



Weddings

2024 - 2025

Weddings at Ahipao

Dates, Days & Times

Ahipao is open 6 days a week from October 1st to March 31st each year. Wedding ceremonies can be held in our garden from 4pm, followed by dinner in our restaurant space, which seats 100 guests. You'll have the entire venue exclusively to yourself, and can party with your beloved guests until 1am.

Ceremony

While many of our guests prefer to have their ceremony on one of the many gorgeous Waiheke beaches, we can host ceremonies at Ahipao in our garden. However this can be a gamble with the New Zealand weather, so we recommend guests hire a stretch tent or marquee. Our garden has gorgeous views across the reserve and out into Matiatia bay. It is also only a 2 minute walk from the fullers car ferry, so incredibly easy for your guests to reach.

Costs

A minimum spend is required to reserve the Ahipao for your wedding - this means you agree to spend a guaranteed minimum amount on food & beverages. The amount depends upon the day of the week. Please note the minimum spend is not a maximum spend nor is it an estimate of how much your wedding will cost. The minimum spend is subject to change until the wedding deposit is received. Once the deposit has been received, the minimum spend amount is fixed and will not rise. A venue fee is charged in addition to the spend on food and beverages and is fixed upon booking.

We have a strict 'no BYO' policy at Ahipao.

All prices in this wedding pack are GST inclusive, excluding the menu pricing.

Making a Booking

If you are interested in booking Ahipao as your wedding venue, we can pencil book your date and hold this for a maximum of 5 working days while you come to a decision. When you decide to book, we require a non-refundable deposit of \$2,000 to secure your chosen date & confirm the booking. Please note, this entire deposit is non-refundable if you subsequently decide to postpone or cancel your booking.

We understand that there are often many questions surrounding wedding bookings and there is nothing like a personal meeting to ask everything that comes to mind. We encourage you to make an appointment to come to see our venue & talk with us personally - please email to make an appointment with our wedding and events co-ordinator, Alannah - events@ahipao.co.nz

Please be aware Ahipao is not a wedding planning service. As the venue, we will ensure the venue is ready to host, the food and beverage is executed to the highest standard, as well as being available to the vendors for setup, on the day and for pack down. Our services do not extend to venue styling, table styling or wider co-ordination of the wedding. Waiheke has many highly qualified wedding planners, and we would be more than happy to make an introduction for you.

Ahipao is a beautiful location for a wedding - we hope you choose to host your special day with us!



Reception at Ahipao

Our restaurant space is a stunning location for your wedding reception, and you can seat up to 100 guests for a formal dinner. The restaurant is spread over two levels, so it can feel intimate enough for a small wedding of 50, or a larger party of 100. We can also host cocktail party style receptions, if you are looking for a more casual offering for up to 500 guests.

The restaurant features superb sea views, three opening bi-fold French doors onto our deck area and festoon lights across our dance floor area.





Suggested Wedding Itinerary with Formal Dining Reception

4pm - Guests Arrive

Guests are greeted on arrival with a refreshing drink.
Guests mingle and await the arrival of the Wedding Party.
Approximately 15 minutes.

4.15pm - Wedding Party Arrives

Ceremony commences.
Approximately 30 minutes.

5pm - Cocktail hour, Canapés, Drinks & Photos

Canapés & drinks are served on the deck; the Wedding Couple enjoy a congratulatory drink with guests.
Photographs of the wedding party begin, which can be done on-site or off-site.
Approximately 1 hour 30 minutes for guests and 2 hours for the Wedding Party.

6.30pm - Guests Seated

Guests move inside restaurant for the wedding meal. Wines are poured ready for the arrival of the Wedding Party. The MC will announce the evenings events and housekeeping speech.
Approximately 30 minutes.

7.00pm - Wedding Party Entrance

The Wedding Party arrives.

7.30pm - Dinner Service Begins

Dinner served with time for speeches from approximately 7pm and in-between each course.
Cake cut & first dance at 10pm.

10pm - Dancing Begins

Your hired band or DJ starts playing at about around 10pm.
You have use of the venue until 1am.

11.30 - Late night snacks served

All timings are approximate and depend on many factors on the night.

12.10 - guests leave to catch 12.30am ferry to Auckland



Sample menu

Canapés - (choose 3)

Oysters \$50 per dozen served on ice with pickled shallots (charged separately)

Chef's antipasto grazing platters, selection of artisan cheeses, cured meats, olives, fruit & artisan bread (instead of canapés or add on for \$15 p/p)

- Kingfish Tartare, Sesame & Wasabi (GF-DF)
- Trevally Ceviche Tostada (GF-DF)
- Smoked Fish Pate, Chives & Citrus Creme
- Citrus Goat Cheese, Balsamic & Artisan Lavash (V)
- Walnuts & Figs Tart, Feta Cheese & Garden Herbs (V) Truffled Arancini, Parmesan & Chives (V)
- Beef Tartare, Capers & Pickles (GF-DF)
- Black Olive Tapenade Crostini (Vn)
- Buttersquash Hummus, Sesame & Lavash (Vn)
- Babaganoush Tostada, Smoked Paprika & Spicy Seeds (Vn-GF)

Entree - Served sharing style on the table (choose one)

(Artisan Sourdough Bread & Olive Oil included on every menu)

- Zesty Asparagus, Capers Emulsion & Parmesan (GF-V) (varies depending on the season)
- Heirloom Tomato Caprese, Mozzarella Cheese, Balsamic & Pine Nuts (GF-V)
- Beetroot & Goat Cheese Salad, Walnuts & Rocket (GF-V)
- Black Tiger Prawns al Pil Pil & Garden Herbs (GF-DF)
- Kingfish Ceviche, Mango, Coriander & Crispy Garlic (GF-DF) Roasted Peppers with Burrata
- Cheese, Prosciutto & Green Olives (GF)

Mains - Served sharing style on the table (choose two)

- Angus Beef Fillet, Caramelised Onions & Chimichurri (GF-DF)
- South Island Lamb, Tamarind Chutney & Salsa Verde (GF-DF) Manuka Smoked Salmon, Tartare
- Sauce & Pickled Onions (GF-DF)
- Grilled Market Fish, Romesco & Garden Herbs (GF)
- Gnocchis, Pesto, Waiheke Olive Oil & Parmesan (V- GF and Vn on request)
- Moroccan Roasted Cauliflower, Smoked Labneh, Macadamia Dukkah & Watercress (GF-V)
- Grilled Zesty Chicken, Roasted Peppers & Capers Aioli (GF-DF)
- Quinoa Tabbouleh, Falafel & Tomato Salsa (GF-Vn)
- Crispy Pork Belly, Sauerkraut & Pickled Mustard (GF - DF)

Sides - Served sharing style on the table. (choose two)

- Blanched Broccolini, Lime Aioli & Herbs Pangrattato (DF-V)
- Grilled Courgettes, Tahini Yogurt, Balsamic & Pine Nuts (GF-V)
- Sweetcorn and Basil Salad, Crispy Shallots & Smoked Paprika (GF-DF-V) Maple Roasted Kumara,
- Feta Cheese, Watercress & Toasted Seeds (GF-V)
- Cos Caesar Style Salad, Parmesan, Chorizo & Cherry Tomatoes (GF)
- Cumin & Honey Grilled Carrots, Labneh, Pickled Raisins & Rocket (GF-Vn) Nikki's Organic
- Cixed Greens & Mustard Vinaigrette (GF-Vn)
- Rocket & Preserved Figs Salad, Walnuts & Pecorino Cheese (GF-V)
- New Season Potatoes, Capers, Garden Herbs & Citrus Olive Oil Salad (GF-Vn)

Dessert - (choose one)

charged separately based on \$10 p/p.

- Dulcey Chocolate Mousse with Hazelnuts & Preserved Berries (GF-V)
- Dark Chocolate Brownie, Dulce de Leche & Toasted Almonds (GF-V)
- Honey Cake, Creme Cheese & Walnuts (GF-V)
- White Chocolate Trifle, Peaches, Salted Caramel & Ginger Crumb Eton mess, Berries, Pistachios & Lemon Curd (GF-V)
- Coconut & Vanilla Panna Cotta, Mango & Chocolate Soil (GF-Vn)
- Late snacks; (charged separately)
- Beef Slider, Smoked Cheddar, Mustard Aioli, Pickles & Brioche Buns \$12 ea
- Grilled Eggplant Slider, Smoked Cheddar, Mustard Aioli, Pickles & Brioche Buns \$12 (V) ea
- Mini Fish & Chips \$12 (DF) ea
- Chorizo Caramelised Onion Rolls \$8 ea
- Mini Truffled & Parmesan Fries (GF-V) \$6 ea

Menu pricing

\$110 p/p + GST - Standard menu includes Canapés or Antipasto Platters + Mains/Sides.

\$130 p/p + GST - Menu includes Canapés or Antipasto Platters, Entree or Antipasto Platters + Mains/Sides.

\$150 p/p + GST - Bespoke menu designed based on clients preferences and requirements.



Minimum Spend & Venue hire fee 2024 - 2025

Monday - Thursday

\$10,000 minimum spend + \$1,500 venue hire fee

Friday & Saturday

\$20,000 minimum spend + \$3,000 venue hire fee

Closed on Sundays. Please note we do not take bookings for public holidays, and we are closed from 21st December - 19th January. We only accept bookings scheduled to take place within a one-year timeframe.

Ahipao Wedding Contract (booking on a minimum spend)

Ahipao ("Ahipao") agrees to furnish the Client to hire the services set forth in accordance with the Terms and Conditions listed herewith:

1. **Non-Refundable Deposits.** Confirmed bookings are established on receipt of the \$2,000 non-refundable deposit. The deposit is payable within 5 working days of the pencil booking request. Should we not receive the deposit within the specified time, we reserve the right to cancel the pencil booking. Please note deposits are not refundable or transferable under any circumstances or time periods. Therefore please be very certain before paying your deposit.
2. **Exclusivity.** Ahipao will be exclusively available for your wedding party from 4pm - 1am the next day.
3. The Client agrees to pay a guaranteed minimum spend for their wedding function. The final account must reach this figure on the day of the function. If the account does not reach this figure, an extra payment is required to reach this figure. If the final account exceeds the guaranteed minimum spend the Client must pay the extra amount.
4. The guaranteed minimum spend is \$10,000 for weddings hosted on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or \$20,000 for weddings hosted on a Friday or Saturday. Please be aware that the guaranteed minimum spend is not a guaranteed maximum spend and is not a quote. The cost of your wedding is based on consumption, numbers attending, menu selection and beverage selection.
5. The wedding venue fee will be \$1,500 for weddings hosted on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or \$3,000 for weddings hosted on a Friday or Saturday.
6. Please note all prices quoted are GST inclusive. There is a credit card fee of 2.75%. Alternatively we accept payment directly to our bank account.
7. The remaining minimum spend and venue fee is payable 30 days prior to the date of the wedding.
8. In the event of any damages, the Client assumes full responsibility for any and all damages caused by the Client or any of the Client's guests or invitees or other persons attending the function, anywhere on the property, and the Client will be charged for damages accordingly. This includes excessive cleaning, above the normal level of cleaning, due to any part of the property being left in an unacceptable state - for example, vomit on the floor.
9. No food or beverage of any kind is permitted to be brought into or removed from Ahipao without prior approval from the Wedding Coordinator. This excludes the wedding cake, which may be brought in and removed from the restaurant.
10. The Client agrees to begin and complete their function at the scheduled time outlined in their confirmation. We recommend printing the agreed time of arrival at Ahipao on the wedding invitation.
11. If the venue cannot be made available to the Client for causes beyond the control of Ahipao, for example fire, earthquake etc., Ahipao reserves the right to substitute a similar date but must give the Client prior notification of the change. Under these circumstances only can the Client opt to cancel the event and have the deposit refunded in full.

12. Ahipao does not accept the responsibility for damage to, or loss of any property left on the premises prior to, during, or after any function.
13. The Client will be charged an obligatory \$520 NZD fee in addition to the minimum spend to cover security costs at the wedding function. This fee is payable 30 days prior to the date of the wedding.
14. Ahipao reserves the right to use any photos of the Client's wedding set-up on the Ahipao website and promotional material.
15. Only the persons named in the function contract are authorised to charge to the function account. The names of any extra persons must be communicated in writing to Ahipao before commencement of the function.
16. The Client agrees to make full payment of the final account balance immediately upon completion of the function unless prior arrangement has been authorised by the Wedding Coordinator. There is no credit card fee on this final account balance when the minimum spend is paid prior to the function. The final balance may be paid by credit card, direct credit or EFTPOS.
17. Menu and wine lists and their associated prices in literature are subject to change at the discretion of Ahipao. Price variations for new season menus shall be communicated to the Client prior to the function. Updated menus may not be available until one month prior to the wedding date due to seasonal changes.
18. The Client agrees to abide by our noise control restrictions. The use of subwoofer loudspeakers is not permitted at Ahipao.
19. Professional firework displays are not permissible at Ahipao due to fire risks.
20. Candlesticks and taper candles are not permitted at Ahipao due to fire risks. Tea light candles and pillar candles, each provided in an individual holder that is taller than the candle wick, are permitted.
21. For a wedding function Ahipao undertakes to provide: White linen tablecloths and napkins, Standard crockery, cutlery and glassware, standard restaurant tables and chairs, Food and beverages at costs communicated to the Client, Printed menus (printed on our standard in-house printer), Service staff.
22. For a wedding function Ahipao does not provide: Wedding cake, Wedding cake stand, Flowers, Candles and holders, A BYO service, Marriage celebrant, Music, Transfers (transport), Any affiliated extras.
23. Cancellation Policy. In the event of a confirmed booking being cancelled, Ahipao reserves the right to retain the entire non-refundable deposit. If a wedding is cancelled within 90 days of the specified date, 50% of the minimum spend will be payable to Ahipao plus the venue fee. If a wedding is cancelled within 30 days of the specified date, the full minimum spend will be payable to Ahipao plus the venue fee.