

ORAKEI BAY

where the next chapter begins



THE BEGINNING

congratulations on saying yes!

We know this next step can be overwhelming when planning your big day, but don't worry, we've been in your shoes.

Orakei Bay has a rich history as one of Auckland's most loved events venues. It's something that makes us so incredibly proud.

Our passion lies in bringing joy to people's lives and creating memorable moments. It's an honour to be trusted to do this on your biggest day. From our first wedding, we've grown and expanded, constantly striving to improve and innovate. We've hosted countless events, each one as unique and special as the last.

We can't wait to help you create a truly magical experience at Orakei Bay.

Our guiding philosophy is the recognition that every couple and every story is unique, and your wedding should be a reflection of your journey together.

Our team is dedicated to making every event everything you've dreamed of and more!

With flexible packages & styling to suit all visions and tastes, let us help to make your wedding day a true celebration of you.



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ORAKEI BAY

experience

At Orakei Bay, we pride ourselves on thinking outside the box, and strive to create unique experiences that are truly memorable. Our venue is more than just places to hold events - they have a personality and character that is all their own. From our beautiful lush gardens, to our distinct finishing touches, we ensure each space serves as a stunning backdrop for your event that is unmatched by any other.

But what truly sets us apart is our unwavering commitment to providing warm and welcoming hospitality. We go above and beyond to ensure that each guest feels valued and cared for. We understand that no two events are the same and we are passionate about ensuring your day is everything you've dreamed of and more. It's this combination of breath taking surroundings and heartfelt service that has earned Orakei Bay a special place in the hearts of our couples and we are honoured to play a part in

where your next chapter begins



TIMELINE

of your love story...

ONE

SAY 'YES' TO FOREVER

Congratulations!
You're engaged and ready to start planning your big day



THREE

BOOK A SITE VISIT

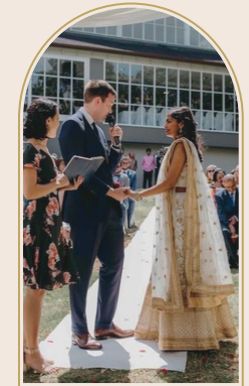
Book a time to come and explore our venue spaces and chat about our wedding packages



FIVE

PLANNING

Our Coordinator will send through our Orakei Bay wedding guide to get your planning started



TWO

SEND AN ENQUIRY

Fill out an enquiry form on our website. One of our team members will contact you



FOUR

LOCK IN YOUR DATE

You've picked your perfect space, now lock in a date for your special day



SIX

WEDDING DAY

The day is finally here!
Relax knowing our team will look after you every step of the way

...and your next chapter begins



SEMELE MILLER

managing director

My passion for the last twenty years has been to build great businesses and teams that touch the hearts and minds of people by delivering world class experiences in hospitality and events.

With a family history of passionate foodies and artists I believe life and business are a work of art. A journey of finding joy and growth through balancing bravery and love, instinct and strategy, people and patience and shining through it all with authenticity and grace.

My philosophy is to identify and develop talent, build momentum and a culture of integrity, excellence and growth. Having a Bachelor in Visual Arts with a major in photography and filmmaking challenges me to think creatively. This perspective has defined my approach in creating remarkable events that stand out from the rest.



Above all, my focus is on serving our team and empowering them to break down barriers, strive for greatness, but most importantly bring joy to people's lives.





OUR SPACES

at Orakei Bay



Orakei Bay WATERSIDE GARDEN

Overflowing with an abundance of greenery, our scarlet Pohutakawa frames the water's edge. The Garden is both an urban sanctuary and a beautiful outdoor event space. Providing more than a botanical backdrop for your special day. The Waterside Garden is a beautiful blank canvas which can be easily transformed to suit your creative vision and provide a truly magical outdoor setting for your special day.

KEY FEATURES

- Stunning space for onsite wedding ceremonies & cocktail hour
- Outdoor, lush garden setting
- Water views of Orakei Lagoon
- Direct access to frame private bar for your post-ceremony celebration



THEATRE
150



COCKTAIL
300



CEREMONY
FRIENDLY



WELCOME
AREA





Orakei Bay
THE LOFT

Flooded with natural light through large Palladian arched windows, the loft is a romantic space for wedding ceremonies. Beautifully styled The Loft provides an elegant backdrop for celebrating life's special moments with your closest family and friends. The idyllic space is the perfect venue for intimate celebrations.

KEY FEATURES:

- Stunning Palladian arched windows
- Natural light
- High vaulted ceilings
- Private entrance
- Versatile space



SEATED
80



THEATRE
120



COCKTAIL
150



CEREMONY
FRIENDLY



WELCOME
AREA



Orakei Bay
THE GALLERY

The Gallery is the perfect location for your dinner reception and to dance away the night. A large versatile space offering the opportunity to be divided into separate spaces to suit your event needs, a dance floor or a whiskey station it is completely up to you.

This Gallery, features floor to ceiling windows that span the entire length of the room, flooding the space with light. This spectacular space also boasts stunning views of the Orakei Bay Lagoon it is sure to take your breath away.

KEY FEATURES:

- Stunning floor-to-ceiling colonial style windows
- Bathed in natural light
- Picturesque views of the Orakei Basin
- Grand entrance
- Dedicated bar
- Spacious, versatile space



SEATED
150-200

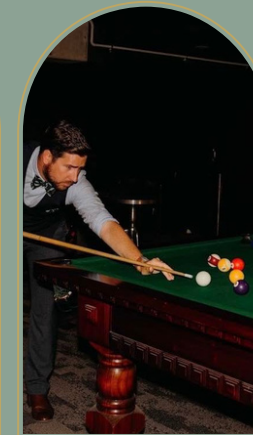


COCKTAIL
400



WELCOME
AREA





Orakei Bay

FRAME BAR

Did someone say after party? Frame Bar is a cool casual party space. It's the perfect place for guests to hang out after your ceremony or enjoy post-dinner for dancing.

Featuring vintage arcade games, pinball, pool tables and a fully stocked bar, your guests will be entertained all night long.

KEY FEATURES

- Speakeasy space
- Pool tables,
- Retro 80s arcade games
- Vintage lounge furniture
- Direct access to the Waterside Garden



COCKTAIL
100



WELCOME
AREA



OUR FOOD

at Orakei Bay





NATHAN MCKENZIE

executive head chef

Nathan is an inspirational chef who has been involved in the culinary fabric of the hospitality industry since 2001. With over 20 years of experience, Nathan has a natural ability to move between corporate-run establishments and that of his successful grassroots foraging business.

Nathan champions New Zealand's high quality, local and seasonal ingredients from our forest to our seashores, supplying to restaurants across the wider Auckland area. The idea that an evening dish might be enhanced by a trailside wild fennel blossom picked that afternoon or that a single sliver of citrus peel cured for months, deepening each day and mysteriously developing into a wonderfully unexpected flavour, brings Nathan a profound sense of joy and satisfaction. He has learnt through this the importance of spending time in the soil where the foods he works with grows.

His inspiring journey has also involved lead roles at some of our best known establishments such as EURO and Jervois Steak House. From working on menu design and development for My Food Bag to overseeing several sites for Good Spirits, Nathan has a unique skill of being able to break down effective measures to increase customer satisfaction, staff retention and profitability. Nathan strives to continuously bring inspiration to our business, while also encouraging a rewarding team environment for his staff.

MENU STYLES

served your way ✨



CANAPES



PLATED DINNER



FOOD STATION



BUFFET DINNER



CULTURAL



PETIT FOURS





DINING

tailored to you

When people look back on events they remember four key things: the reason for the celebration, the venue, the service and the cuisine. There's truth to the old adage that food is the way to a person's heart, and great cuisine has the ability to add a certain sparkle to your wedding day.

Our dishes are created using the best seasonal and local ingredients. The skill and heartfelt flair of our talented chefs mould these ingredients into spectacular dishes, defining a new standard for wedding catering.

We cater for all types of allergies and dietary requirements (our chefs will make sure the vegetarians & coeliac of the group won't go hungry!).

We cater for children aged 5-12 at a special rate, please enquire. We do not allow external caterers.



OUR BEVERAGES

at Orakei Bay

What wedding wouldn't be complete without a clink of a glasses to well wish the happy couple. We have a full range of carefully curated beverages that will suit every group.

You can choose one of our beverage packages. The boutique package, classic package or base package. When you purchase a package you and your guests will have unlimited drinks over a set period of time.

or a list for you to design your own choices. We also offer curated cocktails to elevate your day

We do not charge corkage for BYO bubbles and wine, we supply beers and non-alcohol options. All we ask is that you deliver these to us on the day

Our venues are fully licensed to supply and serve alcohol.





OUR PACKAGES

keep the magic all in one place

COCKTAIL

wedding package

- 4-hour reception
- Set up from 4.00pm
- Your choice of 5 finger food items
- New Zealand cheese station and antipasti platters to share
- BYO bubbles and wine, free of charge
- Beer, spirits and non-alcoholic beverages purchased through us
- All glassware
- PDF file of the Orakei Bay wedding guide available after booking
- Manager onsite to oversee your wedding
- Chefs, waitstaff, bar team to assist
- Furniture package which includes bar leaners, stools & casual dining furniture
- Cake table dressed in your choice of tablecloth
- Knife for cutting the first slice of wedding cake, our chef will cut the rest and serve on platters
- Cleaning of the venue after your reception
- Ceremony add-on for \$700, see page 36

from \$129*/person

minimum 50 guests | maximum 100 guests

DINNER

wedding package

- 6-hour reception
- Set up from 2.00pm
- Your choice of dishes from our buffet or plated menu
- BYO bubbles and wine, free of charge
- Beer, spirits and non-alcoholic beverages purchased through us
- All glassware
- PDF file of the Orakei Bay wedding guide available after booking
- Manager onsite to oversee your wedding
- Chefs, waitstaff, bar team & security to assist
- Butler service for the head table
- Your choice of chairs
- Table set up by our team including menus, cutlery, crockery, linen & glassware. Maximum 10 guests per table
- Cake table dressed in your choice of tablecloth
- Knife for cutting the first slice of wedding cake, our chef will cut the rest and serve on platters
- Cleaning of the venue after your wedding
- Ceremony add-on for \$700, see page 36

from \$165*/person

minimum 100 guests | maximum 160 guests

All prices are exclusive of gst*
Minimum spend during high season may apply*

FOOD STATION

wedding package

- 6-hour reception
- Set up from 2.00pm
- Canapes served on arrival
- Our beautifully curated food station with crockery and cutlery
- Late-night supper option
- BYO bubbles and wine, free of charge
- Beer, spirits and non-alcoholic beverages purchased through us
- All glassware
- PDF file of the Orakei Bay wedding guide available after booking
- Manager onsite to oversee your wedding
- Chefs, waitstaff, bar team & security to assist
- Your choice of chairs
- Bar leaners, stools, tables & casual dining furniture set up by our team
- Cake table dressed in your choice of tablecloth
- Knife for cutting the first slice of wedding cake, our chef will cut the rest and serve on platters
- Cleaning of the venue after your wedding
- Ceremony add-on for \$700, see page 36

from \$155*/person

minimum 100 guests | maximum 160 guests

CEREMONY ADD-ON ✨

keep the magic all in one place

Do you want to keep the magic of your special day all in one place? Why not add-on our ceremony package and have your choice of two stunning spaces at Orakei Bay, the Waterside Garden or The Loft.

The Waterside Garden is overflowing with an abundance of greenery, our scarlet Pohutakawa frames the water's edge. The Waterside Garden is a beautiful blank canvas which can be easily transformed to suit your creative vision and provide a truly magical outdoor setting for your special day.

The Loft is flooded with natural light through large Palladian arched windows, the loft is a romantic space for wedding ceremonies when the weather isn't on your side.

Included in your ceremony:

- Set up your ceremony from 2.00pm
- Guests arrive at 3.30pm for ceremony at 4.00pm, the maximum time allowed between the end of your ceremony and reception is 1.5 hours
- Use of our stunning Waterside Garden for your ceremony
- Wet weather ceremony option in The Loft Space
- Use of our bridal area for touch ups
- Wooden easel for your welcome sign
- 12 chairs provided for VIP guests
- Table to sign your marriage license
- Manager and staff onsite

additional \$700+gst





OUR SUPPLIERS

at Orakei Bay



FLORAL DESIGNS



PREMIUM SIGNAGE



ICONIC TABLESCAPES



GREAT MUSIC



DINNER & GLASSWARE



BEAUTIFUL STATIONERY

frequently asked QUESTIONS

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VIEW ORAKEI BAY?

Orakei Bay is open for site visits most Fridays between 9.30am and 2.00pm. Please contact your Coordinator to let them know as we may have an event on!

DO I NEED TO PAY A DEPOSIT? HOW MUCH AND WHEN?

Yes, we require a deposit to secure your booking. Your deposit will be 25% of the estimated spend for your wedding and is due within a week of confirming your booking.

IS THERE PARKING AT ORAKEI BAY? HOW DO I GET THERE IF I'M NOT DRIVING?

There are 60 parking spaces at Orakei Bay, including accessible parking where guests can use the ramp to get to the front door.

You can get to Orakei Bay by train or bus and as it's so central, it's easy to grab a taxi or Uber to get to and from the venue. Our address is 231 Orakei Bay Road, Remuera.

WHAT HAPPENS IF IT RAINS?

If you're having your ceremony at Orakei Bay, you can use The Loft if the weather isn't on your side! Your reception will be held in The Gallery, safe from the wind and rain.

CAN WE BRING OUR OWN FOOD AND DRINKS TO ORAKEI BAY?

We have an amazing team of chefs onsite so we don't allow food to be brought into Orakei Bay. We do allow BYO wine and bubbles with all wedding packages and yes, you can take home any leftover bottles that you supplied.

IS ORAKEI BAY ACCESSIBLE?

The first floor where The Foyer and The Gallery rooms are is completely accessible, including accessible bathrooms. The path to the Waterside Garden is pavers and river stones and is not accessible for everyone. Have a chat with your Coordinator if you're worried about venue access. Unfortunately, The Loft can only be accessed by stairs.

DO YOU HAVE A SOUND SYSTEM?

Unfortunately we don't have a sound system. Please bring your own speaker and dedicate a friend or family member to control your playlists.

DO YOU CATER FOR ALLERGIES AND DIETS?

Yes, we are able to provide alternative meals for those with allergies and most dietary requirements. We cater for those who are gluten free/coeliac, dairy free, nut free, vegan, vegetarian and all allergies. We do not cater for trend diets such as paleo or keto.

DO YOU HAVE A KIDS MENU? HOW MUCH DO YOU CHARGE?

We have a special dinner and dessert menu for kids who attend your wedding. We charge \$50.00 gst, for ages 6-12 years old, under 5's eat free. High chairs are available for under 1's.

CAN WE HAVE A CUSTOM MENU?

We're happy to create a custom menu for your wedding for an additional cost. We often do this for Indian and Pacifica weddings.



THANK YOU

ready to start the next chapter?

LETS CHAT!

[enquire now](#)

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