

ELEGANCE - AMOUR - PANACHE PHOTOGRAPHY COVERAGE

A LIST OF 50 ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR VENUE

As a luxury wedding photographer, I'm excited to share a unique resource for you. Recognizing that couples have many options in choosing their perfect wedding venue, I've compiled a concise yet comprehensive guide of 50 essential questions. This carefully crafted list aims to simplify your decision-making process, touching upon key logistical, financial, and aesthetic aspects of potential venues.

These questions are designed to help you gain a thorough understanding of each venue's offerings, highlighting any limitations or special requirements that might affect your big day. It's a practical tool to ensure your chosen venue aligns seamlessly with your wedding vision.

While my passion lies in capturing the beauty and emotion of your wedding through photography, I also believe in providing valuable insights to assist in your planning journey. If you have any questions or wish to discuss how I can photograph your wedding day, please feel free to reach out at info@geoffwilkings.com or call 403 826 9927.

For those who haven't yet visited my website, perhaps learning about this guide through a friend, I invite you to explore my work at www.geoffwilkings.com.

I hope this guide serves as a helpful stepping stone in your journey toward an unforgettable wedding experience.

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- 1. Capacity: What is the maximum number of guests the venue can accommodate?
- 2. Availability: Is the venue available on our desired wedding date?
- 3. Cost: What is the cost of renting the venue, and what does it include?
- 4. Payment Plan: What kind of payment plans are available?
- 5. Cancellation Policy: What is your cancellation policy?
- 6. Venue Type: Is the venue indoor, outdoor, or both?
- 7. Weather Contingency Plan: What is the backup plan for bad weather?
- 8. Duration: How long can we use the venue on the day of the wedding?
- 9. Privacy: Will ours be the only event at the venue on our wedding day?
- 10. Access: What time can vendors start setting up on the day of the wedding?
- 11. Furniture: What furniture (tables, chairs, etc.) is provided by the venue?
- 12. Decorations: Are there any restrictions on decor or use of candles?
- 13. Catering: Do you have an in-house caterer or a list of preferred caterers?

- 14. Food and Drink Minimums: Are there minimum spend requirements for food and beverages?
- 15. Alcohol Policy: Can we bring our own alcohol, and is there a corkage fee?
- 16. Vendor Restrictions: Are we required to use vendors from your preferred list?
- 17. Sound and Music: Are there any sound restrictions or curfews?
- 18. Lighting: What kind of lighting is available, and can we bring in additional lighting?
- 19. Electricity and Power: Are there ample power outlets for DJ equipment and lighting?
- 20. Setup and Cleanup: Are setup and cleanup included, or is it an additional cost?
- 21. Parking: Is parking available for guests, and is there a fee?
- 22. Transportation: Is the venue accessible by public transportation?
- 23. Accessibility: Is the venue wheelchair accessible?
- 24. Coat Check/Storage: Is there a coat check or a secure place for personal items?
- 25. Guest Accommodations: Are there nearby accommodations for guests?
- 26. Bridal Suite: Is there a bridal suite available for preparation?

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- 27. Groom's Room: Is there a designated area for the groom and groomsmen to prepare?
- 28. Photography: Are there any restrictions on photography or videography?
- 29. Insurance: Do we need to provide our own event insurance?
- 30. Liability: What kind of liability coverage does the venue have?
- 31. Floor Plan: Can we see a sample floor plan for weddings of our size?
- 32. Staffing: Will there be venue staff present during the event?
- 33. Coordination: Do you provide a day-of coordinator or do we need to hire our own?
- 34. Rehearsal: Can we hold our rehearsal at the venue, and is there an additional cost?
- 35. Noise Restrictions: Are there any noise restrictions in the area?
- 36. Fireworks/Sparklers: Are fireworks or sparklers allowed on the property?
- 37. Pet Policy: Can we include pets in our ceremony?
- 38. Restrictions: Are there any other restrictions we should know about (e.g., religious, cultural)?

- 39. Catering Kitchen: Does the venue have a fully equipped catering kitchen?
- 40. AV Capabilities: What audio/visual equipment is available?
- 41. Wi-Fi: Is Wi-Fi available for us and our quests?
- 42. Bar Service: What types of bar service do you offer (cash bar, open bar, etc.)?
- 43. Dance Floor: Is there a dance floor, and is it included in the rental?
- 44. Fees: Are there any additional fees we should be aware of?
- 45. References: Can you provide references from previous couples?
- 46. Child-Friendly: Is the venue child-friendly, and do you offer any child services?
- 47. Extensions: Can we extend the event time, and is there an additional cost?
- 48. Renovations: Are there any planned renovations before our wedding date?
- 49. Sustainability: Does the venue have any sustainable or green initiatives?
- 50. Ceremony Options: What are the different options for ceremony locations on-site?

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