



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT ARE THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RENTING THE GARDEN?

The costs can be broken down into the following: 1) venue fee, 2) \$500 Refundable security deposit, 3) \$175 non-refundable security officer fee, and 4) catering expenses and rentals. Hence in considering the costs of renting the garden, we encourage you to contact the caterers for estimated pricing before booking the garden.

WHAT DOES THE RENTAL FEE INCLUDE?

The rental rates reflect a flat rate venue rental fee for the 4 hour event time only. All food, beverage, and equipment is coordinated separately through one of the garden's exclusive caterers.

CAN I HOLD A DATE?

We do not hold a date until a contract and deposit are in place. We are happy to let you know if someone else is interested in the same date.

HOW MUCH IS THE DEPOSIT?

The deposit is 50% of the venue fee plus a \$500 refundable security deposit. The remaining 50% of the venue fee and a \$175 non-refundable security officer fee are due 7 days prior to your wedding.

IF I'M GETTING MARRIED IN THE GARDEN, DO I GET A REHEARSAL?

Yes, if you have booked Lan Su for your wedding ceremony, a complimentary wedding rehearsal with an event manager is provided. Rehearsals are scheduled on a first come first serve basis. All rehearsals MUST be completed by 5 p.m. during summer hours or 4 p.m. during winter hours.

WHAT TIME DO MY VENDORS AND I HAVE ACCESS TO THE GARDEN?

The garden is open to the public every day until 5 p.m. (November-March) or 6 p.m. (April-October). Venue access begins 30 minutes prior to closing for vendors only. Garden access for the client begins at garden closing.

CAN I BRING MY OWN FOOD AND BEVERAGE?

All food and beverages are provided by one of our exclusive caterers. No outside food or beverage is allowed.

WHAT ARE THE RESTRICTIONS ON ALCOHOL?

Alcoholic beverages are limited to champagne, beer, white wine, sake, and a sake cocktail. Hard alcohol is not allowed. Red wine or dark colored liquids are not allowed due to the potential of staining our limestone and clay floors.

WHY IS GLASS NOT ALLOWED?

Lan Su has intricate inlaid mosaic pathways throughout, on which our visitors can walk barefoot. Hence any broken glass would pose a potential danger. The caterers are aware of this and will be happy to provide you with acrylic or disposable serviceware.

CAN I GET DRESSED AT THE GARDEN ON MY WEDDING DAY?

The garden is a cultural museum, and as such, does not have dressing rooms or changing areas. We recommend all wedding parties and performers arrive completely dressed for the event.



WHAT DO I DO IF IT'S RAINING ON MY EVENT DAY?

The garden is an outdoor venue that is about 70% under cover with the enclosed pavilions, covered pavilions, and covered walkways. The main terrace patio could also be tented through your caterer. Your caterer would also be happy to create a back up “rain plan” in addition to your event floor plan should the weather be wet on your special day. Please keep space limitations in mind when selecting the garden during the rainy months.

DOES THE GARDEN HAVE A PARKING LOT?

Metered street parking and pay commercial lots are available in the immediate vicinity of Lan Su for your guests to park. We are two blocks from the Old Town Chinatown light rail stop for the MAX, on the bus line, and within easy walking distance of many downtown hotels. There is also a parking garage at the intersection of Naito and Davis.

WHAT ARE THE RESTRICTIONS FOR DECOR?

Lan Su is quite beautiful with little or no decor. Hanging lanterns with LED lights are permitted and can be coordinated through your caterer. Flowers, bubbles, up lights, and market lights are also permitted. If there is other decor you would like to bring in, please ask. Firecrackers, sparklers, rice, silly string, dyed flower petals, dark colored fake flower petals, and tiki touches are not permitted inside Lan Su. Sparklers are allowed outside in the outer courtyard.

CAN I HAVE CANDLES EVERYWHERE?

Candles are welcome on rental table tops only when in appropriate holders (the holder is higher than the flame). Do keep in mind that there is often a light breeze in the garden that can make it difficult to keep a candle lit. LED candle lights are permitted and even suggested. These LED lights can be placed along railings and walkways.

CAN I RENT THE GARDEN EARLIER THAN THE ALLOTTED LOAD IN TIME OR ALL DAY?

Depending on the date and time of year, the garden can be rented 1 hour prior to your event or for the whole day. Please inquire for more information

CAN I HAVE MY DOG BE A PART OF MY WEDDING?

Due to the delicacy of Lan Su, no pets are allowed. Service animals are always permitted.

CAN WE SMOKE IN THE GARDEN?

Lan Su is a non-smoking facility. Guests are permitted to smoke in the outer courtyard before entering the garden.

ONCE I'VE BOOKED MY EVENT, CAN I VISIT ANYTIME I WANT?

Site visits for clients and vendors are provided at no cost with advance notice. Unscheduled visits without prior notice do require regular admission for entry.

*If you have additional questions or need more information, please contact
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