



Wedding FAQ

What are the steps to secure my wedding date & venue at Semiahmoo Resort?

Upon selection of your wedding date and event space, a contract will be prepared by your Resort contact. A non-refundable initial deposit of 25% of the total value (room rental + food and beverage minimum) and signed contract are required to confirm your wedding date. Your event must be paid in full prior to your wedding date, per the individualized deposit schedule detailed in your contract.

What facility fees and taxes are applied to my event? Do the fees and taxes go towards my food & beverage minimum?

The food, beverage and miscellaneous prices quoted are subject to a 22% facility fee and applicable Washington state sales tax at 8.7%. Facility fee and tax does not contribute to your food & beverage minimum.

How long do I have access to the space? What time do vendors have access to the venue to set-up?

You have access to the event venue for a total of eight hours, including two (2) hours of set-up, one (1) hour of tear down, and five (5) hours of event time. If you or your vendors require additional set-up time, please speak with your catering sales manager.

What is included in my facility rental?

Included in your facility rental is both your ceremony and reception venues, as well as basic house chairs, round tables for reception, white linen, three (3) complimentary votives per table, dance floor, and extra tables for your guest book, gifts, place cards, and cake. Please see our Wedding Packages for more information.

What type of décor is allowed in the venue? Can I bring in candles?

You may bring in décor to personalize the venue for your special day, however please keep the following rules in mind. No nails, tape, tacks, or other adhesive that could damage the walls are allowed. Hanging or staging of decor and specialty lighting may be requested; additional labor fees will apply.

Upgraded chair covers, ties and linens in a variety of specialty fabrics are available for rent. Semiahmoo also offers chivari chairs or vineyard chairs for an additional upgrade fee. All linen and specialty chairs must be provided through Semiahmoo Resort.

Semiahmoo provides three (3) complimentary votive candles for your reception tables. Additional candles are permitted in our venue space, however, due to fire regulations all candles must be in a holder or votive glass that extends at least one (1) inch above the flame. Taper candles are not allowed.

Does Semiahmoo provide wedding cakes? Is there a cake cutting fee?

Semiahmoo does not provide wedding cakes. We have a few local bakeries that we recommend on our Preferred Vendor list. The cake cutting fee is complimentary if included in a booked wedding package. If you are interested in something non-traditional for your wedding dessert, please inquire with your catering sales manager.

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Can I have a wedding rehearsal?

Your Resort contact will arrange a one (1) hour ceremony rehearsal for you and your wedding party. Rehearsals are based on availability. Time and space are confirmed up to two (2) weeks prior to your wedding date. Please contact your Resort contact in advance to schedule your rehearsal.

Is there a designated place for the bridal party to get ready?

With plenty of comfortable seating, natural light from windows overlooking the water, and a private bathroom, our hospitality suites are perfect as a getting ready room before the big day. Please speak with your wedding sales manager to discuss availability and applicable rental fees.

What is the role of my Semiahmoo Resort contact?

Your Resort contact will help plan the details of your wedding as it relates to Semiahmoo Resort. For example:

- Act as a liaison between the culinary and banquet teams, consulting on your menus, pricing, and set-up needs
- Create an estimate of charges outlining your financial commitments to the venue
- Design a floor plan for the ceremony and reception
- Coordinate rental equipment (i.e. specialty linen, chairs, chandeliers)
- Work with vendors to coordinate time for set-up and deliveries
- Assist with timeline planning
- Prepare a Banquet Event Order (BEO) detailing the specifics of the event
- Oversee the set-up of your function space, food preparation, and other venue operations
- Arrange and collect any necessary deposits

What are the parking options for my guests?

Complimentary parking is available for all event guests in the front lots. Valet parking is not included, however please inquire with your wedding sales manager if you require these services.

Can I book a menu tasting before my wedding day?

Included in your Semiahmoo wedding package is a complimentary wedding menu tasting and planning meeting for up to four (4) guests. This tasting is held within three (3) months of your wedding day to ensure seasonal product quality. You are also able to purchase wine or beer to sample at the tasting should you be interested.

Can I secure a guest room block for my guests? Are there wedding guest room rates?

Semiahmoo offers contracted room blocks for your wedding guests. We will offer a discounted rate for your guests, and contract a specific amount of rooms based on your expected needs. This room block will be pulled aside specifically for your guests to book. We do require that 90% of your contracted room block is picked up. Please speak with your Resort contact for more information.

Does Semiahmoo provide day-of coordination? Who is my contact on my wedding day?

Semiahmoo does not provide a dedicated day-of wedding planner, however if you require a wedding planner or day-of coordinator please refer to our Preferred Vendor list. A wedding planner would help you in the following ways:

- Assist with etiquette and protocol for invitations, family matters, ceremony and toasts
- Create a custom look with personalized details and décor tailored to your budget
- Work with you to organize and coordinate your ceremony rehearsal and ceremony outline
- Confirm call times, specific order details with all vendors several days prior to the big day for accuracy
- Act as the liaison between your band/DJ, photographer, and other vendors to ensure seamless operation
- Ensure all wedding party has their personal floral and assist with the pinning/arranging
- Deliver and arrange ceremony programs, escort cards, favors and any personal items on the wedding day
- Coordinate the rehearsal and ceremony (line up wedding party, assist with dress, and the questions)
- Review catering contracts to ensure all your requests are communicated appropriately