

What can we hire?

You can hire our venue for just a ceremony or just a reception or both:

- The Keep ceremony room holds up to 60 people: which comprises 56 guests (maximum 48 seated & 8 standing), the couple and the two registrars.
- The Marquee ceremony space holds up to 120 people, which is 116 guests seated, the couple and the two registrars.
- Receptions in the Marquee seat up to 120 guests for a sit-down wedding breakfast or up to 200 guests for a buffet.

The maximum number of guests for the evening celebration is 200.

Can we have exclusive use of the venue?

You have exclusive use of certain areas of the Castle.

During a ceremony you have the use of the entire Keep and half of the ramparts. From 5pm we close to the general public and you have use of the Marquee and Courtyard, as well as the ramparts until dusk.

Are you licenced for civil ceremonies?

Yes, both the Keep upstairs ceremony room and Marquee are licenced.

Can we have the wedding ceremony outdoors?

No, only the Marquee and Keep are licensed for ceremonies.

Can we use our own caterers?

No, our onsite caterer The Courtyard offers a wide menu to suit everyone.

From what time can we get access to decorate the venue?

You can decorate from 9am on the morning of the wedding.

It may be possible to arrange access for you the day before if there are no other events, but we will only be able to confirm this a month before.

What time does the reception need to finish?

11.59pm.

Are there noise restrictions if we have a live band/DJ?

The bar team monitors noise levels and will adjust as needed. All music must be turned down at 11.30.

Are fireworks allowed?

No.

Is confetti allowed?

Yes, biodegradable confetti can be thrown on the drawbridge.

Are candles allowed?

No, but LED candles are welcomed.

Are tablecloths provided for the reception?

We provide white tablecloths when food is purchased.

Is the Marquee heated?

No, but heaters can be hired in for events and we have blankets available. The bar team has patio gas heaters which can be hired for a small charge to use in the Courtyard.

Is there accommodation on site?

No, but there are many options nearby, see visitportsmouth.co.uk/where-to-stay for details.

