



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Tudor Place?

A model of Federal-period architecture in the nation's capital, Tudor Place was home to six generations of Martha Washington's descendants from 1805 to 1983 and the enslaved workers and servants who lived and worked here. With over 18,000 decorative objects, including the largest Washington Collection outside of Mount Vernon, Tudor Place sits on 5 ½ acres in the heart of Georgetown.

When may I make a site visit to Tudor Place Historic House & Garden?

Site visits are conducted by appointment only. To book your visit and learn more about hosting your event at Tudor Place, please email the Private Events Manager at events@tudorplace.org.

May I have my wedding ceremony on-site?

Yes! Ceremonies are the most popular rental. Please note that wedding ceremonies and receptions are limited to 70 people. Visit tudorplace.org/rentals or email events@tudorplace.org for more information on wedding packages.

None of the packages listed fit the needs of our wedding; can we add extra time or customize a package?

Yes! The Private Events Manager is happy to work with you to create a custom package if none suit your needs. Rental windows can be adjusted based on hourly fees.

How much will my event cost?

Your event cost will be the Rental Fee + a Refundable Security Deposit + Tent Fee (for events over 50 people). Rental fees are calculated based on length of time. Rental windows must cover setup and breakdown time for all vendors, in order to avoid additional fines. Additional resources may incur extra fees; please refer to the Wedding Packages overview for detailed information. Contact events@tudorplace.org for a rental quote.

Why do you require a tent for larger rentals? Do you have an approximate cost for that?

Tents are required for larger groups in case of inclement weather, as there is not an indoor space that can accommodate large groups. Tent pricing depends on which part of the grounds you would like to cover, as well as which kind of tent you require, and any extras (lighting, etc.) Reaching out to tent vendors directly will give you a better understanding of cost. The Private Events Manager works with several tent vendors on-site and can gladly give you recommendations, but you are welcome to use any tent provider/rental service you prefer.

What is included in the rental rate?

Rentals at Tudor Place include up to two locations on-site, staff members to facilitate your rental, and a catering prep space. Chairs are included for most wedding ceremonies.

Is photography permitted during my rental?

Yes! Photography is encouraged during your rental. Separate photography fees may apply if you require additional time. Many guests prefer to rent additional hours before their event for photography purposes. Adding additional time just for photography does not continue the reservation of your rental space, and chairs may be broken down at this point.

Can our event guests tour the garden and house?

Yes! House tours are available by request for your guests, as well as self-guided garden tours during rental hours.

Does Tudor Place permit food service? Do you have required vendors or catering recommendations?

Tudor Place does not have in-house catering or required vendors. Please refer to the Preferred Vendors List to see catering recommendations, which are based on real event experience.

What types of entertainment are permitted?

Only acoustic music is permitted on-site. Due to zoning regulations, amplification is prohibited. The Preferred Vendors List has an array of acoustic performers.

Does Tudor Place offer on-site parking?

Tudor Place does not offer on-site parking. Valet or shuttle service is recommended for events with 50 guests or more; valet service is required for events of 70 guests or more. For smaller groups, street parking is available on 31st Street NW.

Why is there a restriction on the use of candles and red wine?

All sources of flame and red wine have the ability to do irreparable damage to the historic site and their use is not allowed. For the protection of our irreplaceable collections, we do not allow their use on site.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: Covid-19

What is Tudor Place Historic House & Garden doing to ensure the safety of guests at this time?

Tudor Place Historic House & Garden is committed to the health and safety of all guests and employees. Temporary Health & Safety rules have been implemented, in accordance with current District of Columbia and CDC guidelines. As such, we must follow all health and safety regulations put in place by the District of Columbia. These includes, but are not limited to, reduced capacity on outdoor gatherings in observance of our square footage, restricting the use of indoor space for gatherings, and requiring masks. The staff work remotely when possible to limit the number of people on-site and make private events as safe as possible.

Additionally, there is increased sanitation of high-touch areas in the garden, including restrooms. There are hand sanitizer stations throughout the garden. All Tudor Place employees, vendors and guests are required to wear masks at all times. For rental events, all rental clients and guests must wear masks until they reach their designated rental space. If a rental is booked during hours when the garden is open to the public, masks must also be worn by all rental guests when outside of their designated rental space.

What is your capacity for private events during Covid-19?

At this time, all private events take place outdoors in the garden spaces. The capacity of the venue will depend on DC health and safety guidelines in relation to the square footage of the space.

Where can my event take place? Is there a rain contingency plan?

All events are currently taking place outdoors in the garden areas. The specific garden area in which your event can take place will depend on your guest count and garden room capacities, in compliance with the DC health and safety regulations.

The indoor spaces are not currently available for any rentals as a primary or backup space. When you are booking an event outdoors, it is your responsibility to work with the Private Events Manager on a weather contingency plan. The Private Events Manager can provide umbrellas for your guests or work with the tent vendor of your choosing.

Is the 70-person limit on weddings Covid-19 specific?

No, the 70-person capacity for the larger wedding packages is not Covid-19 specific. This is a perennial policy due to a neighborhood agreement. Most weddings are under 50 people due to Covid-19 restrictions, but this is subject to change.

Are there specific times that I can book my event?

Events can be scheduled at any time but are encouraged before or after public hours to ensure privacy and comfort. If you book during public hours, Tudor Place will decrease the public tickets available so that the garden is not overcrowded or over capacity and there will still be room for adequate social distancing. If you book during public hours, you and your guests will be required to wear masks any time you leave your designated rental space.

Who is included in the guest count?

Currently, every person in the rental space is counted, to assure adherence with DC health and safety guidelines. This includes the couple, the bridal party and groomsmen, and all children. Also counted are any vendors working in the space during your rental including, but not limited to, officiant, photographer, videographer, day of coordinator or planner, and catering staff.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Private Events Manager by email at events@tudorplace.org