



# WEDDING MENU

2019 - 2020 season



## WELCOME

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding!

We are honored that you are considering Hotel Bennett for your special event. Hotel Bennett provides a oneof-a-kind setting where Charlestonian gentility meets European classic design. Here you'll find every personal detail addressed alongside bespoke spaces and world-class service.

Let our expert Wedding Specialists guide you through every detail in the planning of your event. We have created menus to delight the most discerning palates and experts who understand that planning is simply the first step in bringing your vision to life.

Yours in Hospitality,

Hotel Bennett Wedding Specialists

## WEDDING TIMELINE

Whether you prefer casual or formal, understated or over the top, intimate and small or a gathering of many, Hotel Bennett has a selection of indoor and outdoor settings so you may customize your celebration. Our wedding experts will help guide you through every detail as you plan for this most special day:

#### Phase One

Determine the total budget for the venue including ceremony, reception and lunch/dinner Decide on rehearsal venue, morning after brunch Review your options for preferred season / month, day of the week, time of the day Review any special menu needs (ethnic, dietary) Confirm locations for ceremony, reception and lunch/dinner. Decide on officiate for ceremony Establish how many guests will require rooms at the resort and the rates Contract DJ/band Contract florist Contract videographer and/or photographer Ground transportation requirements for bridal party

Book Wedding Planner if you haven't done so already

### Phase Two (4 to 6 months out)

Send out save the date cards with information on reserving guest accommodations Meet with a Wedding Specialist to create menus Meet with Hotel Bennett Pastry Chef to discuss cake design Decide on linens and table layouts Set spa appointments and make arrangements for hair, makeup, nails Determine if childcare will be needed on site during celebration

#### Phase Three (3 months out)

Set menu and cake tastings Confirm guest count Confirm guest room accommodations needed Review timeline of the celebration with Wedding Specialist Finalize seating arrangements



## WEDDING OVERVIEW Enhancements Included in all Wedding Packages

Menu Tasting

(50 guest minimum) For four guests, three months prior to the wedding date

> Selection of House Linens Full length table linens and napkins

### **Votive Candles**

Sparkling Wine Toast & Cake Cutting

**Dance Floor & Staging** 

Overnight Accommodations for The Bride & Groom On the night of the wedding

**Complimentary Sparkling Wine & Macarons** For the newlyweds in their guest room

**First Anniversary Stay** One night stay on your first anniversary

**Reduced Guest Room Rates** For overnight contracted room blocks

## WEDDING PACKAGE PRICING

Packages include four hour premium bar, wine service with dinner, and sparkling wine toast

## **Stations Package**

Six Passed Hors D'oeuvres Salad Station Two Dinner Stations Three Family Style Sides Wedding Cake

\$230 per guest during peak season | \$195 per guest during off-peak season

## **Plated Package**

Six Passed Hors D'oeuvres Plated First Course Plated Entrée Three Family Style Sides Wedding Cake

\$240 per guest during peak season | \$205 per guest during off-peak season

## ADDITIONAL WEDDING FEES

## Valet Event Parking

For the Day 18.00 Overnight 38.00

## TASTING DAY

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR A SUCCESSFUL TASTING

We look forward to welcoming you for a tasting. This important event with our Wedding Specialist and culinary team will define the selection of your wedding menus. This is a unique opportunity to impart your vision to our staff to ensure we are jointly creating your dream wedding into a reality.

### The Tasting Will Include:

- Hors D'oeuvres selection of eight options
- First Course selection of two options
- Entrée Course selection of three options
- Family Style Sides selection of three options
- Wedding Cake selection of three options
- Make certain that you have fully discussed the menu. Combining your personal preferences with guidance from your Wedding Specialist will enable you to narrow your choices to a couple of items, and then selecting one. Your wedding is not the time to experiment – we recommend not deviating from your personal preferences and to allow our chefs to interpret your personal palate to create an exceptional culinary experience.
- Share preferences prior to your tasting. This will allow us to prepare the experience with your unique tastes in mind.
- We encourage you to have something light to eat before you arrive to the menu tasting.
- Once you have tasted each item, please share your thoughts and preferences with your Wedding Specialist and the Chef. Utilize this time to ask questions and make requests directly with the chef.
- Your Wedding Specialist will take notes on everything that is discussed and decided upon at your tasting.
- Your tasting will be scheduled at least three months prior to your wedding date. Tasting times are Wednesdays or Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. With the understanding that these days and times may not work, we would be happy to consider alternatives to best accommodate your availability.
- Your tasting is complimentary for the first four guests; 90.00 per each additional guest.

CANAPÉS Kindly Select Six 6.00 per guest for each additional selection added

## **COLD-PASSED CANAPÉS**

Lamb Tartar with Mint on a Wonton Chip and Radish Boursin Cheese and Prosciutto topped with Brandied Cherries Duck Confit with Salt-Whipped Truffle Tuna Tartar on Benne Wafer Salmon Mousse with Caviar on Potato Chip Deviled Egg with Pickled Vegetables Shrimp Rémoulade or Cocktail Crab Maison en Phyllo Filet with Roasted Red Pepper, Panna Cotta and Olive Tapenade on a Crostini Smoked Salmon Rosette and Citrus Crème on Cucumber Medallion

## **HOT-PASSED CANAPÉS**

Apple and Blue en Phyllo Crab Beignets with Lemon Aioli Mini Crab Cake with Spicy Rémoulade Filet Wellington with Black Pepper Demi-Glace Fried Oysters with a Creole Mustard Hollandaise Tempura Shrimp with Béarnaise Eggplant Bâtons with Powdered Sugar Fried Goat Cheese with Red Pepper and Apricot Tomato Tart with Feta and Oregano Fried Green Tomato with Pimento Cheese Cleaver-Chopped Chicken with Melted White Cheddar Mini Sandwich Grit Cake with Cajun Shrimp Chicken and Waffle Bites Pork Belly with Pickled Onion and Dijon Aioli on a Tostada

## DISPLAYS

#### per guest

Artisanal Charcuterie and Cheese Table with Seasoned Croutons 24.00

Chilled Seasonal Shellfish with Cocktail Sauce, Remoulade and Shallot Tarragon Mignonette

(Minimum 25 per Selection)

Jumbo Shrimp 6.50 each

> Clams 5.75 each

Mussels 5.75 each

Oysters on the Half Shell 5.75 each

Crab Claws 6.50 each

Seasonal Ceviche 6.75 each

Caviar Display showcasing Hackleback, Smoked Trout and Louisiana Choupique 100.00

Grilled Vegetables with Hummus, Tzatziki, and Pita Chips 22.00

## PLATED DINNER

Plated Dinner Includes Freshly Baked Rolls with House-Whipped Butter, Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea

#### **FIRST COURSE**

Kindly Select One

Shellfish Chowder with Crab, Shrimp and Plump Oysters in a Light Tomato Broth and Gremolata

Mushroom Cream with a Truffle Herb Oil Garnish

She-Crab Soup with Creamy Roasted Pine Nuts

Chicken and Dumplings with Bone Broth, Braised Greens and Grated Parmigiano - Reggiano

Caesar Salad, Freshly Squeezed Lemon Juice, Garlic Crouton Debris and Grated Parmigiano - Reggiano

Autumn Salad, Baby Arugula with Julienne Apple and Endive, Creole Mustard Vinaigrette Candied Pecans and Blue Cheese Garnish

Mixed Greens with Garlic, Cherry Tomatoes and Aged Balsamic Vinaigrette

Niçoise Salad, Green Beans, Potatoes, Boiled Egg, Baby Greens and a Dijon Vinaigrette

#### MAIN COURSE

Kindly Select One

New York Strip and Garlic Butter

Sautéed Local Catch with Sautéed Pepper and Onion in a Creole Broth

Roasted Chicken Breast with Sauce au Vin, White Wine, Mushrooms, Green Onions

Petite Filet and Meuniére Butter

Broiled Salmon with Herb Tomato Concasse and Herbsaint Cream Sauce

Braised Short Rib with Glazed Carrots and Sauce Daube

Saffron Arancini Stuffed With Mozzarella, Breaded and Lightly Fried over White Bean Puree and Marinated Roasted Tomatoes

## **STEAK HOUSE DUO**

Additional 18.00 per guest Kindly Select One Petite Filet and Maine Lobster Tail with Béarnaise

Roasted Chilean Sea Bass with Shrimp and Crab-Stuffed Eggplant

## ACCOMPANIMENTS

Kindly Select Three For additional accompaniments, please add \$8 per guest

Lyonnaise Potatoes Duchess Potatoes Au Gratin Potatoes Creamed Spinach Grilled Asparagus Spears with Oven-Roasted Tomatoes Brown Butter Mushrooms Fried Brussel Sprouts with Creole Seasoning

## STATIONED DINNER

Stationed Dinner Includes Freshly Baked Rolls with House-Whipped Butter, Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea

## SALAD STATION

Mixed Greens, with Red Onions, Cherry Tomatoes, Sliced Cucumbers and a Creamy Roasted Shallot Dressing or a Creole Mustard Vinaigrette

Roasted Tomato and Mozzarella Orecchiette Pasta Salad with White Balsamic, EVOO, Fresh Basil and Pine Nuts

Caesar Salad, Freshly Squeezed Lemon Juice, Garlic Crouton Debris and Grated Parmigiano - Reggiano

#### CULINARY CHOPPING BOARD Kindly Select Two

Broiled Side of Local Catch Amandine on the Shell with Meunière Butter and Lemons

Broiled Salmon Filet with Lemon Caper Beurre Blanc

Steak House Cuttings: (culinary attendant required for carving stations)

Filet Roast with Béarnaise and Thyme Jus

Prime Rib with Horseradish, Horseradish and Garlic Jus

Pork Crown Roast with Homemade Applesauce and Garlic Jus

QuailDucken: Quail, Duck and Chicken Breast Stack with Mushroom Jus

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#### **DESSERT STATION**

Kindly Select Four 20.00 per guest

Lemon Meringue Tarts Salted Caramel Cream Puffs Opera Cake Mixed Berry Tarts Black Forest Cups Pecan Tarts Chocolate Duchess Camellias' Cake Cups Coconut Lime Cake

## WEDDING CAKE

Vanilla Bean Sponge Cake Filled with Tahitian Vanilla Diplomat Cream and Fresh Berries

Pistachio Cake Filled with Orange Marmalade and Grand Marnier Cream

Double Chocolate Cake Filled with 62% Dark Chocolate Mousse

Charleston's Red Velvet Filled with Scented Lemon Cream Cheese Buttercream

Lemon Sponge Cake, Guava Passion Fruit Marmalade, Coconut Cream

Almond Cake, Salted Caramel Mousseline, Crush Almond Toffee

Frangelico-Soaked Vanilla Cake, Milk Chocolate Mousseline, Toasted Hazelnut Spread

Almond Cake, Espresso Diplomat Cream, Venezuelan Chocolate Whipped Ganache

## LATE NIGHT SNACK STATION

2-Hour Display Time

## **SLIDER STATION**

Kindly Select Three 30.00 per guest

Served with Housemade Tomato Jam, Sweet and Spicy Pickles and Heirloom Potato Chips

Roast Pork with Garlic Jam BBQ Sauce

Mini Crab Cake with Bibb Lettuce, Spicy Rémoulade

Braised Short Rib with Pickles, Cheddar Cheese, Dijonaise

Grilled Chicken with Black Pepper Aioli and Butter Lettuce

Beef Slider with Cheddar Cheese, Housemade Pickle Relish, and Comeback Sauce

## GRILLED CHEESE STATION 20.00 per guest

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Served with Housemade Tomato Jam, Sweet and Spicy Pickles and Heirloom Potato Chips

Camembert Grilled Cheese with Prosciutto and Apple

Three Cheese Blend with Honey Butter Toasted Brioche

Traditional Cheddar Cheese on Toasted Brioche

## FLATBREAD STATION

24.00 per guest

Bacon - Roasted Red Pepper, Cheddar, Green Onion

Mushroom & Kale - Roasted Shiitake, Kale, Shaved Parmesan, Truffle Salt, Mozzarella

Margherita - Tomato, Basil, Mozzarella

## **BEVERAGE SELECTIONS**

## HOUSE BEER

Budweiser | Bud Light | Michelob Ultra | Corona | Heineken | Stella Westbrook IPA | Coast Kölsch Clausthaler Original N/A | Clausthaler Dry-Hopped N/A

### **HOUSE WINE**

Sparkling

Louis Pedrier Brut - Bourgogne, France | Col Mesian Cuvee Rose - Veneto, Italy WHITE

Castlefeder Pertico Pinot Grigio - Delle Venezie, Italy | Proverb Rose - California Merf Chardonnay - Columbia Valley, Washington

RED

Proverb Pinot Noir - Sonoma County, California Terrazas de los Andres Cabernet Sauvignon "Altos del Plata" - Mendoza, Argentina

### PREMIUM LIQUOR

Included with Package

Beefeater Gin | Milagro Silver Tequila | Rittenhouse Rye Jefferson Small Batch Tito's Vodka | Dewar's Scotch | Bacardi Superior Rum | Captain Morgan Spiced Rum | House Wine | House Beer

> ULTRA-PREMIUM LIQUOR Bar Enhancement, 10.00 Per Person

Bombay Sapphire Gin | Casamigos Blanco Tequila | Mitchers Rye Bulleit Rye | Grey Goose Vodka | Famous Grouse Scotch | Clement VSOP Captain Morgan Spiced Rum | House Wine | House Beer

#### SUPREME LIQUOR Bar Enhancement, 20.00 Per Person

Nolets Gin | Don Julio Reposado Tequila | Russell's Rye 6 yr Jefferson Reserve | Belvedere Intense Vodka | Johnnie Walker Black Scotch

## **BEVERAGE UPGRADES & ENHANCEMENTS**

Add any Ultra-Premiun pour to your bar for an additional \$8 per person, each Add any Supreme pour to your bar for an additional \$10 per person, each Add Red Bull \$7 per can, on consumption Custom Signature Cocktail \$16 per drink Custom Seasonal Mocktail \$8 per drink

## WELCOME RECEPTION

2-Hour, \$100 per person

BEER AND WINE BAR FEATURING A HIS AND HER SIGNATURE COCKTAIL

## TWO PASSED CANAPÉS

### **DISPLAY STATION**

Kindly select one station

GRILLED CHEESE STATION Kindly select two

Camembert Grilled Cheese with Prosciutto and Apple Three Cheese Blend with Honey Butter Toasted Brioche Traditional Cheddar Cheese on Toasted Brioche

### FLATBREAD STATION *Kindly select two*

Bacon - Roasted Red Pepper, Cheddar, Green Onion Mushroom & Kale - Roasted Shiitake, Kale, Shaved Parmesan, Truffle Salt, Mozzarella Margherita - Tomato, Basil, Mozzarella

### SLIDER STATION Kindly select two

Roast Pork with Garlic Jam BBQ Sauce Mini Crab Cake with Bibb Lettuce, Spicy Rémoulade Braised Short Rib with Pickles, Cheddar Cheese, Dijonaise Grilled Chicken with Black Pepper Aioli and Butter Lettuce Beef Slider with Cheddar Cheese, Housemade Pickle Relish, and Comeback Sauce

#### **DESSERT DISPLAY**

Kindly select two

Lemon Meringue Tarts Salted Caramel Cream Puffs Opera Cake Mixed Berry Tarts Black Forest Cups Pecan Tarts Chocolate Duchess Camellias' Cake Cups Coconut Lime Cake

## FAREWELL BRUNCH

2 hour, \$46 per person Bloody Marys and Mimosas Available at \$13 each

## FROM THE GRIDDLE

*Kindly select one* Stacks of Pancakes with Whistle Pig Cask Syrup Brioche Pain Perdu with Praline Caramel Sliced

## BERRIES, OATS, AND GRAINS

Fruit, Melons, Citrus and Berries Greek Yogurt with Granola and Dried Fruit

## MAKE-YOUR-OWN GRITS AND SCRAMBLED EGG BOWL

(toppings to include) Lardons Pimento Cheese Green Onions Feta and Tomato Concasse Cinnamon and Apple Local Honey and Nut Maple Syrup and Macerated Berries Pan Seared Local Shrimp *additional 5.00 per guest* 

## SANDWICHES, SIDES, AND SWEETS

Grilled Sausage Patties and Andouille Link Poached Eggs with Smoked Deviled Ham Spread, English Muffin and Sauce Choron Drop Biscuit with Honey Butter; Hot Pepper Jelly; Thin, Fried Chicken; and Red-Eye Gravy La Pâtisserie Selection to Include Croissants, Blueberry Muffins, Pain Aux Raisin

## **BEVERAGES**

Freshly Brewed Coffee Hot Tea Fruit Juices (*kindly select two*): Apple, Orange, Cranberry, Tomato or Grapefruit

## CATERING AND EVENT INFORMATION

#### **GUARANTEES**

To ensure adequate preparation, a guarantee of the number of persons attending is required by 10:00 a.m. three (3) business days prior to the event day. You will be charged for the guarantee or the number served, whichever is greater. In the event that no guarantee is given, the original number of guests as noted on the banquet event order will be used for the billing. The hotel will overset banquet rooms by 5% of the food and beverage guarantee associated with said event. Increase in guarantee within the three-business day period will become the set and guarantee.

#### MEETING ROOM SET-UP

The client will confirm the set-up of the meeting space on the Banquet Event Order (BEO). If significant changes to the set-up are requested after the meeting room has been set by the hotel, a labor fee of 250.00 will be assessed at the discretion of the hotel.

#### **SERVICE & LABOR**

All Chef Attendant & Bartender fees are subject to 9% tax. These fees will apply to menu items where indicated with a (\*) sign

Chef Attendant: 200.00 per attendant / 2 hrs. (50.00 per additional hour, (1) chef required per 75 guests)

> Coat Check Attendant: 150.00 per attendant (1 attendant per 100 guests)

> Additional Banquet Staff: 100.00 per server, per hour (4-hour minimum)

Bartender: 200.00 per attendant / 4 hrs. (50.00 per additional hour, (1) bartender required per 75 guests)

### TAXES AND SERVICE CHARGES

Client agrees to pay, in addition to the prices agreed upon, all State and Local Taxes (11% food and beverage and an additional 5% liquor tax — subject to change) and service charges (currently at 24% — subject to change). Please note the Service Charge is subject to Tax.

#### SERVE TIME

All breakfast, lunch and dinner buffets are priced for two (2) hours of service. All breaks are priced for one (1) hour of service. In the event you wish to increase the length of service time, please contact your catering representative for pricing information.

#### SPECIAL MEAL ORDERS

Special meals are defined as those meals requested in addition to the principal menu. Special meals must be included in the guarantee. Vegetarian and kosher meals are available upon request. Please notify your catering representative of any other special dietary requests.

### **OUTSIDE FOOD & BEVERAGE**

Neither the client, his/her guests, nor invitees will be permitted to bring food and/or beverages of any kind into the hotel without written permission of the hotel. In the event such permission is granted, the hotel is authorized to charge for the service of food and beverage.

#### SPECIAL SERVICES

Should you require entertainment, photography, floral, specialty linen or décor, your catering representative can provide a listing of preferred vendors or assist you in making these arrangements.

#### SHIPPING

To ensure efficient handling and storage of materials, boxes must be sent no more than three (3) days prior to the event start date. Items shipped or handled will be billed at 10.00 per box for handling and storage or 250.00 per pallet.

#### SIGNAGE

The hotel will, unless otherwise instructed, post your program daily in the public areas. All signs must be professionally lettered. Absolutely no signage will be placed in the lobby, guest room floors, or in the elevators. Signage is allowed anywhere on the Ballroom Level. Please refrain from taping or affixing any signage to hotel property.

#### PARKING

Valet day parking is 18.00 and 38.00 overnight. This is subject to change. Valet may be hosted by the customer or guests may pay on their own.

#### DEPOSITS

All mutually agreed upon contracts between the hotel and client will require a deposit based on the value of the agreement.

### CANCELLATION

In the event of cancellation for any reason, all deposits and payments are non-refundable and non-transferable. Cancellation fees will also apply according to contract schedule.

### FINAL PAYMENT

The total estimated cost of the event is required three (3) business days prior to the event or based on contract agreement. Payment may be made with a credit card, cashier's check or wire transfer.

#### AUDIO-VISUAL

State-of-the-art audio-visual equipment and lighting can be arranged through our audiovisual partner, JSAV. Any outside AV company or contractor must provide the hotel with proof of insurance (COI) and follow all "Vendor Policies and Code of Conduct."

#### CHARLESTON NOISE ORDINANCE

Outside venue entertainment hours are until 10:00p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 11:00p.m. Friday and Saturday.

#### LIABILITY

Hotel Bennett reserves the right to inspect and control all private functions. Liability for damage to the premises will be charged accordingly. The hotel does not assume any responsibility for damage or loss of any articles brought into the hotel, or for any item that is left unattended.

### DECORATIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Outside Décor Vendors must provide proof of insurance (COI). The Vendors must comply with the "Vendor Policies and Code of Conduct". Any damage to the property by the vendor the contracted customer will be held responsible for cost of damages incurred. All décor must be struck immediately following the event unless otherwise arranged with the Catering and Conference Service Manager. All power for Décor Vendors must be prearranged with the Catering and Conference Service Manager. All fees will be incurred by the resort customer. Load In and Out must be executed based on hotel policies. All vendors must load in and out via the loading dock or specific area. Prior arrangements must be confirmed otherwise above directions take precedence.

## EVENT LOCATIONS

From the hotel's elegant ballroom and stunning outdoor wedding locations reflecting Charleston's charm and elegance to the world-class overnight accommodations offered to your guests and bridal party, Hotel Bennett creates a wedding experience you have yet to imagine.

From bridal showers at Afternoon Tea and spa pampering for the ladies to customized celebrations for the gentlemen, let the hotel's Wedding Specialists assist with all of your wedding planning needs to ensure a unique ceremony and reception that reflect your personal taste.

## **CROWN BALLROOM**

The hotel's elegant Grand Ballroom will surpass your dreams with dramatic 30foot ceilings and arched windows – regional inspired and designed – that overlook Marion Square. Exquisite chandeliers and walls sconces complement the décor. The Grand Ballroom can accommodate up to 350 guests for a wedding reception.

## CAMELLIAS

Inspired by the timeless grace of the Camellia flower. French Art Deco design detail like etched-mirrored ceilings, crystal chandeliers and antique pink stone restored from the former Charleston Library, exudes a regal and effervescent feminine spirit. The elegant setting is ideal for an intimate bridal shower or tea.

## PIAZZA

The Piazza offers an intimate outdoor experience for your event. Exclusively designed for a small ceremony or reception. Guests will mingle and admire the views of Marion Square and King Street.

### THE OBSERVATORY

Located on the rooftop, this unique space provides the ultimate event experience as guests can enjoy a refreshingly original location in which to celebrate.





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