David Donovan	(902) 336- 2546

**~ Churches ~**

Saint Peter's Roman Catholic Church (902) 285-2217  
[saintpetersingonish@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:saintpetersingonish@ns.sympatico.ca)

Saint John's Anglican Church (902) 285-2952

Ingonish United Church (902) 383-2059

**~ Church to Ceremony Rental Car ~**

Richard Connors (902) 383-2005

**~ Kilt Rentals ~**

Mac MacIsaac  
[Kilts@mackilts.com](mailto:Kilts@mackilts.com)  
[www.mackilts.com](http://www.mackilts.com)

St. Peter's - (902) 535-4000  
Toll free: (866) 343-4000

**~ Tent Rentals ~**

Big Top Tent Rentals  
MacFarlands Tent Rentals  
Commercial Tent Rentals & Sales Ltd.

Glace Bay- (902) - 842-1122  
Halifax – 1-800-465-1088  
Sussex, NB - 1-800-561-8368

**~ Gift Baskets ~**

Brookside Baskets  
[www.brooksidebaskets.ca](http://www.brooksidebaskets.ca)

70 Amberwood Crescent  
Sydney – (902) 567-0759

**Should you require information on additional services,  
please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our utmost  
to assist you with your request.**



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