



TSHIKWALO

Accommodation and Functions venue *Lodge*



2025

Wedding Packages

Dear Bride & Groom

Congratulations on embarking on a journey to your happily ever after! Imagine starting your new life in the heart of the African bushveld, surrounded by breathtaking views and natural beauty. At TSHIKWALO, we offer an intimate and exceptional setting that's perfect for two souls to pledge their hearts to each other.

Our African bushveld themed venue is complemented by mouth-watering catering and luxurious sunsets over the Big 5 Dinokeng Nature Reserve. This provides the ideal backdrop for your wedding day photographs. We are confident that we will tick every box on your wedding checklist.

At Tshikwalo Game Lodge we strive to make your wedding weekend the ultimate experience. The celebrations begin with a simple pre-wedding dinner the night before in one of our boma's or the restaurant. The following day can be spent relaxing or on a game drive in the Dinokeng Big 5 Nature Reserve before the wedding bells call you to the chapel for the ceremony.

The wedding weekend ends with a hearty breakfast in our restaurant overlooking the bush and waterhole on the day after the wedding. Let us take care of everything and provide you with an unforgettable experience.

Choose TSHIKWALO as your dream destination for your special day!

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At Tshikwalo Game Lodge we offer you the opportunity to exclusively reserve our lodge and venue for a weekend wedding. This means that you and your guests will have full access to the lodge from Friday 14:00 until Sunday 10:00.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

On the night of the wedding, we require a minimum of 70 guests to use our accommodation. A maximum of 90 guests can stay in our accommodation (Tshikwalo Guesthouse can be added as additional accommodation). This is not a requirement. A minimum of 70 guests are required to attend the wedding. However, we can accommodate up to 150 guests for a wedding. You will still be charged for 70 guests if you have single guests occupying a room and your total number of guests for the accommodation is less than 70. The minimum requirement changes to 90 when Tshikwalo Guesthouse is added to your booking. If the wedding falls on a Saturday, we also require a minimum of 30 guests to occupy the accommodation on the night before the wedding. The same single occupancy rules apply.

VENUE HIRE & DISCOUNT

Our venue hire is R715 per person. There is no venue hire charge for children under 2. Children between 2 and 12 are charged R300 per person.

Fridays: 15% off
Weekdays: 20% off (Valid: Sunday to Thursday)
Winter Specials: 20% off (Valid: June to August)

MORE ABOUT OUR WEDDING VENUE

CHECK IN TIMES

- For weddings on a Saturday, the check-in time for guests on a Friday is 14:00.
- If guests check in on Saturday, the check in time will be 11h00.
- For weddings on weekdays and Fridays, the check in time will be from 11h00.

FRIDAY PRE-WEDDING DINNER

You and your guests can enjoy a simple dinner on the eve of the wedding in your choice of 3 boma's, in our restaurant or in the garden of Tshikwalo Guesthouse. Several menu options will be provided for you to choose from. If you require boma wood, we will deliver it to your boma at an additional cost. Table setting, waiter service and cleaning of the venue are included in the package. **You are not permitted to bring your own drinks and/or food**, therefore a fully stocked bar will be provided at the venue of your choice with waiters to serve your guests.

BRIDAL SUITE

We have tried to think of everything to make your day in the Bridal Suite an unforgettable experience. A spacious room awaits the bride and her bridesmaids from 08h00 on the morning of the wedding. The bathroom is spacious and fully equipped with a shower and bath. Here the ladies can be served breakfast, drinks and snacks (ordered and arranged beforehand) during the day. Hairdressers, make-up artists and photographers are welcome to join the bride here during the day.

GROOMS ROOM

A new addition to our offerings is the Groom's Suite. This beautifully designed space provides the groom and his groomsmen with the luxury of their own bar, private bathroom, pool table, and dartboard. Breakfast and snacks can be delivered upon request, adding extra convenience and comfort.

RESTAURANT

Our à la carte restaurant is open to all wedding guests, offering breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, and drinks throughout their stay. The restaurant operates daily from 08:00 to 21:30. As part of the package, your guests will enjoy an à la carte breakfast on Saturday morning and on the morning after the wedding, served between 08:00 and 10:00.



ACCOMMODATION

Tshikwalo Lodge boasts 46 rooms (90 guests) to accommodate your guests. The rooms vary in size and facilities. You can view the rooms during your visit or view them on our website. You will be able to use our rooming list to place your guests in the rooms according to their needs. The same guests will stay in the same room the night before and the night of the wedding (excluding the bride and groom).

Day before wedding: R850.00 per person including a la carte breakfast (included in the package for the minimum of 30 guests required). Your guests are welcome to enjoy their a la carte breakfast in the restaurant at their own leisure on the morning of the wedding.

Wedding Day: R935.00 per person including full hot and cold breakfast (included in package). All children over 12 years old are charged as adults. Children between 2 and 12 sharing a bed or room with their parents will not be charged. There is no charge for children under 2 years of age. Other accommodation close to the lodge is available should the number of guests exceed the capacity of the lodge. Please refer to our list of alternative accommodation.

GUIDED SAFARI GAME DRIVE

Game Drive: Please note that our game drives are exclusively included in the package for guests staying on Friday and Saturday evenings. As our rangers and game viewers have limited availability, we strongly recommend booking in advance to ensure availability and avoid any disappointment.

Time slots for guided game drives:

- Friday afternoon: 15h00/15h30/16h00 (depending on season)
- Saturday morning: 05h00/05h30/06h00 (depending on season)
- Sunday morning: 05h00/05h30/06h00 (depending on season)

Your rooming list will include a section where you can book your guests for a game drive.

CHAPEL

We love our chapel, and you will too! In the chapel you will find a podium, registry table and cross back chairs for all your guests. You may have requirements for your DJ or music group which we will be happy to provide. Please note that there is no music system installed in the chapel. Your decor specialist will be happy to work with you to plan how flowers and decorations will be used to make the chapel a very special place to exchange your vows. Please refer to our decor catalogue for additional decor items available for hire.

CANAPÉS @ TAMBOTI VENUE

After the chapel service, you and your guests will be welcomed in our Tamboti venue for canapés. There are 2 menus to choose from. Ample seating will be provided with a harvest table and drinks of your choice. Options for a gin bar, beer barrels with selected drinks are available. You are welcome to arrange live music for a festive atmosphere. Your chosen lawn games will also be set up for guests to enjoy in this area.

Lawn Games: Knots & Crosses (3 sets) and Giant Jenga (2 sets). The first 2 games are included in the venue hire upon request. Additional games will be charged at R500 per game.

RECEPTION VENUE

In our reception hall you will be provided with long wooden tables and wooden cross back chairs, we have basic white and black crockery and options for cutlery and glasses. Please refer to our decor catalogue to see what is included in your venue fee. You are welcome to hire any of the items in our décor catalogue at an additional cost. These items must be booked at least one month

before the wedding date. We will ensure that they are laid out, cleaned and ready for you to use on the day of the wedding. Once again, you will work with your decor specialist to create your dream table and reception decor arrangements.

- The Reception Hall will be available from 07h00 on the day of the wedding, unless otherwise agreed in advance. Once the floral arrangements on the tables have been completed, Tshikwalo staff will set the tables with your chosen cutlery, crockery, and glassware.
- Tshikwalo staff, including maintenance, housekeeping, chefs, and bartenders will be on hand to assist you throughout your wedding weekend at no extra cost.
- Please note our venue closes at 23h30.
- During the canapes, you and your photographers will have the opportunity to join our game ranger on a short trip into the bush for some beautiful photography. We have designated spots where he will take you for unforgettable moments.

SUNSET BOMA

When the venue closes, you and your guests can move to the sunset boma to continue enjoying the evening. Drinks can be ordered from the bar and firewood will be provided at an additional cost. Please note that it is strictly forbidden to play music in the boma area.



CATERING

- **Family style:** Casual dining where food is served on large platters or bowls and brought to the table for sharing.
- **Plated:** Each guest receives a plated meal that has already been prepared by the chef.
- **Buffet:** Several dishes are displayed for guests to choose from themselves.

A 10% Staff Gratuity will automatically be added to your account.

CATERING PACKAGES 2026

- **Package 1 Buffet** R605 per person
- **Package 2 Family style** R640 per person
- **Package 3 Plated** R715 per person

(Please note that all suppliers attending the reception will be charged the same menu options as all other guests).

HARVEST TABLE

- **Package 1 Compulsory** R230 per person

You can choose to have the harvest table presented conventionally on the table or opt for the alternative of having our waiters serve and present the items on platters.

- **Package 2 Optional** R290 per person

You can choose to have the harvest table presented conventionally on the table or opt for the alternative of having our waiters serve and present the items on platters.

(Please note that all suppliers attending the reception will be charged the same menu options as all other guests).

BRIDE & GROOM PLATTER (INCLUDED)

Please be advised that for parties with more than 6 guests, each additional platter will be subject to an extra charge of R230 (applicable for 4-6 guests).

LATE - NIGHT SNACK PLATTER (OPTIONAL)

Package at R320 per platter. This platter serves a maximum of 6 to 8 people.

TASTING BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

As part of our commitment to making your special day truly unforgettable, we invite you to attend one of our quarterly tasting events ahead of your wedding.

During the tasting, you'll have the opportunity to sample:

- All buffet menu options
- Family-style menu options

If you're considering a plated menu for your wedding, please coordinate with your wedding coordinator in advance to arrange for this option to be included in the tasting.

Please Note:

- Attendance is limited to two guests per couple, ideally the bride and groom.
- Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate additional guests at the tasting.

BAR OPTIONS

Open bar

Unlimited tab, payable after the wedding on the same day or the next day, a deposit is required.

Limited Bar

Amount payable 2 weeks before the wedding.

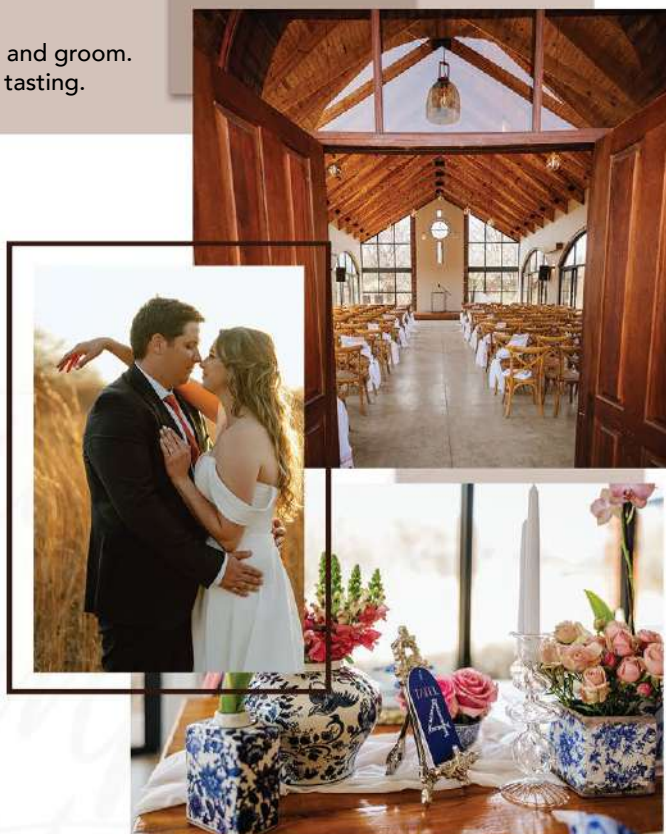
Cash Bar

Guests will purchase drinks on their own account.

A corkage fee of R75 per 750ml bottle of wine/sparkling wine will be added if you wish to bring your own. If not, our wine/sparkling wine options are available.

No other alcohol is allowed on the premises.

Bar closes at 23h15.



VISITS PRIOR TO WEDDING

We welcome you to Tshikwalo Lodge for a site visit to view our facilities. This visit must be arranged with one of our coordinators on a day and time that is convenient for all of us. We will invite you for a second visit 2-3 months before the wedding date for your tasting. We also encourage you to arrange with your decor specialist to set up a mock table during your tasting visit.

MUSIC & NOISE LEVELS

Tshikwalo fully complies with the Dinokeng Game Reserve's rules and regulations regarding music and noise pollution. A music system has been installed in the reception hall and all DJ's must be connected to this system on the day of the wedding. A full specification of what the DJ can expect will be provided.

EXCLUDED

- Flowers
- Photographer
- Videographer
- Make up
- Hair
- Wedding Cake
- Sound & DJ
- Pastor
- Recommendations on request



Intimate

