



Common questions our couples ask us...

How many guests can the Inn accommodate for a reception?

Our ballroom seats up to 95 guests.

Larger receptions up to 180 guests are held under our white marquee.

How many overnight rooms are available and how many do we have to reserve?

We have 12 guest rooms. These rooms have enough beds for 32 guests. In keeping with creating a truly unique and exclusive wedding, our policy is that all the rooms are reserved for Friday and Saturday nights. Our past couples tell us that being surrounded with their family and closest friends for two days, sharing together both the anticipation and magic of the day, is one of their fondest memories.

Is there a bridal suite at the Inn?

All of our guest rooms have their own unique character. When you visit us, you'll decide which room feels just right. It's our pleasure to include the room of your choice as our gift to you when you book your wedding with us.

If we are reserving all of the rooms do we get a discounted rate?

We don't offer a discount on the room rates for weekend weddings, other than our gift to the bride and groom. For guests staying a third night we offer a 25% discount.

What do we do if we need additional overnight accommodation?

There are a few options within a 15 minute drive, and there are many options within a 30 minute drive of the Inn. Our couples have, in the past, arranged for a shuttle service to and from nearby hotels. We can assist you with this planning.

What about all the other service providers like florists, photographers, hair and make-up, musicians and DJs?

Most of our weddings are for out-of-town couples. We work with a select group of professionals to coordinate and provide all the services you may wish for. To the above list, we can also add: stunning décor packages, fabulous wedding cakes, spa services, horse and carriage service, live butterflies & doves for release and limousine & transportation services. You are welcome to arrange for your own service providers. There is no fee for this. They must have their own liability insurance.

Can we get married on site? Are there churches nearby?

Yes, and yes. Many of our couples choose to get married at our rustic open-air post and beam chapel. It is built on the foundations of the old carriage house.

Couples also choose Apostles' Row, our "cathedral of trees" that Lady Mackenzie planted well over a century ago. There are many lovely spots on the grounds. You're free to choose whichever one speaks to you.

White folding chairs, signing table, Dj/Musician table, and set-up are included for your ceremony in our all-inclusive package prices.

Couples can also get married in two local churches. Both an Anglican and a Roman Catholic church are within a short drive. You can arrange for your own officiant or minister, or we can assist you with this.

How are children menus and pricing arranged?

There is no charge for children under 4. Children between 4 and 11 are billed at half the adult rate. Children 12 and over are billed at the adult rate. We are happy to tailor menus specifically for kids & we can discuss this with you to find the right fit.

Can we do our own catering or bring our own alcohol?

Typically no. We have a world-class chef and all of the food and beverage service is provided by the Inn. We are licensed with the AGCO and operate by their guidelines. You may bring in your own wedding cake. If you have specific reasons for wanting to use off-site catering, please feel free to discuss this with us.

We want to bottle our own wine and serve it at dinner, can we?

No. We don't do a corkage service at the Inn. It is fun to create your own wine and special label as a keepsake. We suggest that couples wanting to do this consider giving a bottle away to each guest as they leave at the end of the reception.

Are there additional charges for small or large weddings?

Smaller more intimate weddings can be very special at the Sir William Mackenzie Inn. In order to provide the same high standard that larger weddings receive, there is a 15% surcharge applied to your wedding package if your guest numbers are below 70. A 17.5% surcharge will apply to any wedding over 95 guests and this is applied to the additional costs involved with hosting the reception in our 50' x 80' tent. With very large receptions there may be the need for additional facility rental items.

What about facility fees, chairs, linens, glass and silverware, is this included?

Yes, all of these things are included in your all-inclusive package. We try to keep our pricing as clear as possible without the hidden extra fees that many venues have. Couples do ask us to create additional décor packages and we're happy to discuss this with you. You are welcome to add your own touches and additions as well.

We would love our dog "Monty" to be part of the service. Is this possible?

Yes! One advantage of having exclusive use of the Inn is that you can add these wonderful and very personal touches. We have had a number of pets involved in the ceremony, and been an important part of family pictures. Let's discuss how this can fit into the flow of your day.

What about vegetarian and special diets?

We always have a vegetarian option available with your main entrée choice for those guests requesting this. Similarly, allergy-conscious and special diet menus can be accommodated with advance notice.

How about confetti, bird seed and flower petals?

Confetti is not allowed, Birdseed is fine, but it can be uncomfortable for the couple. We always recommend that rose petals or bubble blowers can be a lovely addition at the close of the ceremony for family and friends to use.

When can we set-up?

Because we host only your wedding, there is usually a high degree of flexibility for you to arrive earlier in the week if you'd like to create special décor and touches. This can be a really fun time so that everything is prepared well in advance and you can truly enjoy your Friday and Saturday without feeling rushed and pressured to get everything done last second. Very few venues afford this luxury. We've hosted many weddings, and this is a plus that our couples say was a great advantage to them.

Do we have to choose one of the Menu Packages? I'm looking for something else?

We welcome you to discuss any custom arrangements you'd like, both with menus and ceremony and reception styles. Our all-inclusive packages are a good starting point, but many of our couples tailor their wedding and reception with us to match their personal vision.

How are deposits and payments arranged?

There is a \$1500 deposit due when reserving your date with us and at that time we will complete a reservation contract together. A deposit equal to 50% of anticipated charges is due six months prior to your wedding. At three months prior, a deposit of 25% of anticipated charges is due. Final guest numbers, arrangements and deposit are due 10 days prior to your wedding. Any additional charges occurring over the wedding weekend are settled on Sunday. All deposits are non-refundable and can be paid in cash or cheque, debit or by e-payment to contact@themackenzieinn.com through your banking institution. We do not accept Visa or MasterCard.