

Café Brauer Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can we hold the wedding ceremony and reception at Café Brauer?

A: Yes! Ceremonies can take place on the loggia and the reception can take place inside the Great Hall. Or, you can have the ceremony inside the Great Hall, break for cocktails on the loggia and then move back inside the Great Hall for the reception.

Q: Does my caterer have to wait until 5pm to start setting up?

A: No, caterers, florists, etc. can begin setting up at 2pm. On some occasions, set-up can begin even earlier, please discuss with your sales manager.

Q: Does the venue have tables and chairs?

A: Yes, for a small labor fee, included in the venue rental fee is the use of our round dining tables, hi-boys, cafes and mahogany wood folding chairs.

Q: Is the per person bar package charged for guests under 21?

A: No, you will not be charged for guests under 21. We do offer a non-alcoholic beverage package. Please speak with your sales manager for more information.

Q: Can we close the bar during dinner?

A: Yes, you can close the bar for dinner or leave it open the entire time. If the bar closes during dinner, most clients serve wine at the dinner tables and reopen the bar after dinner.

Q: Are we obligated to have coat check and bathroom attendants?

A: No, it is your choice to have coat check and bathroom attendants.

Q: Can we bring in our own liquor?

A: No, you must purchase liquor through us as we carry the proper insurance and a city license.

Q: Can I bring in an outside vendor?

A: We strongly suggest that you use vendors from our Approved Vendor List. In forming the list, we took into consideration those vendors who have repeatedly been suggested by employees and customers of Lincoln Park Zoo and Café Brauer for events. All of the vendors on our list are licensed by the city and state where necessary, and have provided Lincoln Park Zoo and Café Brauer with the appropriate certificates of insurance. Further, each is familiar with the settings, configurations, features and requirements, and with our policies and guidelines.

The use of an outside vendor is allowed only at the discretion of Lincoln Park Zoo and Café Brauer Management. Anyone wishing to use an outside vendor must submit the name and contact information of the vendor to Lincoln Park Zoo and Café Brauer at least 60 days before the event.

Q: Where can I get the required event insurance policy?

A: You can obtain an insurance policy from Wedsafe.com or your own insurance agency.

Q: Does Café Brauer have a kitchen?

A: Yes, Café Brauer has a fully functional kitchen equipped with ovens, refrigeration and freezers.

Q: Does Café Brauer have air conditioning?

A: Yes.

Q: Does Café Brauer have an elevator?

A: Yes.