

Kennolyn

WEDDING

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the fees associated with having my ceremony and reception at Kennolyn?

Our packages are meant to be simple without any hidden costs. A bride and groom wishing to host their ceremony and reception at our venue are looking at 4 basic costs. The reception catering packages and beverage packages are per person, and the facility and ceremony fees are a flat fee. Brides and grooms requesting a reception-only event omit the ceremony fee.

What is exclusive use?

Unlike a hotel, Kennolyn is a private venue with you as our only client on your special day. Because you are our only event, our staff is 100% focused on you and on making your event everything you want it to be. Very few event venues can offer this level of privacy and personal attention.

What is the guaranteed guest count minimum?

Kennolyn has a minimum guest count — Saturday is 125 guests, Sunday is 100 guests and Friday is 75 guests. The maximum number of guests Kennolyn can accommodate is 300. Kennolyn offers discounts for children once the minimums are met. If your actual guest count falls below the day's minimum, you may add or upgrade menu items to reach the minimum equivalent. Ask our event coordinator for details.

What is the benefit of a beverage package?

We designed our beverage packages to make it easy for you to plan your event. With a package, you are guaranteed unlimited beverage service -- regardless of how much your guests drink -- and most importantly, there are no financial surprises at the end of your wedding. Our bartenders are provided at no additional charge. We are happy to accommodate special wine requests when possible and we offer non-alcoholic packages for guests under 21 as well as for an entire event.

When is the deposit due and what is the amount?

The deposit is due 7 days from the date we place a tentative hold on your preferred date. You will receive a contract in the mail, which you will need to sign and return with your deposit. The amount required is 25% of your estimated contract. This amount is non-refundable should you cancel or change your date. Please also mail contract if you fax it.

When are the final guest count and payment due?

The final guest count is due 14 days prior to the event. Kennolyn will then generate an invoice and the final payment is due 10 days prior to your event, payable in cash, cashier's check or credit card. Second payment of 25% of your contract is due 90 days before your event.

What are the service fee and sales tax amounts?

A 20% service fee is added to the catering and beverage prices. Currently sales tax is 9% and lodging tax is 10%. Per California sales tax code, all service fees are subject to sales tax.

When can we begin photos, decorating and setup?

Vendors may have access 2 hours prior to the start of the event. Your bridal party may also move into our changing rooms and begin taking photos at this time.

Does Kennolyn offer special pricing for children?

Special children's menus and pricing are available. Please see the menu for details.

Are the menus available as a plated event?

All of Kennolyn's menus are buffet unless otherwise noted. We offer a plated version on most of our menus for an additional \$5/ person. For the Select Plated Package, you have the option of having both entrées served on the plate, called a "duet", or you may give your guests an entrée choice when they RSVP. This option is called "single serve" and requires place cards marked with the entrée choice. For the Gourmet Package, you have the option of having two of the entrées served on the plate, or you may give your guests an entrée choice when they RSVP. Kennolyn can offer plated dinners for up to 150 guests. Kennolyn is happy to accommodate special meal requests when possible, including customized menus and organic ingredients.

Do you offer organic and sustainable ingredients?

Kennolyn tries to use organic and sustainable ingredients whenever possible but can design a customized menu or substitute specific ingredients to accommodate special requests. There may be additional costs associated with a more expensive ingredient, but this is dictated by the market rates at the time of the event.

Do you offer vegetarian or vegan menus?

Kennolyn offers vegetarian entrées for those guests requesting it or can design a customized vegetarian or vegan menu for the entire wedding. Additional costs may apply.

Is Kennolyn Eco-friendly?

Kennolyn is privately owned by a family that supports the environment. We own 300 acres, of which 75% is undeveloped. We actively recycle and compost almost 100% of the wedding-related garbage including all food, flowers and paper products, as well as strive to use non-disposable products whenever possible. Ask about our 100% green wedding package available at no additional fee.

Is shuttle service available?

Santa Cruz Experience Shuttle Service offers Kennolyn brides an exclusive discount. Ask your coordinator for more information.