



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Weddings & Events

#### **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. It is now a museum and educational space that also allows private rentals.

#### **Can I make a site visit to learn more about hosting a private event?**

Yes. Site visits are conducted by appointment only. To book your visit and learn more about hosting your event at Tudor Place, email the Private Events Manager at [events@tudorplace.org](mailto:events@tudorplace.org).

#### **What type of events can I host at Tudor Place?**

Tudor Place allows many different types of events including, but not limited to: Weddings, rehearsal dinners, anniversary parties, engagement parties, proposals, film shoots, bat and bar mitzvahs, birthday parties, celebrations of life, retirement parties, corporate retreats, holiday parties and more. You can fill out our rental application at <https://tudorplace.org/rentals/rental-application/> to find out if we are able to host your event.

#### **Do you have any timing restrictions?**

Yes. Events can begin at 8:00 a.m. and must end by 10:00 p.m. according to Tudor Place's neighborhood agreement. Event timing must include all vendor set up and breakdown.

#### **What does my rental include? Can I have a full site rental?**

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. Full-site rentals are available for \$10,500 and include exclusive, full use of the property for up to 10 hours.

**Does Tudor Place provide catering?**

No. Tudor Place does not provide catering. See our Preferred Vendors List for suggestions of caterers we know work well within our historic space.

**Do we have to use vendors on the Preferred Vendors List?**

No, you do not. You are welcome to choose any vendor so long as they can provide proper insurance documentation. Caterers may need to provide a liquor license. You will be responsible for providing contact information to the Private Events Manager for all vendors working on site. Vendors that have not worked at Tudor Place before will need to conduct a site visit with the Private Events Manager prior to your rental date.

**When can my vendors have access to Tudor Place for set up? When can I arrive at Tudor Place?**

Set-up and breakdown time for all vendors must be included in your rental time. Access to the site will be permitted no earlier than 15 minutes prior to your contracted rental time.

**What if I go over my rental time?**

There is a \$1,000 fee per hour, or any fraction thereof, for any time spent on the property over your rental time -- this includes guests or vendors. It is the renter's responsibility to be sure guests and vendors are off site by the end of your contracted time. Tudor Place requires a Wedding Planner or Day of Coordinator for our larger wedding packages to be sure guests and vendors are off site by the end of your rental time.

**What restrictions does Tudor Place have?**

Tudor Place is an historic house with over 200 years of history, located in the heart of Georgetown. Due to nature of the property, our vast collections throughout the grounds, and our neighborhood location, we have the following restrictions:

- Weddings are limited to 70 guests (some garden spaces may have smaller restrictions due to COVID19 city regulations)
- Events, including clean up, must end by 10:00 p.m.
- No live flames: candles and smoking are not permitted
- No heavy cooking on site (see catering regulations)
- No red wine or red-colored beverages
- No amplified music or voices

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

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

**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?**

No. 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 with 70 guests or more. For smaller groups, street parking is available on 31st St NW.

**What does the \$1,000 tent fee cover?**

The \$1,000 tent fee is a flat fee that covers the on-site set-up and breakdown time for your tent vendors. Tents can be set up the day prior and taken down the day after your event.

**What if it rains? Is there any indoor space included in my garden rental?**

Most rental packages are exclusively for the garden. It is the renter's responsibility to have a rain plan in the event of inclement weather on the day of the event. We require tents for larger groups in case of inclement weather, as we do not have an indoor space that can accommodate large groups and we want everyone to have their event as planned. At this time, due to COVID restrictions, our indoor space for small groups is only available for fewer than 25 people on weekends or after 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.