



GRAND LADY CRUISES

## 2021 Wedding Packages

**Looking for a unique venue for an intimate wedding celebration?  
Tie the knot aboard the Grand Lady!**

### **Afternoon Ceremony Package: (Max 60 Guests)**

**Midweek (Mon-Fri before 5pm): \$1200**

**Weekend (before 5pm): \$1450**

Join us for an afternoon ceremony and cruise before heading elsewhere for a reception. Our Afternoon Ceremony Package provides your exclusive use of the Grand Lady for 2 hours, including 30-minutes dockside for boarding and the ceremony, a 90-minute cruise, and champagne toast. Civil ceremony officiant is included or feel free to bring your own for a more personalized ceremony! Food and beverage packages are in addition to base rate. Add additional time if you would like to serve a full meal on board- each additional 30 minutes is \$350 if cruising or \$200 if dockside.

### **Midweek Sunset Ceremony: (Max 60 Guests)**

**Mon-Thurs: \$1450**

It doesn't have to be the weekend to celebrate! Tie the knot aboard the Grand Lady with a 90-minute sunset cruise. Package includes civil wedding officiant (or bring your own), 30-minutes of boarding time, 90-minute cruise, and champagne toast. Add appetizers or bar package at additional cost. Times are customized based upon sunset time on your selected date.

### **Weekend Reception Package: (Max 60 Guests)**

**Friday or Sunday Evening: \$2250**

**Saturday: \$2700**

Our weekend reception package affords you and your guests exclusive use of the Grand Lady for a total of three hours. This includes 30-minutes of boarding time with a civil ceremony (officiant included or bring your own!), followed by a 2.5 hour reception cruise. Dinner and drink packages not included in base rate above.

*Recommended Timing:*

*Late-May through Late-August: 6:30pm Boarding/Ceremony, 7:00-9:30pm Cruise*

*Late-August through October 1<sup>st</sup>: 5:30pm Boarding/Ceremony, 6:00-8:30pm Cruise*

## **Wedding Packages FAQ's:**

### **What are the payment policies?**

A non-refundable deposit of 50% of the base rate is due to confirm cruise date and time. The second half of the base rate is due 30 days prior to cruise, along with food and beverage package selection and estimated head count. Final count and payment for applicable food and beverage packages is due 10 days prior to cruise.

### **What if I need to reschedule/cancel?**

Payments are non-refundable. With 30 days notice of cruise date, payments may be applied to future cruise date less a \$250 cancellation/rescheduling fee.

### **What if the weather is bad the day of my cruise?**

The Grand Lady typically is able to sail rain or shine. In case of very severe weather or high winds, the vessel may have to stay dockside for everyone's comfort and safety. In this rare occurrence, the event would still take place on board the boat while the vessel is dockside, a \$400/hour dockside rate would be charged in lieu of regular base rate, and the over-payment will be refunded.

### **Are we allowed to bring decorations?**

Yes, couples are welcome to decorate the Grand Lady to suit their tastes as long as it remains within the guidelines laid out below. We strongly suggest consulting with a member of the Grand Lady office staff before making your final arrangements. Grand Lady Cruises reserves the right to disallow the use of any decorative features deemed hazardous or damaging to the furnishings aboard.

Centerpieces should remain relatively small and low to the table to not overpower the relatively narrow tables on board the vessel.

We do NOT allow use of the following aboard the Grand Lady:

- glitter or confetti
- bubbles
- wax candles with the exception of floating candles (we suggest battery operated illumination instead)
- sparklers or any other sort of open flame
- loose rose petals or "water beads" as they stain upholstery and rugs

### **Who is responsible for decorating the day of?**

Our crew is happy to put out your centerpieces and other basic decorations while setting up the boat the day of your cruise at no additional cost. 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 or so beforehand with written instructions detailing set up. For centerpieces requiring assembly or more complicated/labor intensive set-ups, a \$100 fee may apply.

You are responsible for taking all items home with you the night of the cruise.

### **How is the vessel furnished? What is included regarding linens?**

The Grand Lady is furnished with navy blue banquet chairs and rectangular tables. Our caterers provide white tablecloths with either white or navy blue linen napkins. You may rent or bring in specialty linens or chair covers at your own expense if desired. If interested, contact Mia at the Wedding Agent at 716-877-7123. It is recommended that the rental agency would handle the set up and removal of any specialty linens/chair covers. If not available, Grand Lady Cruises charges \$4 per chair to set up and remove chair covers for you.

**Where does the ceremony take place?**

Weather permitting, the ceremony is typically held outside on the upper back deck prior to departure. Approximately 18 chairs are available for immediately family, with other guests standing behind the rows of chairs. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony would take place in the main dining area in front of the bar.

**Can I bring my own cake?**

Yes! We have a couple of recommendations (below) but you can order your cake (or cupcakes) from any bakery you choose. When planning your cake, please keep in mind there is no refrigeration available on board. 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, we suggest doing the ceremonial cutting of the cake prior to dinner to ensure a smooth flow of service during your meal.

Sweet Beginnings Bakery: 716-875-1431

Wolter's Bakery: 716-632-3212

Blackbird Sweets: 716-253-1115

**Is smoking allowed on board the boat?**

No, the Grand Lady is a non-smoking vessel, even on the outside decks. If guests ignore warnings from crew members and are still caught smoking on board, a \$500 clean up fee will be charged to the card on file.

**What about entertainment?**

The Grand Lady has XM radio for background music and the ability to play music off a phone via bluetooth if you would like to make a playlist for your event. Live entertainment by way of DJ or live musician is allowed. If interested in live music, we recommend a solo musician due to space limitations. Please note that COVID guidelines have placed restrictions on dancing and all current SLA guidelines at the time of the event must be followed.

**What happens if my head count is not accurate?**

We do not cook on board so it is important that we receive an accurate meal count 10 days prior to your cruise. If offering a split menu, Grand Lady staff should be provided some means of determining what meal was ordered by each guest, either by seating chart, list, or place cards.