

# *The Bridge* | F A Q S

## **Q: How do I secure my date for my event?**

**A:** To proceed with reserving the venue, we'll need both the signed contract and 50% of your total deposit. Once we have both in place, the contract becomes valid and your date will be fully reserved on our calendar.

Unless you choose to pay in full, the remaining 50% is due 30 days prior to your event date.

We accept cash, check, or Venmo (1.9% service fee).

## **Q: Where can my guests park?**

**A:** The property line runs from the venue to the fence towards the neighboring hotels. You may park in any available space. There is also additional public parking under the actual bridge (there may be a fee to park).

## **Q: What happens when it rains?**

**A:** We have partnered up with Kents Tents, and they can provide a 20x20' tent. There is an additional cost of \$700, and would need to know at least 72 hours in advance for set up. As Florida weather can be unpredictable, once the decision is made to set up the tent, it remains in place for the remainder of the event for safety and logistical reasons.

## **Q: What about a hurricane?**

**A:** In the event of a hurricane or other severe weather that makes it impossible or unsafe to hold your event, our contract includes a *force majeure* clause. This refers to unforeseeable events such as hurricanes, natural disasters, or government-mandated evacuations that are beyond the control of both parties. In such cases, neither party shall be held responsible for non-performance. In those rare cases, we'll work closely with you to find a solution, whether that means rescheduling or making other arrangements.

## **Q: What bar services do you offer?**

**A:** While we do not provide bar services directly, we're happy to recommend trusted companies and private bartenders you can hire for your event.

**Q: Can I bring my own alcohol?**

**A:** Yes, you may supply your own alcohol for your event. However, there must be a designated bartender to distribute all alcoholic beverages. The bartender must be 21+ years of age and cannot be a part of your guest list as they would need to focus on service and be able to set up/break down the bar. Again, we have private bartenders for hire if needed.

Alcohol must remain on the property unless packing up at the end of the event.

Alcohol cannot be sold, so no cash bar or drink tickets.

Party must be private and not open to the public.

All persons must be 21+ to consume alcoholic beverages.

Any non-alcoholic beverages may be self-serve (water, tea, sodas, etc.)

**Q: Is there an ice machine?**

**A:** Yes. We have a commercial grade ice machine that holds 1000lbs.

**Q: What catering services do you offer?**

**A:** Clients are responsible for hiring their own caterer or bringing in their own food. Food trucks are also welcomed, we have hook-ups for power if needed. We do have a preferred vendor list that we're happy to share, but you are always welcome to use any caterer (or any other vendor) of your choice with no fee. The XXL Big Green Egg and outdoor flat top grill we offer is mostly for caterer use if needed, however we do allow clients to use the equipment if they are experienced with it. Cooking for your own party requires a signed Food Liability Waiver to keep all parties safe.

**Q: What does day-of-event insurance cover and is it required?**

**A:** Day-of-event insurance is required for all events. This protects you and your party from any incidents such as property damage, accidental injuries, and liquor host liability, etc. We have a company that we work with directly, quotes depend on your guest count.

**Q: What is the damage deposit and what does it cover?**

**A:** We require a separate \$500 damage deposit along with day-of-event insurance. This covers any excessive cleaning beyond standard post-event clean up, exceeding the time on your contract, or any minor damage/theft of the venue, it's furnishings, equipment, etc. This is completely **refundable** as long as none of the above mentioned has occurred.

**Q: Is there a bridal suite or groom's lounge?**

**A:** We are able to transform one of our rooms to a semi-private space, mainly for staging the wedding party prior to the ceremony. As this may not be ideal for some, there are neighboring hotels that are walking distance to the venue. We have partnered up with the Hampton Inn Suites (next door) and Home2 Suites (1.8mi away) - They have an exclusive offer to our clients for special rates, room blocks, and upgraded suites.

**Q: Is there beach access?**

**A:** While there is beach access on the property, it is reserved for our neighboring tenants. As they mainly operate in and around the dock, it may be unsafe for unauthorized person(s) to occupy that area.

**Q: What's included in the rental?**

**A:** You can find this information on our website: [GBsunsetvenue.com](http://GBsunsetvenue.com) or our brochure. Please contact us for a PDF version.

**Q: What does set up & break down entail?**

**A:** Client is responsible for their own set up including decor. We highly recommend hiring a planner/coordinator to direct vendors (caterer, bar service, DJ, etc.) and get everything situated to run smoothly. The venue will handle any heavy furniture that needs to be moved or set up according to a pre-discussed layout plan.

As for break down: All trash must be picked up and taken to our onsite dump. Any decor, personal belongings, or anything your vendors or guests leave behind must be cleaned up and/or taken out of the venue. In other words: anything brought in, must leave with you. Any excessive cleaning outside the standard post-event clean up, will result in a forfeit of your damage deposit.

Floors, restrooms, and windows will be taken care of by the venue.

Any material prior to your contract time cannot be stored anywhere on the property.

Both set up and breakdown must be included in your timeframe.

**Q: Can I play my own music?**

**A:** Yes. If you make a playlist via Spotify, we can plug it into our house system. We also have the ability to play 2 different playlists inside and outside the building as well as control the volume in any section of the venue. It's recommended that your playlist is long enough for your event, otherwise it'll be set on a loop. Please email or text your playlist at least 2 days prior to your event.

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No outside devices are to be plugged into our system.

**Q: Can I display a powerpoint or photos/videos on the TVs?**

**A:** Yes. We recommend putting files on a thumb drive or connecting via HDMI. This ensures better connection. Though the volume on the TV can be adjusted, audio from videos is not available through our house system and may not be heard well enough through the TV itself.

**Measurements:**

**Front room:** 20x16ft

**Middle room:** 12x16ft

**Main room:** 19x19ft

**Stage:** 15x21ft

**Interior cocktail tables:** 30x30in - 43in height

**Exterior tables:** 3x3ft - 43in height

**Length of interior bar:** 14ft - 7ft (L-shaped side)

**Length of exterior bar:** 14ft

**Length of buffet bar:** 12ft - 5ft (L-shaped side)

**Bamboo arch:** 8ft tall, 10ft across

**Proscenium (on stage):** 10x19ft