



HOLMAN RANCH

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the average timeline for the Getaway Wedding Package?

Guests staying on property typically will check in at 4 pm. Vendors and the wedding party have access to the property beginning at 8 am on the day of the event. Wedding guest arrival is 3:30 pm with a ceremony time of 4 pm. All amplified must conclude at 10 pm due to Monterey County restrictions, and any guests and vendors not staying on property must exit the property by 11 pm. Guest check out is noon the day of departure.

Are there any additional expenses?

Full package pricing does vary based on the date of your event and the wine varietals selected, however, there are never any service charges, fees or tax applied to your venue fee. We do not charge a cake cutting fee. Guest rooms are subject to state-mandated occupancy tax. Clients are required to provide day-of liability insurance. Any additional costs to the package would be for any selected add-on services or enhancements.

Do I have to stay on property?

A two night minimum stay is required to secure the Getaway Package at Holman Ranch, therefore our ten (10) on-property guest suites are included in the package. If you choose not to stay on property, the rooms will still be included in the package price. If you do not wish to stay on property we recommend our Carpe Diem package.

Do I have to pour Holman Ranch or Jarman wine during my event?

You are not required to pour our wine during your event, however, you are required to make a minimum wine purchase in order to secure the property. You can use the wine as gifts, keep it for the future, or use it at your event. We are happy to help you make the best wine selections for your needs.

Are dogs allowed on property?

Yes! We are a dog-friendly venue. Dogs must be on a leash at all times and directly supervised. There is a small pet-cleaning fee if your pet will be staying with you on-property in our guest rooms.

What forms of payment do you accept? What is the payment schedule?

We accept all major credit cards, checks and money orders. To officially book an event we require a signed contract and your first non-refundable payment. Your payment is equal to one-third of your total event (rooms and site fee) balance. The second payment, equal to one-half of the total remaining, is due six (6) months before your event. The final payment is due 30 days before your event. All payments are nonrefundable.

What's the weather like? What if there is inclement weather on my wedding day?

We are very fortunate in Carmel Valley to have roughly ~330 days of sunshine. We rarely experience fog and enjoy temperatures about 10 to 15 degrees warmer than coastal locations. That said, weather does happen. Typically, events held December - March should have a set rain plan because we are an outdoor venue. Tenting is always the best solution. There are several areas at Holman Ranch that can be tented to accommodate almost any size of event. We are happy to discuss options with you and plan ahead - just in case.

How does alcohol work at Holman Ranch?

You are welcome to bring your own hard alcohol to Holman Ranch, but it must be poured by an insured and licensed individual. Usually someone on your catering staff can do this. When you are choosing a caterer, be sure to let them know you want to bring your own alcohol. There are also bartending/liquor services that can provide the alcohol and service. Six (6) cases of Holman Ranch or Jarman wine included with packages. You will be able to select which of our wines you would like to include in your package. Price will vary based on the varietals you select. For safety purposes we ask that no shots be served at Holman Ranch and that last call occur at least fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled end time of the event.

Are there any restrictions on vendors or caterers?

You are welcome to bring any vendor, but we do ask that they be licensed and insured. We do have a preferred vendor list to help make your selection easier - we have worked with these vendors many times and they have a knowledge of the property that will help make your planning easier and your event run smoothly.

What kind of facilities are provided for our caterer?

We have an on-site prep kitchen for caterers. We provide a commercial fridge, freezer, ice maker, several bar refrigerators, a hand sink, bar sink and mop sink. The caterer will need to bring all prep equipment and a heat source. When looking for a caterer we highly recommend choosing a full-service caterer.

Do you have any smaller or elopement packages?

We are happy to work with you to develop a package that works for your special event. Please inquire about our small wedding and elopement options.

How many events do you host at a time?

We only host one event at a time. You will have exclusive access to the Ranch, making your event completely private and exclusive.

Is childcare required at Holman Ranch?

Although we do not require childcare, we highly recommend it. Holman Ranch is a large facility and there are areas that children can get into trouble. We can recommend licensed childcare companies if needed.

Do you have any noise restrictions?

Yes. As a legal outdoor facility in a residential neighborhood, all amplified music must end at 10:00 pm sharp. There are absolutely no exceptions to this rule. Maximum noise for Monterey County is 85 decibels at 50 feet.

We love Holman Ranch - what is the next step? Can we see the property?

We are thrilled that you are interested in hosting your event at Holman Ranch. The next step is to set up a call with our Event Specialist and to talk more about your vision and to set up a date to tour the facility. We can't wait to show you the property so you can see firsthand why Holman Ranch is perfect for your wedding day. Ask any and all questions - contact potential vendors for pricing - talk to family and friends. Once you are ready to move forward we will get the contracts drawn up and lock in your date upon first payment.