

# WHITEHALL WEDDINGS



A HISTORIC WATERFRONT VENUE





## Whitehall History

Whitehall was built in 1764 by the second to last provincial governor of Maryland, Horatio Sharpe. One of the finest examples of classic Palladian architecture in the country, Whitehall was the first property in Maryland to receive landmark designation by the National Register of Historic Places. The manor was designed by the same architects who created the Maryland State House, which is reflected in the State seal above its front entrance. Governor Sharpe built Whitehall as a place to entertain friends and dignitaries, stable his horses, and to woo Mary Ogle, the daughter of the previous governor. Sharpe was called back to England before the start of the Revolutionary War, deeding Whitehall to his chief of staff, John Ridout, who later Mary Ogle. So as it turned out, Ogle became the eventual lady of Whitehall, though not alongside the man who built it for her.

The Ridout family owned Whitehall for approximately 100 years, eventually adding a second story for bedrooms. Over time, Whitehall passed through the hands of several owners, including St. John's College, and much of the original thousand acres was lost. In 1946, Charles Scarlett from Baltimore bought the house, combining three separate properties to form 115 acres, and making it his life's work to restore Whitehall back to its original 1764 condition. Scarlett had a keen interest in historical preservation, at one time owning the USS Constellation, which is now a centerpiece of the Baltimore Inner Harbor. Taking the original plans, he removed the second story, restored the original roof lines, sourced period building materials (slate, antique bricks), and painstakingly reconstructed moldings and decor to exactly match its original condition. The Scarletts lived in Whitehall as their family home, and through their will, donated Whitehall to the Brandywine Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to protect the property's historical significance. Proceeds from weddings and events support the preservation of this vital part of Maryland and U.S. history. [Photo Credit: This page, Vicki Grafton; Cover, Megan Bennett]

**Since 2015**, Whitehall has been available on a limited basis for weddings and special events. Making it once again the space to entertain - and it's easy to see why!

With limitless, unobstructed views of the shimmering Chesapeake Bay and vibrant green fields, Whitehall offers guests a setting unlike any other. The rolling wide-front expanse showcases an unrivaled view of the bay, ideally situated to enjoy coastal breezes, passing sailboats and the golden glow of sunset.

The grounds consists of a 115-acre peninsula surrounding the main house with an array of incredible venue sites to offer a completely customizable wedding experience and the ability to host multi-day celebrations. Each of the 5 sites has a unique look and feel, allowing ceremony, cocktail, and reception to remain separate and hidden from one another.

Couples enjoy exclusive use of the grounds for the entire wedding weekend, along with use of the charming waterfront cottage. Whitehall features ample on-site parking, with the ability to accommodate up to 500 guests, a bridal suite and grooms quarters, and professional security staff. The property offers an array of scenic photography backdrops, including the expansive waterfront, grand foyer, historic manor, horse pastures, landscaped gardens, a charming pond, quaint hideaways, cascading magnolia trees, and so many more.

Whitehall is just 15 minutes from Maryland's capital, historic downtown Annapolis, with a large selection of nearby hotel and church options for the complete wedding weekend. Whitehall's character-rich setting combined with exquisite waterfront vistas make it the premier waterfront wedding site in the Maryland/DC area. Join us and experience the magic of Whitehall! [Photo Credit: Julian Navarette (1-2), Rebekah Viola Photography (3)]





## Wedding Day Pricing

\$19,750

## Venue Add-ons

Rehearsal Dinner or Post-Wedding Brunch:

Below 50 guests \$1,500

Above 50 guests \$3,000

Multi-Day Event Options Available



## Exclusive

Whitehall hosts approximately 15 weddings per year

## Capacity

500

## Necessary Rentals

Event tenting + restroom trailers

Tables, chairs, linens

Generators

(Honeywood Event + Tent can supply all of the rentals listed above)

Catering

Golf Carts

## Requirements

Insurance Rider (\$1 million coverage policy naming Whitehall/Brandywine Foundation and Honeywood, LLC).

A full service planner is also required.

## Whitehall Features

Exclusive use of the grounds

National Historic Landmark

Historic 2-bedroom cottage from Thursday through Sunday

500 guest capacity with ample on-site parking

Historically manicured landscaping

15 minutes from Downtown Annapolis

Complimentary access for engagement photos with incredible backdrops: waterfront, grand foyer, manor, fields, quaint hideaways, horse pastures, landscaped gardens

Varied sites for cocktails, dinner and ceremony

Bride/Bridal party & Groom party dressing areas in the manor

Professional Parking/Security Staff

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## Are there rooms for the wedding party?

We have a 2-room bridal suite which includes sofas, vanities, a makeup chair and restroom area. For the groomsmen there is a historic room on the lower level with a gathering area and designated restroom. The 2-bedroom, 2-floor waterfront cottage is also a spacious location for the bridal party to get ready, which includes 2 bathrooms and a shower.

## Are there nearby hotels that can provide a room block?

Yes, Annapolis is a beautifully historic destination with an array of accommodation options. From downtown waterfront rooms and historic inns, to modern hotels in and around the city, Annapolis has a large selection of accommodations situated near bars, restaurants, shopping and entertainment, so your guests can enjoy an unforgettable weekend getaway. A few options include the Annapolis Waterfront Hotel, The Westin, The Graduate, Hilton Garden Inn, Hampton Inn, Courtyard Marriott and DoubleTree.

## Is the site handicapped accessible?

Yes, the outdoor space is handicapped accessible. For waterfront access, handicapped guests can be driven down the service road or transported via our recommended vendor Charm Cars. The manor is not accessible and cannot be modified due to historic preservation regulations.

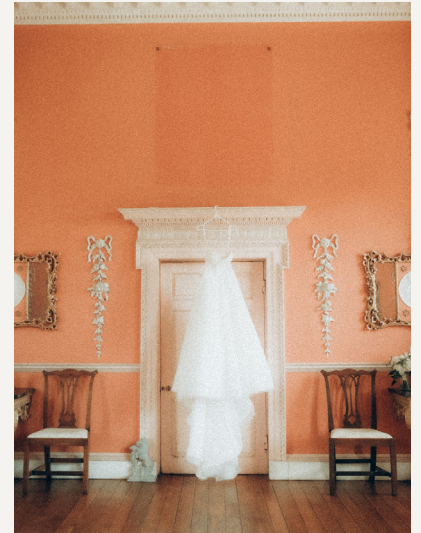
## Is parking available?

Yes, the parking lots can accommodate over 250 cars. A parking attendant will be assigned to manage organizing your guests' vehicles.

## Can you tell me more about Whitehall's site layout?

Whitehall is a fully-outdoor venue with five expansive venue sites to make your wedding day unique to your vision: The Courtyard, Front Lawn, West Alley, East Alley and Waterfront. There are an array of configuration options for ceremony, cocktail and reception throughout our spacious grounds with required tenting.

[Photo Credit: Lumiere Collective (1), Julian Navarette (2-3)]



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# Guidelines

## Are there any decor restrictions?

Every effort will be made to properly allow for decorations that reflect your creative vision, however, no items may be permanently fastened to any part of the Manor House. This includes, but is not limited to: nails, screws, staples or penetrating items being used on the walls, ceiling or floors. Silly string, fireworks, glitter, foil or confetti are not allowed inside the Manor House or immediate grounds. No open flame or sparklers, except for gas fire pits and candles contained in glass votives, are permitted.



## Are there any noise restrictions?

All music must be complete by 11 p.m. Event hours are from 5pm-11pm.

## Can my dog be a part of my wedding?

Yes, but we ask that your pet only be involved in your ceremony and on a leash at all times.

## Do I have to hire a wedding planner?

Yes, you are required to hire a professional, licensed and insured full-service wedding planner.



## Do we need to provide any additional lighting?

Whitehall provides runway lights along the lower property pathway that leads to the waterfront, and uplighting to illuminate the exterior of the Manor House. Your tenting company can provide a balloon light that illuminates the entire parking area. The lights from the tent, runway, Manor House and parking lot are typically more than sufficient. You are welcome to involve a professional lighting company if desired.

## Does the venue have liability insurance, or do I need to get my own?

You would need to secure your own liability insurance.

[Photo Credit: Rebecca Theresa (1), Lumiere Collective (2), Megan Bennett (3)]

# Access

## Cottage

Couples have access to the waterfront cottage from 3 p.m. the Thursday before their wedding through 11 a.m. Sunday. Once checked in, couples have full use of the outdoor grounds, they are welcome to take in the sights, relax and enjoy the property.

## Wedding Day

Event hours are from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Vendors are permitted on property from 8 a.m. through midnight the day of the event. Vendors can collect rentals the same night or from 8 a.m. until noon the day following.

## Manor

The bridal suite and groom's quarter within the manor are complimentary to your rental. Access to these rooms is from 12 p.m.-7:30 p.m. on the day of the wedding day. Couples can offer guests the option to walk through the grand foyer entrance upon arrival at no additional charge.



[Photo Credit: Lumiere Collective]

# Vendors

## Are tables, linens, chairs, or tableware provided?

Not by the venue, but your caterer or rental company can provide these items for you.

## Do you have an on-site caterer?

There are no kitchen facilities on-site, however you may select a licensed, insured caterer of your choice. We have a variety of recommended caterers we'd be happy to share with you. A catering tent can be rented through your tent company.

## For the final walk through of the venue, which vendors are needed to be in attendance?

You will need to invite your wedding planner, caterer and tent company. Any additional vendors are welcome and encouraged to join.

## May I hire my own vendors or is there a required list that we need to use?

Currently, we have two approved tent vendors, Honeywood and Loane Bros. All other vendors on the list are recommendations. We are open to consider other vendors of your choice.

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# The Cottage

## Included with Rental Fee

**Enjoy a peaceful 3-day, 3-night getaway in this beautifully renovated, 17-century cottage.** This charming home offers an incredible waterfront view. Enjoy nearby walking trails, a canoe, a hammock, Adirondack chairs, a lovely grilling patio and serene seclusion.

The cottage is on the grounds of Whitehall, just a short walk away from the manor and waterfront reception. The backyard overlooks the waterfront for a tranquil experience.

## The Space

**First floor:** Cozy living room with a sofa bed and WiFi TV; dine-in kitchen with coffee maker, milk frother, toaster oven, refrigerator, microwave, two-burner induction cooktop, and ice machine. Full bathroom with rain shower including shampoo, conditioner, bodywash and a hair dryer.

**Second floor:** Master bedroom with luxurious king bed, sitting area, closet and dresser. Small bedroom with a twin bed. Powder room. Remote controlled Mitsubishi heating and AC unit.



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