



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How many guests can be accommodated for a wedding reception at El Monte Sagrado?

Our beautiful setting provides you a wedding experience like no other. El Monte Sagrado can accommodate elopements for 2 guests and weddings as large as 180 in our Rio Grande Ballroom. The Rio Grande Ballroom can accommodate up to 180 guests for served, plated dining with a dance floor and head table or buffet-style dining instead. We can also serve smaller groups of up to 75 outdoors in our Sacred Circle under towering cottonwoods and adjacent to waterfalls and ponds. Those looking for a less traditional, and increasingly popular Progressive wedding reception experience can expand their options by increasing capacity up to 250 guests utilizing our entire ballroom facility, including the Sandoval Rooms and beautiful foyer with views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Ask our wedding specialist for more details specific to your individual wedding needs.

I am not familiar with the location of El Monte Sagrado. Where are you located?

El Monte Sagrado is located five blocks east of the Taos plaza on Highway 64. Taos is located 70 miles north of Santa Fe and 130 miles north of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Do you offer special pricing for weddings held on days other than Fridays, Saturdays or on holiday weekends?

Yes, please inquire about your specific wedding dates and ideas. Special offers are available during certain times of the day, times of the year as well as for weddings held on Sunday through Thursday. We would like to work with you to customize a wedding that best suits your style and budget and look forward to discussing this in more detail.

Do you have a required Food & Beverage Minimum Expenditure?

Food and beverage minimums vary based upon the time of day and day of the week for your wedding events, as well as which room or venue you are renting. Please contact our wedding specialist to discuss specifics of your event.

I have a number of guests traveling to attend my wedding from out-of-town. Do you offer special room rates?

El Monte Sagrado is the ideal setting to gather cherished family and friends for a special wedding celebration! We are pleased to offer a discounted room rate to couples wishing to set up a room block of a minimum of 5 rooms or more for their guests, with varying minimum number of sleeping room requirements per event size (subject to availability). Contact our wedding specialist to discuss your specific dates and to determine availability and rate offers.

Can you recommend wedding service providers such as florists, photographers, ministers, wedding cakes, etc?

Absolutely! The resort creates wedding cakes and flower arrangements; however we have assembled a selection of highly regarded and trusted wedding professionals such as photographers, musicians and ministers to enhance your wedding day. Our Wedding Specialist will share these contacts with you and make recommendations based on your individual wedding style upon going to contract. We do ask that you use El Monte Sagrado for your wedding cake

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and that you use vendors on our list to ensure that every aspect of your wedding day is handled with professional attention to detail. Exceptions can be made with advance written approval by the resort prior to contract signing.

Does El Monte Sagrado offer a wedding ceremony location?

Yes, we are able to accommodate a wedding ceremony for up to 200 guests in our beautiful outdoor Sacred Circle, as well as up to 300 on our Rio Grande Ballroom lawn and patio. Indoor venues include the Rio Grande Ballroom, Sandoval Room and Grand Bohemian Gallery. The Sacred Circle is a beautiful outdoor space in the heart of the resort, with towering 80-year-old cottonwood trees, younger fruit trees and aspen trees and is bordered on one side by ponds and waterfalls. It is a setting like no other! Please be aware that this setting is in the heart of the resort and is not completely private. In the event of inclement weather, the wedding ceremony would be moved indoors to the Sandoval Room, Grand Bohemian Gallery, Rio Grande Ballroom or foyer. If you do not have an officiant to perform your wedding ceremony, we offer a list of recommendations of many denominations. Should you wish for an indoor setting, we have a several smaller rooms including our Library, Grand Bohemian Gallery and Sandoval Room. Please be sure to check availability for ceremonies as space is very limited.

Is there a church nearby?

Yes, there are a number of beautiful churches of all denominations located just blocks from the resort in Taos. Many are in short walking distance from the resort. You must contact them directly to determine eligibility and availability for your wedding ceremony.

Do you offer a Professional Wedding Coordinator?

We are delighted to offer an experienced wedding specialist. Although we do not currently offer wedding planning services, our team of professional banquet captains and other exceptional staff are on hand through various stages of your wedding event to ensure that no detail is overlooked and that your wedding is a celebration that you and your guests will remember forever. We can also provide a list of qualified wedding planners.

What is your payment schedule?

We require a non-refundable deposit of \$5,000 to hold your wedding date. The remainder of the balance due is collected two weeks prior to your wedding event. This payment must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. No personal checks are accepted for this payment. All items will be estimated for full prepayment, and any refunds will be made following completion of your event.

I am interested in hosting a rehearsal dinner. What are my options?

El Monte Sagrado is a perfect setting to gather those closest to you on the eve of your wedding to celebrate. We can host a beautiful and intimate dinner for 8 in our private Wine Room, or a small reception (30) in our Library, and dinner for up to 50 in our Gallery. The meeting rooms can accommodate up to 100 guests and the Rio Grande Ballroom up to 180. You may also elect for a party in our beautiful Sacred Circle adjacent to waterfalls and ponds, and with a spectacular view of Taos Mountain! For an intimate outdoor setting, we create a beautiful setting on our portal (porch) off the Anaconda Bar. Whatever your selection, you and your guests are sure to enjoy the world class cuisine and inviting settings available at El Monte Sagrado. Contact our wedding specialist for more specific details.

Do you offer any post-wedding parties or suggestions for activities after the wedding?

Yes, we can host a post-wedding brunch in one of our many venues. We can also offer a fire pit with gourmet s'mores and hot chocolate for a post wedding party – after the reception on the night of the wedding! We can also host other special events such as bridal showers, bridal luncheons, welcome receptions, wine and cheese tastings, rehearsal dinners and other events

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designed to reflect your special style, from casual elegance to formal sophistication in one of our indoor or outdoor venues.

We are looking for a very intimate wedding - just ourselves and a handful of family and friends. Can you accommodate us?

Of course! We have created the Sacred Romance Elopement Packages with you in mind! You can add up to 6 additional guests and still book this package for your special day! This package includes the wedding location, two nights in one of our suites, champagne & chocolate covered strawberries, a couples massage at our Living Spa™, a custom rose wedding bouquet and boutonniere, dinner for two, two breakfasts for two, two El Monte Sagrado bathrobes and your officiate! Contact our wedding specialist for details and pricing which varies depending on the room booked! The Sacred Circle is a popular wedding location – a truly unique backdrop for your one-of-a-kind wedding vows!

Can we host a party for the wedding party at your spa?

Yes, our Living Spa is available for wedding parties! With 9 treatment rooms available, we can pamper all of your wedding party! Contact our wedding specialist for details. It is best to schedule this well in advance of the big day as our spa books up quickly!

Do you offer any activities for the wedding party?

Yes, we can arrange an array of outdoor activities for the wedding party – or just the bride's party or groom's party! During the late spring and into the summer months, we can arrange white water rafting on the Rio Grande River, fly fishing, hot air ballooning (for which New Mexico is well known), and bike rides. During any time of the year, we can arrange nature hikes, private yoga classes, art gallery or history tours including driving the Enchanted Circle.

Do you offer same-sex ceremonies or commitment ceremonies?

Yes! We are honored to help celebrate commitment ceremonies, weddings, and vow renewals.

Do you have a question that we have not addressed here? Click [here](#) to email our professional wedding specialist, and we will be in touch shortly!