## **GOLDEN HORSESHOE INN**

#### THE WEDDING EXPERIENCE



### WE ARE SO EXCITED YOU'VE FOUND US!

#### LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER!

Hello brides and grooms to-be and Welcome! This is such an exciting time for you! We are so thrilled you've discovered the Golden Horseshoe Inn and are considering becoming a part of the GHI family! We know choosing your venue is a BIG decision, so let us tell you a little bit about our philosophy, the way we work, and the process we use to create an amazing day for each of our couples...

#### **Our Wedding Philosophy:**

- We believe weddings can be Beautiful & Elegant without breaking the bank.
- We believe you shouldn't have to put your whole life on hold to plan your wedding.
- We believe your wedding day should be a day to enjoy and not a whole lot of work!
- Most importantly, we believe your wedding day should be a reflection of the two of you...not someone else's idea of what a wedding day should be!





We love well planned weddings and beautifully captured memories (we offer Wedding Photography and Cinematography packages right here on site!), but more importantly, we love serving couples on one of the greatest days of their lives! We like to think we're a little bit like Wedding Ninja's...close by right when you need us and blending into the background when you don't! One of our secret weapons is an "Amenities Cupboard" in each dressing suite...sewing machine, safety pins, band aids, scissors, dress tape, deodorant...so when a groomsman's pants rip, we've got you (and him) covered!



#### GHIBYTHE NUMBERS

- **1827** is the year our venue was built. It was originally a Stagecoach Inn serving travelers crossing the mountains!
- **75+** is the number of weddings we host per year!
- **2008** is the year we started hosting Elopements & Weddings! It feels pretty good to have a decade of experience under our belts and boy do we have some good tips and advice to share!
- **10** is the maximum number of events that we host in a single month...and October is always the first month to reach it's maximum each year!
- **70** is the largest size group that we host...70 or less is the perfect size for our venue! We want your guests to leave feeling wowed, not squished!
- **85** is the number of wedding linen colors we have to choose from! You get to pick the colors and we'll do the ironing...promise!



# OUR WEDDING PLANNING PROCESS:

We believe your wedding is an experience from the first email you send us until you walk out the door for your very own Sparkler (or bubble!) send off! Shouldn't wedding planning be Simple, Fun, Exciting and a Joy to work on? That's where the GHI team comes in! We let our couples have all the fun and choices they would like (choosing cake design and flavors, flower colors, reception style and linen colors) and we do all the rest!



## YOUR EXPERIENCE:

Our goal is to help you simplify your wedding experience by providing almost everything you need (it's all right here on site at your fingertips!)

Most of our couples start by discovering us online, or being recommended to us by a friend!

If it seems like we might be the perfect fit for your wedding day, scheduling an appointment to tour our venue is a great first step! We also serve couples who are planning from a distance and are not able to visit in person before booking (boy do we appreciate the trust they place in us!)

GHI Venue tours are available by appointment on most days that we are not hosting a wedding!

**PRO TIP:** when emailing us to schedule your tour, let us know if weekdays, or weekends work best for you and we'll let you know available dates asap!

# ONCE YOU'VE BOOKED:

- When a couple lets us know they've chosen us for their wedding day (we do a little happy dance) and then we immediately mark their date as "Booked" on our Calendar so it is saved for them!
- We'll send an online link where you can sign your contract and pay your deposit!
- Once those two things are received, we'll email over a receipt and your wedding planning packet filled with all kinds of juicy details, including a wedding checklist and a collection of our favorite wedding ceremonies, prayers, readings and poems.
- From this point onwards, you've got a wedding team behind you helping you every step of the way!
- We're happy to share advice, help answer questions (after all, it's not every day you plan a wedding!) and keep things calm and stress free!
- When you are ready, we'll have a big planning meeting! You'll get to choose your colors (we'll set up mock tables so you can see them in person!) & decor details. We'll talk through each part of your day and create a personalized Wedding Day Timeline just for you!



### SIMPLE. BEAUTIFUL. JOYFUL.



#### HOW SOON SHOULD I BOOK MY DATE?

- Most of our couples book 12 months in advance for a Wedding, and about 4-6 months in advance for an Elopement. We accept bookings up to 24 months in advance of the current month.
- We are also happy to work with couples on a much shorter timeline! We really only need a couple weeks notice to pull off an exceptional event for you!
- We can move very quickly here because almost everything is already onsite! Tables, chairs, decorations, an onsite Officiant and Wedding Planner are right here and ready for you. We've also already scouted out the best florist and cake baker in the area, so you don't have to spend time searching for vendors!
- Saturday's are our most popular day of the week (we do host weddings on any day of the week) and the months that book up the fastest are October, April, May and June.



#### WHAT SHOULD WE BRING?

Champagne

So much is provided in our All Inclusive packages, some couples wonder..."what else will we need?"

- Alcohol if you wish. We'll provide the wine glasses, tubs and ice!
- Guest favors A small gift for each guest as a thank you.
- Photographer Add on our In House Package or hire your own!
- **Meal** We'll provide "tea party" style snacks that most couples use for cocktail hour, and then they hire a caterer for a buffet dinner. Other couples host an afternoon only event and just serve our light refreshments, coffee, tea and cake!



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