



## 2020 Wedding Packages

*The Grand Lady is the perfect venue for intimate ceremonies and receptions!*

### **Admiral's Wedding Package:**

Base Cost: \$3900 Saturdays;  
\$3400 Fridays or Sundays

Includes:

- 5 total hours on board:
  - o 5:00-6:00pm- 1 Dockside Hour prior to cruise for guest boarding & ceremony (or cocktail hour if ceremony is being held elsewhere)
  - o 6:00-9:00pm- 3 Hour Cruise for dinner, dessert, and dancing. Choose from a plated meal or buffet.
  - o 9:00-10:00pm- 1 Dockside Hour after cruise for more dancing and to see your guests off
- Vendor access to vessel starting at 2:00pm
- Complimentary on-site coordinator to keep you on schedule
- White linens provided with choice of colored linen napkins
- Includes cake cutting and civil ceremony officiant (if needed)

### **First Mate's Wedding Package:**

Base Cost: \$3300 Saturdays;  
\$2800 Fridays or Sundays

Includes:

- 4 total hours on board:
  - o 5:00-6:00pm- 1 Dockside Hour prior to cruise for guest boarding & ceremony (or cocktail hour if ceremony is being held elsewhere)
  - o 6:00-9:00pm- 3 Hour Cruise for dinner, dessert, and dancing. Choose from a plated meal or buffet.
- Vendor access to vessel starting at 3:00pm
- Complimentary on-site coordinator to keep you on schedule
- White linens provided with choice of colored linen napkins
- Includes cake cutting and civil ceremony officiant (if needed)

**Looking to just host the ceremony on board before a reception elsewhere?**

### **Afternoon Ceremony Package:**

Base Cost: \$1500

Includes:

- 2 hours on board: times are customizable anytime between 12 & 4pm
  - o Half hour of guest boarding & ceremony, followed by 1.5 hour cruise for photos, appetizers, and drinks (appetizers and bar package not included in base price)
- Includes civil ceremony officiant (if needed)
- Complimentary on-site coordinator to keep you on schedule
- Bridal suite for bride and her attendants

**Food and Bar Packages are in addition to the base cost and are typically per person.**

**Please inquire when booking if you would like to adjust times of packages.**



## **Grand Lady Wedding Policies and Procedures:**

Please be sure to read the detailed policies below before confirming your cruise date aboard the Grand Lady.  
Be sure to let us know if you have any further questions.

### **Capacities:**

To keep all guests in the main dining area (lower deck), the Grand Lady can accommodate up to 74 for a plated meal or 64 for a buffet meal. Utilizing both the main and smaller upstairs dining areas, the Grand Lady can accommodate 88 for a plated meal and 78 for a buffet.

### **Payment Policies:**

50% of base rate is due to confirm cruise. Second half of the base rate is due 30 days prior to cruise along with food and bar order and estimated count. Final count and payment for food and bar is due 10 days prior to cruise.

### **The Ceremony:**

Ceremonies held on board the Grand Lady are typically held outside on the upper back deck prior to departure, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather or for larger groups over 65 people, the ceremony would take place in the main dining room in front of the bar. The upstairs dining area or "Captain's Club" can be secluded using blinds and drapes to be used for the bride's waiting area prior to the ceremony.

The Grand Lady will provide a civil ceremony officiant to perform the ceremony for you, or if you are looking for a more personalized or religious ceremony, you are welcome to bring a minister, family member, etc. with you to perform the ceremony.

### **Decorations:**

Couples are welcome to decorate the Grand Lady as they see fit as long as it remains within the guidelines laid out below. We strongly suggest consulting with a member of the Grand Lady staff before making your final arrangements. Centerpieces should remain relatively small and low to the table to not overpower the relatively narrow tables on board the vessel. Favors, centerpieces, place cards, cake cutting set, toasting glasses, guest book, etc. may be dropped off at the Grand Lady office at a scheduled time a day beforehand with written instructions detailing where everything should to be placed. For no additional cost, the crew will set up centerpieces, favors, etc. prior to guest boarding time.

Listed below are decorations and other items strictly prohibited from being used on board the Grand Lady. We ask couples to carefully read and adhere to the following list:

- No Glitter, Confetti, "Water Beads", or Bubbles.
- No wax candles with the exception of floating candles (We suggest battery operated illumination instead)
- No sparklers or any other sort of open flame
- No loose rose petals may be used along tables or floor as they stain rugs, upholstery, and linen. Fake rose petals are fine.



Grand Lady Cruises reserves the right to disallow the use of any decorative features that is deemed hazardous or damaging to the furnishings of the vessel. For centerpieces requiring assembly or for more complicated and labor intensive set-ups, a set-up fee of up to \$100 may be charged. It is your responsibility to remove all items from the vessel at the conclusion of the event unless prior arrangements have been made.

**The Cake:**

Cake cutting is included in the Grand Lady Wedding Packages. In planning your cake, we ask you to keep in mind that there is no refrigeration on board the vessel. Also, cake designs should be restricted in height due to the possible movement and sway of the vessel. Please have your bakery call Grand Lady Cruises directly at (716) 873-4630 to schedule delivery. In most cases, to ensure a smooth service, we recommend doing the ceremonial cutting of the cake before dinner is served.

**Smoking Policy:**

The Grand Lady is a non-smoking vessel. We ask for guests' cooperation in this manner. If guests smoke on board vessel and ignore warning from Grand Lady crewmembers, a \$400 clean up fee will be charged to the card on file.

**Food/Bar Service:**

Final passenger counts and payment for food and beverage packages are due 10 days prior to cruise date. It is essential to receive an accurate meal count as all food served on board with prepared ahead of time by our caterers. When selecting a plated menu with a variety of entrée options for the guests, the Grand Lady does not recommend having any more than two entrée options in order to ensure efficient service of all guests on board. Grand Lady staff must be provided some means to determining what meal was ordered by each guest. At minimum, this should include a breakdown of meal selections by table.

**Please be aware we do not serve shots on board the Grand Lady.** For safety reasons, Grand Lady Cruises reserves the right to cut guests off from alcohol service if they appear inebriated. Guests must provide valid government issued ID if asked to prove their age.

**The Entertainment/DJ:**

The Grand Lady is equipped with a 5-disc CD changer, XM radio, and Bluetooth capabilities to play music off a phone. These may be used at no additional cost. Live entertainment by way of DJ or live musician is allowed. DJs or live music typically sets up outside on the back deck of the boat, but you will still be able to hear them down below on the main deck through our system. If interested in live entertainment, we recommend solo musicians. Larger musical groups tend to take up a larger footprint on board which will cut into the space available for guests. If you decide to hire someone who has never played aboard the Grand Lady before, please have them contact us directly to set up a time for them to come down and take a look at the space ahead of time.



### **Vessel Furnishings and Seating:**

The Grand Lady is furnished with navy blue banquet chairs. Couples may rent chair covers at own expense if desired. The tables are typically covered in white tablecloths with white or navy napkins. Ivory linens are available upon request. For chair covers or specially colored linen, we would recommend calling Mia at the Wedding Agent at (716) 877-7123. Grand Lady Cruises is not responsible for the set up or removal of any rented chair covers, sashes, etc. Set-up and removal should either be scheduled with the rental agency or becomes the responsibility of the customer. Please have rental agency contact Grand Lady Cruises to schedule the set up around vessel availability.

Tables used aboard the Grand Lady are mostly long tables meant to seat 8 (4 on each side). Due to space limitations, it is very difficult to supply couple with traditional head table, especially for larger parties. Below is a sample seating chart of how the tables on board are typically set up. As shown, there are 22 seats in the upstairs dining room or "Captain's Club" and downstairs can accommodate up to 74 at maximum (more comfortably- 66). Based upon type of menu served and number of guests, the Grand Lady Staff will suggest a seating plan.

