Weddings
Ordsall Hall

We know it can be quite daunting organising a wedding so here are some commonly asked questions about weddings here at Ordsall Hall.

How long so you provisionally hold our booking before we have to pay the deposit?
We can hold your date for 2 weeks, after that a £500 deposit is required to book and secure the date.

How do I confirm my booking?
On receipt of the £500 deposit a booking form, terms and conditions and a confirmation letter will be sent out.

How do we book a civil ceremony?
Once you know your date and have checked the availability at the Hall, you will need to contact Salford Register Office to confirm the availability of the Registrar. They can be contacted by telephone 0161 793 2500 or e:marriages@salford.gov.uk. By law you must both give 'notice of marriage', which is a formal declaration of your intention to marry. This must be done as soon as possible following your booking confirmation and within a 12 month window. To give notice you must both visit the Register Officer in the district you live.

Is there a minimum number of guests?
The minimum number required for a ceremony is four; the bride and groom plus two witnesses. The maximum number of guests is 88 plus the bride and groom.

What sort of music can we have for the ceremony?
The ceremony music must be non-religious and not have any religious connotation. We would recommend that you think of at least four tracks; one for the walk down the aisle, two for the signing of the register and one as the couple depart. You may also wish to play music as the guests arrive. We have a PA system available to use during the ceremony and can provide background music if desired.

Do you allow live music?
Yes, if you would like to have live music at your wedding please discuss your requirements with the Wedding Manager. The Oriel window in the Great Hall is the ideal location for a harpist, string quartet or musician of your choice.

Are we permitted to bring our own wine?
We do allow couples to supply their own drinks but operate a corkage fee of £10 per standard 750ml bottle. There would also be a minimal charge for the hire of glasses. Please ask your Wedding Manager for more details.

How many ceremonies do you hold per day?
We only hold one ceremony each day.

Is there a red carpet?
Included in the hire fee is a luxurious red carpet in the Great Hall.

Do you provide flowers?
Yes, included in the hire fee are flowers for the ceremony table. The floral arrangements will remain at the hall after your ceremony. Flowers in the arrangements will be white with green foliage, although depending on seasonality we may be able to incorporate your colour scheme if possible. You are permitted to bring in your own flowers, but due to the nature of objects to protect the period furniture within the building, you must discuss the placement of the flowers in the venue with the Wedding Manager.

Do you allow candles?
No, candles are not allowed anywhere within the Hall. As a Grade 1 listed building there are strict rules regarding the use of naked flames within the building.

Do you allow the Great Hall to be decorated?
It really depends on the decorations as items cannot be pinned or secured to the walls in the Great Hall. We do allow couples to bring their own Post box, orders of services etc. Please discuss your requirements with our Wedding Manager who will be happy to advise you and arrange access the day before if needed.

Can you provide chair covers?
No.

Can we throw confetti?
Yes, you may throw bio-degradable confetti in the grounds of the Hall. Please note, confetti bombs and party poppers are not allowed. We do not allow confetti to be used in the building.

Do you have accommodation on site?
No, but there are numerous hotels within walking distance of the venue. Please discuss your requirements with the Wedding Manager.

Can we have our wedding breakfast and reception at the Hall?
Unfortunately due to the nature and age of the building we cannot offer couples a full wedding reception as there are no catering kitchens in the building and seating in the Great Hall is limited.

Can I bring my own catering?
No, all catering and drinks will be provided and organised by the Ordsall Hall wedding team – please ask us for more information. You cannot bring your own food into the hall, this is provided and organised by the Hall. You can with prior arrangement bring your own alcohol but you will be charged a corkage fee of £10 per standard 750ml bottle.

What photography is permitted?
Flash photography is not permitted during the ceremony. You are able to take photographs before and afterwards. Video cameras may be used during the ceremony with prior arrangement with the Superintendant Registrar. There will be an opportunity for guests to take photographs following the signing of the register