



Weddings at Trinity Hall: Frequently Asked Questions

When is the College available for weddings?

The College and its grounds are available for weddings outside of term-time during the College holidays including Easter (except Easter weekend), summer: July, August & September, mid-December and early January.

Do you have a minimum number of guests for weddings?

The minimum number of guests for weddings on Saturdays is 80 guests. The minimum number of guests for weddings on Fridays and Sundays is 60 guests. We are pleased to accommodate weddings with a smaller number of guests on Mondays to Thursdays.

Can we get married in the College Chapel?

The College Chapel is for members of Trinity Hall. Alumni enquiring about a ceremony in the Chapel should contact the Dean.

Can we book our civil ceremony at Trinity Hall?

The college holds a civil ceremony licence; please contact the team for the most suitable space for your guest numbers. We are not able to offer ceremonies outside in the college gardens.

Are children allowed? We are delighted to welcome children for weddings held in College and offer a children's menu for those under the age of 10. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times. We kindly ask that children do not run around the College grounds.

Do you have high chairs/baby changing facilities? Unfortunately the College does not have high chairs/baby changing facilities.

Can confetti be used on the premises? Confetti, including rice or petals, is not allowed in the College.

Can we release Chinese lanterns, balloons or fireworks? Due to the close proximity of other Colleges and listed buildings, Chinese lanterns, fireworks and balloons cannot be released within College property.

Can we go punting?

Trinity Hall is located on the banks of the River Cam and has direct access to the river for punting. We would be pleased to arrange chauffeured punting for your guests. We regret we are not able to hire the college punts for weddings.

Can we provide our own food?

With the exception of a wedding cake, we do not permit any outside catering unless arranged by the college. If you wish to take any remaining wedding cake away with you this must be done on the evening of the wedding and containers supplied to the catering team.

Do you allow corkage?

We do not offer corkage. We provide an extensive wine list. If there is a wine you would like that does not feature on our wine list then please contact us to discuss further.

Can we choose our menu on the day?

All of the catering for your wedding needs to be pre-ordered. We regret that we are unable to offer a choice menu, but ask that you select one item from each course so that guests all enjoy the same starter, main course and dessert, with a vegetarian/vegan alternative if required.

Can you cater for any allergies or specific dietary requirements?

Our chefs are extremely adept at catering for guests with allergies and specific dietary requirements. A minimum of two weeks' notice is required for special dietary requirements.

May we taste the Wedding Breakfast menu offered?

We are pleased to offer a complimentary menu tasting for the bride and groom with a charge for additional guests.

Can we amend the standard wedding package? We would be pleased to discuss upgrades to the wedding package, however if elements are removed we are not able to reduce the price.

Is there parking at Trinity Hall?

We regret that, like many of the oldest Colleges, we do not have parking facilities at Trinity Hall. The closest public car parks are located at Park Street or Grand Arcade, the prices of these can be found www.cambridge.gov.uk/parking. Alternatively, there are several Park and Ride facilities available around Cambridge and information can be found at www.cambridgeparkandride.info

Is there access for coaches?

The closest that coaches can pick up or drop off guests is on Queen's Road. Trinity Hall is then a short walk across Garret Hostel Lane Bridge. Please find maps on our contact us page of the website for further details.

Is there wheelchair access?

The College function rooms are fully accessible with lift access to rooms on the 1st floors. We have a limited number of wheelchair accessible bedrooms available at Trinity Hall and Wychfield Gardens.

When can we have access to the rooms to decorate?

We can advise you two weeks prior to your wedding date if any of the rooms are available to be decorated the day before, otherwise access is from 09.00am on the morning of your wedding day for the Bar area and 09.30am for the Dining Hall and other areas. All personal décor must be cleared from the rooms and collected by 09.00am the morning after your wedding. A suitable overnight storage room is provided.

Do we have a wedding coordinator?

A member of the conference team will be on site during your wedding day to oversee the running of your wedding alongside the catering team, where possible this is the same person you have been liaising with during the planning process.

Does the college have a master of ceremonies?

We do not have an MC and you are welcome to externally source somebody should you wish, the member of the waiting team leading your wedding catering is happy to announce you into the wedding breakfast if required.

Do you have a PA for the speeches? The Dining Hall has excellent acoustics. There is also a microphone available at no additional charge should you prefer to use it.

Is smoking allowed? Smoking, including e-cigarettes, is prohibited on College premises with the exception of the designated smoking area in Cherry Tree Court and outside the Aula Bar after 6pm.

Can we book accommodation for guests?

Subject to availability, we may be able to offer single traditional rooms at Trinity Hall Central Site or double en-suite rooms at WYNG Gardens on Thompson's Lane, just a ten-minute walk away from Trinity Hall.

Is there a changing room available for the Bride?

As part of our wedding package, we offer use of one of our bedrooms as a bridal changing room for the day.

Are animals allowed in College? We regret that animals are not allowed in the College.

Do we have to pay a deposit?

A non-refundable deposit of 50% of the estimated bill is payable when the contract is signed and the wedding confirmed. The balance payment will be due 6 weeks prior to the wedding.

Can we invite guests for just the evening?

Evening guests are welcome. There is no supplementary charge for guests attending the evening reception.

Do you provide evening food? We would be pleased to quote for an evening buffet on a per head basis.

Can we put money behind the bar?

The Aula Bar is able to offer a full open or full cash bar or part-open and part-cash bar. We ask you to set a limit if you are having an open bar – once this is reached a signature must be obtained prior to extending the tab.

Can we have live music or a DJ and dancing in the Dining Hall?

Music and dancing is only permitted in the Crescent Room. All entertainers must provide proof of public liability insurance and copies of PAT Test certificates.

*Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any additional questions that we can help you with.
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