



GRAND UNION HOTEL

Wedding Services

Built on the wooded banks of the Missouri River, and the gateway to the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument, the century old Grand Union Hotel commands impressive views of the Missouri River. The Grand Union Hotel is the ideal setting for your wedding or reception. The hotel can host wedding ceremonies for up to 50 people in the Grand Lobby or Lewis and Clark Room. Receptions for up to 100 people can be accommodated in the Lewis and Clark room and our Union Grille Restaurant. Our riverside patio is also available seasonally. Our elegantly restored guestrooms and suites offer a variety of options for your wedding guest list. For the bride and groom, we highly recommend our beautiful and spacious Master Suite or one of our intimate Junior Suites. For additional information we have enclosed our brochure and rate sheet.

Facility Fees

Wedding Ceremony and Reception

Wedding Parties reserving 0 – 15 rooms	\$850.00
Wedding Parties reserving 16 or more rooms	\$650.00
Wedding Parties reserving the entire Hotel	\$500.00

Fee includes cost of setting up either the lobby (max 50), Lewis & Clark Private room (max 50) or Patio for a ceremony. Flowers are to be arranged by the wedding party independently, but the Grand Union is happy to recommend a florist.

Wedding Reception Only (Ceremony only as well)

Wedding Held off Hotel Premises but have access to hotel for photos and/or reception.	
Wedding Parties reserving 0-15 rooms	\$650.00
Wedding Parties reserving 16 or more rooms	\$500.00
Wedding Parties reserving the entire hotel	\$350.00

For small private weddings of 15 people or less please contact our wedding coordinator.

Incidental Rentals

If the RSVP Guest list is over 100 people it is the responsibility of the wedding host to pay for any and all tabletop/flatware rentals (to include silverware, plates, and glassware).

Patio Tent - Any warm weather events that wish to have seating on the patio will need to rent a tent. Please see event coordinator for recommendations for rental company and tent size.

Dances \$400.00

In high season the entire Hotel must be reserved and guaranteed in full to have a wedding dance in the lobby. Low season requires the entire 2nd floor reserved and guaranteed. The band must finish by midnight or fee will be adjusted. When the entire hotel is not being reserved, the dance may not begin before 8:30 pm.

Booking Fee \$250.00

Charged at the time of booking, is non-refundable, and is applied to fee costs.

Damage Deposit \$400.00

Upon complete facility inspection, the deposit will be fully refundable. Normally refund within two weeks of wedding/reception. In the event that the damage exceeds the above deposit, an estimate of damages will be provided. All damages will be the responsibility of the wedding party.

Housekeeping Gratuity

\$5 per room

This fee is due to the increased level of service and high usage of the hotel during weddings. The Bridal party can pass this fee on to each guest room or the gratuity is added to final bill.

Deposit

We do ask for a 50% deposit for fees and food costs 3 months prior to the wedding. The remaining balance is due 1 month prior to the wedding as well as a guaranteed number for reception two weeks prior to the wedding.

Cancellation policy - A 70% refund is given if the wedding is cancelled with a minimum of two-month notice. With a cancellation less than two month's notice, a refund will be subject to management's discretion.

Dining and Catering

In addition to the Lewis and Clark conference room our Union Grille Restaurant is available to host your special functions. Enjoy relaxed dining in a historic riverside award-winning restaurant. Our Chef serves the finest in Montana Regional Cuisine. The Grand Union supports our local farmers and is proud to serve the freshest ingredients available with the menu changing seasonally. Enjoy our riverside patio seasonally for al fresco dining and drinks just a stone's throw from the Missouri River.

We would be happy to cater your appetizer social, dinner or wedding reception. Our wedding coordinator will work closely with you and assist you with menu choices. All of our wedding menus are custom designed to fulfill your taste and your price range. We also have a full range of hors d'oeuvres and specialty desserts are available upon request. A small sample menu is enclosed.

To reserve the Union Grille for a private wedding reception or dinner, the following fees apply:

Minimum of \$2000 food and beverage charge – October 1st thru April 30th

Minimum of \$3000 food and beverage charge – May 1st thru September 30th **

**Weddings in June, July, August, and September also require reserving the entire hotel to ensure privacy and quality service for all of our guests.

We can accommodate:

Union Grille Restaurant 60-70 people

Lewis & Clark Room 30-40 people

Larger groups would be limited to summer months with use of the Patio.

Grand Union Hotel policy does not allow outside caterers with the exception of the wedding cake.

Beverage Service

The Union Grille Pub offers several Montana Micro Brews, domestic beer and a fine selection of wine. Please note that we have a Beer and Wine License only. Hard alcohol is not allowed in any of our public spaces. You may choose one of three ways to host the beverage service for your event:

Hosted Bar

The organizer is charged for the total of all alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages ordered by their guests.

Limited Host Bar

The organizer is charged for a set dollar amount, pre-determined prior to the event. Once this limit is reached, it becomes a no-host bar.

No Host Bar

Each guest is responsible for paying for his/her own beverages. All beverage arrangements need to be discussed between the organizer and the Grand Union's wedding coordinator prior to the event.



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Area Attractions

Fort Benton is a living tribute to the days when the West was wild, the landscape uncharted and the rivers connected the country.

Walk in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark, visit historical landmarks or float and explore the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument considered the best place in the nation to experience the Lewis & Clark Trail.

Fort Benton is nestled alongside the Missouri River on the High Plains of Montana. The region defines Big Sky Country with its blue dome of sky overhead, the Rocky Mountains faintly in view and the sacred buttes and peaks of Central Montana looming nearby.

The climate in the summer is typically hot and dry, cooling off toward evening especially in the river valley. During spring and autumn, it is warm during the day and cool in the evenings. While it is cold in winter, the area receives generous winter sunshine and crystal clear skies. Warm Chinook winds also are common in winter snapping a cold streak in hours. At any time, sudden weather changes are common, so be prepared. Sweaters and jackets come in handy even in summer and layering is recommended.

Canoe and Floating – There are three rivers in the Fort Benton area, the Teton, the Marias, and the Wild and Scenic Missouri River. Each provides a flat water canoe or float experience. Bring your own canoe or rent one. Go by yourself or arrange a river guide. Ask our group coordinator for a list of outfitters and guides.

Golf- Fort Benton's Signal Point Golf Course has 9 holes overlooking the Missouri River and is considered to be one of the finest, most challenging 9 hole courses in the state.

Museum of the Northern Great Plains- This is the official museum of agriculture for the state of Montana. It tells the story of three generations of farmers from 1908 until 1980. The museum has 30,000 square feet of exhibition space with a village of businesses from the homestead era of the 1920's.

Other Attractions- Fort Benton and its surrounding areas provide a perfect backdrop for a bike ride along a winding prairie road, a hike to the top of Square Butte Mountain, a picnic in the Shonkin Mountains, or a leisurely stroll along our historic levee.