

What to Ask Your Bartender

Caterer's Name:

Phone:

Contact Person:

Email:

- Do you have my date available?
- Have you worked at my location before?
- How long have you been in business? How many events do you typically do a weekend?
- Are you licensed?
- What type of insurance do you carry?
- Are there any permits needed for my wedding? If so, will you handle them?
- Do you include everything for the bar set up (tables, linens, glassware, wine keys, shakers, knives, ice chests)? If so, do you have photos of what is included?
- Can we bring in our own alcohol or wine? If so, what is the fee? Is it a fee per person or per bottle?
- Do you have any signature cocktails?
- Do you provide cocktail tastings? If so, pricing?
- What is covered in your clean up?
- If you provide the alcohol, what brands do you serve?
- How do you charge for the bar - flat per person fee or consumption? Pricing?
- What brands of wine will you serve?
- What brands of beer will you serve?
- Is wine included with dinner and will your staff serve tableside?
- Is a champagne/sparkling wine toast for dinner included? Pricing?

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- How long will you serve alcohol for?
- What will be the bartenders per guest ratio?
- How will the staff be dressed?
- Do we need to provide them with a meal?
- Do you have a zero drinking policy for your staff (meaning no drinking alcohol on shift)?
- Are service charges and taxes included or separate line items? Are there any additional fees that may not be included in the proposal that we need to be aware of?
- What time does service end? If we run overtime, what are the fees?
- How much time do you need for set up on the day? Break down?
- Is there any special equipment you need or have to rent in order to execute our wedding?
If so, is there an additional fee?
- How do you ensure we don't have intoxicated guests?
- When is the cut-off date for final guest counts?
- What is your payment policy?
- How much of a deposit do you require to secure booking? When is final payment due?
- How long does it take to receive your contract? If we make any changes to the menu choices, etc. how long will it take for a revised copy?
- What is your cancellation policy?
- Is there a second in command in case anything happens to the chef/manager of our event?
- Can you please provide us with recent references?