

# THE HEIGHT OF ROMANCE

Wedding documentation

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### YOUR DREAM WEDDING HIGH ABOVE BERN

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Dear spouses-to-be,

We're delighted that you want to celebrate your special day at Gurten – Park im Grünen, high above the city of Bern.

Bern's local mountain offers a variety of possibilities and options for your own unique and unforgettable wedding celebration.

The amazing view over Switzerland's capital city will give your wedding a romantic atmosphere and we can offer you the perfect venue for any number of guests.

The information contained in this brochure is designed as an initial guide to help you plan your special day. We would be happy to arrange an on-site appointment with you to discuss your unique personal requirements, where you can enjoy a guided tour of our enchanting setting and sample our catering. We look forward to seeing you!

Welcome to Bern's magical mountain – where your heart's desires will be fulfilled.

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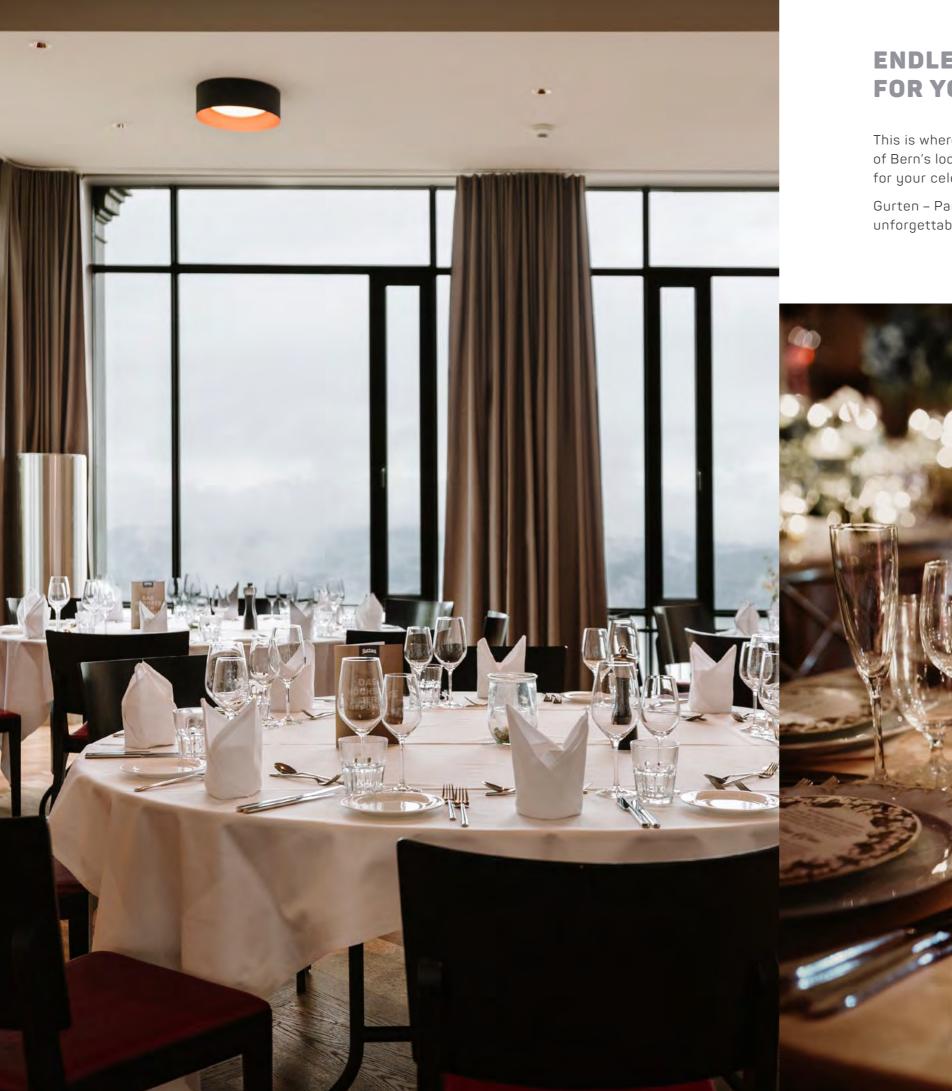
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### **ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES** FOR YOUR DREAM WEDDING

This is where you can find inspiration for your unique wedding up on the Gurten. The beauty of Bern's local mountain will take your breath away and you're sure to find the perfect venue for your celebration. Of course, it's also possible to mix and match multiple venues.

Gurten – Park im Grünen offers unlimited possibilities. Our task is to help you create an unforgettable celebration – and we put our heart and soul into it.





## **USSICHT AND WYTSICHT BALLROOMS**

Ussicht and Wytsicht are former ballrooms with a unique ambience and breathtaking views of Switzerland's capital. The rooms offer a tranquil setting and are perfect for wedding parties of up to 100 people.

Room hire CHF 1,400.-

20% of food and drink sales will be credited to the room hire fee. If sales exceed CHF 7,000.–, the room hire fee will be waived.

| Capacity                           |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Drinks reception:<br>Round tables: | 140 people<br>100 people  |
| Long rows of tables:               | 140 people  |
| Size of round tables:              | Diameter: 180 cm<br>Height: 75 cm<br>10 people per table              |
| Size of rectangular<br>tables:     | Length: 180 cm<br>Width: 75 cm<br>Height: 75 cm<br>6 people per table |

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EVENT MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Book our rustic vaulted cellar as a drinks reception area or party space. You can find more information about the vaulted cellar on page 7.

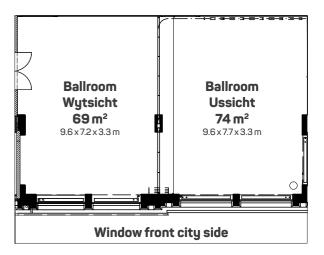
Both rooms can be divided to turn one large hall into two separate spaces. If the rooms are booked individually, they each have capacity for up to 70 people (without a drinks reception area).

#### **USSICHT OR WYTSICHT**

Room hire: CHF 700.-20% of food and drink sales will be credited to the room hire fee. If sales exceed CHF 3,500.–, the room hire fee will be waived.

#### Capacity

| Drinks reception:<br>Round tables:<br>Long rows of tables: | 70 people<br>50 people<br>70 people                                   |
|--|---|
| Size of round tables:                                      | Diameter: 180 cm<br>Height: 75 cm<br>10 people per table              |
| Size of rectangular<br>tables:                             | Length: 180 cm<br>Width: 75 cm<br>Height: 75 cm<br>6 people per table |



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### **VAULTED CELLAR**

Our rustic vaulted cellar with an adjoining wine cellar is suitable for celebrations with up to 40 guests or as a spillover area for a drinks reception or party. Imagine the historical moments that have happened between these walls since 1899 and travel back in time. The vaulted cellar's stone walls are imposing but welcoming, creating a cozy atmosphere for your nearest and dearest. Warm lamp light flickers along the cellar's walls – the perfect combination of old-fashioned and modern.

The cloistered arcades allow you to host your events whatever the weather.

Room hire: CHF 600.-

20% of food and drink sales will be credited to the room hire fee. If sales exceed CHF 3,000.–, the room hire fee will be waived.

#### Capacity

Drinks reception: Round tables: Long rows of tables: 40 people

80 people

Size of rectangular tables:

Not available

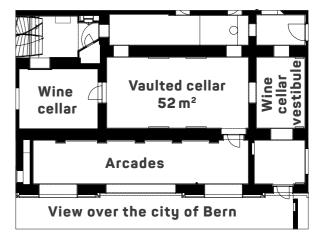
Length: 180 cm Width: 80 cm Height: 75 cm 6 people per table

#### WINE CELLAR

From the vaulted cellar, you can catch a glimpse of our excellent wine cellar. Each bottle is lovingly stored and the range on offer is sure to give an impressive insight into the world of wine.

Drinks receptions can be held outside beneath the arcades, where you can enjoy the fresh Gurten mountain air and breathtaking views over the city of Bern.







### **GURTNERS RESTAURANT**

Gurtners restaurant can be booked for exclusive use for parties of up to 110 people. The chefs work by the motto "Good food lovingly prepared". Traditional recipes are reimagined and a range of Grandma Gurtner's hearty dishes are prepared for you with love. Not to mention, all the dishes come with a magical pinch of warm-hearted affection – just what you need at your wedding, the celebration of your love.

This is a place where time stands still. The view over the capital city is so spectacular, you may find yourself losing track of time. And best of all: you can feast your eyes on the enchanting panorama while you eat. Gurtners restaurant has a fresh and modern side, too. Space is in no short supply and there are numerous special little nooks, such as the library, lounge and veranda. The newlyweds are bound to feel at home wherever they sit.

Room hire: Minimum sales of CHF 10,000.– If the sales value is less than thi hire fee.

#### Capacity

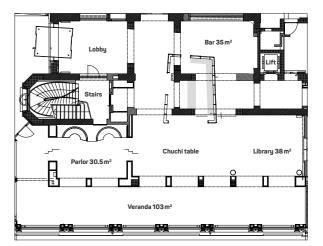
Restaurant seating: 110 people

Gurtners restaurant has a fixed seating arrangement.

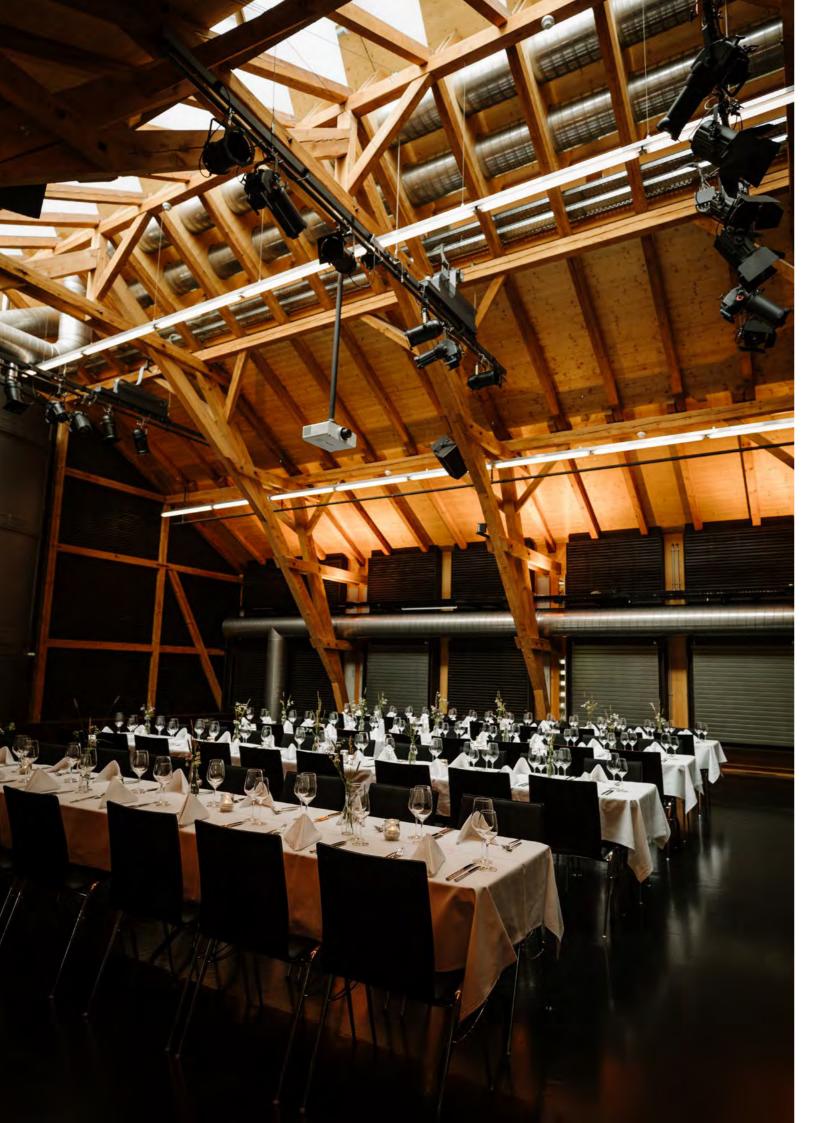
A mixture of round, square and high tables. We would be happy to provide more information about the various table sizes.

At Gurtners restaurant, you can dine or host a drinks reception out on the beautiful terrace when the weather is fine, sheltered by green branches overhead. From the terrace, you can savor the view of the vibrant capital whilst enjoying the dappled shade offered by the sycamore trees.





If the sales value is less than this, the difference will be charged as a room



### **KULTURSCHÜR UPTOWN**

Kulturschür UPtown is a multi-purpose event venue with an integrated stage and audio technology. Its two floors and terrace can accommodate up to 140 people, making it possible to plan your entire wedding celebration within a single location. The venue's hallmark is its traditional wooden beams and overall construction, which are typical of the Schür style.

Room hire:

CHF 2,800.-

CHF 14,000.-, the room hire fee will be waived.

#### Capacity

UPtown first floor Drinks reception: Round tables: Long rows of tables:

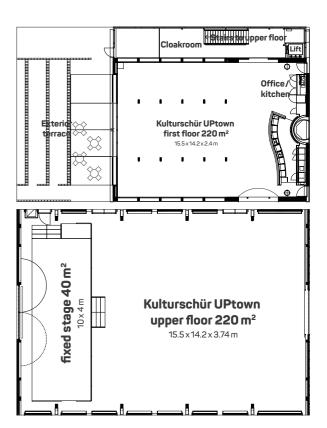
150 people 60 people 80 people

#### UPtown second floor

Drinks reception: 150 people Round tables: 80 people Long rows of tables: 140 people Size of round tables: Diameter: 180 cm Height: 75 cm 10 people per table Length: 182 cm Size of rectangular tables: Width: 75 cm Height: 75 cm 6 people per table

Everything in one venue: a fantastic dining hall with a cozy terrace and a ballroom for the party afterward on the floor above – Kulturschür UPtown offers everything your heart could possibly desire.





20% of sales will be credited to the room hire fee. If sales exceed



### **PAVILION**

This magnificent glass building with 550 m<sup>2</sup> of floor space is captivating in its simplicity and attractive open-plan layout, offering scope for bespoke requests. The Pavilion and its outdoor lounge are perfect for celebrations with 100 to 250 guests.

When you step inside the cantilevered Pavilion, you'd be forgiven for thinking it's starting to sway. You can really tell you're 858 meters above sea level. Through the glass facades, you can feast your eyes on the spectacular panorama. In the Pavilion, you will be on cloud nine – it's not just the wedding that will give you butterflies in your stomach, but the fabulous view too.

Room hire:

CHF 4,000.-

no sales-related discounts available

#### Capacity

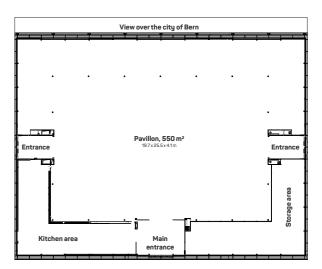
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| Drinks reception:<br>Round tables:<br>Long rows of tables: | 800 people<br>200 people<br>480 people                                |
|--|---|
| Size of round tables:                                      |   |
| Size of rectangular<br>ables:                              | Length: 175 cm<br>Width: 75 cm<br>Height: 75 cm<br>6 people per table |

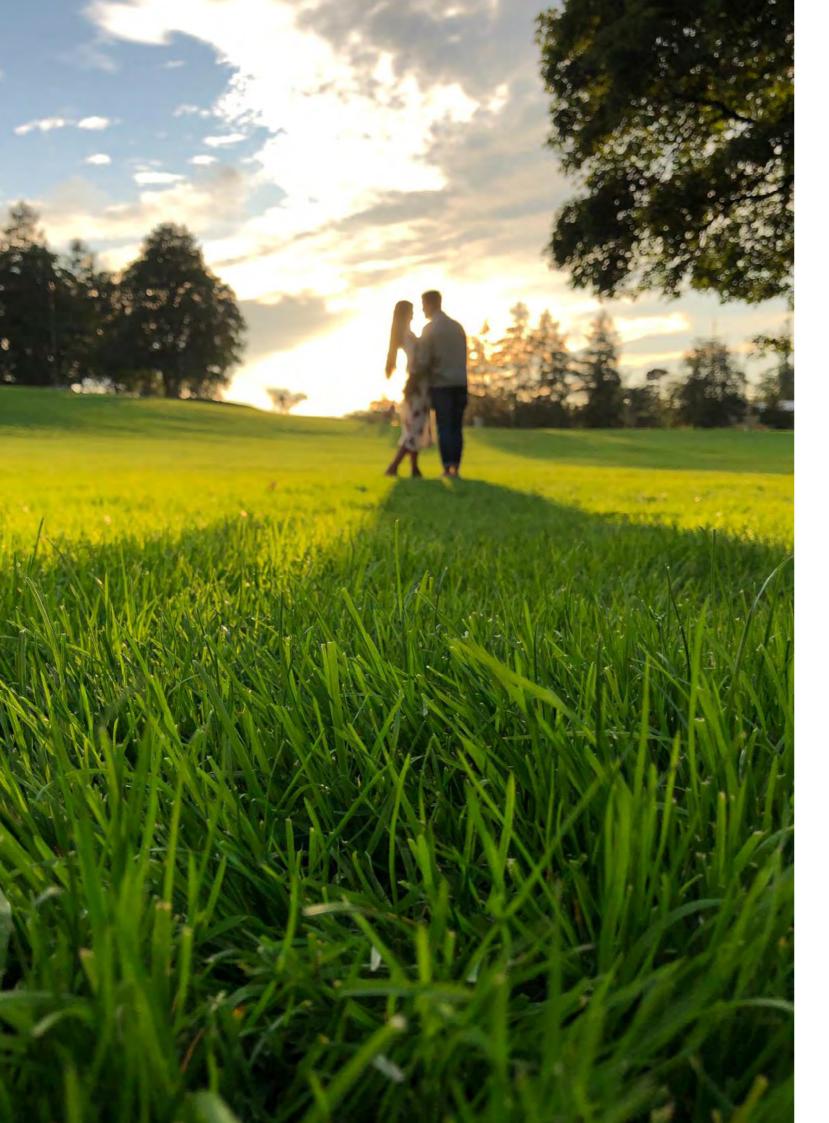
#### **THE PAVILION'S UNIQUE FEATURES**

The glass building offers you a fantastic panoramic view of the city of Bern that you will not find anywhere else. If the weather if fine, you can enjoy a drinks reception out in the wonderful sun-drenched lounge. On hot summer days, the glazed facade can be opened so that guests will almost feel as if they are out in the open air.





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### PARK

The Gurten – Park im Grünen is perfect for photo shoots. Brides wearing their dream dresses will find themselves in a fairy tale setting amongst the greenery.

On request, a wedding can be conducted outside against the natural backdrop. Let us know your requests and what you have in mind for your perfect celebration.

### P.S. A GURTEN EVENT IS A SUSTAINABLE EVENT!



The Gurten – Park im Grünen actively promotes sustainability practices. That's why the company has been Swisstainablecertified since 2022 and also why the green areas of the Gurten have been recognized by the Nature and Economy Foundation since 2017.

Being responsible towards nature also means being consistent. Take a look at some examples that demonstrate our commitment to sustainability:

#### IMPORTING BY SEA INSTEAD OF AIR

Importing vegetables by plane generates one to ten times more  $CO_2$  emissions than importing by boat. In order to reduce  $CO_2$  emissions, as of 2020, the Gurten – Park im Grünen no longer uses produce that has been imported by plane.

#### **GRAY WATER**

The average Swiss citizen uses about 45 liters of drinking water every day just to flush the toilet. For some of its toilet facilities, the Gurten – Park im Grünen uses collected rainwater, thereby saving a considerable amount of drinking water.

#### **MINIMIZING FOOD WASTE**

Thanks to improved purchasing processes, more efficient resource management and adapted services, the Gurten – Park im Grünen was able to reduce food waste this year by 47% compared to last year. We now offer take-out buffet menu boxes so that guests can take any uneaten food home with them.

#### **NO FOSSIL FUELS**

The Gurten – Park im Grünen does not purchase fruit and vegetables grown in greenhouses heated by fossil fuels.

#### **RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES**

The Gurten – Park im Grünen uses renewable energy sources. The electricity for the entire area is drawn entirely from Swiss hydropower.

#### **HEATING WITH WOOD CHIPS**

The Gurten – Park im Grünen heats its buildings by means of wood chips. Burning wood releases the same amount of  $CO_2$  as is removed from the atmosphere by trees as they grow. Wood energy is therefore  $CO_2$ -neutral.

### **OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION AT THE MOUNTAIN HOTEL IN THE CITY**



Our two lovingly furnished hotel rooms offer the happy couple the opportunity to enjoy an unforgettable wedding night. The rooms are creatively furnished in a fresh and modern style and finished with resplendent and luxurious touches. The magnificent, creaking wooden floor adds to the majestic castle flair.

Do you want cute, round windows for letting down Rapunzel's hair or a bath with a rain shower? You can decide for yourselves where you would like to wake up as a royal wedding couple.

The rooms are named "aua" and "ieu", after the words from the Bernese dialect, and are best suited for winding down as the evening draws to a close. In this former spa hotel, you are sure to feel like royalty and will also have the chance to enjoy our well-stocked minibar and a basket of regional specialties in your palace chamber.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EVENT MANAGEMENT TEAM**

If you require additional hotel rooms for your guests, we recommend the Hotel Ambassador Bern, located just two tram stops from the Gurten funicular.

### CATERING SERVICES

#### CUISINE

You can find our culinary suggestions in a separate document. We would be happy to put together a personalised offer for you and prepare the menu cards for your wedding celebration. Your younger guests needn't feel hard done by either, as they will be provided with their own children's menu.



Three-course gourmet menu from CHF 72.-Four-course gourmet menu from CHF 85.- p Five-course gourmet menu from CHF 96.-

Or would you rather have a buffet? We are happy to offer that option as well. Browse our range of food options and find the right menu for your special occasion.

#### **BEVERAGES**

We have a diverse range of beverages, which you can find in our separate catering document. You can choose between an attractive flat rate for beverages or a charge based on the amount of beverages consumed.

Flat rate for beverages at a drinks reception from CHF 21.- per person Flat rate for food from CHF 32.- per person Our range of beverages and food options also features a wide selection of Swiss and

European wines. Be inspired by our wide range of products.

| per person |  |
|------------|--|
| oer person |  |
| oer person |  |
|            |  |

### **OUR ABC FOR YOUR WEDDING**

A brief summary of details for your wedding in alphabetical order.

#### ANNIVERSARY

Celebrate your first wedding anniversary on the Gurten. We cordially invite you to stay in one of our dream rooms and relive your memories of the most wonderful day of your life.

#### **ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE**

It takes 12 minutes to get from Bern railway station to the valley station in Wabern and five minutes on the Gurten funicular to 858 meters above sea level. The Gurten funicular departs every 15 minutes and can transport up to 120 people at a time. Guests with an SBB GA travelcard or "Libero" travelcard for zones 100/101 can travel on the Gurten funicular free of charge.

We recommend the hassle-free train journey on lines no. 3 and 31 from Bern railway station to "Wabern" station or the Bernmobil tram line no. 9 towards Wabern to "Gurtenbahn" station. Or take the Bernmobil lines 29 (local bus Köniz) and 22 (Brünnen-Kleinwabern) to the "Gurtenbahn" stop.

#### **BALLOONS, FIREWORKS AND SKY LANTERNS**

The Gurten - Park im Grünen is located in a wild animal protection zone. It is therefore not permitted to light fireworks or release sky lanterns or balloons.

However, you can consider the following environmentally friendly alternatives instead. Collect greetings cards in an attractive vase or attach them to a plant. Enjoy one congratulatory message from your nearest and dearest each day after the wedding.

Instead of letting off fireworks, on the Gurten you can enjoy a midnight drink under a starry sky with sparklers.

#### **BAR SERVICE**

Do you want bar service after the food?

Let us know what drinks to put on the bar menu. You get to decide whether the beverages are added to the total bill or whether the quests pay for drinks from the bar themselves. Both options are possible and we are happy to do whatever you prefer.

#### **CHAIR COVERS**

Do you want your wedding to be all in white? We would be happy to acquire the right chair covers via our business contact so that the whole hall will be resplendent in pure white.

#### CHECKLIST

We have also drawn up a checklist so that nothing gets forgotten when you are planning your special day and to help you keep track at all times.

#### CORKAGE

Do you have a favorite wine that you couldn't do without at your celebration and would like to bring with you? This is also an option. For corkage of CHF 35.- per bottle (750 ml), we can keep your wine chilled, fill the glasses with your favorite tipple and clear the bottles away for you after the party.

#### CUISINE

Is the menu you're looking for not listed in our range? Let us know what you want and we will discuss this with our kitchen team.

#### **CUSTOM REQUESTS**

It's completely normal for custom requests to crop up in connection with a wedding. We do our best to accommodate all requirements.

#### Π DECORATIONS

Wedding decorations are as unique as weddings themselves. Allow us and our business contacts in floristry and decoration to do the work so that you can sit back, relax and enjoy your time together.

The following elements are already included in our offers:

- White tablecloths
- White napkins
- Place setting for your wedding meal
- 1 3 menu cards per table
- A small table decoration (no fresh flowers)

#### **DRIVING PERMITS**

The Gurten is car-free. Driving permits are only granted in exceptional cases and are issued by the Köniz police inspectorate. All applications for driving permits are made exclusively via the Gurten - Park im Grünen at the applicant's expense.

If you or your guests are planning to arrive by car, the parking lot by the Gurten funicular valley station is available. We would be happy to offer you a flat rate for this.

#### E **ENTERTAINMENT**

Are you planning to have a band or performers at your event? Please let us know in good time before your event, so that we can arrange for any additional requirements. If you are still looking for entertainment options, please let us know. We would be happy to put you in touch with our contacts.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

The Gurten staff have already had the pleasure of organizing and enjoying countless weddings. The entire team has a great deal of experience in wedding planning and would be happy to assist you in organizing your celebration.

#### **EXTENDED OPERATING TIMES**

The following extensions to operating times are available to book (includes night shift premiums for Gurten funicular and Gurten – Park im Grünen staff):

Until 12:30 a.m.CHF500.-last descent on the Gurten funicular: 12:45 a.m.Until 1:30 a.m.CHF 1,000.-last descent on the Gurten funicular: 1:45 a.m.Until 2:30 a.m.CHF 1,600.-last descent on the Gurten funicular: 2:45 a.m.Until 2:30 a.m.CHF 2,200.-last descent on the Gurten funicular: 3:45 a.m.

During extended operating times, the Gurten funicular runs every 15 minutes. Please confirm your chosen extended operating times at least four weeks before your event.

#### F FOOD TASTING

The couple getting married have the option of a free food tasting session. Please let us know your requests and suggested appointment times in good time so that we can devote enough time to you. Ideally, the tasting session should take place no later than two months before the wedding.

#### **G** GAMES

Do you want to spice up your wedding party with games and a program of activities? We can help you organize this in collaboration with our partners.

#### **GIFT FOR THE NEWLYWEDS**

As the wedding venue hosting you, we also like to pay our dues on the most wonderful day of your life:

- The couple getting married can enjoy the sample food free of charge, so that the wedding menu leaves nothing to be desired on their special day
- All-round service before and during the wedding
- Overnight accommodation in your dream hotel overlooking Bern, one year after the wedding

#### H HOORAY

The preparations are finally complete. Have you remembered everything? Are you really excited? Then it's finally going ahead. We look forward to your wedding.

#### IDEAS

You're sure to have clear ideas about how your wedding reception should be organized. Let us know what you have in mind and we will help you transform your ideas into reality. On the Gurten, virtually anything is possible.

#### I DO

That's what you need to say to each other, and to the Gurten. We're already looking forward to your wonderful wedding on Bern's magical mountain.

#### J JUST THE TWO OF YOU

Treat yourselves to a moment or two alone together during your wedding celebration. Enjoy these wonderful moments with the person you love the most and take a bit of a breather.

#### M MASTER OF CEREMONIES

The people witnessing the wedding ceremony are welcome to contact us directly. This will allow us to coordinate the planning of any activities programs and games so that the couple getting married can sit back and relax.

#### **MENU CARDS**

The Gurten – Park im Grünen is happy to create menu cards for you.

#### **MIDNIGHT SNACK**

If your wedding celebration is on the longer side, you might want to consider a little snack to keep everyone going. Our fine Gurten Brühwurst with bread is practically a tradition for such occasions. Needless to say, you can also order a dish of your own choice for your guests.

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We provide the best organization for your celebration. Our team will give their all to make your day perfect and will be by your side every step of the way.

#### P PARKING LOT

Visitors to the Gurten have access to 285 parking spaces for cars, e-bikes and electric cars 24/7, all year round, as well as 200 free parking spaces for bikes and motorbikes and two disabled parking spaces.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHERS**

There is no better place for wedding photographs than Bern's local mountain. We would be happy to put you in touch with our business contacts for photo shoots.

Our resident photographer, Anja Zurbrügg, knows the most scenic spots on the Gurten to help create your dream snapshots. You can find out more at **www.anjazurbruegg.ch**.

#### Q QUALITY

On the Gurten, you can enjoy the highest quality in all aspects. From delectable and sustainable cuisine to bespoke personal advice and guidance on your wedding celebration, you shouldn't be left wanting for anything on Bern's local mountain.

#### **R** RESERVATION

We recommend booking your desired venue in good time, because the wedding location is the key to a perfect celebration.

#### S SECONDS

We make sure you get your money's worth for even the hungriest of guests. If ordered in advance, we are happy to serve second helpings of the main course for CHF 15.– per head.

#### T TECHNOLOGY

Our wedding venues all have basic technical facilities. For additional technical requests (DJs, band, presentations, etc.) our business contact in the technology sector would be happy to help. Please inform us of any requests and requirements so that we can look into what is available and obtain quotes accordingly.

#### V VEGETARIANS AND THOSE WITH ALLERGIES

Whether you're vegetarian, vegan or a carnivore – we cater for all diets. Please inform us of the various dietary requirements and allergies in good time, so that our kitchen team can prepare something delicious for everybody.

#### VENUES

Whether it's an intimate occasion or a big celebration full of friends and family, we have the right venue for all kinds of events. You are welcome to come for an on-site viewing.

#### W WEDDING CAKE

Our patissier would be happy to prepare the cake of your choice. Depending on complexity, the price ranges between CHF 14.– and CHF 20.– per person.

You can find some initial inspiration for your wedding cake here:

- Naked cake
- Classic cake; white with flowers
- Cake with fruit glaze
- Cake with chocolate frosting and/or drip frosting
- Cake covered in fondant
- Classic charlotte with roulades
- Airbrushed cake

Perhaps you know someone who wants to make your cake? In that case, you can of course bring your own cake creation with you. If you want to replace the dessert with a cake you have brought yourself, a service charge of CHF 3.– per guest will apply. If you choose not to replace the dessert, the Gurten – Park im Grünen will levy a service charge of CHF 12.50 per guest.

#### WEDDING CEREMONY

Would you like the wedding ceremony itself to take place on the Gurten, too? Whether in a beautiful hall or outside in the open air, we would be happy to discuss the various options with you in person on site.

#### WEDDING FAVORS FOR GUESTS

Are you still looking for ideas for wedding favors that will go down well with your guests? Would you like to give your guests a Gurten memento to remember your wedding by? We would be happy to organize a suitable gift for you.

From our kitchen:

Gurtners tomato sauce
Gurtners tomato chutney
Gurtners fudge in cellophane bag
Gurten chocolate bar from Emmental
Gurten cookies
Two Gurten pralines

#### WINE TASTING

During the food sampling session, you are also welcome to taste our wines so that you can make the right selection for your celebration.

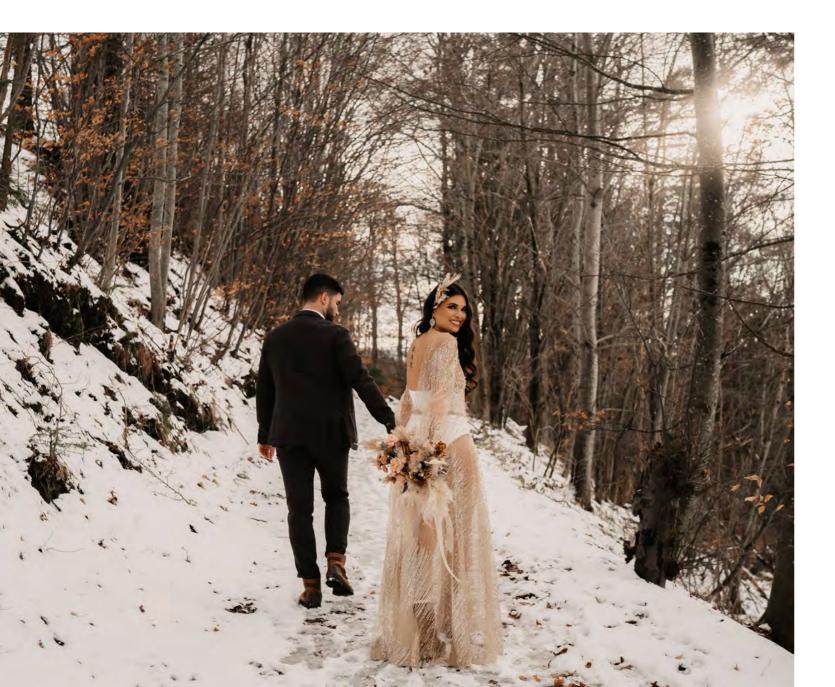
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Do you want to hold a particularly large celebration and need a lot of space? We can also combine our various spaces. Alternatively, marquees can also be hired in addition to the fixed venues.

CHF 10.-CHF 4.-CHF 10.-CHF 7.50 CHF 4.-CHF 6.-

### THE GURTEN GRAPEVINE: OUR SECRET GURTEN TIPS

- How do you like the sound of an exquisite meal in a more intimate setting followed by an afterparty to which everyone is invited? This way, no one has to be thrown out after the aperitif and you can still celebrate with a large group of guests after your cozy feast.
- Plan an hour for yourselves on your wedding day so that you can catch a breather.
- Plan a welcome drink and snack before the wedding ceremony. This gives the guests a chance to get to know each other.
- Couples getting married often forget to take care of themselves amid all the excitement, hustle and bustle. Keep a bottle of water to hand at all times.
- How would you like a 6-liter bottle of red wine served on the decanter? Bring some pens and get your guests to sign the impressive bottle. A perfect memento to take home.



### CHECKLIST

The following checklist is designed to help you plan your wedding on the Gurten, so that you don't forget anything or leave anything to the last minute.

| Date:   |
|---------|
| Venue:  |
| Budget: |
|         |

#### 6 months before the wedding

| Have you asked people to be witnesses at the wedding ceremony? |  |
|--|--|
| Have you made a guest list?                                    |  |
| Have you sent invitations?                                     |  |

#### 3 months before the wedding

| Have you arranged an appointment for the food tasting session? |  |
|--|--|
| Have you chosen a menu for your wedding?                       |  |
| Don't forget the vegetarians and people with allergies!        |  |
| Have you created a script for your wedding?                    |  |
| Have you determined what technical equipment you will need?    |  |
| Have you figured out what seating arrangement you want?        |  |

#### 1 month before the wedding

Have you set the table order?

Have you clarified all your questions?

#### 1 week before the wedding

| Have you informed us of the final number of guests, including special requests? |
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| Have you informed us of any short-notice changes to the program?                |

Who:

Number of guests:

Number of replies:

Date:

Drinks reception and menu:

Number of vegetarians and people with allergies:

Program of events:

Technology:

Seating arrangement:

Table order:

Questions:

Number of guests:

Date on which we were informed:

#### > Celebrate sustainably

