



WEDDING CEREMONY

A romantic haven in the heart of Sydney. The natural beauty, architecture and elegance of the Chinese Garden of Friendship at Darling Harbour can provide a unique backdrop for your special day.

Sheltered pavilions, graceful bridges, reflective pools and enchanting landscapes create the perfect romantic setting in the heart of the city.

The Chinese Garden can be hired for your wedding day. Exchange your vows and capture your photographs in a traditional pagoda-style pavilion or intimate courtyard.

Pavilions can be hired exclusively during the day between 10am and 5pm.

For more venue hire information or to make a booking, contact the Chinese Garden front office on 02 9240 8888 or email functions@property.nsw.gov.au

For information regarding catering, contact One Dining on 02 9758738 or email info@onedining.com.au

Wedding ceremony

The Chinese Garden offers three beautiful and unique pavilions, providing a peaceful and memorable setting for wedding ceremonies. Depending on the pavilion selected and the event set-up, the spaces can comfortably accommodate wedding groups ranging from 30 to 100 attendees

Pavilion / Venue		Maximum capacity* standing	Maximum capacity seated
	Peace Boat Pavilion (Map Reference L6)	30	12
	Water Pavilion (Map Reference G9)	50	48
	Hall of Longevity (Map Reference J10)	100	48

*Total attendees include wedding party, celebrant, photographers etc

Rates

Pavilion / Venue	Fee
Peace Boat Pavilion	\$780 (3hrs**)
Water Pavilion	\$980 (3hrs)
Hall of Longevity	\$1280 (3hrs)

* All rates include GST

** Rate includes an hour rehearsal for a party of six (6), subject to availability. Rates are current at the time of print. Rate changes may take place without notice. \$280 non-refundable holding deposit secures the current rate for 12 months. Final balance payable 14 days to the date of booking. 3-hour hire includes bump in and bump out times

Inclusions

Pavilion / Venue		Small square tables	Chairs
	Peace Boat Pavilion	1	12
	Water Pavilion	1	48
	Hall of Longevity	1	48

*The furniture provided in the venues is available free of charge for use by the client.

Chinese Garden map

Each pavilion offers its own character and atmosphere, allowing couples to choose a setting that best suits the style and size of their celebration.



Venue / Reference
Peace Boat Pavilion (Map Reference L6)
Water Pavilion (Map Reference G9)
Hall of Longevity (Map Reference J10)

Wedding ceremony booking form

Contact name:	Telephone: (during business hours)
Email:	Mobile:
Postal Address:	
Please tell us how you prefer us to communicate with you: ☐ Phone ☐ Email	
Names of wedding couple:	
Date(s) preferred:	Number of attendees (including bridal party, photographers etc):
Booking period, including set-up and pack-down (please tick your preferred time slot): ☐ 10am to 1pm (morning) ☐ 2pm to 5pm (afternoon)	Ceremony time – please indicate the planned start and finish times within your selected booking period: Start: _____ Finish: _____
Pavilion preferred:	Other details:
How did you find out about the Chinese Garden as a function venue? ☐ Word of mouth ☐ Brochure ☐ Website ☐ Advertisement (please specify) ☐ Other (please specify): _____	
☐ Please tick if you would like to receive information about upcoming events at the Chinese Garden	
Please read the indemnity clause and the terms and conditions at the back of this pack and sign below to acknowledge your acceptance. I/we agree to indemnify Place Management NSW and/or its manager from and against all actions, claims and demands by (a) person(s) (whether (an) invitee(s) or otherwise) who suffer(s) or sustain(s) any loss, damage or injury arising out of, or as a result of, or in the course of the use of any land, premises or chattels in a manner for which it would be liable at law, which land, premises or chattels are owned or occupied or controlled by Place Management NSW. Personal details will be kept confidential and will not be passed on to a third party without your consent. ☐ I have read and agree to the terms and conditions.	
Signature:	Date:

For official Use Only		Event number		
Approved by:		Due date:	Paid by date:	Amount Received:
Total:				
Deposit:		/ /	/ /	
Final Payment:		/ /	/ /	

Terms and conditions – Wedding ceremony

The Chinese Garden of Friendship is a unique heritage-listed venue located in the heart of the city, just minutes from Sydney's CBD and Darling Harbour. As a heritage site, the Garden has a number of sensitive features that require care and consideration. For the safety and enjoyment of all visitors, please be mindful of uneven surfaces, water features, pathways and other Garden elements. We ask that all hirers take care when using the Garden and ensure that these requirements are clearly communicated to all guests, suppliers and contractors attending the event.

Booking conditions

Please complete the application form and return it to the Chinese Garden Front Office at functions@property.nsw.gov.au.

Please note that your booking is not confirmed until the non-refundable holding deposit has been received.

Venue hire charges

Final payment is required 14 days prior to the event date. If payment is not received by the due date, the booking may be cancelled and the holding deposit retained. Venue hire fees are based on the type and requirements of the booking and may include direct and indirect costs associated with the event. A security bond may be required to cover any potential damage or additional costs. Venue hire fees are subject to change and will be confirmed at the time of booking.

Cancellation conditions

All cancellations must be submitted in writing.

If a booking is cancelled, the following refund conditions will apply to any final payment made:

- 14 days or more before the event date: Full refund, less the non-refundable holding deposit.
- Less than 14 days before the booking: No refund will be provided.

Hours of Hire

The standard hire periods are 10:00 am–1:00 pm (morning) or 2:00 pm–5:00 pm (afternoon), including set-up, the wedding ceremony and pack-down. All activities, guests and suppliers must vacate the pavilion by the end of the booked period. Additional hours may be available by prior arrangement and will incur additional hire fees.

General conditions

- Entertainment and decorations: Any proposed entertainment, including music, as well as decorative enhancements, must be submitted for approval at least 14 days before the wedding.
- Garden access: Colonnades, pathways and garden areas must remain clear and be minimally disrupted at all times.
- Damage and costs: The hirer is responsible for any damage resulting from the booking and must cover all direct costs incurred by the Chinese Garden in connection with the event.
- Temporary structures: The installation of any temporary structures, including marquees, requires prior approval.
- Changes to booking: Garden Management must be notified in advance of any changes to the details provided in the application.
- Appropriate conduct: The hirer must not display or permit any images, words, acts or other material that is offensive, inappropriate or likely to cause distress or damage the reputation of Place Management NSW, its employees or members of the public.
- Political activities: The Chinese Garden must not be used for activities of a political nature or for purposes inconsistent with the spirit of Chinese and Australian friendship.
- Shared public space: Exclusive use of the Chinese Garden is not available during the day. Hirers should be aware that other visitors, activities or events may be taking place during their booking.
- Non-compliance: Failure to comply with these conditions may result in additional fees being charged and/or the bond being withheld.
- Right to refuse an application: Chinese Garden Management reserves the right to decline an application where the proposed use does not comply with current policies or may adversely affect the Garden, its amenities or other events.
- Antisocial behaviour: Chinese Garden Management and authorised officers may require any person displaying antisocial, disruptive or unsafe behaviour to leave the Garden.
- Smoking: Smoking or vaping of any substance is not permitted within the Chinese Garden or its pavilions.

Vehicle Access

The Chinese Garden forecourt is a pedestrian-only precinct. General vehicle access is not permitted. Paid parking is available in nearby public car parks. In special circumstances, vehicle access may be permitted for approved deliveries, additional fees will apply.

Cleaning

The hirer is responsible for leaving the pavilion and surrounding areas clean and tidy and for removing all event-related rubbish at the conclusion of the booking. All areas must be left to the satisfaction of Chinese Garden Management.

Prohibited Activities and Items

For the protection of the Garden, its visitors and facilities, the following are not permitted:

- Rice, rose petals, confetti or similar materials
- Bringing food or beverages into the Garden, unless specifically approved
- Walking on garden beds or planted areas
- Touching or entering water features, ponds or waterfalls
- Pets or other animals, except assistance animals
- Candles, naked flames or other flame-producing items
- Decorations or objects placed in ponds, waterfalls or other water features
- Adjusting or interfering with Garden lighting, water features or other infrastructure
- Smoking or vaping of any substance
- Littering
- Dangerous goods or items, including weapons and other potentially hazardous objects
- Drones, fireworks, flares, lasers or laser pointers
- Illegal or illicit substances
- Bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades or skates

Noise:

Noise levels must not exceed LAmax 70 dB(A) and LCmax 90 dB(C) on Fridays and Saturdays, or LAmax 65 dB(A) and LCmax 85 dB(C) from Sunday to Thursday. All music and amplified entertainment must cease no later than 10:30 pm.

Risk Management and Safety

- All contractors must complete the required Work Health and Safety induction and provide Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS) where required under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011.
- Contractors must ensure their work does not create hazards or endanger visitors, staff or other contractors. Appropriate barricades, guards and safety signage must be used where required.
- All incidents, including injuries, property damage, loss and near misses, must be reported to Chinese Garden Management immediately and appropriately documented.
- All machinery and equipment used within the Chinese Garden must be in safe working condition, fitted with appropriate safety devices and comply with applicable Work Health and Safety requirements.

For further information on Chinese Garden safety requirements and General Conditions of Entry, please visit darlingharbour.com

For more information:

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