



# Wedding Venue Tour Questions

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- Hours of access (even 12 hours of total access may require you to start getting ready off-site) and what time your wedding has to end for cleanup?
  - Who is responsible for set up and clean up?
  - Getting ready spaces – what do they look like, what's their capacity, can you have champagne or any drinks in there while you prep, can you use hairspray inside the getting ready space?
  - Nearby lodging and accommodations?
  - Ask to see the common places people have their photos taken – group photos like wedding party, family photos, etc.
  - Do they have sample books you can look at from past weddings?
  - Can they show you weddings that took place during the same time of year as you're hoping to be married in?
  - Ask about the sun – where does it fall on the ceremony space throughout the day when you're hoping to have your wedding?
  - Do they have AC? What about heaters for outdoors?
  - If they have a firepit, is it real wood, and if so do you have to supply the wood yourself?
  - What's the rain plan or backup?
  - What is the dance floor situation?
  - Are children allowed and what are the rules?
  - Do they have ADA friendly restrooms or what is their mobility friendly solution?
  - Where is the power/electricity that your vendors (or you) can use?
  - Are pets allowed and what are the rules?
  - Alcohol and bartending requirements
  - Catering requirements
  - Music rules (some venues don't allow live bands)
  - Drop offs and pick ups of rentals
  - Do they require a licensed planner or coordinator?
  - Max guest capacity
  - Max parking capacity
  - Insurance and banquet permit
  - Trash fee
  - Damage deposit (how much, what it covers, when will you get it back)

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- Refrigeration availability and locations?
  - Restrooms (and who cleans them and how often) – how many and where are they?
  - On site contact for emergencies day of, do they have any staffing for things like parking?
  - What the wedding venue provides inclusively (tables, chairs, linens, etc), and what they charge extra for?
  - What will I be responsible for renting?
  - Does Uber or Lyft service the venue, and can guests leave cars there if they do need to uber or lyft home due to over-consumption?
  - Payment options – do they have specific payment plans or ways they accept payment?
  - Vendor lists (do they make you have to choose from their list or can you hire anyone) and requirements (and do they require licensed and insured vendors only)?
  - Where do we sign our marriage license?
  - How does a wedding day flow here?
  - Where does catering set up a buffet?
  - Specific rules for photographers or videographers (btw, a wedding venue CANNOT legally require you give them use of the photographs or videos from your wedding pros – that's not yours to release, they have to get that from the photographer/videographer)?
  - Rules for decor (what do they and don't they allow – like tape, pins, nails, balloons, confetti, rose petals, etc)
  - Rules for your special exit (do they allow sparklers, bubbles, etc)?
  - What is the booking process?
  - Do we get a rehearsal? When?
  - Do we get any additional walk-throughs of the wedding venue before the wedding?
  - What all will the wedding venue need from you before the wedding?
  - What should I expect after we book with you? Does the wedding venue provide a client portal or any check-ins prior to your wedding?
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