

22 Questions to ask before booking your venue.

	<p>Does the venue hire fit my budget? Before you start looking at venues, decide what you can/are willing to spend.</p>
	<p>Does the venue offer different rates for different days of the week/seasons? Some venues may offer lower rates for weekday weddings or during winter.</p>
	<p>What does the venue hire include: Chapel, tables, chairs, cutlery, glassware; waiters and bar staff; accommodation?</p>
	<p>Does the venue have a cut off time? If you are allowed to go past a certain time (usually midnight) what is the additional cost?</p>
	<p>What deposit will you need to pay and by when? Some venues will allow you to pay instalments, leading up to the day.</p>
	<p>When is the latest you can make changes to the reservation? If you need to change your date, find out what penalties may occur for changes.</p>
	<p>What is the cancellation policy? Read the contract carefully to avoid possible conflict and disappointment.</p>
	<p>Is the venue available for your proposed date? How if you are not flexible on the date, find this out before anything else.</p>
	<p>How many guests will you have? Is the venue large enough, or possibly too large?</p>
	<p>How accessible is the venue for elderly or disabled guests? Consider distance from the chapel to reception, wheelchair access etc if needed.</p>
	<p>Does the venue offer exclusivity? Will there be other groups using the venue at the same time? Will this affect you?</p>
	<p>How friendly and accommodating is the staff at the venue? You will be dealing quite a lot with them, so they should be responsive and polite at least.</p>
	<p>Is there an onsite wedding planner or coordinator? Some venues offer wedding planning services – find out what is included.</p>
	<p>Who will be present on the day of your wedding? You might deal with the coordinator leading up to the day but check if they will be there.</p>
	<p>How secure is the venue? Is there safe parking, security personnel, limited access for guests only?</p>
	<p>Does the venue have in-house catering, list preferred outside caterers or allow you to hire your own caterer?</p>
	<p>What menu options are available? There are often various price options. Does the catering fit within your budget? (Food is one of the biggest costs)</p>
	<p>Does the venue provide bar services or can you bring in your own alcohol? If they allow you to bring in your own drinks, check corkage costs.</p>
	<p>Does the venue have their own vendors that you are obliged to use, or can you use your own service providers?</p>
	<p>If you plan a garden or outdoor ceremony, what is the plan B in case of rain? You do need an alternative.</p>
	<p>Check the inclusions and restrictions regarding décor: Is draping available, is there an additional cost? Do they allow candles/moving furniture?</p>
	<p>When can you have access to the venue to set up? Also, check what time you need to vacate the property on the day of setting up.</p>

