



# *Aherlow House Hotel & Lodges*

## *Your Wedding at Aherlow House Hotel*

*Thank you for considering the Aherlow House Hotel as the venue for your forthcoming wedding.*

*Aherlow House has a long tradition of being an exclusive wedding venue. Known as a "Jewel in the Pine Forest", our unique location affords you the opportunity to celebrate your wedding in style. Years of experience combined with fine food and service in a friendly and professional atmosphere will ensure a memorable day, for you, your family and your guests.*

*In order to assist you with the planning of your wedding, we have produced the attached wedding brochure. We hope that this information will help you plan the event and ensure that those little but often important details are not forgotten. We would welcome you at any stage to meet with our wedding co-ordinator, view the Hotel and its facilities and discuss your wedding day.*

*We would like to wish you every happiness in the future, and look forward to the opportunity of hosting your wedding day.*

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## *With our Compliments*

- Professional consultation with our wedding co-ordinator
- A Red carpet welcome for your wedding party
- Complimentary tea and coffee for your guests upon arrival
- Complimentary drink of choice for the bride and groom upon arrival
- Complimentary anniversary dinner
- Use of cake stand and knife
- Personalised hotel's printed dinner menus
- Complimentary accommodation in our luxurious bridal suite and breakfast served in the room for the bride and groom

## *Red Room Weddings*

If you wish to have a more intimate and smaller wedding dinner gathering, why not come and have a look at our “Red Room” dining area. The “Red Room” is situated just off our restaurant and opens out onto the terrace affording idyllic views of the Galtee Mountains. This dining area can cater for guests up to fifty and for your special day, we have designed a wedding menu, which allows you a three choice starter, three choice main course and a three choice dessert. You would be very welcome to meet with our wedding co-ordinator, view the “Red Room” and discuss the various menu options available.

## *Civil Ceremonies*

Since November 2007, the Civil Registration Act 2004 has come into effect, which allows the Bridal couple to celebrate their marriage in a ceremony outside of a church environment. Aherlow House Hotel has become one of the first establishments in the area to host a civil ceremony. It means that the Bridal couple can now celebrate their ceremony and reception within the beautiful confines of Aherlow House Hotel. This is subject to a registrar being available to celebrate the marriage on the date required. If you would like more information, please speak to our wedding co-ordinator who will advise you on the various options involved.



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## *Your Dinner Menu*

To talk you through your menu, our wedding co-ordinator will guide you through the choices available.

Your Menu would normally consist of-

### *Menu Sample*

*A starter*

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*A soup*

*-oOo-*

*Main course*

*-oOo-*

*Selection of seasonal vegetables*

*-oOo-*

*A dessert*

*-oOo-*

*Freshly brewed tea or coffee*

The price of your menu is determined by your main course. We have included a selection of suggested menu options. Please feel free to co-ordinate from different menus to create your own ideal menu. If there is an item that you require, but is not listed on any of the attached menus, please enquire as to its availability and we will endeavour to organise this for you.

A great many couples prefer the option of offering additional choices, through the various courses of the menu. This would be particularly common in the selection of the main course. The variety and quality of selections offered, impact on the price of the menu. These costs can be found in the pricing schedule. Please note we also have a number of dishes available to cater for vegetarians, and any other special dietary requirements.

## *Suggested Wedding Menu Options*

### *Menu A*

*Potted salmon and potato salad with balsamic dressing*

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*A blend of carrot and coriander soup*

*-oOo-*

*Succulent fillet of chicken with a pesto and potato stuffing, coated with breadcrumbs upon a mushroom cream velouté*

*-oOo-*

*Selection of seasonal vegetables*

*-oOo-*

*Blackberry and cream flan with caramelized apples and a kiwi coulis*

*-oOo-*

*Freshly brewed coffee or tea*

### *Menu B*

*Irish oak smoked salmon roulade with a seafood mousse and a yoghurt and lemon dressing*

*-oOo-*

*Fresh cream of wild mushroom soup, with a hint of tarragon*

*-oOo-*

*Oven roasted breast of turkey, baked ham and herb stuffing. Served with cranberry sauce*

*-oOo-*

*Selection of seasonal vegetables*

*-oOo-*

*Baked apple pie with lightly whipped dairy cream*

*-oOo-*

*Freshly brewed coffee or tea*



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## Menu C

*Fricasse of mushrooms and chicken served in a crispy puff pastry case*

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*Homemade fresh cream of vegetable soup*

-oOo-

*Roast prime sirloin of beef, enriched with a red wine and thyme gravy*

-oOo-

*Selection of seasonal vegetables*

-oOo-

*Fresh cream strawberry cheese-cake with a Baileys cream and chocolate shavings*

-oOo-

*Freshly brewed coffee or tea*

## Menu D

*Terrine of duck with Seville oranges, garden leaves and a Cumberland sauce*

-oOo-

*Fresh cream of spring onion and potato soup*

-oOo-

*Oven baked fillet of salmon, topped with a Provencal crust and served with lemon butter sauce*

-oOo-

*Selection of seasonal vegetables*

-oOo-

*Fresh cream lemon cheese-cake with a passion fruit coulis*

-oOo-

*Freshly brewed coffee or tea*



## Menu E

*Port wine marinated Ogen and honey dew melon with a berry coulis*

-oOo-

*Roasted pepper and tomato soup*

-oOo-

*Roast stuffed leg of lamb, served with a rosemary and red currant jus*

-oOo-

*Selection of seasonal vegetables*

-oOo-

*Sticky toffee hazelnut pavlova, topped with a Grand Marnier sauce*

-oOo-

*Freshly brewed coffee or tea*

## Menu F

*Clonakilty black pudding on a bed of mixed lettuce, cherry tomatoes and apple sauce*

-oOo-

*Fresh cream of watercress and potato soup*

-oOo-

*Roast rack of lamb with a herb crust, topped with a rosemary and mushroom gravy*

-oOo-

*Selection of seasonal vegetables*

-oOo-

*Blackberry and cream flan with caramelized apples and a kiwi coulis*

-oOo-

*Freshly brewed coffee or tea*



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## *Menu G*

*Hickory smoked chicken breast marinated in a lemon vinaigrette, served with garlic croutons, toasted pine kernels and topped with parmesan shavings*

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*Fresh cream of celery and apple soup*

*-oOo-*

*Pan seared fillet of sea-bass with a tomato and basil compote and lemon dressing*

*-oOo-*

*Selection of seasonal vegetables*

*-oOo-*

*Fresh cream strawberry cheesecake with Bailey's Cream and chocolate shavings*

*-oOo-*

*Freshly brewed coffee or tea*

## *Menu H*

*Assorted smoked fish with a horseradish cream and a lime vinaigrette*

*-oOo-*

*Fresh cream of celery and apple soup*

*-oOo-*

*Tender fillet of beef, roasted root vegetables, garlic butter and a Burgundy jus*

*-oOo-*

*Selection of seasonal vegetables*

*-oOo-*

*Profiteroles filled with vanilla cream and coated with a rich chocolate sauce*

*-oOo-*

*Freshly brewed coffee or tea*



## *Buffet Menu*

If you wish to have a buffet menu as an alternative to your wedding meal, please speak to our wedding co-ordinator who will advise you on the various options available.

## *For your Evening Buffet*

Selection A: Tea / Coffee / Sandwiches / Cocktail sausages

Selection B: Tea / Coffee / Sandwiches / Cocktail sausages / Chicken nuggets

Selection C: Tea / Coffee / Sandwiches / Cocktail sausages / Spring Rolls / Chicken nuggets



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## 2009 Wedding Pricing Schedule

### Accommodation

€80.00 per person sharing Bed and Breakfast

€90.00 single rate Bed and Breakfast

### Options for your reception on arrival

<b>Drinks on arrival (per Person)</b>		<b>The below selection of canapés listed can be served at €8.00 per person</b>
Tea/coffee	Complimentary	Smoked Salmon Roulades
Hot or Cold Punch	€4.50	Finger Sandwiches
Mulled Wine	€4.50	Petit Croûtes
Champagne	€10.50	Mini Vol au Vents
Sparkling Wine	€8.00	Curry Puffs
Dressed Pimms	€6.00	Vegetarian Spring Rolls

### Menu Pricing

Menu A	€35.50	Menu E	€42.00
Menu B	€38.00	Menu F	On request
Menu C	€42.50	Menu G	€41.50
Menu D	€40.50	Menu H	On request

Choice of 2 main courses	€3.50 onto the more expensive main course
Choice of 2 starters	€2.00 onto the price of the menu
Choice of 2 desserts	€2.00 onto the price of the menu
Choice of soup or sorbet	€2.50 onto the price of the menu

If you book your wedding reception from Monday to Wednesday there is 10% discount on any menu of your choice.

### Options for your evening buffet

(Prices quoted are per person)

Selection A: €8.50

Selection B: €10.00

Selection C: €12.00



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## Our House Selection of Wines 2009

### Our Red Wine Suggestion

#### Tolten Merlot, Chile

€ 18.75

Attractive ruby, with intense fruity aroma of black berries, plums and a spicy edge.  
A medium weighted wine with excellent fruit and tannins and a vanilla complexity.

#### Morandé, Pionero, Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipo Valley, Chile

€ 18.75

A good medium weighted wine with excellent fruit and tannins and a vanilla complexity

### Our White Wine Suggestion

#### Tolten Sauvignon Blanc, Chile

€ 18.75

Pale yellow hue with a refreshing aroma of ripe gooseberries and lemon sorbet  
which is followed through on taste with a round, spicy citrus style.

#### Morandé, Pionero, Chardonnay, Curico Valley, Chile

€ 18.75

Crisp and floral with a hint of gooseberries,  
following mildly with tropical fruits and a lingering finish.

### Sparkling Wine

#### Pongracz Cape Sparkling

€ 36.00

Light straw-coloured with a greenish tint, this sparkling wine has a good mousse and a persistent bead.  
Classical yeast and biscuit character on the nose with a full fruit and acid balance on the palate with a  
lingering aftertaste.

### Champagne

#### Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Champagne, France

€ 85.00

A great champagne, round and full with exceptional structure.  
Ideal on it's own or with a meal.

### Corkage

### Charged as consumed

#### Wine Corkage

per bottle 750ml

€ 10.50

#### Champagne Corkage

per bottle 750ml

€ 12.00

**Please note wines and vintages may vary**

### Bar Extension

€ 475.00



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## *Accommodation*

At Aherlow House, we endeavour to cater for your entire wedding guests accommodation needs. The hotel comprises of 29 guest bedrooms, all en-suite. Included in this is the luxurious bridal suite, which is complimentary to you both on the night of the wedding.

We offer a special discounted accommodation rate for your wedding guests, which can be found in the pricing schedule.

## *Reserving Family Accommodation*

The planning and organising of the rooms for your wedding party is an important task.

Whilst the whole hotel is reserved for your wedding guests we recommend that you hold a maximum of 10 rooms to ensure that close family and friends will be guaranteed accommodation on your special day. The remainder of the rooms are available for your guests to book once the date has been announced and invitations extended.

## *The Lodges at Aherlow*

For your guests coming from afar or for those who may want to spend the weekend, Aherlow House Hotel has 29 Lodges. The 29 Lodges, just 1 minute walk from the hotel, with their unique Alpine design are ideally designed to complement their setting amongst the forest throughout the Glen. Each lodge comprises of 3 en-suite bedrooms with an open plan living / dining / kitchen area.

The verandas off the living room and master bedroom provide panoramic views of the Galtee Mountains.

These, depending on availability, afford your guests the opportunity to stay for the weekend if they so wish. When the Lodges are available and the rooms within the hotel have been fully occupied, we are in a position to offer rooms only, within the Lodges at a preferred rate to your guests.



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## Some Helpful Ideas

### Helpful Contact Numbers

Here in Aherlow House we know how stressful organising for your wedding can be. It is with this in mind that we have included a list of contact numbers which include bands, d.j.'s, photographers right down to the little extras that you may want – chair covers, hairdressers, balloons etc. We hope these are of benefit to you.

### Floral Table Arrangements

For your table layout, we will provide a lily floral arrangement for every table. There is a nominal charge of €75 for this.

### Top Table Layout Plan

Two of the most frequently asked questions by bridal couples are the particular layout of the top table and what order do the speeches take.

Here is an example of the typical arrangement on the top table:

The ideal top table would be 12 or less, although we are in a position to cater for a larger number, depending on the total number attending the function.



Priest	Father of Bride	Mother of Groom	Groomsman	Bestman	<b>Groom</b>	<b>Bride</b>	Chief Bridesmaid	Bridesmaid	Mother of Bride	Father of Groom	Priest
←	←	←	←	←	←	⇒	⇒	⇒	⇒	⇒	⇒

### Order of Speeches

Whilst there is no defined order of speeches, we find that the following format works best and encompasses the majority of your needs.

- Bestman calls on father of bride
- Father of bride makes speech
- Bestman calls on father of groom
- Father of groom makes speech
- Bestman and/or groomsmen read selection of cards, telegrams etc
- Bestman calls on groom to make speech
- Groom and/or bride make speech
- Groom and/or bride present flowers or presents to mothers
- Bestman makes his own speech
- Bestman calls on priest to say grace after meals
- Priest says grace after meals



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## *Terms and Conditions*

1. All provisional bookings will only be held for 14 days from the date of the booking. This will be confirmed upon the receipt of written confirmation of the booking, a signed copy of the contract and accompanied by the deposit. In the event of these not being received, the date will automatically be released.
2. A deposit of €1000.00 is required to confirm the booking. A further €1000 is required twelve months before the date of the wedding and a further €1000 is required six months prior to the wedding day. These deposits are non-refundable and non transferable. The Aherlow House Hotel reserves the right to refund deposits in circumstances where a booking has been made through a third party, or under false pretences.
3. In the event of a booking being cancelled, the following charges will apply:

### **Within 24 weeks of the proposed wedding day 50% of the total projected revenue**

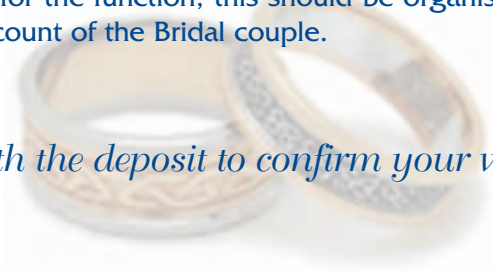
Outside of this period the deposits are forfeited. It should be noted that the cancellation charge refers to the total projected income for the wedding, to include all food, beverage and accommodation revenues. Any cancellations must be confirmed in writing.

4. Any bedrooms not confirmed four weeks beforehand will be automatically released back to the hotel. A room reservation is only confirmed upon receipt of the credit card number or deposit cheque. Any rooms reserved by the Bride & Groom must be confirmed in writing to the hotel.
5. All prices quoted are on a per person basis and are inclusive of VAT. Whilst every effort will be made to avoid any change to the original quotation, these prices may be subject to change to reflect increases in VAT / Taxation and supplier increases.
6. During the months of May through September inclusive, a minimum number of guests applies to all Friday and Saturday bookings. The approximate numbers for the wedding should be communicated one month in advance, with the final numbers being confirmed 48 hours in advance. The final numbers confirmed 48 hours in advance should form the basis for the billing to the account.
7. A request for a bar extension must be forwarded to the hotel, 30 days prior to the Wedding day. This will offer bar service until 02:00. The charge for this extension is reflected in the pricing schedule. The "New Intoxicating Liquor Act" provides that no entertainment will be provided during drinking up time, which means that as the bar closes, so all the entertainment should cease. All entertainers should be in a position to provide for all their own equipment and carry public liability insurance.



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8. It is exceptionally important that the agreed sit down time must be adhered to. Whilst we would be loathe to levy any additional charges on the bridal party, any variance beyond thirty minutes will result in an additional labour charge being levied to the account. The number of staff will determine this charge in attendance and the time delay in being seated.
9. The account must be settled in full prior to the departure on the following day. The payment method should be in cash or bank draft. Payment of the account by credit card will result in a levy of 1.75% being added to the account.
10. In terms of the Environmental Health regulations only food that has been prepared on the premises, may be consumed on the premises.
11. In terms of the Liquor license, only residents will we allowed into and served in the resident's bar.
12. The corkage charge is reflected in the pricing schedule. You are advised that this rate is fixed and non negotiable.
13. Should security be necessary for the function, this should be organised through the hotel. All costs for the security will be for the account of the Bridal couple.



*Please sign and return with the deposit to confirm your wedding booking.*

We agree to the above terms and conditions:

Bride's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Groom's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the Wedding: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Co-ordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

