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Weddings



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*C*ongratulations on your engagement!

*Y*our journey towards happily ever after begins here...

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THE VENUE

Featuring an elegant reception area, delectable menus and exceptional service "The Palms" is the perfect venue for your reception. Our dedicated Wedding Planner will work with you both to design a reception that is uniquely you, as well as manage all the details so you can enjoy your day.

The Palms boasts a beautiful decking area with a seating capacity for 120 guests, set amongst luscious tropical gardens. For smaller weddings of fewer than 30 guests we recommend our private upper decking at Bibesia Restaurant which captures the views of Dunk Island and the Coral Sea with the natural beauty of coconut trees in the fore ground.

The style & versatility of Castaways Resort & Spa can only truly be appreciated by experiencing the venue for yourself.

CEREMONY

Our tropical beachfront gardens are vibrant with exquisite flora. A picture perfect setting with a backdrop of palm trees, white sands and the turquoise blue waters of the Coral Sea. Or perhaps you have always dreamt of a bare foot beach wedding ensuring your ceremony leaves a lasting impression on you and your guests.

BEACHFRONT DINING

Bibesia Beach Club Restaurant has a concept that local is best, a simple but often forgotten ideal. Our head chef guarantees the food you eat is the best seasonal produce in the area. Combine this with the only true beach front dining experience in Mission Beach and you can't go wrong. All you need to think about is which cocktail to enjoy by the pool whilst watching the beautiful Coral Sea before starting your gastronomic journey through Far North Queensland.

ACCOMODATION

If you're looking for a venue that can provide exclusive use, with 50 well-appointed guest rooms & apartments, sensational food, fitness, relaxation, excitement & adventure. Castaways Resort & Spa is your ideal wedding location.

SIMPLY LUXURIOUS

Be completely pampered in the hands of our professional Drift Spa therapists. Drift Spa offers treatment packages, massage, facials, make-up and hair services to suit every bride and her party. Drift Spa also offers specialty treatments for the groom too. Group bookings can also be organised for a special pampering for up to 10 guests.

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Ceremony Packages

Relax... \$500

- ~Chairs with traditional white chair covers~
- ~Bamboo arbour with muslin cloth & / or Bali flags~
- ~Red or cream carpet~
- ~Glass of Australian Sparkling for the bride & groom~
- ~Ceremony coordination, set up & venue hire~

Dream... \$950

- All the inclusions of the above Relax package plus...
- ~Accommodation for the bride & groom in the Island Suite for 2 nights~
 - ~Picnic Hamper Champagne breakfast for two the following morning~

Indulge... \$1,300

- All the inclusions of the above Dream package plus...
- ~Romantic Day Spa Couples Treatment for the Bride & Groom~
 - ~Ocean Rhythm treatment includes a Full Body Exfoliation~
 - ~Mud Wrap Vichy, Halo Shine plus a 60 minute massage~

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Elopement Package *\$1,200*

Includes:

- ~Wedding Co-ordination and setup~
- ~Bamboo arbour with muslin cloth &/or Bali Flags~
- ~Accommodation for the bride & groom in the Island Suite for 2 nights~
- ~Champagne breakfast served in room the following morning~
- ~3 course private beach lunch or dinner with a bottle wine~
- ~Romantic couples one hour treatments of choice at Drift Day Spa~



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Reception Package

Celebrate your wedding vows with family and friends on the sandy foreshore of Castaways Resort & Spa.

Then stroll through the gardens to Palms Special Event Centre for the main event, with soft lighting and beautiful open air surroundings set the mood for a unique experience to be had by all.

Round tables seating 8 – 10 people, Gourmet Buffet, centre piece & candles on every table, white table linen, white chair covers, a beautiful bridal head table and dancing under the stars.....

Relax as your personal chef takes care of the buffet, then dance the night away, before departing to your honeymoon suite with spa and sparkling wine to end your special day.

\$135 per person

Minimum of 20 Guests at Palms Special Events Centre

Includes

- ~Gourmet Buffet (a selection of local produce encompassing the coast & hinterlands)~
- ~Spectacular Cuisine (dietary requirements catered for)~
- ~Basic drinks package for 4 hours~
- ~Glass tea light candle centre piece on every table~
- ~White table linen~
- ~Provision of all tables & chairs~
- ~Beautiful head Bridal Table~
- ~Decorated gift & cake table~
- ~Exclusive venue hire of the Palms Special Events Centre for up to 5 hours~
- ~Stunning views of the Coral Sea across to Dunk Island~
- ~Onsite amenities~
- ~Professional & friendly staff~

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Elegant Canapés

Earth

Pumpkin, rosemary & goats cheese arancini

Tomato & oregano puff pastry circle with parmesan crust

Potato & onion tortilla, tomato chutney & micro salad

Stuffed baked mushrooms with ricotta, parmesan & basil

Vietnamese rice paper roll with crisp Asian vegetables & ponzu sauce

Land

Crispy duck with hoi sin pancakes & julienne of leek

Rare beef wrapped in prosciutto, salsa verde on a cucumber disc

Char-grilled Thai chicken satay skewers with peanut sauce

Medium rare lamb poached with yoghurt & spices, with eggplant on puff pastry

Mini Yorkshire puds with peppered rare beef, watercress & horseradish cream

Sea

Oysters with wasabi cream & wakame salad

Ceviche of reef fish with lime & coconut

Gazpacho oyster shots

Scallops with chilli pineapple salsa

Macadamia crusted reef fish skewers

All \$4 per piece

For pre dinner Canapés we recommend 5 items per person

Canapés for a short cocktail reception lasting 1-2 hours we recommend 6 per person

Canapés for an evening party we recommend 10 – 12 per person

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Share Plates

Smaller

Gourmet selection of fresh baked breads & oils with tapenade
Chefs Deli selection of cured meats & fish with olives & condiments

Larger

(Choose 2 options from menu below)

Stuffed roulade of beef tenderloin, with olive tapenade & creamy feta
Rolled crisp skin belly of pork with an apricot & thyme glaze
Trio of Australian Prawns
coriander, soy & chilli ~ lemon, basil & garlic ~ classic marie rose
Lime, chilli & coconut reef fish baked in a banana leaf
Whole baked reef fish on a roast vegetable salad with a citrus garlic butter
Breast of chicken stuffed with goats cheese, sun dried tomato & basil
Stuffed Portobello Mushroom with ricotta, basil pesto & a parmesan crust

On the Side...

(Choose 2 options from menu below)

Smashed chat potatoes with a burnt sage butter
Green beans, beetroot & feta cheese with extra virgin olive oil
Roast almond, orange & cinnamon israeli cous cous, cherry tomatoes & a harissa dressing
Spinach, tomato & bocconcini with cracked pepper & lemon olive oil
Carroway roast pumpkin, chickpea, pistachio & broccolini with a cranberry glaze
Baked macadamias, honey glazed carrot & parsnip, roasted shallot dressing

Sweeter

Fresh Fruit skewers with hot chocolate fudge sauce
Chef's selection of miniature desserts
Australian Cheese selection with fruit, chutney, toasted nuts & water biscuits

Share plates are an enjoyable new dining trend, serving up mouth-watering small sharing plate entrees, mains & desserts. The result is a comfortable evening for your guests to enjoy delicious food & wine, while socialising.

1 course \$35pp, 2 course \$45pp, 3 course \$55

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*D*eluxe Wedding Buffet \$85 per person

In the Beginning...

Gourmet selection of fresh baked breads

Chef's deli selection of cured meats & fish with olives & condiments

The Main Event

(Choose 4 dishes from below)

Stuffed roulade of beef tenderloin, with olive tapenade & a creamy feta

Rolled crisp skin belly of pork with an apricot & thyme glaze

Platter of Australian Prawns

coriander soy & chilli dressing ~ lemon, basil & garlic ~ classic marie rose

Lime, chilli & coconut reef fish baked in a banana leaf

Peppered bbq sirloin with a red wine, beetroot & rosemary jus

Breast of chicken stuffed with goats cheese, sun dried tomato & basil

Reef fish, broccolini, cherry tomato & zucchini pasta bake, with a white wine cream sauce

Stuffed Portobello mushroom with ricotta, basil pesto, & a parmesan crust

Sides...

(Choose 4 dishes from below)

Fennel, apple & red cabbage slaw with a lemon & mint crème fraiche

Green beans, beetroot & feta cheese with extra virgin olive oil

Spinach, tomato & bocconcini with cracked pepper & lemon olive oil

Caraway roast pumpkin, chickpea, pistachio & broccolini with a cranberry glaze

Roast almond, orange & cinnamon israeli cous cous, cherry tomatoes & a harissa dressing

Baked macadamias, honey glazed carrot & parsnip, roasted shallot dressing

Sweet Encore

(Choose 1 from the options below)

Fruit Kebab with hot chocolate fudge sauce

Chef's selection of miniature desserts

Australian Cheese selection with fruit, chutney, toasted nuts & water biscuits

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Beverage Packages

Standard Beverage Package

1 hour	\$25 per person
2 hours	\$35 per person
3 hours	\$50 per person
4 hours	\$60 per person

Inclusive of House Beers & Wines

Deluxe Beverage Package

1 hour	\$35 per person
2 hours	\$50 per person
3 hours	\$60 per person
4 hours	\$75 per person

Inclusive of Deluxe Beers & Wines or Cocktails

House spirits are available at an additional
\$10.00 per person, per hour.

Please ask for a copy of our wine list showcasing our
fantastic selection.

If you have a particular preference that is not listed we
would be happy to obtain a price for you.

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Optional Extras

Post Ceremony Cocktails	\$10.00 per person
Entrance to the venue adorned with gas flame burners and white Bali Flags	\$100.00
White fitted chair covers	\$5 per chair
Wishing Well	\$50.00 (decorated option)
Parquetry dance floor	\$100.00
Cordless PA system with roaming MIC	\$100.00
Use of in house music system	\$100.00
Wedding Dress Steamer	FOC

Additional meal options	
Add an extra item to your menu	\$18.00 per person
Chefs selection of petite deserts	\$5.00 per person
Cheese & Fruit Plate	\$6.00 per person
Wedding cake, cut, plated & served with coulis as a dessert	\$3.00 per person

Children's Meals – the price includes soft drink & juice. For guests between the ages of:

8 - 13 years of age (inclusive)	\$45.00 per person
5 – 7 years of age (inclusive)	\$20.00 per person
1 - 4 years of age (inclusive)	Free
Photographer/ Videographer / DJ or Band Meals (includes soft drink)	\$35.00 per person

Light lunch served with sparkling wine & mineral water while getting ready. This is available to the bride, her bridal party, the hairdresser & make up specialist. Price on application.

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Wedding Checklist

- Decide upon a wedding budget.
- Draw up a tentative guest list.
- Set a suitable date for the reception and ceremony. Confirm them straight away. If your ceremony is to be outdoors, discuss an alternate venue in case of bad weather.
- Decide upon the size of the wedding party. Traditionally, the number of bridesmaids and groomsmen is equal.
- Nominate your Maid of Honour or Chief Bridesmaid, have your groom choose his best man.
- Start looking at wedding dresses and cut out pictures from magazines of those you like.
- Check out photographers and videographers. Ensure you ask to see examples of their work. Book these as early as possible as great photographers and videographers get booked out well in advance.
- Have a look at invitation styles. The invitations need not be ordered until 3 - 4 months before the big day.
- Book music, either live or a DJ. Start thinking of the music types you would like.
- Choose your wedding transport.
- Commence browsing through travel guides for a honeymoon destination that's perfect for you and your new husband.
- Search florists and book. The final decision of your wedding flowers isn't normally required until six weeks before your wedding day.
- Search hairdressers and makeup artists.

6 months before...

- Choose your wedding dress, and your attendants.
- Decide on the style of suits for your husband and groomsmen.
- Order wedding rings.
- Book your honeymoon and arrange for passports.
- Go through the invited guest list once again and check upon the numbers.
- Decide upon wedding favours for your guests.
- Register your gift list at a Bridal Registry.

4 months to go...

- By now your wedding dress and your attendant's dresses should be selected and deposits made. The wedding rings would be made and back from the jeweller. Cars, photographers, videographers, the Wedding Cake, reception, church or celebrant should be booked and reconfirmed.

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- Contact your celebrant or church and arrange to fill in an "Intention to Marry" form. Decide on final guest numbers and order invitations. Order place cards, thank you cards, wedding ceremony books and any other stationery you may require. RSVP for the invitations should be 4 weeks before your wedding day.

2 months to go...

- All invitations should be sent by now and replies flowing in.
- Arrange for final fittings of your dress.
- Men's suits should be hired.
- Choose your flowers in consultation with your chosen florist.
- Choose your Master of Ceremonies.

1 Month to go...

- Choose your wedding shoes and start wearing them in, around the house.
- Draw up the seating plan for the reception.
- Make final payments.
- Decide on whom you would like to make speeches at the reception. Ensure they know their given role and how much time you have allotted for their speech.

1 week to go...

- Confirm everything.
- Pick up your dress from the Bridal Store.
- Have a rehearsal of the ceremony.
- Prepare your own speech if you would like to make one.
- Keep a list of gifts received and who they are from.

On the day...

- Wake up after a good night sleep and enjoy a warm bubble bath.
- Ensure you eat a good breakfast.
- Beware, the day will go fast. Try to enjoy each moment as it occurs. Have a beautiful wedding.

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Confirming

No date will be held without a deposit and signed contract. This deposit will secure your date and can be refunded within 1 month of making the booking, there-after the amount is not refundable.

Final Numbers

Confirmation of the number of guests must be advised a week prior to your Wedding. This will constitute the minimum number of guests to be charged for.

Prices & Menus

Sample tastings are not included in the package price. Our usual restaurant cuisine signifies our reception cuisine. Due to market conditions menus and beverage list are subject to change without notice. Menu selection needs to be confirmed 21 days prior to event.

Venue Hire & Music

Venue hire of up to and including no more than 5 hours is included in your reception package. Music cannot extend beyond 11pm on weekends and 10pm on weekdays, as the volume is of great concern to the resort due to our legal and moral responsibility to both house guests and neighbours.

Confetti & Rice

As we do not want to charge an extra cleaning fee, confetti and rice are not allowed. Rose petals or bubbles make a perfect substitute.

Resort Quiet Policy

Castaways ask all guests to respect the surrounding neighbourhood and other resorts guests and ask that all guests leave with a minimum of noise. Wedding guests must be informed by the bridal couple to be courteous to other resort guests by ensuring that they quietly leave the reception area when returning to their rooms. All children must be strictly supervised and remain with parents or guardians at all times during the function.

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Responsible Service of Alcohol & Smoking

Please note that Castaways operate within the responsible service of alcohol guidelines. It is against the law to serve minors (under the age of 18 years old) or allow our guests to become unduly intoxicated. No non-alcoholic or alcoholic beverages are to be brought into the event. Any of these found will be confiscated until departure of premises. Smoking is strictly prohibited in buildings and function areas and is only allowed in the designated locations.

Deposit & Payment

To book your wedding, a signed acceptance of the terms and conditions is required and must be returned along with the payment of your deposit.

A deposit of \$ 1000 or 10 % of the total amount of the estimated costs, whichever is greater, is required to be paid within 7 days from the date of this agreement. No event is considered booked until the deposit and the signed contract is received by the hotel. Final number of guests attending must be confirmed to the Hotel 21 days prior to the event.

Final Payment

Full payment equal to 100% of the total amount owed must be paid two weeks prior to the event.

Please note that weddings booked on a public holiday will incur a 10% surcharge. All payments made by AMEX & DINERS credit cards will incur a 3.5% surcharge.

Tailored weddings

Make your dream a reality with a professionally planned wedding or social event. Our specialty is tailoring wedding packages to your individual needs. From a romantic elopement or a small intimate group to a large wedding we will coordinate your needs for your special day. The package shown is a guide to what we offer.



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Contact Us

We hope the enclosed information has been useful to you. Thank you for considering Castaways Resort & Spa for your wedding, and please don't hesitate to call us if you have any further queries or wish to make reservations.

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