

Wedding FAQs

Our knowledgeable Wedding Specialists at the Hawthorne Hotel want to answer your questions. We've compiled the most popular and put them here.

Question: How many people does your Grand Ballroom hold?

Answer: Our gorgeous Grand Ballroom can hold 190 maximum with a dance floor

Question: How many people can I seat at each table?

Answer: You can set tables with 8, 9, or 10 place settings

Question: Are rooms for our out of town guests automatically blocked off if we have our reception at the Hawthorne Hotel?

Answer: No, but our Sales Manager will be happy to put together a separate contract for your room block with a special wedding rate based upon the availability in the hotel at the time of your wedding.

Question: When is the best time for me to...with regards to my wedding?

Answer: We have a great timeline for weddings we cater both at the Hawthorne Hotel and the Peabody Essex Museum. These timelines are great tools for brides and can be found at www.hawthornehotel.com/weddings/index.htm and www.hawthornecatering.com/weddings.htm.

Question: Is a per person bar or a consumption bar better for me to have at my wedding?

Answer: Every wedding group is different, there is no right answer. You want to think about your guests and group as a whole. Some people like the idea of having the per person hourly bar because this allows them to know what they are paying up front, there are no surprises. Having a consumption bar means that you are charged only what your guests drink, it is like keeping an ongoing tab.

Question: Is parking free? Can my wedding guests use the hotel parking lot?

Answer: The parking is free at the Hawthorne Hotel, but is on a first come-first serve basis. The city of Salem also has parking garages and lots for public use.

Question: Do we have to use the vendors on your wedding vendor list?

Answer: Our list is merely a suggestion. The vendors on our list are professionals we have a long-standing relationship with and we have witnessed the quality of their work for many years.

Please call our wedding specialists with any other questions you might have or if you would like to come to the Hawthorne Hotel and see all that we have to offer for your special day. Call 978-825-4358 or email cmadigan@hawthornehotel.com. We also have a wedding request for information form on our website.

