

The Wedding Chapel *at La Seigneurie Gardens, Sark*

The Wedding Chapel lies within the heart of the beautiful Seigneurie Gardens and offers a romantic and stylish venue for civil weddings and other celebrations. The 18th century building can seat up to forty guests and the wedding party has full use of the gorgeous Victorian walled gardens and the grounds around the Seigneurie for their photographs. On wedding days the main driveway is opened to allow carriages access to the Chapel, a privilege usually only granted to royalty.



The perfect venue for a fairytale wedding

Civil wedding ceremonies within the grounds of the
beautiful Seigneurie Gardens



On Your Special Day

On non-wedding days the Chapel is used as an information centre telling the history of the Seigneurie and Sark's Seigneurs. For weddings the information panels can be turned around to show images of flowers from the gardens in shades of blues, pinks and purples or they can be removed completely to leave plain white walls. There are four windowsills with plenty of space for candles and flowers. We recently covered the traditional beaten earth floor with pine flooring.

We have up to forty chairs with plain white covers and either white or purple organza sashes and a simple wooden table with a lace-trimmed white linen cloth for the register.

What's Included?

The fee of £595 includes the use of the Chapel for the day, up to forty chairs with covers and sashes, the table, glass vases and candles. Also included is entry to the Gardens for up to 40 guests.

Larger Weddings

We can accommodate larger weddings if some of your guests are happy to stand. For weddings of around 60 we suggest 20 or so chairs with standing room behind them. We have had up to 100 guests in the Chapel, all standing, but it was rather cosy! For any additional guests over the 40 included in the standard fee we charge £6 per person to cover entry to the gardens.





Make the Space Your Own

The Chapel is an elegant, flexible space that can be set up however you choose. We usually create an aisle down the centre of the seating with a table at the top from where the Greffier (Sark's Registrar) conducts the ceremony but you can have the room laid out in any way you prefer.

The Chapel is available from around 4pm the day before and couples and their helpers are welcome to come along then and add any extra decorations they would like. (We've had fairy lights and bunting!) We only have one wedding a day so the Chapel

is yours to decorate however you please. If you would prefer a more rustic look we can hire in hay bales instead of the chairs, as seen below, for the additional cost of £40.

The formal part of the service, being a civil ceremony, is fairly short so do feel free to add any readings, poems, music or anything else you would like to make your day special.

Paper or natural petal confetti and rice are allowed, and well-behaved dogs are welcomed – we had one who carried the rings!





If music be the food of love....

There are plenty of options in the Chapel if you would like to include music in your ceremony. There is an electric socket if you wish to plug in an amplifier or something to play music on, and acoustics within the building are excellent should you want to bring your own musicians. A keyboard can be hired on the island and we had one couple who sang and played for the guests at their own wedding.



We are also delighted to recommend the Guernsey String Quartet who offer a beautiful repertoire of music for weddings and can play in the Chapel and outside in the walled garden, weather permitting, after your ceremony. For more information visit their website at www.guernseystringquartet.co.uk



Wedding Carriages

Arriving by horse-drawn carriage is the perfect way to start your wedding day. The larger carriages, which can take up to ten, generally stop outside the main gates where the guests disembark and walk down to the Chapel. The smaller carriages come through the gates, down the driveway and stop in front of the Seigneurie.

There are several carriage operators on Sark and all of them pride themselves on turning out beautifully decorated wedding carriages trimmed with flowers and ribbons to match the rest of your décor. We particularly recommend carriages by Michelle Perrè (Tel 01481 832027) and Stocks Hotel (Tel 01481 832001).





Flowers for the Chapel

The walled garden at the Seigneurie has a wealth of blooms from spring until well into the autumn and we are able to offer flowers for the Chapel, depending on what is in bloom at the time of your wedding.

The cost for enough flowers and greenery to fill five vases with informal arrangements, one for each of the window sills and one to go on the register table, is £80.

We can also make you a swag of ivy to hang above the door of the Chapel decorated with seasonal blooms, as seen below, for £50.

If you would prefer to organise you own floral displays there are several florists in Guernsey who deliver to Sark. Should you wish to bring your own flowers and do your own arrangements we have some simple glass vases that you are welcome to use for your creations.





Flowers for you

We can create buttonholes and simple, tied posies made with flowers from our beautiful walled garden. The variety of blooms depends on the

season but we have plenty to choose from! Buttonholes cost £15, bridal posies are £30 and smaller posies for bridesmaids are £20.





Wedding Photography

Your wedding party has full use of the walled garden for your photographs and, with its beautiful stone arches, secluded arbours and fragrant rose gardens, it makes a wonderful backdrop for your pictures. (Your guests are welcome to arrive early to explore the gardens at their leisure.)

You are welcome to bring your own photographer and Sue Daly, who organises weddings in La Seigneurie Gardens, is also an experienced wedding photographer. Contact her on suedalysark@icloud.com for full details of her wedding photography packages.





Afterwards

New in 2018 was the beautiful, traditional-style marquee in the amphitheatre area in front of the main house. This is available to hire on wedding days for anything from the serving of drinks and canapés to a full sit down reception. For more

information contact Sarah Beaumont on weddings@laseigneuriedesercq.uk Helen Plummer, who runs Mon Plaisir Stores, makes wonderful wedding cakes. You can contact her by email on deliveries@monplaisirstores.sark.gg or phone her on 01481 832600.





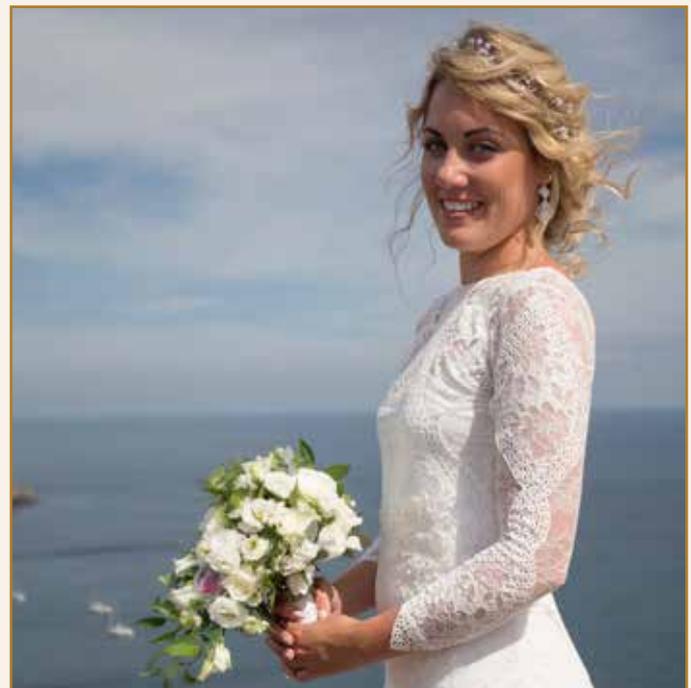
Travel & Accommodation on Sark

There are regular ferries to Sark from Guernsey operated by the Isle of Sark Shipping Company with a crossing time of just less than an hour. There is accommodation on Sark to suit every budget from campsites and bed and breakfasts to a full range of self-catering lets and two fabulous hotels. For wedding parties that would like to stay together we recommend the Clos a Jaon and Mr Hester's self-catering properties. To find out more about travelling to Sark and the accommodation on offer here visit the Sark website at www.sark.co.uk (Accommodation books up quickly for the summer months so we advise that you look into this well in advance.)



Hair & Beauty

Sark is home to experienced hairdresser and beautician Jade Perrée who offers a complete service for the bride and guests from full makeup, manicure and hairdressing options to hair and makeup trials in advance and various beauty treatments. Jade has a salon on the Avenue, Beaux Cheveux, or is happy to visit wherever you are staying to make you look and feel your best on your wedding day. To book an appointment call 01481 832864 or email beauxcheveux@suremail.gg



The Legalities

The Chapel is available for civil wedding services conducted by Sark's Greffier, Trevor Hamon, the local equivalent of a registrar. Wedding couples need three working days residency on Sark to be able to be married here and this does not have to be immediately prior to the wedding day. Most of our couples come over for a short holiday a few weeks or months before to complete their residency and to finalise the plans

for their wedding and reception.

Before you book the Chapel, please contact Mr Hamon to go through the legal aspects of your wedding and to check on his availability. (Please note that his fee is not included in the fee for the Chapel.) He is in his office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 2.30 to 4pm and you can contact him on 01481 832012 and by email on greffier@gov.sark.gg



To Book

Once you have confirmed your date we require a deposit of £300 to secure your booking. The balance of £295 is payable a month before the wedding day plus any extra charges for additional guests and flowers. For more information contact Sue Daly on suedalysark@icloud.com or call her on 01481 832175, mobile 07797 720002.