



Your Pre-Wedding Guide for a Beautiful Wedding at Wedding Cake Cottage

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Dear Wedding Couple,

Thank you for taking the time to read this, this is for your reference throughout your wedding journey with us!

Weddings are our business, and we love that you have booked with us. We (Mary and John) and our carefully selected team have poured our hearts and souls into this business. We use family heirlooms, glasses, china, lots of things passed down in our family to share with you because we want to. We want your day to as special as possible. Nothing gives us greater joy than to see happiness, and this world needs lots of that!

If you have questions not answered here, please email them to Mary-weddingcakecottage@tcc.on.ca as we know you have lots of questions which is why we created this Wedding Guide.

We pay every attention to detail as possible, so you can have a wonderful day!

We like to surprise you with an added touch here and there. We don't think you should know everything about your day! We are a small business and don't charge for extras like others do.

We don't even add a mandatory gratuity; we leave that up to your discretion.

Wishing you both a wonderful wedding experience!

John and Mary XO

Information and Timelines

Do you need rooms reserved for your guests? [The Bayfield Boutique Bed and Breakfast](#) has three king room, and two that sleep three guests. Perfect for family and besties attending your wedding.

Accommodations: Special pricing for your wedding is when you book all three rooms for two nights you receive the rooms for \$199 per night per room for two guests, additional guests are \$75 each. Please reserve with a \$500 deposit so we can block them for you.

120 Days Before Wedding

- This is the time you should be sending out your wedding invitations!
- If you have been married and divorced outside of Canada, you need to call your municipal office ASAP and ask what they require.

Bar and Serving Alcohol

- You will need to purchase a Alcohol Liability Insurance Policy. from <https://www.palcanada.com> It will insure your wedding day and cover you for liability when serving alcohol to your guests. This insurance protects you from any liability or litigation costs if something out of your control happens. It is not expensive for a one-day policy.
- You are required to purchase a Liquor License from the Alcohol Gaming Commission of Ontario <https://www.agco.ca/> you cannot serve alcohol without it. Also have it with you when you purchase all the liquor or beer for your wedding. They need it for everything you are buying. You cannot bring homemade or “gifted” or alcohol from home. You can return anything unopened to them for reimbursement.
- We require that you have one of our designated Smart Serve bartenders @\$30/hour for your occasion.
- If you’re serving any liquor you need to include the mix pop, lemons, limes etc., that go with it. We prefer you to purchase large bottles of pop as we have limited space for the bartender to work in, PLUS there is less waste. Do not bring bottled water we have gorgeous well safe-water and bottled water and plastic straws are prohibited in our area.
- We supply water, tea and coffee.

Bar Guidelines

Based on our experience people tend to buy more than necessary, here are some suggestions:

- Half a bottle of wine per person, the amount, half red, half white, plus one for each table.
- Up to three kinds of beer, 2 bottles per entire guest list.
- Two kinds of hard liquor.
- Example 30-person wedding – that means 4 tables for the reception:
15 bottles of wine plus 8 (4 white and 4 red) for the tables= 23 bottles of wine.
60 bottles/cans of beer, if 10 are beer drinkers that means 6 beer each, plus two bottles of hard liquor are plenty for a group of 30 and mix etc., remember you can’t over serve or allow guests to drink and drive.
- You can have one “Wedding Signature Drink” perhaps a favourite cocktail that you two enjoy, that you want to share with your guests.
- We have champagne glasses – please notify so we can have them on hand.
- Please note we supply all ice and glasses, and we do not use plastic.
- Please do not buy ‘one off’s’ meaning one type of cocktail for one guest and another for another guest and so on, it is too difficult for the one bartender to stop and make one drink for someone that is different from the regular selection when you only have one bartender. If you would prefer two bartenders so you can offer custom drinks, we can arrange that!

Guest Shuttle

- You may want to hire a shuttle to bring your group to and from Bayfield to the Wedding Cake Cottage. Contacts are in our vendor section at the end of this document.

Alcohol -Free Weddings

- Supply your own pop, or lemonade, iced tea etc.
- You can also do a punch; we have two glass dispensers that you can make a tasty punch in for your guests.
- We have water on hand in a dispenser.

What to tell your guests:

- The road can be busy so please be careful. Small children need to be supervised at all times.
- Please let your guests know there is free parking on the same side of the road where the building is located.
- As we are a historic building, we are 95% accessible for wheelchairs via at the front door. There is a small step bump up.
- Have anyone who needs special accessibility to park as close to the building as possible and, or in the driveway.
- One wedding car carrying bride/partner parks in the driveway! Two other spots are for accessibility.
- The wedding area will be setup for your guests, and one of our team will be there to greet everyone on your behalf.

60 Days before Wedding

The wedding officiant will be in touch with you two months before your ceremony to discuss options and how you can personalize your ceremony. Did you know the most important part of the wedding is the legal ceremony and it only takes about 15 minutes! We can offer you a ceremony with religion or without, readings, poems, lighting of candles, pouring of sand, etc. You can also write your own vows to exchange with each other.

This meeting can be done by skype, facetime or in person. We wait until this time so the ceremony discussion and decisions will be fresh in your mind.

Our Payment Plan - Payments by e-transfer. We would also like a credit card on file.

- The \$500 non-refundable save the date deposit has been received at time of booking and then your remaining total is broken up into three easy payments.
- 60 days pre-wedding one third is due.
- 30 days pre-wedding one third is due.
- 10 days pre-wedding the final amount and any adjustments are due.

30 days before Wedding

- The second wedding installment payment is made.
- The [menu which is posted on our site](#) under weddings is decided at this time. Please advise of any special dietary requirements.
- Are you providing your wedding cake or cupcakes please let us know?
- Colour of roses for tables is noted at this time.
- Please notify us of any décor you are providing that you are bringing.
- You should be buying your wedding license at this time from your municipal office. You will need Proper ID, please contact and ask what they need from you. If you are divorced, you need your documents.

10 Days before Wedding

- The final payment is made for wedding. If more people are added after this date this can be settled the day before or after the wedding.
- You can notify us of your wedding song. You are welcome to bring a Spotify playlist for the Sonos/Bose speaker.
- Please inform who is walking the bride/partner down the aisle.
- Do you have a Master of Ceremonies- speeches can be said during dinner or it can wait until dessert is served too, you can decide?
- If you have customized table runners, or anything specific to your table setting, we will need that a week before your special day!

Table Decorations

- Table centrepieces can be provided from our in-house stock, we have very tasteful arrangements. You are welcome to provide your own if you wish.
- If you have customized table runners, or anything specific to your table setting, we will need that a week before your special day!
- Your table is set with lovely china, chargers, flatware, napkins and glasses.
- There is a water pitcher per table as well, filled with ice water.

Guest Gifts and Table Place Cards

- You can drop off any guest gifts or any table seating or place cards the day before your wedding.
- We have an easel you can use if you have a photo or collage you want to.
- We have table card holders that hold 5x7" seating arrangement cards that will display your guests' names on the table you can use.
- We have a gift envelope box and a table it sits on that also holds your gifts.
- You are welcome to bring a signing book and pen if you choose.
- Guest gifts can be set in basket or at each guest's place setting.

No rehearsals are necessary with all the guidance and instructions we provide.

The Night Before - Brides are invited to book the Bourbon Suite the night before the wedding to stay in, as it is the largest room and then have hair and makeup people come to them the day of the wedding.

The Wedding Day

- **Groom/partner and Party** please be at the wedding venue 40 minutes prior to ceremony to help greet the guests and shake everyone's hand.
- **Officiant** will be there at the same time as the groom/partner.
- Mary is with the bride/ other partner before the ceremony and brings them and their party to the ceremony. Or, if bride/partner is coming straight to the venue Mary will greet her in the driveway to bring her into the ceremony.
- Mary co-ordinates and directs the group every minute of the way, you never have to worry she is with you right up until you walk into the ceremony.
- As a ceremony finishes the officiant makes any special announcements before the new couple is announced. "The New Couple will be taking photos outside and nearby for approx. 90 minutes. The beverage/bar area is open for guests to enjoy during this time. The smoking area is at the firepit only. The bathroom is located near the side door at end of the wedding room. If you have any special announcements, please let us know.
- Everyone is informed what's happening in the next hour and a half while the bride and groom have photos taken.
- The team will be rearranging the tables and chairs for the meal and finishing cooking the meal in house.
- The Meal - Mary or John announces dinner and gets everyone seated. If there is Grace/blessing it will be said by someone you choose. Mary or John then welcomes everyone and offers a special welcome for the Wedding Couple. We announce the meal and what is being served. At that time our team is introduced to everyone. Then announced that after dinner, dessert and coffee/tea will be served and at that time any cake cutting etc.
- Your speeches/toasts can be done during dinner or wait until dessert is served, your choice!

Extra Information for your special day

Firepit

There is a firepit outside that you are welcome to enjoy during or after your reception on nights it's not too windy. You must put the fire out before retiring for the night.

Wedding Night in the Loft

After everyone leaves, you relax unwind, we've left the place completely for the two of you to enjoy, breakfast is in the fridge for the next morning. Take your time, checkout is at 11 am. There are robes to lounge in! Happy morning Newlyweds!

Extra's we can Provide

If you require a Night before (Rehearsal) Dinner gathering or the day after Wedding Brunch- we can provide those at our other property [Bayfield Boutique Bed and Breakfast](#) for your group to gather and enjoy!

We have compiled a list of local vendors that we have either worked with or known about. Feel free to contact them!

Our Friends: Wedding vendors in the area

Florists

The Backyard Flower Shop

<http://thebackyardflowershop.com/>

The Little Shed Flower Company

<https://www.thelittleshedflowerco.com/>

Photographers

Dianne Brandon

<https://www.diannebrandonphotography.com/>

Darien Funk

<https://darienfunk.com/>

Sandra Reiger

<http://www.sandrareiger.com/>

Arch Angels

<https://www.uneedarchangelstudios.com/>

Hair and Makeup Stylists

Travel to you Veronica Hill:

<https://m.facebook.com/hairandestheticsbyveronica>

Travel to you Brittini Fraser

https://www.facebook.com/muabritt/?ref=br_rs

Bayfield Beauty Shop

519-565-5800

Travel to you Joani Crews

<https://www.facebook.com/creatorofhair/>

Accommodations

Our Two Properties

www.BayfieldBedandBreakfast.com

www.weddingcakecottage.com

The nearby Ashwood Inn has 22 rooms

<https://www.theashwood.com/>

The nearby Deer Park Lodge has 14 cottages and is open Spring till late fall.

<https://www.deerparklodge.ca/>

The Loft B&B

<https://www.bbcanada.com/14151.html>

(519) 274-1419

Transportation /Shuttle Service

519 Tours

519-441-8194

Goderich, ON

www.519tours.ca

Shoreline Transfer

<https://shorelinetransfer.ca/>

Still more to see.....

Arrive in Style by Helicopter



The wedding couple can arrive individually or land together for their special day right on the lot next door to the church.

They can also be picked up anytime before sunset and leave as a wonderful departure!

Pick up and drop off is at their airfield just outside of Grand Bend.

For more information or to book. Please contact <https://greatlakeshelicopter.ca/>

Tell them it is a ride to Wedding Cake Cottage with Pilot Jeremy Rood.

Pricing starts at \$425.