



Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many guests can The Lowry accommodate in the day and evening?

For a ceremony we have three rooms with maximum capacities of 100, 120 and 160

For a seated meal we can accommodate up to 150-160, which increases up to 200 for an evening reception

We have two smaller spaces which can accommodate smaller numbers for a more intimate celebration

2. What is included in the room hire?

We will include the following items in your reception room:

- Dedicated event manager who will act as your master of ceremonies and make all your announcements
- Grey drop cloth (underneath the white linen)
- White table linen (tablecloths/napkins) for all tables (including the cake and gift tables)
- Undressed chairs
- Three tea lights in glass holders for each table
- Table numbers and stands
- Clothed cake table
- Cake stand and knife
- Clothed gift table
- Easel for your table plan
- Star gobo; static, coloured dance floor lights and coloured down lighters on the pillars

3. Which areas of the building will be available to us?

You will choose your ceremony and reception rooms, and then when you come in for a viewing, we'll show you the route you and your guests will take on the day. You are guaranteed a private drinks reception space on your wedding day, and at the viewing stage we'll show you four potential spaces.

4. Can you play music during the ceremony?

For your ceremony we recommend you provide 30 minutes of music for whilst your guests are arriving, a song for walking in, two songs for signing the register and a song for walking out. Your event manager on the day will control your music and you are welcome to provide this in whichever music media suits you, e.g CDs, USB. Alternatively, you are welcome to have live musicians.

5. What are suggested timings of the day?

We are flexible with timings. We consider early afternoon to be the optimum time to have your ceremony in our venue (or noon when having a ceremony elsewhere).

As a general guide, if you were getting married at 14.30, we would recommend the below as approximate timings:

- 14.00 Guests to arrive
- 14.30 Ceremony at The Lowry
- 15.00 Drinks reception and photographs
- 16.30 Event manager to make the call to dinner
- 17.00 Wedding breakfast served
- 18.30 Speeches (you may choose to do this before eating)
- 19.00 Relax prior to evening guests arriving
- 19.30 Evening guests arrive
- 20.30 Cutting the cake
- 20.45 First dance
- 21.00 Buffet
- 22.00 *(Approx.) band to commence*
- 00.45 Last orders
- 01.00 Bar closes
- 01.30 All guests to have departed

6. What is the changeover plan from Ceremony to Reception room?

After your ceremony, most couples tend to have a drinks reception. It is optional, but it's the perfect opportunity for you to take your photographs, whilst your guests relax with a drink in your private drinks reception space. If you choose to use the same room for both your ceremony and reception we will changeover the room at this point.

7. Does The Lowry have an in-house caterer? Is external catering allowed?

All our catering is done by our fabulous in-house chefs – the same chefs who run our restaurant! We have an extensive menu to choose from and we are able to cater for all dietary requirements. We only allow external catering to be brought in if it is for religious reasons. In these cases the caterer has to provide all the food, not just the catering for one part of the day

8. Does The Lowry offer a cake cutting service?

You are welcome to provide either a sweet wedding cake or a wedding cake of cheese. Following your cake cutting, we are happy to slice your cake up and serve it with your evening catering

9. Car Drop Off / Where do I enter the building?

When you arrive on the day, whether it be in a wedding car or a taxi, you are welcome to be dropped off right outside the main entrance! Our security team will lower the bollards in front of The Lowry and your car will pull up on the Plaza. Your car may remain there until after your ceremony if you wish to go outside for photographs with it.

You and your guests will come in at the main theatre entrance on the day. Your event manager will be waiting for you, plus there will be signage and staff in place to help direct your guests. It may seem daunting coming in through the main entrance; however everyone loves the arrival of our brides and/or grooms! If this seems too daunting for you though, we will happily bring you in via another entrance which is a little more private!

10. Is There Enough Parking for All Our Guests? Can Guests Leave Their Cars Overnight?

The Lowry don't own a car park but guests can park in the Outlet Mall multi-storey car park which is situated just across the Plaza and offers secure parking, and over 1800 spaces. We can offer discounted tickets for guests parking for six to nine hours (but not overnight) which reduces the rate to £7 per car. The car park is open until 01.00.

11. Is confetti allowed?

You are welcome to use confetti in selected areas of the building

12. Is there disabled access?

The whole building has full disabled access, with lifts positioned throughout the building.