

HIWINUI
COUNTRY ESTATE
PALMERSTON NORTH · NEW ZEALAND

Wedding
PACKAGES

MANAWATU'S PREMIER WEDDING DESTINATION

Hiwinui Country Estate is the epitome of elegance and exclusivity, offering a limited number of bespoke weddings from November to April. Nestled on a sprawling 1500-acre private farm, our estate boasts breathtaking views of the Manawatu and Ruahine ranges, creating an unforgettable backdrop for your special day.

At Hiwinui Country Estate, we provide you with the freedom to select your own vendors and bring your own beverages, ensuring your wedding day is as unique as your love story. Arrive in style, perhaps by helicopter, and indulge in the luxury of personalisation that defines every moment.

Our on-site accommodation, The Tree Tops, offers an opulent retreat for the bridal party, perfect for both preparation and honeymoon relaxation. Your dream wedding awaits at Hiwinui Country Estate, where timeless elegance meets personalised perfection.



Ultimate

WEDDING EXPERIENCE



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Experience the Perfect Ceremony, Reception, and Accommodation

Nestled amidst expansive landscaped grounds, Hiwinui Country Estate offers a serene and intimate setting for your wedding. Our secluded ceremony location is surrounded by mature trees, creating a picturesque backdrop for your special day. Guests can enjoy canapés and drinks on the covered deck of the main lodge before moving to the stunning marquee by the pond for your reception. We provide unparalleled flexibility with your choice of vendors and the option to bring your own beverages, ensuring your wedding is as unique and personal as your love story.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PACKAGE:

- **Exclusive Venue Hire:** Up to 100 guests
- **Marquee seating:** Up to 100 people
- **Day-Before Access:** Set up any decorative items
- **Luxurious Accommodation:** Two nights in the Tree Tops Apartment for the wedding party / couple
- **Bridal Preparations:** Space in our Tree Tops Apartment
- **Helicopter:** landing area
- **Marquee:** Fully equipped with tables, chairs, and a dance floor
- **Guest access:** from 2:00 pm on the wedding day
- **Ceremony Setup and Pack Down** Wooden archway, white chairs, market umbrellas, wine barrels, and decorative candelabras for the ceremony
- **Celebration Essentials:** Registration table, easel for welcome sign/seating plan, and microphone for speeches
- **Planning Support:** Two planning meetings and an onsite wedding manager
- **Amenities:** Access to three fully stocked bathrooms (one with wheelchair access)
- **Comfort Essentials:** Glass water dispensers, sunscreen, and insect repellent
- **Celebration Essentials:** Present and cake tables with cutting knife. Sound system for your Spotify playlist. Outdoor table and chairs, lawn games, and unlimited free WiFi

Make your wedding day truly unforgettable at Hiwinui Country Estate, where every detail is thoughtfully planned and executed to perfection.

\$11,500

WHAT YOUR DAY COULD LOOK LIKE

THE DAY PRIOR TO YOUR WEDDING

- **Marquee Access:** for decor placement
- **Bring chiller trailer with beverages / Caterer to bring items they require**

2:00 pm Check in to Tree Tops Apartment

3:00 pm Wedding rehearsal



THE DAY OF YOUR WEDDING

- **Bridal Party:** To get ready in the Tree Tops apartment
- **12:30 pm** Hiwinui to set up ceremony
- **2:30 pm** Grooms party arrive
- **2:30 pm** Guests arrive
- **3:00 pm Ceremony**
- **3:30 pm** Canapes and celebratory drinks
- **3:45 pm** MC speech & family photos
- **4:15 pm** Bridal party photos taken
- **5:45 pm** Guests are welcomed into the marquee
- **6:00 pm** Bridal party entrance
- **6:15 pm Dinner served**
- **7:00 pm** Speeches in between courses
- **7:30 pm** Dessert served
- **8:30 pm** First dance
- **11:00 pm** Bar closes
- **11:15 pm Last dance**
- **11:30 am** Guests depart from Hiwinui Country Estate
- **Bridal couple retire for their Honeymoon night**

THE DAY AFTER YOUR WEDDING

- **11:00 am** Checkout

A photograph of an outdoor garden wedding setup. In the foreground, two large wooden barrels are decorated with white candelabras and floral arrangements. A path of white petals leads from the barrels towards a row of white plastic chairs. In the background, there are several large white patio umbrellas and a floral archway. The scene is set in a lush green garden with trees in the background.

Garden

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GARDEN WEDDING EXPERIENCE

An Elegant Afternoon Celebration for Up to 70 Guests

Nestled amidst expansive landscaped grounds, Hiwinui Country Estate offers a serene and intimate garden setting for your wedding. With secluded locations, blooming white roses, and a tranquil atmosphere, our estate provides the perfect backdrop for your special day. Enjoy an early afternoon ceremony followed by drinks, nibbles, and lawn games. We also offer delightful grazing tables to enhance your celebration. Dance the afternoon away before your guests depart, allowing you to unwind as a newlywed couple, perhaps soaking in the outdoor spa.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PACKAGE:

- **Exclusive Venue Hire:** Up to 70 guests
- **Day-Before Access:** Set up any decorative items
- **Luxurious Accommodation:** One night in the Tree Tops Apartment for the wedding couple
- **Guest Access:** From 1:00 pm on the wedding day
- **Ceremony Setup and Pack Down:** White chairs, market umbrellas, wine barrels, and decorative candelabras
- **Ceremony Essentials:** Registration table and chair, easel for welcome sign, music, and PA system
- **Amenities:** Use of three fully stocked bathrooms
- **Rehearsal Space:** Meeting place for your rehearsal
- **Planning Support:** Two meetings to assist with creating your personalised wedding day
- **Onsite Wedding Manager:** For your wedding ceremony
- **Refreshments Setup:** 70 champagne flutes, glass water dispensers, self-serve bar for BYO beverages
- **Comfort Essentials:** Sunscreen and insect repellent
- **Celebration Essentials:** Cake table and cutting knife, present table, sound system for your Spotify playlist, dance floor space on the covered deck for your first dance
- **Exclusive Photo Opportunities:** Use of the property while guests mingle with canapés and drinks on the verandas and expansive lawns
- **Grazing Table Options:** Available from \$25 per head

We offer unparalleled flexibility with your choice of vendors and the option to bring your own beverages, ensuring your wedding is as unique and personal as your love story. Celebrate your special day with an elegant garden party at Hiwinui Country Estate, where every detail is crafted to perfection.

\$5,500

WHAT YOUR DAY COULD LOOK LIKE

THE DAY PRIOR TO YOUR WEDDING

- **Access:** Bring chiller trailer with beverages
- **3:00 pm** Wedding rehearsal



THE DAY OF YOUR WEDDING

- **10:30 pm** Hiwinui to set up ceremony
- **1:30 pm** Grooms party arrive
- **1:30 pm** Guests arrive
- **1:55 pm Bridal Party Arrive**
- **2:00 pm** Ceremony
- **2:30 pm** Canapes and celebratory drinks
- **2:45 pm** MC speech and Family photos
- **3:15 pm** Bridal Party photos taken
- **4:15 pm** Bridal party entrance
- **4:15 pm** Speeches and cutting of the cake
- **4:30 pm** First dance
- **4:45 pm** Cake served with tea and coffee
- **6:30 pm** Guests depart from Hiwinui Country Estate
- **Bridal couple retire for their Honeymoon night in the Tree Tops Accommodation**

THE DAY AFTER YOUR WEDDING

- **11:00 am** Checkout



Elopements

WEDDING EXPERIENCE

ELOPEMENTS AT HIWINUI COUNTRY ESTATE

Our elopement package is designed for couples seeking an intimate and unforgettable celebration of their love.

At Hiwinui Country Estate, we ensure that your special day is stress-free and filled with beautiful moments.

All you need to do is bring your marriage license, and we will take care of the rest!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PACKAGE:

- **Honeymoon Lodge Suite:** Two nights' accommodation for the newlyweds
- **Exclusive Venue Hire:** Two hours of exclusive use of the lodge for your ceremony
- **Ceremony Setup and Pack Down:** Choose your perfect location on the property
- **Experienced Marriage Celebrant:** A trusted officiant to conduct your ceremony
- **Photography Package:** One hour of professional photography to capture your special day
- **Petite Wedding Cake:** A beautifully crafted cake
- **Bridal Bouquet and Buttonhole:** Elegant floral arrangements
- **Bottle of Bubbles:** Celebrate with a complimentary bottle of champagne
- **Grazing Platter for Two:** Enjoy a delightful dinner together
- **Two Witnesses:** Provided for your ceremony

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

- **Additional Guests:** Invite up to 10 guests to join your ceremony. They can enjoy a glass of celebratory bubbles and a grazing platter for \$45 per person during the two-hour ceremony hire time.

Celebrate your love with an intimate and memorable elopement at Hiwinui Country Estate, where every detail is thoughtfully planned to make your day perfect.

\$4,100

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please make sure you have read & agree with these terms and conditions prior to confirming your wedding with us.

Your Responsibilities

Any items of decor that you wish to use such as flowers, candles, signs, archway decorations etc is your responsibility to set up and to dismantle and remove from the premises. Any items that you add to the marquee need to be removed by 9 am the following morning of your wedding otherwise a dismantle fee does apply. Choice of your vendors. We will provide you with a list of useful contacts after securing your wedding with Hiwinui Country Estate.

You are responsible to choose your own caterer and BYO beverages if you are choosing to have your evening reception at Hiwinui Country Estate. Your caterer must provide all serve ware, plates, cutlery, glasses etc. Your caterer must remain on site until the kitchen is left as found and all glassware/plates are to be taken. Your caterer must be a fully licenced and provide appropriate bar staff till the end of the reception. Most caterers do know our kitchen and facilities well however if there are additional items they require these will need to be hired at an extra cost.

Accommodation

The inclusions of accommodation will depend on the package you have selected at Hiwinui Country Estate. All rooms have an occupancy of two adults only. The bridal party can get ready on your wedding day in the Tree Tops Apartment we just ask that all bridal party belongings be removed by 3 pm when the room is prepared for the bride and groom. The wedding couple are only to stay on the night of the wedding. All other guests are required to depart at 11:30 pm. Accommodation check out the day after your wedding is 11 am.

Deposit Terms

A \$1000 deposit is required to hold / secure an available wedding date. Should your event go ahead as planned, then this amount is taken off your total amount of the package you have selected

Payment

The total amount of your package price is due six months prior to your wedding. A payment plan can be discussed on booking your wedding with us. Payment is by internet bank transfer. Payments made by credit card will incur a 2.5% surcharge.

Wedding cancellation policy

If you provide us with more than 12 months written notice of the cancellation of your wedding date, we may refund you up to 50% of your \$1000 deposit. Your \$1000 deposit will not be refunded if you cancel your booking within 12 months of your wedding date. If you cancel your wedding within 6 months of your wedding date you will not be refunded the wedding package price you have selected. This is due to us being unlikely to re book another wedding within this time frame.

Postponements

Please note that any deposit paid to secure and hold a specific 'date' is "non transferable to an alternative date", although, if we are notified at least one year in advance and another suitable date is available then one date change can be made.

Marquee

A marquee is only included when having your evening reception wedding at Hiwinui Country Estate. The marquee is installed and dismantlement for each wedding by our own vendor. The marquee is 10 x 20 meters in size and can seat up to 100 people. The marquee has silk linings on the ceiling and walls, one full side of clear windows, festoon lights, wooden trestle table and white fold back chairs. If you would like to change any of the items in your marquee this can be organised at your initial meeting and you will be advised of cost accordingly. If a larger marquee is required then this can be organised at an extra cost.

Damages

You will be requested to supply your credit card details in case of any damages. You are liable to pay any damages that your guests incur this also includes any damages that might occur when staying in our accommodation.

Photographs

There are endless stunning location options for photos when booking your wedding with Hiwinui Country Estate. Please be aware that you and your photographer agree to allow Hiwinui Country Estate the right to use any photos videos that are taken on site.

Music

There is a portable music PA system can be used for your ceremony as well as in your marquee to run Spotify off your phone or laptop. Please advise us if you require this for your marquee as it will need to be set up with power. Bands have access the marquee from 10 am the morning of your wedding to set up, at no extra cost. Bands/Music that is played at Hiwinui Country Estate does have a sound/base limit. No music is to be played after 11:15 pm

Wedding Communications

When booking your wedding with Hiwinui Country Estate you have two scheduled meetings with the Event Manager. All correspondence via email is to be in a single thread throughout. In your first meeting we will provide you with a list of preferred vendors such as caterers, celebrants, photographers, makeup artists, musicians etc

Wedding Rehearsals

Depending on the day of your wedding, your rehearsal generally is the day before your wedding. If you can communicate when your celebrant is available at the earliest convenience, we can try our best to accommodate this.

Children & Minors

Due to our natural hazards and the pond on the property, all children must be under the direct supervision of an adult at all times should they wish to attend. Children under the age of 12 years old must depart by 8:30 pm

Clean up

Hiwinui Country Estate dispose of all rubbish and recycling excluding food waste. We ask that your catering staff have put rubbish and recycling in the bins provided and take all food waste away. Any decor items in the marquee need to be removed by 9am the following morning otherwise a removal fee will be applied.

Loss of items

While every precaution is taken to ensure the safety of you and your guests, Hiwinui Country Estate owners and/or staff will not be held responsible for any loss or damage to property (including vehicles) or injury to any person. Any items that have not been collected after the event will be disposed of within 30 days.

Parking

On your wedding day, guests will be directed where to park on Hiwinui Country Estate's front lawn. Your guests are more than welcome to leave their cars on site overnight if they wish, although this is at their own risk. If the lawn is too wet to park on the number of cars will be restricted and you will be required to bring guests in by a bus.

Guests Departure and Transport Requirements

Pre-arranged transport is required for all guests departing Hiwinui Country Estate. Please manage your guest's departure as best you can. It is important that guests must begin to depart (with pre organised Taxis/ Bus etc) @ 11:30pm. The entire property must be completely empty of guests by 12:00 midnight otherwise there is an additional \$100 charge that is applied for each 30 min period that any guest is on Hiwinui Country Estate grounds.

Pandemic Policy

Due to the dynamic nature of a pandemic and government/council regulations, each pandemic query is taken on an individual basis.

Natural Disaster

In the event of a natural disaster occurring such as earthquake, fire, flood etc that impacts Hiwinui Country Estate building/marquee we have the right to postpone your wedding at our discretion



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