



BRAHMAN HILLS
— Creating harmony, together —



South Africa's Leading Wedding Venue

Would you like to be one of the few brides
who **truly enjoys your wedding day?**

' I DO '

Would you love to forget about the planning
so that you can take in the moment and **be**
the best that you can be?

JUST SAY 'YES'



Did you know the truth is that **76% of brides regret how their wedding day turned out*** and wish they could go back and do things differently?

OUR TRUTH – YOU WILL BE THE
HAPPIEST AND HAVE THE MOST
CARE FREE DAY OF YOUR LIFE



At Brahman Hills we have specialised in making it the happiest day for hundreds of Bridal couples.

*Recent report from Dana Rebecca Designs jewelry company, which surveyed 2,000 people who married after 2010.

WHY ARE WE SOUTH AFRICA'S LEADING WEDDING VENUE?

You made the right decision. At Brahman Hills, we can guarantee your wedding day will be the best day of your life.

We've managed many exclusive weddings and as 'South Africa's Leading Wedding Venue' you can relax and enjoy your big day knowing it will happen exactly the way you expect it to.

CHECK LIST

- All guests accommodated onsite
- Two unique ceremony and reception venues with breathtaking views
- Three in-house customised satellite bars including Gin & botanicals and draught beer on tap
- 3 independent fully operational kitchens to cater for all your wedding requirements
- 3 full time onsite wedding coordinators supported by the events team ensuring your journey is carefree
- Fully equipped Spa with up to 12 therapists



WHY ARE WE 'SOUTH AFRICA'S LEADING WEDDING VENUE'?

Only as a Brahman Hills Bride, can you have your expectations exceeded. You have a choice of TWO wedding chapels, rooms for 170 guests and a dedicated wedding coordinator.

OUR SPACES ARE UNIQUE...

We comfortably host reception guests numbering up to 400 in our main venue and have the expertise and space to create bigger spaces, smaller spaces, unique spaces and any spaces...

OUR LOCATION IS IDEAL...

Nestled in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands, just 8 kilometres from Nottingham Road village – a 1-hour drive from Durban and only 4 hours from Johannesburg – and easily accessed from the N3 highway.

- ☐ 2 Unique chapels with stunning views
- ☐ Dedicated wedding coordinator
- ☐ Rooms to accommodate 170 guests



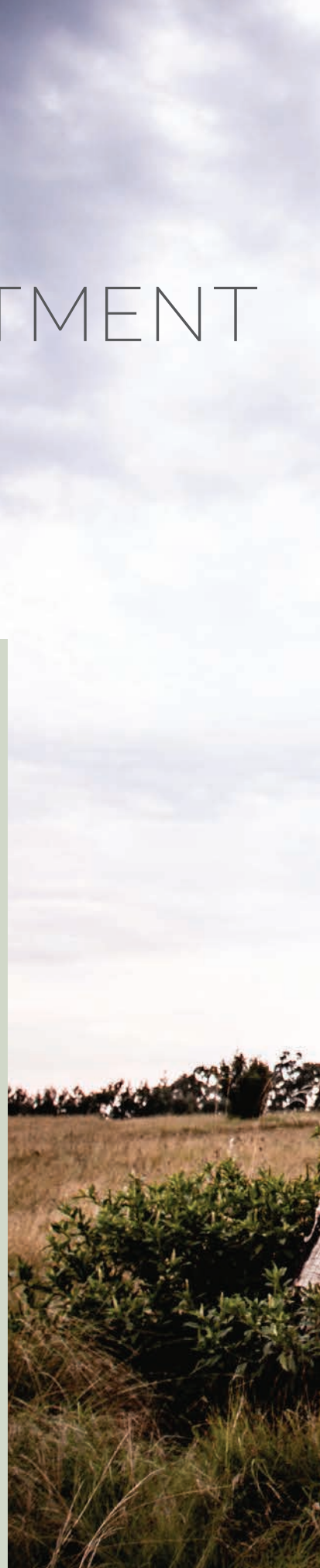


OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

At Brahman Hills we consider our bridal couples a part of our family, so we're personally invested in every detail of your special day. So sit back, relax and enjoy the comfort of our dedicated wedding coordinator, ample guest accommodation and TWO unique chapels – only @brahmanhills

WHAT IS OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU?

- Everyone can relax, be together and sleep on-site (no driving required)
- A dedicated, professional Wedding coordinator who is with you and your family – every step of the way. (Our coordinators have over 15 years experience between them)
- The finest food, prepared by some of South Africa's leading chefs
- Exceptional service and attention to detail
- Your wedding is as important to us as it is to you because we are shareholder-run and managed





You win we win, only in our unique family



ONLY AT BRAHMAN HILLS

OUR COMPREHENSIVE OFFERING

- 30 Hotel Rooms with private garden courtyards and hammocks
- 12 Self-catering Cottages with private jacuzzis in the Blue Crane Nature Reserve
- Valley View Chapel – Situated underground with spectacular views
- Glass House – Reception Venue with a separate Glass Bar and a Chill Lounge
- Lakeside Chapel – situated on the lake below the Glass House
- An in-house Décor and Flower showroom
- Dedicated secure parking adjacent to our venues for guests not staying in-house
- Brahman Hills Café – Our main restaurant in the Barn
- 89 on Copper – Wine Cellar and Restaurant
- Copper – Our Bar and Lounge
- Cappuccino Coffee Lounge
- 8-room Spa with a dedicated "20" room, relaxation cell
- Dedicated Bridal Preparation suite for hair and make-up
- A team of people who are dedicated to creating life-long memories for our guests



Let our dedicated wedding coordinator handle all the details



TAILOR-MADE WEDDINGS

Offering all-inclusive packages and build-your-own packages, we aim to please you, with the finest food, exceptional service and access to a dedicated, professional wedding coordinator who is with you and your family throughout your journey.

BUILD YOUR OWN WEDDING

Trust the expertise of a fully-trained, events team that will work through numerous options, making sure that you achieve the best value for your budget. This solution allows you to break-down the various costs which will be put together in an itemised quote.

ALL-INCLUSIVE WEDDING

This option gives the bridal party and guests exclusivity of the hotel property, the staff and resources in creating an intimate event where you and your guests arrive during the afternoon of day one, departing on the morning of day three and leaving the rest up to us.

This includes:

- Arrival night dinner for 70 guests
- Accommodation for two nights – 30 hotel rooms/60 guests
- Self-catering one-bedroom cottage for three nights/two guests

- Self-catering four bedroom cottage for two nights/eight guests
- Full breakfast buffet on morning two and three for 70 guests
- Lakeside Chapel

Glass House inclusive of:

- Chill Lounge, Glass Bar, Round Tables/ Banquet Tables, Main Table, a choice of Wooden or Tiffany Chairs (White/Gold/Clear), Crockery, Cutlery, Glassware, Standard Cream/White table linen
- Your wedding team, includes Management, coordinator, Waitrons and Bar Staff
- Wedding menu and 23h00 cheeseboard
- Décor and flower allowance with Kerry Dinkelman
- Bridal preparation room, situated in The Spa



Tailor your dream day with build your own packages

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SA'S LEADING WEDDING VENUE

Brahman Hills offers a host of multi-dimensional venues which were built to service the most intimate gatherings through to large, extravagant nuptials requiring gourmet catering, wedding suites for the bridal party and exposure to the best views in the Midlands.

- Glass House Chapel – purpose-built wedding venue, seating between 100-400 people, with a permanent installation of fairy lights and built-in sound and audio-visual facilities
- Valley View Chapel – situated underground with spectacular views
- Lakeside Chapel – a glass structure with magnificent views of the lake, comfortably seating 150 people (access to toilets, underfloor heating and a built-in sound system)
- Brahman Hills Café – our main restaurant in the Barn
- 89 on Copper – Wine Cellar & Restaurant, with public toilets servicing all these areas
- Copper – 50-seater underground bar
- Cappuccino Coffee Lounge





Valley View Chapel



2 Unique chapels with stunning views



Designed to flawlessly transition into



The landscape of the valley or lake



Lakeside Chapel





A VENUE FOR ALL SEASONS

Choose a misty morning at the water's edge in Winter, an intimate ceremony at our Lakeside chapel when the leaves start to fall in Autumn, or maybe you want to experience the warmth of the Midlands in Spring/Summer when the surroundings are blooming with promise!

Brahman Hills not only looks beautiful in every season, but also caters to your unique seasonal wedding preferences

Let our dedicated wedding coordinator and team take care of every detail – only @brahmanhills







THE BEST DAY OF YOUR LIFE

Creating perfect wedding days is in our DNA and because your wedding is important to us, here are a few trade secrets which will help you easily create your perfect day:

- As a start, write down your perfect dream wedding with as much of the specific detail as you can
- Speak to our dedicated wedding coordinator about your budget
- This will be the starting point for your planning
- Understand what finances will be available and from whom. If your parents are paying for the wedding, define what their contribution will be in Rand terms
- Understanding your financial commitment for the event is the secret to a stress-free journey leading up to your wedding day
- Once you have identified the budget and crystalised your dream, the fun of finding a venue and suppliers who will deliver your dream then begins.
- Please remember that any external suppliers will be your responsibility



The most romantic, natural setting in the KZN Midlands

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YOUR DREAM WEDDING

SCENARIO 1 – Our bride has dreamt about her wedding her whole life and has this clear in her mind. She arrives at the venue and is asked what she has to spend. Her response is that she does not know. She goes on to describe what she wants... Dream = Complete Deflation on receipt of the quote.

SCENARIO 2 – Our bride has dreamt about her wedding her whole life and has this clear in her mind. She arrives at the venue and is asked what she has to spend. She is able to give a number and goes on to describe what she would like. The venue then interprets her dream as closely as possible, supplying options and applying expertise in terms of suggested savings ideas on alternatives... Dream = A mix of anticipation, curiosity, excitement and possibility.

- Be clear about exactly what is included in your venue hire and additional costs for which you will be billed, such as an extended hours charge
- Understand that if you bring in your own suppliers, you are responsible for their delivery/collection to/from the venue. This may have penalties attached, such as arriving late and incurring a surcharge for which you will be liable. Staff are critical to the success of your day – ensure that you understand if gratuities are included or will be an additional charge
- Find a venue that is prepared to assist you with some of the administration, such as contacting guests directly about accommodation solutions and parking arrangements
- Remember, on the day, simplicity is everything. Be clear about your venue's on-site versus off-site facilities.



Making your dream wedding possible



EXCELLENT FOOD & SERVICE

Brahman Hills has created a variety of wedding reception menus that cater to a range of different dietary requirements, budgets and religious constraints.

With a fully-equipped kitchen catering for up to 400 people, no matter your preference i.e. plated service, buffet or a relaxed family-style feast, you may rest assured that the food served will be of the highest quality.

Services include:

- Dedicated pastry kitchen; Halaal and Kosher products on request for guest convenience and flexibility
- Vegetarian and vegan options, as well as healthy (diabetic/cholesterol/low-fat) options are also available
- 'Tailor-made' menu options
- A tasting session to ensure that you select exactly what you want for your special day
- Fully-stocked, licensed bars on-site, including the Wine Cellar
- Wine and meal pairings on request





Only the highest quality of food will be served on your special day

ACCOMMODATION



With access to scenic wedding venues and magical one-of-a-kind reception spaces, everyone is able to relax, be together and sleep on-site, meaning none of your guests need to drive – one less thing for you to worry about!

HOTEL ROOMS

Brahman Hills is able to accommodate 120 people on-site between the hotel and our self-catering cottages. The 30 hotel rooms are situated around the Barn and the Glass House, making them easily accessible to both the Chapel and the Reception Venue.



- 30 rooms situated in the hotel grounds around the Barn
- King-size beds with percale linen
- En-suite bathrooms (shower, basin and toilet) with Charlotte Rhys toiletries
- Hair-dryer, in-room safe and umbrellas
- TV and DSTV
- Heating – wall and heated blankets
- In-room bar fridge (stocked on demand) and in-room tea/coffee station
- Sliding doors into private courtyard garden, with own hammock – leading into communal garden
- Secure parking

COTTAGES

The self-catering cottages, situated in the adjoining Blue Crane Nature Reserve, are a 5-minute drive to the venues. With an abundance of game and bird life, complimented by herds of cattle that roam freely, guests are able to immerse themselves in the environment.

- 12 cottages (1,2,3 and 4-bedroom options), situated in the Blue Crane Nature Reserve
- King-size beds with percale linen
- En-suite and shared bathrooms (bath, shower, basin and toilet) with Charlotte Rhys toiletries
- Hair-dryer, in-room safe and umbrellas
- TV and DSTV
- Heating – wall and heated blankets and fireplace in lounge
- Fully-fitted kitchen, including oven, hob, extractor, microwave, fridge, freezer, iron, ironing board and granite tops
- Sliding doors onto private deck, with own Jacuzzi, overlooking the nature reserve
- Serviced daily





YOUR CHECKLIST

The Brahman Hills team is passionate about making our guests feel at home. We have introduced certain guidelines to ensure that we are always ready to welcome you and your guests.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

- Check-in time for stay-over guests is from 14h00. We do request that any late arrivals check-in with Reception on +27 (0)33 266 6965 or email reservations@brahmanhills.co.za
- Check-out time for stay-over guests is 10h00. In the event that a guest would like a late departure, the request will be confirmed by our Reception team strictly on an availability basis, to ensure that we are prepared for our new arrivals checking in from 14h00
- If a rooming list is prepared with the Bride and Groom, rooms will be allocated strictly according to the plan
- Reception will liaise with your guests should they have any queries
- We have a list of partner venues. In the event that overflow accommodation is needed

YOUR VENUE

- In the event that you will be using an overhead presentation during your wedding reception, please ensure that this has been communicated and confirmed with the Events Team. Here are a couple of presentation tips:
 - A minimum font size of 16 should be used
 - Your presentation/music-track must be supplied to Brahman Hills at least 48 hours prior to the event so that it may be loaded onto the sound system in the venue
- Brahman Hills does not allow nails/hooks/hanging mechanisms to be drilled/hammered/knocked into the walls anywhere on the property. In the event that you would like something to be hung, please discuss this with your wedding coordinator
- Brahman Hills has an overflow parking facility accessed through a separate entrance off the main road. All guests that are not staying-over will be requested to utilise this facility



We are here to help you create your perfect day



THE PAPER TRAIL

YOUR QUOTE

All quotes generated by the team at Brahman Hills indicate the start of the relationship between the couple and Brahman Hills. At the time of quoting, no reservations will be made for accommodation, the venue or any other facilities on the property.

PROVISIONAL CONFIRMATION

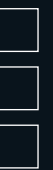
Once you and your fiancé have decided that you want to be married at Brahman Hills, your Coordinator will make bookings for the venue and accommodation, as discussed. This will be provisionally confirmed in writing and this booking will be held for a period of seven (7) days. In the event that another couple decides on the same period and there is a booking conflict, your coordinator will contact you to advise you. Payment of a non-refundable deposit is the key to switching the booking status from 'provisional' to 'confirmed'.

CONFIRMATION OF YOUR WEDDING BOOKING

Please note that your wedding is only confirmed once you have received a written confirmation which must reflect the deposit of the funds that have cleared into the Brahman Hills bank account. This confirmation will clearly outline everything discussed to that point, to ensure that our team might begin the process of supporting the bridal couple.

THE FINER DETAILS OF THE WEDDING

We take responsibility for this special day extremely seriously. To be able to deliver this, the pace of communication will increase about six to ten weeks prior to your wedding, as we confirm detail. If you are able to share as much information as possible with the team prior to the wedding, your day will be solely about celebration, allowing us to plan, deliver, coordinate and ensure that we deliver on the day. We will be well-briefed and prepared, understanding your requirements and expectations.



Your big day is our big day



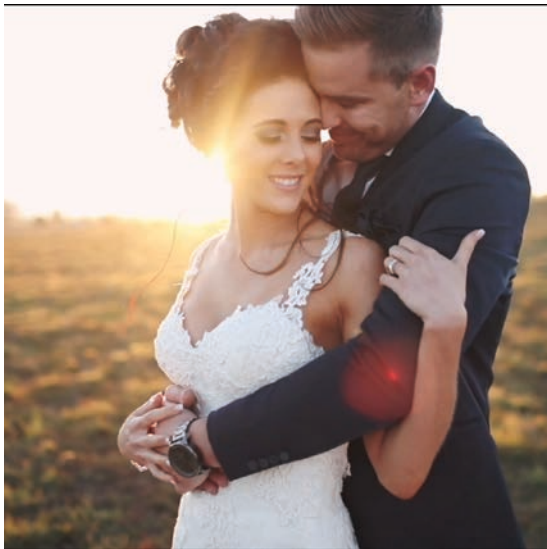
YOUR CONTRACT

We take commitment very seriously, that's why our marriage contract between Brahman Hills and our bridal couples are always honoured

Your wedding contract is a document designed to clarify your financial commitments, as well as offering clarity on exactly what the expectations are with regard to what is included in the price and what is not. We regard this as our "marriage contract" between Brahman Hills and our Bridal Couple.



The contract may only be signed once the non-refundable deposit has been paid to Brahman Hills. The non-refundable portion of the deposit is designed to ensure the availability of the venue is guaranteed to the bride and groom. Short-term cancellations have a direct impact on the venue, as any other business will have been declined and turned away.



The cancellation policy is included in the wedding contract and is linked to the non-refundable deposit. Payment terms are also clearly laid out in the wedding contract. We request payment to be made either by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or Credit Card. Brahman Hills does not accept cash deposits for large events on its property and requests that all cash payments be processed as direct deposits into the Brahman Hills bank account. The hotel does not have a facility to process cheques or to extend credit arrangements.



Changes in final numbers are required three weeks prior to the date of the function. However, should your numbers increase on the day of the function, charges will be levied accordingly.

Please note that this is for catering purposes. In the event of numbers increasing, where an additional room (or rooms) is required, this is subject to room availability at the time of the request.

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YOUR ECO PARTNER

Brahman Hills has undergone an extensive refurbishment to the property since July 2015. A core focus driving decisions on the work undertaken was to legitimately establish our Green Footprint.

Our water is derived from our boreholes and is of exceptional quality. Our hot water is driven through solar energy geysers ensuring our contribution towards power management is maximised.

Water used in our gardens and to fill our dams is the result of "roof harvesting".

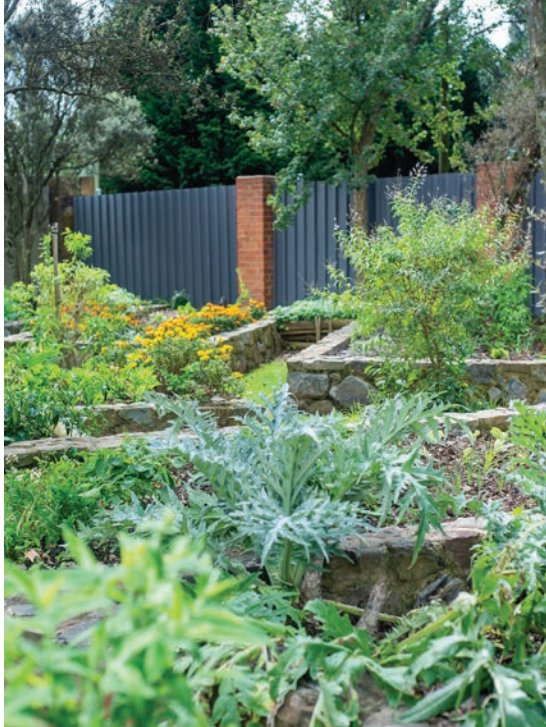
We capture the rainfall off the roofs around the property and feed water into

- a) an underground drainage system that supplies the dams in front of the Lake House and Spa,
- b) underground

- storage tanks and
- c) above-ground storage tanks.

Our electricity usage is managed through "step-up/step-down" technology. This is combined with a solar harvest field minimising our electricity usage in the short-term and will in the long-term take us completely off the grid.

Our dry garden cuttings (grass and branches) are added to our compost heaps. The compost is used across our gardens to ensure we have enough nutrient-rich soil for the leaner, drier months. Our gardeners replace missing nutrients by adding off-cuts of roof sheets, so replacing iron.



The target is for our vegetable and herb gardens to make Brahman Hills 100% self-sustainable

Our organic kitchen waste (meat, dairy and eggs) are processed through our Bokashi recycling compost system, ensuring that our organic waste is transformed into soil food. Our vegetable off-cuts keep our Porcupine Restaurant supplied, which – according to our webcam – has at least 20 regular guests. This is an initiative in conjunction with “Free Me” in Howick to allow the study and rehabilitation of Porcupines in the region.

Our glass, plastic, tins, cardboard and paper is collected by Wildlands Conservation Trust – a non-profit organisation ensuring sustainable environmental breakdown of waste. Our oil is bucketed and collected by a business in Howick and, in turn, is recycled into bio-diesel.

Our extensive lavender beds have been planted to encourage bee pollination and for use by housekeeping department as a natural way to control moths in rooms and the laundry, as well as providing a lovely fragrance.

Our vegetable and herb gardens are currently being built and planted.

Whilst the target is for our vegetable and herb gardens to make Brahman Hills 100% self-sustainable, a key focus is to share skills with the local community, allowing our staff to train there on.

Our staff housing has evolved through the transformation of shipping containers into eco-friendly housing, known as Cloud Village. Brahman Hills is the first property in this Municipality to develop in this way. Our outdoors team follows an active plan to ensure that we clear all forms of invasive alien species giving effect to the long-term sustainability of the Nature Reserve.

Our room toiletries have been migrated (97%) from solid form to liquid form in all rooms providing for an eco-friendly product and ensuring zero waste.



ROOM 101 - 110

ROOM 201 - 210



THE GLASS
HOUSE

HOTEL



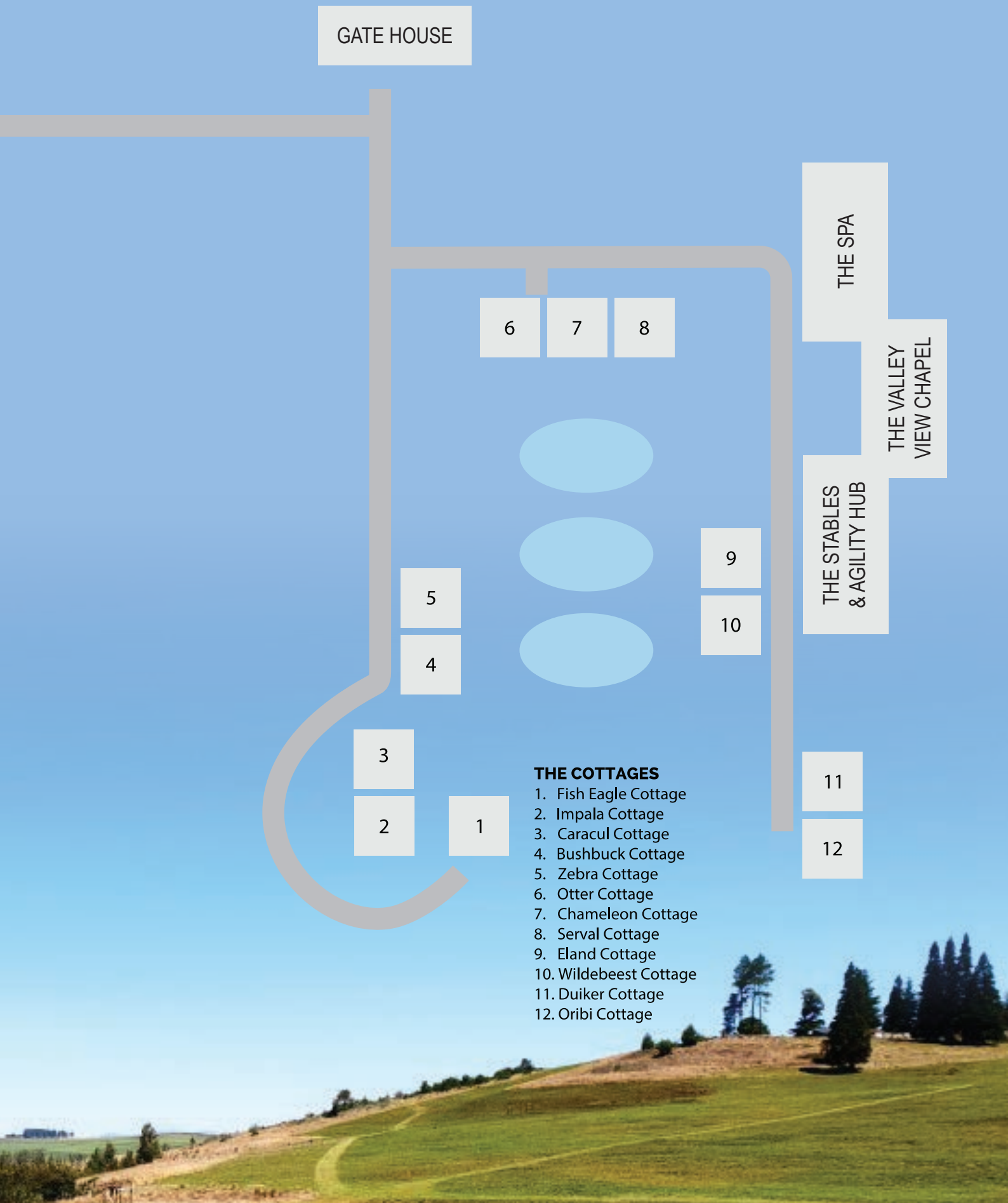
ROOM 301 - 310

THE BARN

1. Reception
2. Brahman Café
3. Cappuccino
4. Copper
5. 89 in Copper

THE LAKE
HOUSE

BRAHMAN HILLS PROPERTY PLAN



GATE HOUSE

THE SPA

THE VALLEY
VIEW CHAPEL

THE STABLES
& AGILITY HUB

6 7 8

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THE COTTAGES

- 1. Fish Eagle Cottage
- 2. Impala Cottage
- 3. Caracul Cottage
- 4. Bushbuck Cottage
- 5. Zebra Cottage
- 6. Otter Cottage
- 7. Chameleon Cottage
- 8. Serval Cottage
- 9. Eland Cottage
- 10. Wildebeest Cottage
- 11. Duiker Cottage
- 12. Oribi Cottage



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Photography credits:

African Bear Photography
Adam Hilton Photography
Michaeltree Photography
Stuard Dodds Photography
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