

Jackson Lake Lodge

Commonly-Asked Wedding Planning Questions

Thank you for considering Jackson Lake Lodge for your wedding and reception. We offer the perfect location for your event and will assist you with having a memorable wedding from start to finish.

Here are the most frequently asked questions about our property, facilities, and activities. We hope that this will provide you with the information you need to select Jackson Lake Lodge for your special day!

What is included in the cost of our reception and dinner?

Room rental fees include service staff, tables, chairs, linens, china, flatware and basic setup. The total cost of your wedding reception is based on your menu selections. Events can range from a simple cocktail reception to an elegant served four-course dinner, depending on your taste and budget.

What types of event facilities are available for my wedding reception?

The Explorers Ballroom

This private event room is our premier reception location and can accommodate 50 to 250 guests. The room features elk antler chandeliers, hardwood dance floor and exclusive use of the adjoining Sunset Terrace with unsurpassed Teton Mountain views.

The East Mural Room

Tucked away in a quiet corner of our fine dining restaurant, The East Mural Room offers semi-private dining with breathtaking views of the Teton mountain range, and can seat up to 100. This space features eight-foot high rosewood and walnut panels with Trapper murals that were commissioned by John D. Rockefeller Jr. and painted by artist Carl Rotors. Please note that some setup and entertainment restrictions apply to this event location.

Group Dinner Seating Option: If your group is less than 40, non-exclusive reservations can be made in The East Mural Room for your dinner reception. Other guests may be seated at other tables in The East Mural Room, and your rental fee will be waived.

The Trappers Room

The Trappers Room is ideal for more intimate groups of up to 50. Reception guests will enjoy this private event room with exclusive use of the adjoining Sunset Terrace with stunning mountain views.

In addition to room rental and food & beverage, what other expenses should I plan for?

Sales tax, currently at 6%, and 20% service charge are in addition to the rental fee and food & beverage minimums. Should your food & beverage total not meet your contracted minimum, the difference, after adjusting for allowable attrition as contracted, will be added to your final bill.

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Is there a National Park entry fee?

All guests entering Grand Teton National Park are charged an entrance fee, currently \$35 per vehicle. This money is collected by the National Park Service and Grand Teton Lodge Company has no authority to waive or adjust these fees. Fees are subject to increase at the discretion of the National Park Service.

When can I hold a wedding at Jackson Lake Lodge?

Our operating season is typically the third week of May through the first week of October.

Can our wedding ceremony be held outside at Jackson Lake Lodge?

The Southwest Terrace is our outdoor ceremony space, where white folding chairs and breathtaking panoramic Teton views await you and your guests. This area is open to the public, however, hotel guests are typically respectful of wedding ceremonies.

Weather can be a concern for outdoor events in the area at any time of the year, and a backup location is always assigned in the main lodge. Our team will assess current conditions and consult you on a final weather call one hour prior to your ceremony, while you relax in the comfort of your changing room.

Does Jackson Lake Lodge provide wedding planning services?

A certified professional day-of wedding planner is required for all weddings renting reception space at the Lodge. Our Conference Service Manager can provide references for wedding planners that are familiar with Jackson Lake Lodge. Day-of wedding coordination should include a customized wedding itinerary, ceremony and procession organization, managing arrival and setup of vendors, and the timing of key reception events including the bridal party entrance, toast, first dance and cake cutting.

In addition to your day-of planner, our Conference Service Manager will assist you with menu planning, room layout, audio-visual needs, and basic timing of reception events. We can also provide a list of preferred vendors for officiants, entertainment, flowers, photographers, beauty services, and ground transportation. On the day of the event, we will ensure that the room setup requirements are to your specifications, as outlined on the approved Banquet Event Order.

Can I book hotel rooms at Jackson Lake Lodge?

Most destination weddings are planned with enough lead time to allow guests to choose and reserve accommodations on their own. We suggest you provide our Reservations number (307-543-3100) with your save-the-date cards and on your wedding website. Our trained agents can assist your guests with availability and options for accommodations at our varied lodging locations within the park, which include Jackson Lake Lodge, Colter Bay Village, and Jenny Lake Lodge. Due to the popularity of the area, please remind your guests to plan and book well in advance.

Group blocks of 10 or more rooms can be contracted through your Conference Service Manager, require advance deposits, and are subject to cancellation and attrition clauses.

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What airport should people fly into?

Jackson Hole Airport (JAC), serves the Jackson Hole area, and is located 26 miles (35 minutes), north of Jackson Lake Lodge. The only U.S. airport located within a National Park, JAC is a small regional airport, however it is serviced by multiple major carriers. Due to the popularity of Jackson Hole, we recommend your guests book early. Visit jacksonholeairport.com for additional information. Guests can also fly into Idaho Falls, which is a 2.5-hour drive from Jackson Lake Lodge.

Does Jackson Lake Lodge offer airport shuttle service?

Airport shuttle service is available through Jackson Hole Shuttle. Reservations must be made in advance by calling 307-200-1400 and providing flight number and arrival and departure times. Alamo, Avis, Hertz and National car rental agencies are also located at the airport.

Can I charter a private bus for excursions and off-site events?

Customize your itinerary with Driver Provider charter service. Private busses are available for shuttling guests to and from your wedding and/or rehearsal dinner, as well as for day-trips to Jackson or other area sights and attractions. Bus sizes range from 12 to 45 passengers, and up to 200 guests can be transported at one time. Rates are from \$500 to \$2000, plus 20% gratuity, depending on charter size.

Should I estimate high or low on attendance for my reception?

Events in Grand Teton National Park tend to be very popular, and we often see that the number of guests that show up exceeds what was originally planned. Be sure to plan and budget accordingly.

Is there a bride's changing room at Jackson Lake Lodge?

Based on availability, we will reserve a changing room at no additional charge for the bridal party when a wedding package is purchased. Arrangements can also be made for light food and beverage service.

Can Jackson Lake Lodge provide my wedding cake?

The wedding cake and all food and beverage served for the wedding reception must be provided through Jackson Lake Lodge. You can choose from three elegant cake designs, or work with our vendor to create a special cake that reflects your style and taste at an additional cost. Any additional charges will count towards your minimum food & beverage requirement.

How do I secure wedding & function space?

Contact our Conference Planning department at 307-543-3005. A contract to confirm your date and space will be issued no more than one year prior to your wedding date. The signed contract, along with any advance deposits as outlined in your contract, is required by the contracted deadline.

Can I book an activity for my entire wedding party?

Group activities can be contracted directly with our Conference Planning department at 307-543-3005. Please note that all activities are weather-dependent, operate on select days of the week and have minimum/maximum capacities. Advanced deposit is required prior to the activity.

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What activities are available at Jackson Lake Lodge for my guests?

A variety of activities suitable for varying ages, interests and ability levels depart from Jackson Lake Lodge, including scenic rafting trips on the Snake River, guided horseback rides, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Park tours, and guided fly fishing.

Just 5 miles north of the lodge, Colter Bay Marina offers scenic as well as meal cruises on Jackson Lake, along with kayak, canoe and motorboat rentals, and guided lake fishing.

Our Reservations department (307-543-3100) can assist your guests in booking their individual activities at either location. As space is limited, advanced reservations are strongly recommended.

What options are available for a rehearsal dinner?

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Elk Island Dinner Cruise

The Elk Island Dinner Cruise begins at the Colter Bay Village Marina when you board our charter boats that transport you to your private meal site on Elk Island. Along the way our boat drivers provide a brief narrative of the history and geology of the area. Upon arrival at the island, guests are treated to a delicious western dinner buffet, and unsurpassed views of Mount Moran and the Teton Mountain Range.

Public dinner cruises are scheduled daily (except Thursdays) at 5:15pm from May 30 to September 7.

Private events are available for up to 76 guests and are at a set rate regardless of number of participants.

Outdoor Western BBQ

The Outdoor Western BBQ offers treetop mountain views, quaint picnic tables with western décor, and a campfire pit, along with down-home cowboy fare. The BBQ is open to the public June 13 to August 23 from 5:30pm to 8pm, with a menu consisting of salad, pulled pork, beef brisket, ribs, chicken, corn on the cob, grilled vegetables, coleslaw, potato salad, s'mores by the campfire, and fruit cobbler. Groups can enjoy the BBQ along with other guests during our normal operating dates, or book a private event after August 23. An outdoor set up fee applies to private bookings.

East Mural Room

Allow us to reserve space in a semi-private area of our fine dining restaurant, The Mural Room, complete with views of the Teton Mountain Range and historic "Trapper Murals." If your group is less than 40, regular reservations can be made for the East Mural Room through our Conference Planning Department. Other guests will be seated next to your party, and your rental fee will be waived.

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