ROSEWOOD



WONDER IN A NEW LIGHT

ROSEWOOD CAPE KIDNAPPERS

FESTIVE PROGRAMMING
2026 - 2027



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WONDER IN A NEW LIGHT

Discover the festive season through moments illuminated by place, connection, and the spirit of Rosewood Cape Kidnappers.

Perched above the dramatic coastline where land meets sea, Rosewood Cape Kidnappers offers a festive season shaped by the landscapes, people, and traditions that make this corner of Aotearoa so distinctive. Here, wonder is found not in grand gestures, but in the quiet moments that bring meaning to the season. A shared meal overlooking the Pacific, music drifting through the Lodge at dusk, or laughter carried across the lawns on a summer afternoon.

From Christmas Eve to New Year's Day, each experience has been thoughtfully curated to celebrate the joy of gathering, the beauty of discovery, and the warmth of connection. Rooted in the rhythm of a New Zealand summer and inspired by the spirit of Wonder in a New Light, this programme invites you to slow down, savour the occasion, and create memories that linger long after the season has passed.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

24 CHRISTMAS EVE
Live Music
Festive Toast & Dining

25 CHRISTMAS DAY
Gingerbread Atelier
Family-Style Christmas Lunch
Lawn Games
Christmas Dinner

26 BOXING DAY
The Best of Land & Sea Barbecue

31 NEW YEAR'S EVE
Lawn Games
New Year's Eve 5-Course Dinner
Live Music

JANUARY

01 NEW YEAR'S DAY
Bubbles & Mimosa Breakfast
Lawn Games & Kiwi Barbecue








CHRISTMAS
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December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

The festive season begins

Mark the start of the season with moments designed to bring people together. Enjoy soulful live music, a festive welcome toast, and exceptional dining as Christmas Eve sets the tone for the days ahead.

LIVE MUSIC

An evening of soulful sounds

As Christmas Eve unfolds, gather for an evening of live music with acclaimed local jazz and soul vocalist Lady Larisa. Traditional Christmas carols accompany pre-dinner drinks before the performance transitions into an uplifting mix of jazz, soul and contemporary favourites, providing the soundtrack to the evening.

TIME *18:00 - 20:00*

LOCATION *Main Lodge*

FESTIVE TOAST & DINING

Settle into the celebrations

Start the evening with a celebratory glass of bubbles before settling in for dinner at your leisure. Inspired by the flavours of Hawke's Bay, the seasonal à la carte menu has been thoughtfully crafted by our culinary team, offering a memorable way to celebrate the occasion.

TIME *18:00*

LOCATION *Main Lodge*



CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

Treasured moments, new memories

Discover Christmas traditions in a new light, from hands-on holiday creations and classic lawn games to memorable meals shared around the table.

GINGERBREAD ATELIER

Create a Christmas masterpiece

Visit the Wine Cellar for a festive gingerbread house decorating experience hosted by Rozelle. Designed to delight younger guests and the young at heart, this hands-on workshop invites creativity to take centre stage as you decorate your very own gingerbread house. Advance bookings are recommended to secure your preferred session.

TIME *10:30 & 14:00*

LOCATION *Wine Cellar*

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Made for sharing

Gather for a family-style Christmas lunch featuring elevated festive classics and seasonal Hawke's Bay produce. Designed to be shared, the menu sets the scene for a leisurely Christmas Day lunch. This Christmas Lunch is available as an additional dining experience and is not included in the nightly rate.

TIME *12:00 - 14:00*

LOCATION *Main Lodge*

PRICE *NZ$185 per adult*
NZ$80 per child (5-12 years)



LAWN GAMES

Classic summer pastimes

From Kubb and Giant Jenga to friendly challenges on the lawn, enjoy a selection of classic outdoor games throughout the afternoon. A simple pleasure of the New Zealand summer, it offers fun for all ages on Christmas Day.

TIME *Available all afternoon*

LOCATION *Front Lawn*

CHRISTMAS DINNER

An evening of festive flavours

Celebrate Christmas Day with pre-dinner drinks and canapés, accompanied by a specially crafted Christmas cocktail. Dinner follows at your leisure, with a special Christmas menu created for the occasion.

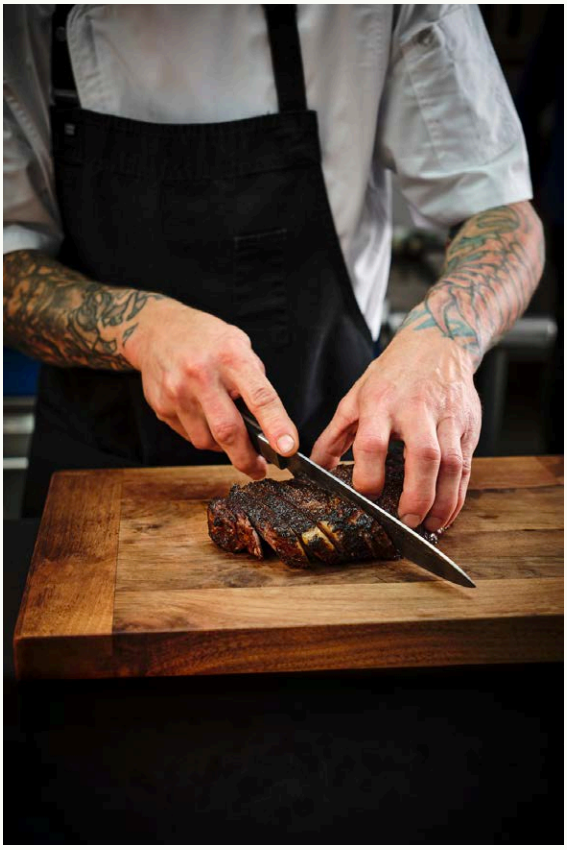
TIME *18:00*

LOCATION *Main Lodge*

BOXING DAY



December 26



BOXING DAY

The best of land and sea

Boxing Day offers the perfect opportunity to unwind and settle into the day's relaxed pace. Inspired by New Zealand's coastline and countryside, this barbecue dinner showcases premium land and sea fare, freshly prepared over the grill.

TIME *From 18:00*

LOCATION *Courtyard*

NEW YEAR'S EVE



December 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Closing the year in style

From sunlit afternoons on the lawn to celebrations beneath the stars, experience New Year's Eve through exceptional food, live music, and a memorable countdown to midnight.

LAWN GAMES

Friendly competition awaits

Enjoy a lively afternoon of lawn games set against the backdrop of the Cape Kidnappers Peninsula. Whether you're embracing a little friendly rivalry or simply cheering from the sidelines, it's the perfect way to spend a leisurely summer afternoon before the evening's celebrations begin.

TIME *Available all afternoon*

LOCATION *Front Lawn*

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINING

Toast to the year ahead

Begin the evening with pre-dinner drinks and canapés before settling in for an indulgent five-course New Year's Eve dinner. As midnight approaches, raise a glass of Champagne and welcome the New Year in style.

TIME *18:00*

LOCATION *Main Lodge*





LIVE MUSIC

The soundtrack to New Year's Eve

The Daniel Munro Band provides live entertainment throughout the evening. Smooth, easy-going melodies provide the soundtrack to the early evening before the tempo lifts later in the night with upbeat music and space to dance beneath the stars in the courtyard.

TIME *18:00 - 00:30*

LOCATION *Main Lodge*



NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 01

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Ease into the year ahead

Embrace the first day of the year at a gentler pace. From leisurely breakfasts accompanied by bubbles and mimosas to classic lawn games and an evening barbecue, discover the simple pleasures of a New Zealand summer through laughter, good company, and unhurried enjoyment.

NEW YEAR'S DAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast with a sparkling touch

The first morning of the year calls for a leisurely breakfast. Settle in, take in the views, and embrace a slow start to New Year's Day, accompanied by bubbles and freshly made mimosas.

TIME *From 7:00*

LOCATION *Main Lodge*

LAWN GAMES & BARBECUE

Quintessential Kiwi summer pastimes

From Kubb to Giant Jenga, enjoy an afternoon of classic lawn games and easy-going competition. Dinner follows with a refined barbecue, capturing the relaxed spirit of a New Zealand summer.

TIME *From 18:00*

LOCATION *Front Lawn*

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