



SUMMER



2026

La Chartreuse Weekend Wedding Plan

Destination Wedding Plan – La Chartreuse

Friday – Arrival & Welcome Evening

14:00 – Check-in & Settle

- The couple and guests arrive at La Chartreuse and are shown to their rooms.
- Welcome packs in each room (weekend itinerary, local tips, personalized notes welcoming them to the wedding weekend).

15:00 – Swim, Sunbathe & Relax

- After travels, guests are invited to swim or unwind in the gardens/pool area.
- Light refreshments (infused water, iced teas, fruit platters).

17:00 – Wine Tasting at Chateau Thénac

- Tasting with a tour of the beautifully renovated chateau, wine production set up, and barrel rooms @ www.chateau-thenac.com

18:30 – Rehearsal run-through

- LC wedding planners manage a relaxed rehearsal run through
- Brief on key points of wedding day and roles of wedding party members.

19:15 – Welcome Aperitif

- In the courtyard or around the fountain.
- Accompaniments: canapés featuring local specialties (truffle gougeres, foie gras toasts, walnut tapenade crostini).

20:00 – Rehearsal Dinner

Option A: At La Chartreuse

Buffet/BBQ style - relaxed and convivial. Possible locations: under the tent, in the courtyard with festoon lighting, poolside, or in the Grand Salon for something more formal.

Menu: Grill with french country style buffet with cheeses, charcuterie, pate, salads, roasted meats, fresh bread, and patisserie deserts.

Evening movie on the giant screen for the kiddos with babysitter keeping watch.

Option B: Off-site Dinner at Famille Moutier (2 km away)

Enjoy a fantastic 7-course tasting menu of Dordogne classics (truffles, duck, foie gras) with accompanying wines from the South-West.

Elegant, immersive culinary experience introducing guests to the region. Transport via shuttle us arranged for all guests.

www.famillemoutier.com

22:30 – Wind Down

- Nightcap back at La Chartreuse.
- Chats around the firepits in the courtyard.

Saturday – Wedding Day

07:00 -10:00 – Wedding Planners Commence On-The-Day Coordination Tasks

- LC wedding planners on-the-day coordination activities – final set-up tasks, catering prep for champagne reception & dining. Prep for entertainment. Final run through with service providers staff on the schedule and expectations for the day.

08:00 – 10:00 Breakfast

- Breakfast Buffet: fresh croissants and other viennoiserie (pain au chocolat/chocolatine, brioche, and chausson aux pommes)
- La Chartreuse home-made jams, farmhouse cheeses, eggs, fruit, juices, coffee/tea etc.
- Free time: swim, yoga on the lawn, pétanque, cycling through the countryside.

09:00 – 13:00 – Bridal party and groomsmen's gathering

- Hair, make-up, massages, manicures, pedicures and other treatments.
- Photographer pre-wedding prep shots
- Mimosas and champagne

12:30 – 14:00 – Light Lunch

- Location: the Wysteria Terrace.
- Fresh salads, quiches, cold meats, cheeses, breads, fresh fruits – informal, light so guests don't feel heavy before the ceremony.

14:00 – 15:30 – Rest and Wedding Preparations

- Guest siestas / sunbathe / swim
- Dressing and final preparations for the wedding.

Afternoon – Ceremony

- **15:45 – Guest Gathering**
 - Fresh lemonade with mint station.
 - String quartet or acoustic guitarist sets the mood.
- **16:00 – Ceremony**
 - Location ideas:
 - Gardens or woods.
 - Poolside with floral arch.
 - The Fountain Lawn
 - Ceremony length: 30-45 minutes.

17:00 – Wedding Photographs

- Location: Fountain Lawn, Woods, Wysteria Terrace, Pool, Lawns, the white Gloriette, hedge arches, stone wall courtyard, grand salon, fields, flowers etc.
- Vogue Magazine cover photo booth

17:00 – Cocktail Reception / Vin d'honneur

- Location: lawns or courtyard.
- Drinks: Champagne, wines, Aperol spritz, craft cocktails (espresso martinis, mojitos, mimosas, French 75, Truffle Martinis)
- Food stations: oysters on ice, foie gras station, truffle arancini, baked baby potatoes with sour cream and caviar, soft-boiled quail's egg with asparagus and hollandaise, lobster and saffron aioli profiteroles etc
- Entertainment: live jazz trio / 4 piece string band & magician / mind reader.
- Personalised guest to couple wedding letters tree (wooden clips)
- Pétanque and lawn games: cornhole, giant Jenga, Aunt Sally for mingling guests.

19:00 – Wedding Dinner Reception

- Speeches after starter / service of main course
- Served either in the pavilion tent (with evening festoon lighting), or inside the Grand Salon for a more formal candlelit château atmosphere.
- Dinner Menu (served or family-style):
- Starter: foie gras terrine with chutney, or truffle risotto.
- Main: duck confit with dauphinoise potatoes & seasonal vegetables, or roasted beef filet with Bordelaise sauce.
- Dessert: pièce montée (croquembouche), or local walnut tart with crème fraîche, and a selection of macaroons.
- Wine pairing: Bergerac and Bordeaux whites & reds, Sauternes/Monbazillac with dessert.

21:30 – Dancing & Party

- First dance under fairy lights in the pavilion tent or in the Grand Salon.
- Band or DJ plays into the night.
- Fireworks – (est. 11:00)
- Late-night food: cheese platters, mini crêpes, sliders, fries.

01:00 – Afterparty Options

Fireside whiskey & cigars.

Chilled acoustic sets with guitarist / singer.



Sunday – Pool, Games, & Farewell Gathering

10:00 – 12:00 Lazy Brunch

- Buffet spread: Hog-roast spread with mixed salads, cheeses, breads etc - mimosas & Bloody Marys.
- Guests can enjoy brunch inside or alfresco in the courtyard or by the pool.

Midday – Poolside Fun & Games

- Relaxation: loungers, parasols, cool drinks.
- Lawn & pool games: pétanque, badminton, football, big flamingo floating inflatables.
- Ice cream cart and sweet crepe station.
- Optional activities for guests: local wine tasting tour, canoeing on the Dordogne, Golf, rodeo bull at La Chartreuse, or quad bike local chateaux and wine tour through the vines and hills - pick up and drop off direct at La Chartreuse.

17:00 – Afternoon Gathering Aperitif

- Aperitif picnic in the gardens with rosé, charcuterie, and light bites.
- Story-sharing and relaxed atmosphere after the big day.

19:30 – Sunday Evening Dinner (Farewell Feast)

- Informal, cozy atmosphere.
- Menu: wood-fired pizzas, seasonal salads, and rustic desserts like fruit clafoutis.
- Guests encouraged to wear casual attire, creating a "family table" vibe.
- Acoustic music or playlist for background ambiance.

22:00 – Final Night Together

- Stargazing with wine in the garden.
- Fire pit with marshmallows or digestifs for those lingering.

Monday – Departure

07:30 – 10:00 Breakfast Buffet

- Guests enjoy one final French breakfast before checkout.
- Light, fresh items: croissants, LC home-made jams, yogurt, fruit, and coffee.

11:00 – Check-out & Goodbyes

- Farewell gift bags: small jar of local honey with personal label, mini bottles of local wine, handwritten thank-you note from the couple.

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