# DISCOVER YOUR FOREVER AFTER

SPECTACULAR WEDDINGS



# CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME

#### TO THE MURIETA INN AND SPA

and the Sierra's lies the beautiful Murieta Inn & Spa. 83 beautifully-appointed guest rooms and over 20,000 square feet of event space act as a beautiful escape for couples and their guests to enjoy the most special time in their life.

Our on-site services make The Murieta Inn & Spa a dream for any couple looking to enjoy a stress-free wedding weekend. Kick the weekend off by indulging your bridal party to a spa-day at our full-service spa, The Cupola.

Enjoy your rehearsal dinner at our award winning restaurant, The Gate, where guests will sip signature cocktails and enjoy seasonal dishes made with the freshest local bounty. Cap the weekend off on our sunny Fireside Terrace with a farewell brunch with you and your closest friends.

Come and experience a new Northern California charm and hospitality. We can't wait to welcome you.



### TOGETHER IS MY FAVORITE PLACE



# THE MURIETA INN EXPERIENCE

**OUR PROCESS** 

We pride ourselves on not being just a beautiful venue, but a great planning tool for all of our couples. Let our team of experienced wedding professionals guide you through the entire process!

#### THE VISION

Four months prior to your wedding, a two-hour meeting will be scheduled with you and your Event Coordinator to go over all of the details. This is your chance to bring all of your ideas to the table! Your coordinator will help you compile all details into one easy-to-follow document that will evolve during the planning process.

#### **EVERY DETAIL**

A phone call will be scheduled six weeks prior to go over any updates or questions you may have. We will start to firm up details like your color scheme, menu, and layout. The event document is updated again and distributed to all of your outside vendors.

#### FINAL FORTNIGHT

14 days before the big day, a final walk-through will be scheduled for you and any outside vendors you would like to include. We are here to collaborate and answer any questions you or they may have.





## PACKAGES

Our wedding packages are inclusive of the following:

### REHEARSAL

One-hour rehearsal block at available locatior

Decor Drop-off & Storage (no food or floral)

#### CEREMONY

One-Hour Ceremony // Set-Up & Breakdown // Infused Water Station

#### COCKTAIL HOUR

One-Hour Cocktail Hour // Stationary & Tray Passed Hors D'Oeuvre Cocktails from Our Award-Winning Restaurant, The Gate Wines from Local Amador County Vintner's

#### RECEPTION

Three-Hour Reception

Custom Buffet Dinner Menu by Executive Chef

Guest Tables & Chairs // Ivory Linen & Colored Napkin

Flatware, Glassware & China // Non-Alcoholic Beverage Station

Complimentary Cake Cutting





## WEDDING TIPS

#### **ESTIMATE YOUR NUMBERS**

The general wedding rule is that 10%-20% of the people you invite won't attend. Naturally, this depends on a variety of factors including date and location. Remember, you can't accommodate everyone! Find a date that works best for the key players.

#### **DEFINE YOUR PRIORITIES**

Think about the three most important aspects of your wedding. Is it the food and drinks? Is it the venue or the date? Maybe it's your vendors. Whatever it may be, make sure your budget can support that! Experts say that 40% of your budget should be allocated to your venue and catering, 30% to photography and entertainment, 20% to decor and the remaining to any additional amenities added later on.

#### FIND YOUR BRIDAL STYLE

With so many sources of inspiration like Pinterest, Instagram and other trusty bridal sites, defining your wedding style can be a bit overwhelming. Find a few resources you like best and start researching! Having a sense of your style will help immensely once you start meeting with potential vendors. Create a Inspiration Board to help lay out all of your ideas at once, then scale back. Stay focused on ideas that align with your larger vision.

#### **GET ORGANIZED**

All of your important details like invoices, contracts and budgets should be kept in one place. There are great online tools and apps that can help you stay organized. We recommend TheKnot.com, whose planning services include budgeting, guest list tracking, registry, and more!

#### CONSIDER A DAY-OF COORDINATOR

Even when a full-service wedding planner isn't in the cards, hiring a professional to oversee the day-of details

can be a game changer—we happen to offer wedding concierge services! They'll keep track of your vendors, assist with setting out your decor, coordinating with your bridal party, and helping with any last-minute details you simply won't have time for.

#### READ EVERY CONTRACT

Before the two of you sign on any dotted lines, be sure to closely review every detail you arrange with your vendors. Triple check that all of the details are correct including date, location, event time, deposits, and other fees.

#### TAKE IT ONE STEP AT A TIME

Put together a wedding planning schedule and do things one by one, in a logical order, so you don't take on too much too fast. Don't hire any vendors before you've confirmed a date and location, as these things can alter costs.

#### **ALL HANDS ON DECK**

Remember, you're not in this alone! Your bridal party along with other close friends and family are all ready to pitch in and help in ways that suit their strengths. But you have to ask- and sometimes delegate. Don't feel bad about it! Oftentimes your loved ones just want to participate, but aren't always sure of the best way to be helpful to you. Communicate your needs and accept help when needed.

#### RELAX

By the time your wedding day rolls around, you should be relaxing and enjoying all of the special moments with your loved ones. Your guests won't notice the small mishaps, but they will notice your stress and anxiety. Take a breath and let the professionals guide you through your big day!





#### IS THERE A FOOD & BEVERAGE MINIMUM?

All of our event spaces do come with a food and beverage minimum which is based on your guest count and event date. If the agreed upon minimum is not met, the actual difference will be charged to the master account card.

#### IS WIFI INCLUDED?

The Murieta Inn & Spa offers free fiber optic Wi-Fi for all of our guests.

#### DO YOU PROVIDE KIDS MEALS?

We are happy to provide kids meals for those ages 3-10. Kids meals are priced at \$15 per head. Menu selection must be made no later than 10 days prior to the event.

## CAN YOU ACCOMMODATE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS?

Gluten free, diary free, vegetarian, vegan, and other dietary restricted options will be honored based on availability.

#### WHAT IS YOUR DEPOSIT SCHEDULE?

We require a 25% deposit upon signing. An additional 50% will be due 120 days prior, while the remaining balance is due 14 days before.

#### ARE WE REQUIRED TO USE YOUR VENDORS?

Besides our catering and bar services, you are welcome to bring in vendors for additional services. Our carefully crafted list of preferred vendors are known to provide excellent service! All vendors must have proof of liability insurance.

#### WHEN IS MY FINAL GUEST COUNT DUE?

Final head counts are due no later than 14 days prior to the event. Should you have additional guests show on the day of, they will be added to your account and charged no later than 7 days post event. Should less guests show, you will still be charged for the guest count submitted at the final meeting.

#### WHAT IS YOUR CEREMONY SITE FEE?

Each ceremony site has a different rental fee attached. Speak with your Event Coordinator the ceremony site best for you.

#### **HOW LATE CAN MY EVENT GO UNTIL?**

All outside events must end at 10pm. Inside events may go as late as 12am. Depending on your guest count, the restaurant bar can remain open until 1:30am. Please speak with your Event Coordinator about this option.

#### DO YOU OFFER ROOM BLOCKS?

Absolutely! We require a minimum of 10 rooms combined with 80% attrition. Your Catering & Event Sales Manager will help you contract before passing you onto the Event Coordinator who will further manage the block.

## DOES YOUR RESTAURANT TAKE REHEARSAL DINNER RESERVATIONS?

Our restaurant can accept reservations as large as 25. Any group above this number would be considered a private event and will be handled by our Event Coordinator.

#### DOES THE SPA DO BRIDAL HAIR AND MAKEUP?

Yes! Please contact The Cupola for availability, services, and pricing.

### ARE WE ALLOWED TO USE THE MURIETA EQUESTRIAN CENTER FOR PHOTOS?

While the Equestrian Center is technically open to the public, all couples and photographers must clear this with the center no less than 30 days prior. A tour with one of their Event Managers is required along with a signed release of liability waiver.

#### ARE WE ALLOWED TO BRING OUR OWN ALCOHOL?

All beer and alcohol must be purchased directly through The Murieta Inn & Spa. You may bring in 750ml bottles of wine to be served by our staff at a corkage fee of \$15 per bottle.





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