



STEIN WEDDING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a Food & Beverage minimum?

Your food and beverage minimum is determined by your Catering Sales Manager and is based on the anticipated number of guests, your anticipated food and beverage spend, as well as the date and time of year you are considering. The food and beverage minimum is the amount required to spend on food and beverage for your event. The entire wedding package price (even though it includes non-food items) goes towards meeting the food and beverage minimum. Beverage is charged on consumption and is not included in the wedding package price. Anything outside of the package that is non-food or beverage related (A/V charges, labor fees, etc.) does not go towards the food and beverage minimum. Your food and beverage minimum does not include tax or service charges.

Do you have a curfew/noise ordinance?

Our ballroom was designed in a way that allows you to enjoy your event until 1:00am, however, our liquor license does not permit the service of alcohol after 1:00am. Any events taking place in the outdoor areas have a curfew of 10:00pm. Please note our wedding package is based on a 6-hour event. You may extend your event to 7 or 8 hours, but additional charges will be incurred. If you decide to hold an after-party in our Champions Club, alcohol service must conclude at 1:00am and a 15-minute grace period will be given to vacate the premises.

What if I am checking into my complimentary suite on the same day of the wedding?

Check-in is at 4:00pm. Due to demand, you will likely be unable to get into your suite prior to 4:00pm. We allow you to book the bridal suite the night before at the discounted suite rate arranged for in your room block contract. This allows you and your bridesmaids all day to get ready and relax in the comfort of the Bridal Suite without having to move items on the wedding day.



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Are we required to use your preferred vendors?

We strongly encourage you to select from our preferred vendor list. These vendors are local to the area and are very familiar with our property. They will be able to navigate all aspects of your wedding seamlessly with their local knowledge and expertise on how to plan a wedding at Stein Eriksen Lodge. This planner must be off our preferred list or preapproved prior to contract. If a non-approved planner is hired, a fee may be incurred. Our preferred vendors have had a great deal of success with past clients and are incredibly familiar with our venue parameters and protocols. We revisit our list each year so that we recommend only the best! Should you select a non-local wedding planner, please first confirm approval with your event manager.

Are we required to hire a wedding planner?

Yes! A full-service wedding planner is required for your wedding day. Your planner must be an accredited, licensed professional in the industry. You will have a Catering Sales Manager and/or an Event Services Manager from the hotel who will provide all of the resort-related wedding coordination of your event up until the wedding day. There are significant differences between a wedding planner and an event manager from the hotel, and we want to be sure your expectations are met. Catering Sales Manager and/or Event Services Manager is responsible for everything that specifically relates to the hotel (i.e., tables, chairs, linens, food, etc.).

Our focus is to make sure that kitchen and wait staff are scheduled and the room set up according to the agreed upon floor plan.

We will have a timeline created for our catering staff, which is centered around food preparation. As our responsibility lies with our venue and staff, we are unable to be responsible for putting out place cards, family photographs, party favors, etc. We do not coordinate transportation and are not able to be with the bride/bridal party all day.

A wedding planner is responsible for everything that comes with your venue as well as making sure that your vendors know where and when they are supposed to be – more importantly, they let you know where and when you are supposed to be! The wedding planner's schedule arrival times for all vendors, help determine when the photos will be taken, let the band/DJ know what songs to play, coordinate when the cake will be cut and where and when the sparkler send-off will be held. The wedding planner will design your ceremony and reception. The wedding planner will help choose your colors, linens, flowers, table set-up, design, and much more.