

WEDDING FAQs

CEREMONY

Is the venue licensed for weddings?

The Domus is licensed for marriages, civil partnerships and renewal of vows.

Are registrar fees included in the package?

Registrar fees are not included in the £895 ceremony set up fee. For further information on booking your civil marriages or partnership contact the New Forest Registrars

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/birthsdeathsandceremonies>

Can we get married in Beaulieu Abbey Church?

You will need to contact the Rectory Office directly regarding Church weddings. Please call them on 01590 612242.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND DRINKS RECEPTION

Where can we have our wedding photographs?

Your group photos take place in the Cloister courtyard alongside your drinks reception. The Victorian Gardens are available for the wedding couple – this is where you will find our Love Lock Tree! Photographs outside Palace House are not permitted.

Can we have confetti?

Unfortunately, confetti is not permitted within the Cloisters or the Beaulieu Gardens. You may have bio-degradable confetti outside Meadow Gate, towards the front of the church.

Are we allowed to put up a gazebo or marquee?

Unfortunately, we cannot allow any structures or furniture on the grass of the Cloisters as it is sacred land and part of the historic Beaulieu Abbey. Marquees may only be erected in the event fields of the Beaulieu Estate.

Are we allowed garden games in the Cloister?

As it is sacred land and part of the historic Beaulieu Abbey, garden games are not permitted.

Where would our drinks reception take place?

Your drinks reception would be served in the Undercroft of the Domus.

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What would be the timings for the day?

Below is a guide however, we will work closely with you on the running order for the day and evening.

13:15 Guests and Groom to arrive via Meadow Gate

13:45 Bride to arrive via South Gate

14:00 Wedding ceremony to commence

14:30 Reception drinks

16:30 Wedding breakfast served

18:30 Wedding speeches

19:00 Evening guests to arrive via Meadow Gate

19:15 Cake cutting

19:30 First dance and evening reception

23:30 Last orders

23:45 Bar to close

00:00 Music finishes, carriages

WEDDING MENU

Can we use our own caterers?

All catering and service is provided by Restaurant Associates at Beaulieu. External caterers are not permitted. Should you be looking for an alternative type of menu please discuss with our team.

Can you cater for special dietary requirements?

Yes, our Chef will suggest and prepare an alternative menu that suits your guests' dietary requirements. We request that these are advised in advance and are marked on your table plan.

Do you offer a choice menu?

If you wish to have a choice menu there is a supplement per dish per course. Please see our wedding package enhancements.

Do you offer a childrens package?

Our childrens package includes a 3-course child friendly menu, fruit juice for drinks reception and wedding breakfast and a glass of fizzy apple for the toast. Children activity books are also available.

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Does The Domus have a bar?

The Domus has a private bar which serves a range of wine, beers, lager, spirits and mixers and soft drinks. Guests can either purchase their own drinks or you can organise a pre-paid bar tab, which is added to your final balance invoice prior to the wedding day.

Can we bring our own alcohol?

You can supply wines for your wedding breakfast and pay a corkage fee per bottle, however, we do have an extensive wine list to choose from if you wish to upgrade from our house wines. As we have a fully stocked bar we do not permit you to provide your own alcohol.

DECORATIONS AND WEDDING SUPPLIERS

Do you have an easel for the table plan?

Yes, we have an A0 size easel for your table plan, to which cardboard or foamex table plans may be attached.

Can we have candles in the Domus?

Real flames are not permitted within the Domus. We recommend LED powered candles and tealights.

When can our suppliers decorate the room?

Subject to calendar availability, access the day prior may be available. During summer this is between 4pm and 6pm and during the winter months this is between 3pm and 5pm. On the day of the wedding, access is from 10am. Alternative set up timings can be agreed; however, this should be pre-arranged and agreed with your Event Planner.

Can we have a live band in the Domus?

A live band creates a great atmosphere for your evening reception. There are ample power points on the stage. For other evening entertainment ideas please chat with your wedding co-ordinator.

Do our wedding suppliers need to provide any certification?

All external suppliers must provide their public liability insurance for at least £10M and PAT testing for any electrical equipment used.

Can we have fireworks?

Fireworks are not permitted within the Beaulieu Estate.

Is the Domus an all year-round venue?

The Domus is a venue for every season. For the winter months there is a fully working fireplace and heaters to keep the venue snug whilst the original stonework keeps the venue cool in the heat of the summer.

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ACCESSIBILITY AND ENTRY

Will there be signs to direct our guests on arrival?

There will be signage on the Meadow Car Park entrance for parking and there will also be a marshal on Meadow Gate to direct your guests in to the Domus.

Is there a disabled access in The Domus?

Yes, we do have a stair climber for any elderly or less mobile guests.

Can we visit the National Motor Museum during our wedding reception?

Entrance to the National Motor Museum is not included for yourselves or your guests during your wedding package however, if you wish to include it as part of your day, we can arrange discounted tickets or exclusive private hire in the evening.

SUSTAINABILITY

Having a sustainable wedding is important to me, how can you help me with this?

We are constantly working towards our long-term and ongoing goals of reducing our carbon footprint, minimising food waste and curtailing the impact that our supply chain has on the environment. We are transparent about where our ingredients come from and by using the best-quality seasonal ingredients sourced responsibly from local suppliers we create a better experience for our guests, the community and the environment. You can find out more about what we do to support sustainable practises by visiting [Our Sustainability Pledges | Restaurant Associates](#)

WHAT NEXT?

I am ready to book my wedding at Beaulieu, is there a deposit?

A booking contract with our terms & conditions will be sent for you to sign together with a deposit invoice for £1,000 inc VAT. By returning the signed paperwork with the payment, the booking will be secured for your wedding day.

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