

Magnolia Plantation

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Welcome

CIRCA 1676

Congratulations! We are so excited that you are engaged and beginning this new chapter of your lives.

Southern hospitality means making our guests feel at home. Whether you are from the Lowcountry or planning a destination wedding in Charleston, your guests will feel at home when you invite them to Magnolia Plantation to celebrate with you.

Rooted in rich history and the deep culture of the South, Magnolia Plantation dates back to 1676 when the Drayton family called Magnolia home. In 1870 they extended an invitation to visitors to experience the myriad of beautiful flowers in their famous romantic gardens. Today, at nearly 500 acres and with the distinction of being America's oldest public gardens, we extend the same gracious hospitality as the Drayton family did in the past to make your guests feel welcomed on your wedding day.

In the Spring time you will find our gardens filled with colorful azaleas and wisteria. During the warmer months of summer, vibrant crepe myrtle, hydrangeas, and our iconic magnolias fill the property. Fall brings an encore season of azaleas, Morning glory, and the beginning of camellias. Throughout the winter months, our historic gardens house America's largest collection of camellias.

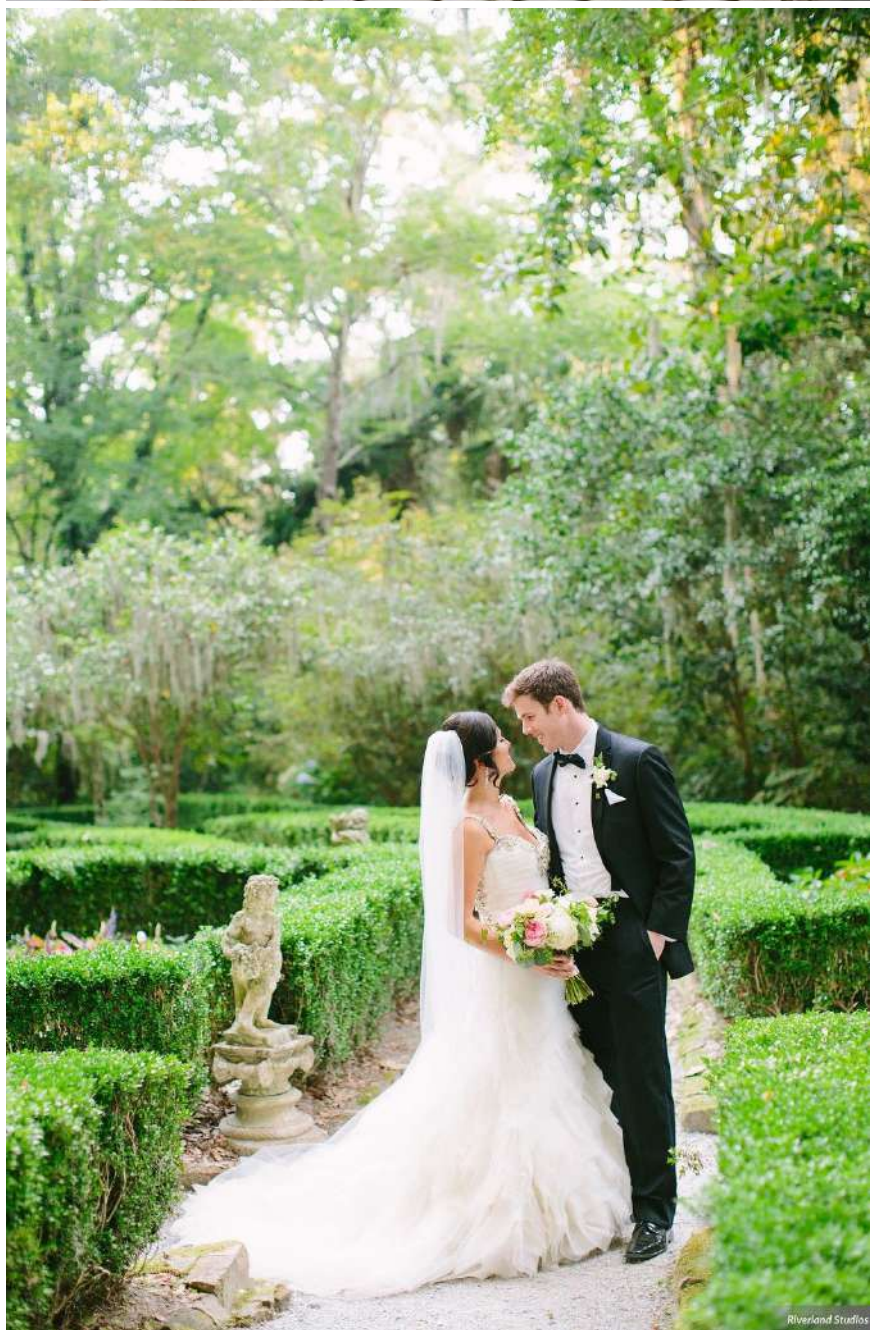
The following pages will share a deeper look into weddings at Magnolia Plantation and Gardens. We invite you to come experience the property and be swept away in the romance and beauty of our historical gardens.



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SPRING



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SUMMER



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The Gardens
THROUGH THE SEASONS



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FALL



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WINTER

Venues

VERANDA

AVAILABLE: MARCH, APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER



Photo: Rachel Red



Photo: Phillip Casey Photography

- ◆ Ceremony on the Long White Bridge Lawn
- ◆ Cocktail Hour on the Veranda with panoramic views of the surrounding gardens
- ◆ Grand Back Lawn with Plantation House backdrop for outdoor reception for up to 250 guests
- ◆ Bridal holding room prior to ceremony
- ◆ Planner required
- ◆ On-Site Parking

CARRIAGE HOUSE

AVAILABLE: YEAR ROUND



Photo: Danna Cabbage



Photo: The Happy Bloom

- ◆ Ceremony on the Ashley River beneath the ancient live oaks
- ◆ Outdoor patio for cocktail hour
- ◆ Historic Carriage House for Reception with additional outdoor lawn space
- ◆ Inside capacity of 150 guests with dancing. 200 guests with dancing on patio or lawn
- ◆ Wooden bar
- ◆ Bridal Suite
- ◆ Deck overlooking the Ashley River
- ◆ Handicap Accessible
- ◆ No planner required
- ◆ On-site parking

Venues

CONSERVATORY

AVAILABLE: JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER



Photo: George Street Photography



Photo: Catherine Ann

- ◆ Ceremony on the Schoolhouse Pond Lawn overlooking the Ashley River
- ◆ Indoor reception among tropical gardens for intimate groups of 75 guests or less
- ◆ Outdoor deck for cocktail hour and dancing
- ◆ 12 wooden teak tables and 60 reception chairs provided
- ◆ Bridal suite guaranteed, based on availability at other wedding venues
- ◆ No planner required
- ◆ On-site parking

PAVILION

AVAILABLE: YEAR ROUND BASED ON AVAILABILITY



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Photo: Catherine Ann

- ◆ Surrounded by dramatic sweeping oaks
- ◆ Perfect for larger elopements
- ◆ Intimate outdoor ceremony for up to 25 guests
- ◆ Includes large pavilion for receptions
- ◆ No planner required
- ◆ On-site Parking



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PHOTOGRAPHY

Elopements & Photoshoots

ELOPEMENTS

- Small intimate ceremony for the bride and groom
- Access to ceremony anywhere in the gardens
- Includes admission for a photographer and officiant
- Bridal suite based on availability
- Total fee: \$500

PHOTOSHOOTS

- Access to 66 acres of Gardens
- Includes admission for photographer and two additional people to help with the shoot
- Complimentary photoshoot for anyone who books their wedding at Magnolia Plantation
- Bridal suite based on availability
- Access to grounds until sundown
- Total fee: \$150



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Wedding Venue Rental Pricing

RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

Holiday weekend rates apply to Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. A Saturday rental rate will apply to Sunday events and a Sunday rental rate will apply to Monday events.

Peak Season

March, April, May, June, September, October, November

	CARRIAGE HOUSE	VERANDA	CONSERVATORY
MONDAY-THURSDAY	\$5550	\$5550	\$4000
FRIDAY OR SUNDAY	\$6500	\$6500	\$5000
SATURDAY	\$7500	\$7500	\$6000

Off Season

January, February, July, August, December

	CARRIAGE HOUSE	VERANDA	CONSERVATORY
MONDAY-THURSDAY	\$3000	\$3000	\$1500
FRIDAY OR SUNDAY	\$4000	\$4000	\$2500
SATURDAY	\$5000	\$5000	\$3500

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What does the venue rental include?

- The rental rate includes use of the venue (Conservatory, Veranda, or Carriage House) for your event.
- Setup can begin at the Carriage House at 11:00am. Because the Veranda and Conservatory are extremely public areas of the property for general tourists, setup can begin no earlier than 3:30pm at these venues. Amplified music must be turned off by 11:30pm and guest departure by 12:00am. Vendors can remain on property past 12:00am for breakdown and cleanup.
- Please note that no furniture (with the exception of 13 wooden teak tables and 60 wooden teak chairs at the Conservatory for the reception) are included in the rental rate. We do have tables and chairs for rent upon request. All other tables, chairs, china, flatware, glassware, etc. must be rented through a third party vendor.

Q: What is the timing for my wedding?

- Magnolia Plantation is a public garden and open between the hours of 8:00am- 5:30pm from March - November and 8:30am-4:30pm from December - February. We recommend a ceremony no earlier than 5:30pm during the spring and fall months when the property has a higher volume of tourists. Ceremonies at the Veranda may not start prior to 5:30pm due to the public nature of the venue.

Q: Where can we take photos in the gardens?

- You are welcome to take photos anywhere across the property and the 66 acres of gardens, with the exception of inside the Plantation House and the grounds surrounding the slave cabins. If there is another event on the same evening as your wedding, you will not have access to their location. Please note, the ceremony site for the Veranda is the Long White Bridge Lawn. Carriage House or Conservatory couples will not be able to access the Long White Bridge if there is a Veranda wedding the same evening.
- Due to the close proximity to the Charleston Airport, Magnolia Plantation does not permit drones on property. Please discuss this restriction with your photographer and/or videographer.

Q: Can I host a ceremony rehearsal?

- A one-hour ceremony rehearsal can be hosted the day prior to your wedding. All rehearsal times are subject to other events being hosted at the venue and must be scheduled with the events office.

Q: Do you allow decorations?

- Yes! We welcome decorations such as flowers, candles and lighting. If you choose to use candles, we require that they are enclosed in glass containers with at least 1-inch above the flame to prevent damage to our surfaces and your linens. We do not allow anything to be applied to the walls or building that will cause damage (nails, tacks, staples, tape, etc.). Doing so will put your damage deposit at risk.
- We allow sparklers, but ask that you properly extinguish them in a metal container with sand. Sparklers must be lit completely away from the building to avoid any damage. Due to the historic nature of the gardens, we do not allow wish lanterns or fireworks on the property.

Q: Do you require a wedding planner?

- Magnolia requires a planner for the Veranda only. Due to the Veranda being a highly traffic area and having a higher impact on the plantation, we require a qualified, licensed wedding planner. The wedding planner may not be someone who is in the wedding party or attending the wedding as a guest. Please reference the list of our preferred professionals for recommendations.

-The Carriage House, Conservatory, and Pavilion venues do not require a planner.

Q: Do you provide catering services?

- Magnolia Plantation does not provide on-site catering. Charleston is filled with seasoned catering professionals with a depth of experience. All catering companies listed on our preferred professional's sheet have already been approved with glowing recommendations.

-We do not allow restaurants, food trucks, or private chefs to act as the caterer for your event.

Q: May we provide our own alcohol?

- No. Absolutely no alcohol may be brought on-site by the client or their guests, or client will be subject to additional fines. All alcohol must be served by a pre-approved caterer or a pre-approved professional bar service. Please note that alcohol may only be served in the bridal suite if a bar service is on-site and distributing the alcohol. Please reference our listing of preferred professionals for companies that have been pre-approved to provide this service.

Q: How do I secure my date?

- To reserve a date and venue at Magnolia, we require a \$1,000 deposit and signed contract. Please note, we do not hold dates on a tentative basis. Payments can be made by credit card, debit card, checks, or online bank transfer. Checks should be made out to Magnolia Plantation and mailed to 3550 Ashley River Road, Charleston, SC29414.

Q: What is the payment schedule?

- An initial payment of \$1,000 is due upon signing the contract. The second payment in the amount of 30% of the remaining balance is due one month after the initial payment. The final payment will be due 30 days prior to your event.

Q: What is the damage deposit for?

- A \$500 damage security deposit is required with the signed contract. This is to cover potential damage by setup or your guests. The deposit will be refunded within 30-days of your event if the property is vacated without damages and provided our cleanup guidelines are followed. If any damages have occurred you will be notified and we will bill you for any repairs over and above the deposit.

Q: I'm interested in seeing the venue in person. Do you offer tours?

- Yes! We are available for tours by appointment only during our normal business hours, as well as select weekends depending on our event schedule. Please send an email to weddings@magnoliaplantation.com or call the events office at 843-277-0167 to schedule your visit.



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Come Say Hello!

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Book your tour with us!

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