

SPRIVERS MANSION



Frequently asked questions:

What are the catering and alcohol arrangements?

We don't believe in squeezing you in to set menus or wine packages and offer individually designed catering by our in-house event specialists Lesley and Nicole Parry of the [Curious Eatery](#) in Boughton Monchelsea.

Lesley and Nicole will be delighted to hear your ideas as they assist you in creating a totally bespoke wedding day menu, with wines to compliment and either a paying (card or cash) or open bar, open for as long as you wish throughout the day.

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What time can we check in to the guest accommodation?

At 9am if checking in on the day of the wedding or at midday on any other day

What time can we check in to the Bridal Suite?

At 9am if checking in on the day of the wedding and at midday if on any other day

How does breakfast work in the Bridal Suite?

This is coffee, juice, croissants, pain au chocolat, French bread, jam etc. and is brought to the landing outside the Bridal Suite at the requested time. It can be eaten at the tables in the bedrooms, in the reception rooms, or taken out in to the gardens.

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Is there a fridge in the Bridal Suite?

Both Bridal Suite bedrooms have their own mini fridge, tea and coffee making equipment as well as Champagne flutes.

What's in the Rose Garden Wing guest accommodation kitchen?

This guest accommodation is a home away from home. The kitchen is fully equipped and kitted out for 6 guests. It includes a hob, oven, fridge, freezer, microwave, dishwasher, washing machine, iron, ironing board, toaster, kettle, vacuum cleaner. Towels and sheets are included.

How do we book additional nights in the Rose Garden Wing and the Bridal Suite?

This has to be done by the couple hiring the venue and payment must be paid to the same bank account as the venue hire payment, at least one week before the date of the event. Bookings cannot be made by any parties other than the couple hiring the venue.

When can we start decorating the marquee/house/gardens?

At midday the day before the event in the house and at 9am the day before the event in the marquee

At 9am on the morning of the event for day time bookings

What time does the music have to stop?

11.30pm for DJs or playlists and 10.30pm for bands.

Is there a noise limit?

Bands and DJs need to ensure that the volume does not exceed 90 decibels at any time. You can download a decibel reader app to your phone to measure how loud this is.

Can we use helium balloons or let off fireworks?

Unfortunately not, due to the habitat that the NT work so hard to protect. Neither fireworks nor helium balloons are permitted

Can our guests throw confetti?

Yes, but only bio-degradable confetti or dried flower petal confetti may be thrown. This must happen on the gravel outside the front door, but not in the house or on the lawn, as it sticks to the grass. There will be a charge incurred to pick up any non-biodegradable confetti

Can guests camp in the field?

Yes, camping is permitted for up to 5 tents or a max of 15 people for no additional charge.

Can cars be left in the car park overnight?

Yes, cars can be left on site over night until midday the following day at the owner's risk

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Are dogs permitted on site?

Couples often request that their dog be included in the marriage ceremony and this is permitted by prior written agreement

Do we need to buy any signs?

Couples often prefer to use personalised signs, but the venue has plenty of signs to direct wedding traffic from the road and in to the car park and guests to the house, toilets, marquee etc.

Can we use the Georgian Rooms and the formal gardens outside of our wedding celebrations?

The Georgian Rooms and formal gardens are accessible from midday the day before your wedding for you to set up and decorate. They are then open to you and your guests all day on the day of the wedding.

The Rose Garden Wing guest accommodation offers a large sitting room and private garden for you and your guests to enjoy outside of the wedding celebrations.

On the day of the wedding, once the celebration has moved in to the marquee, the house and gardens are closed to guests, with the exception of parents nursing young babies, or elderly guests/grandparents who are welcome to sit in the Blue Room in the evening.

Does the venue have any lawn games that we can use?

Yes, we have croquet, lawn dominoes, lawn Jenga, boules etc that are available for you to use

Can a full size coach or double decker bus get down the drive way and turn around?

Unfortunately not. The hairpin bend in the drive way just past the house is too tight and there is nowhere to turn around. A 32 seater is more suitable.

What is the booking process?

Once you have booked your date, a contract is emailed to you for completion and signature. Payment of the deposit is due within 7 days of confirming your date, after which it is assumed the date can be put back in to general release should the deposit not be received by the venue within those 7 days.

Can we make a ceremony only booking?

Yes, you can hold just your ceremony with us.

Which churches are near the venue?

The nearest is Horsmonden Church at around one mile away, with Lamberhurst Church, Brenchley Church, Matfield Church and Goudhurst Church all within 2 to 5 miles of the venue.

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Can we stay in the marquee after the reception?

Unfortunately not. The marquee has to be closed according to the terms of the premises licence at 11.30 and all guests not staying at the venue will need to be off site by 12.00 midnight.

Does the venue have any other equipment we can borrow?

Yes, There are 2 gold coloured easels that can be used, in the house or in the marquee for table plans, running order etc.

There are Bose speakers in the Yellow Room that can be used for ceremony/daytime music

Champagne flutes are provided in the Bridal Suite bedrooms as well as the Rose Garden Wing accommodation. Both bridal suite bedrooms have a fridge and full tea/coffee making equipment. The guest accommodation kitchen is fully equipped.

Please ask for anything else that you might need and we can help you to source it or lend it to you if we have it.

Where can we go to have our photographs taken?

There are endless photo opportunities in the formal gardens, the Rose Garden, the wild flower meadow and the field and paddock, all of which are within the Sprivers Mansion boundary. Beyond this, there are 100 acres of National Trust estate land and woodland that you are welcome to wander in to along the designated footpaths.

Why do we need wedding insurance?

The National Trust requires that you have £2m public liability cover, which is included as standard in most 'off the peg' wedding cancellation insurance policies such as those sold by John Lewis, Debenhams etc for around £85.