

Wedding Planning FAQs

The Stables
at Sages Cottage Farm



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What is your venue hire and per head cost?

There is a venue hire of \$2,500 at The Stables at Sages Cottage Farm which includes everything listed in 'The Lead up' and on 'the big day' in your package brochure.

As for what that price is, that depends on a lot of factors because we're not a 'cookie cutter' kind of venue. We allow you to build a unique package special to both of you.

Our event architects can help you with a quote for the wedding day that you are after, so please get in touch!

What is a minimum spend? What is it made up of?

A minimum spend is an overall amount that is agreed upon by both the venue and the client at a time of booking. It is the minimum amount of money the client must spend with the venue which can be made up of food, beverage or time in the venue.

Will the minimum spend increase?

No, once the minimum spend has been confirmed in writing on your booking agreement it will not vary.

How do I confirm my booking?

Just ring or email us and say "yes!" Then we will create a booking agreement and a deposit invoice for you. Once the signed booking agreement has been returned to us and the deposit invoice has been paid, your booking is confirmed.

Can I make a tentative booking?

We understand that making a decision on your preferred venue can take a little time and you may often need to consult your friends and family. So, we offer our potential clients a tentative booking for 3 days. This essentially places your name on the date but is not a booking. Once the 3 days has expired, we will contact you to confirm your decision, or to have your name removed from the date. Our venue is very popular, so, unfortunately, we can't hold a date any longer than 3 days, as we often have a waiting list.

How much is the deposit?

A \$3,000 deposit is required to secure your special day at The Stables at Sages Cottage Farm.

When is my next payment due after paying the deposit?

The 1st progress payment is due 6 months prior to your event date. The 2nd progress payment is due 3 months prior. Your final payment of the remaining balance is due no later than 7 days prior to the event date. Which means you get to relax in that final week and focus on more important things.

What is the next stage after paying my deposit?

A deep breath and a glass of bubbles... because you're officially getting married! But after that, you can expect an email from our team of event coordinators introducing themselves. From here you will have access to the whole team to assist you with any queries leading up to the big day.

Then we give you a rest until around 10 months before your wedding where you will receive a planning checklist to help you get started. Within that checklist is a timeline so you'll know what to expect from then on.

How much is your children's menu?

Children meals are priced at \$60

How much do you charge for working guests?

Working guest meals (e.g. entertainment members, photographers, videographers, etc.) are charged at \$95 per person. Melbourne Event Group will provide full food and beverage service to working guests.

When do I have to give final numbers?

In order to make sure we order the correct amount of food, beverage and staff for your wedding, we do require that you inform us of your final guest (and supplier) numbers, including any special allergies, no later than 14 days prior to the event date.

FAQs (cont.)

What happens if I need to cancel my event?

We understand that at times unexpected things happen and events may need to be cancelled.

Please read through our terms and conditions for all relevant information.

Where is The Stables at Sages Cottage Farm?

Our address is: 85 Sages Rd, Baxter VIC 3911

Are you an accessible venue?

Yes. In accordance with the Discrimination Act 1992, we offer accessible rest rooms, ramps, accessible parking and wide doors.

What are the parking options available?

There are plenty of car park spaces available which are all free of charge.

Can The Stables at Sages Cottage Farm be accessed by public transport?

Sages Cottage Farm is located on the Mornington Peninsula in a suburb called Baxter.

Baxter does have a train station that is a 4-minute drive away from Sages Cottage Farm.

Audio visual

It is recommended that you make use of your DJ or band's sound equipment for speeches.

Any additional AV can be organised through our preferred supplier.

Are there any restrictions on sound levels at The Stables?

The sound is limited to 95 decibels. Your DJ or band must ensure that the bass is controlled to respect our neighbours.

When do I have access to the venue on the day of my booking?

You (and/or your suppliers) will have access to the venue 60 minutes prior to the commencement of your event and half an hour post event.

Please note that The Stables operates as a café in the day which means we may not be able to offer earlier access than the complimentary 60 minutes. If earlier access is required, please speak to your event coordinator. Additional charges may apply.

Preferred suppliers

At The Stables at Sages Cottage Farm we pride ourselves on working with the best vendors that Victoria has to offer, and as such, we're only comfortable recommending those who have been through a serious reference checking process. All the suppliers on our list are businesses and people who are committed to working within the Melbourne Event Group values and who we trust to deliver only the very best service and products to our valued clients. (You will receive a copy of this list when you book your wedding with us.)

What is your responsible service of alcohol policy?

All Melbourne Event Group staff are trained in the Responsible Serving of Alcohol, and by law may refuse to serve alcohol to any person/s who seems to be intoxicated. Melbourne Event Group prohibits any minors under the age of 18 years to be served or given any alcoholic beverages at any time regardless of who they are with.

Does The Stables cater for specific food allergies?

Yes, absolutely! We aim to provide suitable options for all our guests. We do, however, need adequate time to accommodate special requests and, therefore, all allergies must be confirmed alongside your final guest numbers 14 days before your wedding. A good way to ensure you get this information from your guests on time is to include a line in your invite which says: "Please RSVP with any allergies by this date"

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Can we enjoy the fireplace during our event?

Absolutely! However, an event manager will oversee its operation for safety.

Do the marquees have heaters?

Yes, the heaters in the marquees can be adjusted to your comfort.

Is there air conditioning in The Stables?

Yes, The Stables itself is equipped with air conditioning for your comfort.

Is it possible to adjust the neon lighting?

Absolutely, the neon lights can be easily turned on or off to suit your preference.

Are animals or pets allowed on the premises?

Unfortunately, we do not allow animals on-site to ensure the comfort and safety of our resident animals.

Are pyrotechnics permitted?

While pyrotechnics are not allowed, we do allow sparkler exits for a memorable send-off!





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