



WEDDINGS AT THE AGORA GRAND EVENT CENTER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*Dedicated to Beauty and Excellence
Now and Always*

Q. How many guests can the Agora Grand accommodate for weddings?

A. Our grand Reception Hall can comfortably seat over three hundred guests. Our on-site Traditional Chapel can seat up to two hundred. If you expect more than two hundred guests at your wedding, we can help you coordinate both the ceremony and the reception in the Reception Hall, or help you find an appropriate chapel.

Q. What is included in the Agora Grand wedding fee?

A. Our wedding fee includes these amenities and benefits:

- The grand Reception Hall on Saturday from 8am to midnight (16 hours), featuring:
 - Gilded canopy, ideal for a sweetheart table or cake spotlight
 - Large restrooms and coat room
 - ADA accessibility
 - Heat and air conditioning
 - Unique bar handcrafted from recycled elements from the original pipe organ
- The Traditional Chapel on Saturday from 8am to midnight (16 hours), featuring twenty-six stained glass windows and an original 19th century painting by Harry Cochrane
- The Balcony Lounge from 11am on Saturday to 11am Sunday (24 hours), featuring:
 - Two levels with outstanding views of the Reception Hall
 - Private bathroom with whirlpool tub
 - Minibar stocked with refreshments
 - Comfortable couches to relax and numerous tables and mirrors to help you get ready
- The Tower Honeymoon Suite from 11am on Saturday to 11am Sunday (24 hours), featuring:
 - Original stained glass windows and 30-foot ceiling
 - King bed with luxurious linens
 - Welcome plate of chocolate-covered strawberries
- The Inn at the Agora Wedding Package – from one to three nights
 - Exclusive use of the historic and highly rated inn
 - Seven rooms sleeping up to 14 guests
 - Exclusive use of all common areas, including our beautiful front porch, exquisite parlor, game room, and backyard courtyard with fire pit
 - Designated area for hair and makeup
 - Delicious appetizers while you get ready, and s'mores for the fire pit
- Access to our commercial kitchen by your licensed caterer
- Large parking lot as well as copious public parking within one city block
- Equipment:
 - Up to 32 six-foot rectangular tables (seating six)
 - Up to 8 six-foot round tables (seating eight)
 - Banquet chairs and pew seating for up to 250 guests
 - 400 square-foot dance floor
 - Built-in sound system for your DJ, including:
 - Denon four-channel mixer
 - Two QSC professional power amplifiers
 - Four Yamaha loudspeakers

- Two JBL 18-inch subwoofers
- Wired and wireless microphones
- Speakers and amplifier for playing music in the chapel
- Built-in custom uplighting, bar lighting, and WindowGlow™ lighting
- Up to 200 place settings (dishes and flatware) are available to rent for an additional fee

Q. When is the Agora Grand open?

A. Our primary wedding season is May through October. We can also accommodate weddings in April, November, and December for an additional heat surcharge.

Q. How much does a wedding at the Agora Grand cost?

A. For 2018, our venue fee ranges from \$8000 to \$12000, depending on the season, date, and the number of nights requested at the Inn at the Agora. Our couples have typically budgeted between \$25k and \$50k+ for their weddings.

Q. Can we have a Friday or Sunday wedding instead?

A. We prefer to have only one wedding or large event per week, allowing us to give our complete attention to our clients. We will consider hosting a Friday or Sunday wedding only in special circumstances.

Q. Can we use the chapel for our rehearsal?

A. Of course! Generally, we schedule rehearsals around 7pm the day before your wedding.

Q. Can I include my pet in my ceremony?

A. We love pets! Generally, we welcome furry friends with open arms. We do require that your pet is properly vaccinated, that a designated person is responsible for the pet at all times, and that you take responsibility for any mess or damage caused by your pet.

Q. Can we choose our own caterers and other vendors?

A. Yes. We have a preferred vendor list including many truly outstanding caterers, photographers, DJs, florists, and so forth. We generally require that you choose a *caterer* from our list unless you have a particular licensed caterer in mind and we feel comfortable working with that caterer.

Q. Can we use sparklers or candles with open flames?

A. We do not allow open flames inside the buildings, so please use LED lighting. You are more than welcome to enjoy a sparkler sendoff outside in front of the Agora Grand!

Q. What kinds of decorations do you recommend?

A. The Agora Grand is both a beautifully ornate building as well as a blank slate. Some couples prefer not to distract from its aura and therefore decorate little, while other couples hire professional wedding designers who completely transform the space.

Q. Do I have to hire my own bartenders?

A. Absolutely not. The Agora Grand offers customized beverage packages that fit every preference. We provide friendly professional bartenders to make sure that your guests are well served.

Q. Does the Agora Grand offer accommodations for my guests?

A. Yes. The Inn at the Agora is a beautiful boutique hotel just next door, created from the circa-1850 Albert Kelsey Mansion. The inn's exclusive Wedding Package is included in the Agora Grand wedding fee, and you and your guests can stay one to three nights, depending on availability. Not only is the inn the highest-rated in L/A, it's run by our wonderful innkeeper, Jan, who'll make sure you have plenty of space for hair and makeup.

Q. How do I reserve the Agora Grand Event Center for my wedding?

A. First, we'd like to meet you, give you a tour, and hear about your wedding vision and dreams. We get excited about wedding visions that complement our ideals of beauty, taste, respect for the past and openness to the modern. If your wedding is a good fit and you'd like to book, then we require a signed contract and a deposit, which is one-third of the total wedding fee. After you book, your wedding will become one of our priorities. We believe in providing outstanding service and making sure that your wedding is everything you've dreamed of.

