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WELCOME TO GARRETT FIELD



In the historic town of Slidell, just across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans, Garrett Field estancia sits undisturbed and left a little bit wild. Founded in 1959, Garrett Field is now repurposed as the Northshore's newest and most elegant event venue and working polo training field.

Featuring 130 picturesque acres of lush green fields, woodlands and swampland, the versatile number of venue spaces at Garrett Field make it an enchanting canvas for your wedding. Say your vows among towering oak trees, in our open air pavilion, near the stables, on the sand island, or on the steps of the stately Casa Blanca.

Owned by Granville and Billie Semmes, the husband and wife masterminds behind the internationally acclaimed venue Race + Religious, Garrett Field is not only where Billie grew up, but also where she and Gran raised their family. Motivated by a desire to preserve this unique piece of land in its most natural state and continue its legacy as a beloved gathering space filled with cherished memories, plans for our venue turned into a reality.

A winning combination of dazzling vistas, friendly horses, and classic structures adorned with unconventional design details make Garrett Field more than just another outdoor venue space.

The property is further distinguished by the couple's signature flair for unusual artwork, artifacts collected on exotic travels, priceless antiques, and our champion polo ponies!

To fully appreciate the beauty of our estancia please come visit us in person. Just call or email to arrange a private tour.



THE VENUES



Our estancia encompasses 130 acres of diverse landscapes which allows for different opportunities to host your event. We have the following locations available:

Stables capacity: 150 guests

Barn Loft capacity: 50 guests

Casa Blanca capacity: 150 guests

Open Air Pavilion capacity: 275 guests

Polo Field capacity: 1,000 guests

Sand Island capacity: 100 guests

Overnight Accommodations: comfortably sleeps 10-12

STABLES



This working barn is home to 11 champion polo horses born and bred in Argentina. Tanned leather, polo mallets and the sweet smell of hay will greet you upon entering the tack room. Take the stairs up to the loft and find a refitted one-bedroom apartment and impressive dining room with expansive views of the property's polo field, air strip and beyond.

For an additional cost, the loft can be rented to be used as the grooms quarters, an intimate space for your rehearsal dinner or reception, or overnight use. The ground level of the stables accommodates upward of 150 people. The loft accommodates 75 people, or a sit down dinner of 50.

CASA BLANCA



Garrett Field's Casa Blanca is nestled among rows of soaring oak trees and Spanish moss making it the perfect backdrop for those seeking a classic aesthetic. Say your vows on the steps of this vintage home, which has three bedrooms and five bathrooms, ideal for bridal party prep and photos beforehand. Equipped with a large kitchen, bar area and a tempting “cocktail hour” pool in the backyard, Casa Blanca can also be rented for overnight use and comfortably sleeps 7 people. Although guests are free to use the restrooms and walk through the home, the inside is not available for ceremony or reception use.

OPEN AIR PAVILION



While the airstrip and hangar at Garrett Field date back to 1960, our recent renovations have transformed the structure into a distinguished open air pavilion perfect for a variety of events. Surrounded by towering oaks and a verdant courtyard, effortless and stylish design details make this structure unique. Stained glass, factory windows, skylights, sputnik chandeliers, railroad ties, and a variety of rich textures make this glowing structure a new hallmark of the property. The interior of the pavilion can accommodate up to 250 people for a cocktail style reception, or combined with the Polo Field and Casa Blanca courtyard to host upwards of 1000.

POLO FIELD



Expansive green space, grazing horses, and enchanting views of the Garrett Field estate, the Polo Field is our most flexible venue ideal for larger parties. Our open fields provide plenty of room for your party to spread out and enjoy everything Garrett Field has to offer, including our newly constructed alfresco fire pit and the cantina bar area. The polo field is adjacent to the pavilion so they are often times combined, and can accommodate up to 1,000 people.

SAND ISLAND



Walk past the horses, wander across grassy meadows and take a secret trail through our private bayou that ends at an intimate secret hideaway, the sand island. The sand island venue offers a romantic bayou backdrop filled with all the natural charm that Louisiana has to offer. This enchanting area can accommodate up to 100 people. The Sand Island comes at an additional add on cost.

BRIDE + GROOM



THE BRIDAL EXPERIENCE

Casa Blanca is accessible at 11am on your wedding day and is ideal for bridal party prep. The bridal suite is filled with large windows, natural light, and plenty of mirrors, ideal for hair + makeup while you watch the space outside transform in front of you! The suite includes 2 full bathrooms, hanging rack, a steamer, and sound system so you can play your perfect wedding day playlist. The Bridal Suite is included with Signature Packages only, Small Event Packages may add on the bridal suite for \$250.

THE GROOM'S EXPERIENCE

Accessible at 1 pm, this retro cottage has an en-suite full kitchen, bathroom, TV, and porch. Put on your favorite songs, watch the game, or explore the property while the girls get ready! Or elect to add on our Loft Package as your grooms quarter for an even more elevated experience! The Grooms Quarter is included with Signature Packages only, Small Event Packages may add on for \$250.



SIGNATURE PACKAGES

ESTANCIA EXPERIENCE

\$5,000

Our single day ten hour rental! Check in at 1:00 pm and enjoy exclusive control of the estancia for ten hours, with cleanup completed by 11:00pm.

OVERNIGHT ESTANCIA EXPERIENCE

\$7,500

This extended rental allows you to stay overnight before or after your wedding! Check in at 1:00pm and check out at 10:00am the following day.

WEEKEND ESTANCIA EXPERIENCE

\$10,000

Check in and host up to two events onsite during your stay. You can utilize the property for a welcome party or rehearsal dinner in addition to the wedding to truly wow your guests. Weekend rental includes full access to the entire property. Check in at 1:00pm Friday and check out by 10:00am Sunday.

SIGNATURE ESTANCIA EXPERIENCE

\$12,000

Our signature rental! This package includes full access to our entire estancia and ample time to host 3 events and make Garrett Field your home base for the entire weekend. Host a rehearsal dinner, luxury wedding, afterparty and/or post wedding brunch to wrap up. Check in as early as you want Friday (or even Thursday) and check out by 4:00pm Sunday.

SMALL EVENT PACKAGES

CHAMPAGNE PACKAGE

\$2,500

The Champagne package ensures access to one venue space for a 3 hour wedding with 60 guests or less for more intimate gatherings. An extra hour for set up/breakdown is included free of charge. You can add additional property access or time for your event for an add on fee.

SADDLE PACKAGE

\$1,800 : Sundays - Thursdays

\$2,000 : Fridays + Saturdays

The Saddle event package is created for a ceremony and reception of 40 guests or less, so you can really let loose with your ride-or-die krewes! This package includes access to one venue space at Garrett Field for a four hour event inclusive of setup and breakdown. You can purchase additional property access or time for your event for an add on fee.

ELOPEMENT PACKAGE

\$1,200

If a courthouse wedding isn't what you had in mind, host your ceremony in one of our five beautiful venue spaces. You'll have access to one venue space at Garrett Field for two hours. This package is limited to 12 guests or less and is only available Sunday- Thursday. Additional guests allowed at \$50/guest up to 20 guests total. Sorry, no catering! A typical elopement includes: a first look, small ceremony, photos throughout the property, and a champagne toast to send off the newlyweds.

ADD ON OPTIONS



LOFT ACCESS: \$600

SAND ISLAND: \$800

VINTAGE COTTAGE OVERNIGHT: \$300

EXTRA TIME: \$600/HR

SHUTTLE SERVICE: \$800

POLO EXHIBITION MATCH: \$3,000

(1 HOUR 2V2 EXHIBITION MATCH)

SMALL EVENT PACKAGE ADD ON OPTIONS:

CASA BLANCA : \$600

BRIDAL SUITE: \$250

GROOMS QUARTERS: \$250

F.A.Q.

HOW DO I SCHEDULE A TOUR OF THE VENUE ?

We welcome tours by appointment only. We are able to accommodate weekend tours on an as needed basis if there are no events scheduled.

WHAT IF I HAVE A HIGHER GUEST COUNT THAN THE PACKAGE ALLOWS?

If your guest count is higher than the package allows, we recommend a package upgrade. (example: the saddle package with more than 40 guests would then be considered a Champagne Package.)

WHERE CAN I SEE AVAILABLE DATES?

Please check our website at www.garrettfieldpolo.com and submit an online inquiry form to find out our availability. You can also reach out to us at garrettfieldweddings@gmail.com

HOW MUCH TIME IS ALLOWED FOR SETUP AND CLEAN UP?

The package you choose is inclusive of set up and breakdown time. All vendor load in and load out times should be arranged within your rental time frame.

DO YOU HAVE DECORATIONS RESTRICTIONS?

Decorations such as flowers, candles, and lighting are a great way to personalize your event. We ask that nothing is applied to the walls or buildings. Candles can be used everywhere but the stables if they are encased in pillars. We do not allow loose confetti, glitter, or flower petals to be used on the property. All decor items must be set up and taken down during your rental timeframe.

F.A.Q.

WHAT DO WE DO IF THERE IS INCLEMENT WEATHER?

The property can be tented in order to utilize the outdoor space that is not already covered. Tents can be rented, delivered and installed through an event rental company. The cost of tenting the property generally falls between \$2,500-\$4,500.

WHERE DO GUESTS PARK?

There is ample parking on site at Garrett Field. If your event is over 200 guests we do suggest hiring a valet service. We have 1 polaris golf cart that can be used to shuttle guests for an additional fee.

CAN WE USE SPARKLERS AS PART OF OUR EXIT?

Sparklers are allowed everywhere but inside the stables.

WHEN DO I HAVE ACCESS TO THE BRIDAL PARLOR?

The Bridal party has complimentary access to Casa Blanca beginning at 11:00am on the day of your wedding. All other areas of the property are accessible at 1:00pm.

WHEN DOES MY BAND OR DJ HAVE TO STOP PLAYING?

There is a city wide noise ordinance that requires all amplified to end at 11:00pm on weekends and 10:00pm on weekdays. After these hours, guests typically switch to our sound system.

DO YOU PROVIDE A WEDDING PLANNER?

Our team guides you along the process as it pertains to functionality of the venue, however, we DO NOT provide a coordinator. We do require you to hire at least a day-of coordinator who is licensed and insured to oversee the execution of your wedding.

F.A.Q.

WHAT IS THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE?

You are required to pay 50% of the total rental cost to reserve the date. The remaining balance and security deposit are due four months prior to your wedding date.

WHAT IS THE SECURITY DEPOSIT?

A \$1,000 damage deposit is required along with your final payment. This is to cover potential damage by your guests or contract violations. This will be returned within 30 business days following the event. If any damages or contract breaches have occurred, you will be notified and we will bill you for any repairs over and above the deposit.

ARE THERE ANY RULES OR RESTRICTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE VENUE RENTAL?

Yes. We have the following rules that you should be aware of:

All food trash must be taken and disposed of off-site

No confetti/glitter/flower petals

No wish Lanterns

All your vendors must sign a vendor agreement and be insured

CAN YOU RECOMMEND ANY LOCAL VENDORS?

Absolutely! Please see the attached list of vendors who we love and that work onsite often!
Please note that we do require approval prior to you hiring all vendors and they must be licensed and insured.

RECOMMENDED VENDORS

CATERERS

Black Pearl Catering Co
Pattons
T'LeBlanc Creole Kitchen
Brack May/Cowbell
Joel Catering
Highlights Catering
Link Restaurant Group
BRG Hospitality
Brennan's

BANDS

Bucktown Allstars
Brassaholics
D-Play
Groovy 7
TNT Band
Shotgun Jazz Band
Harry Hardin
Young Pinstripes
Kinfolk Brass Band

PHOTOGRAPHERS

James Shaw
Catherine Guidry
Greer G
Stephanie Bishop
Erin + Geoffrey
Sarah Becker
Lance Nicoll
Mon Soleil
Emily Green

FLORISTS

Duia and Jean
Petals + Stems
Doris Ione
Herbivore Floral Design
Pick-a- Petal
Leaf + Petal
Bella Blooms
Kim Starr Wise

BAR SERVICES

Cocktail + Creative Co
Cherry + Olive
Martin's Wine Cellar
The Wine Sellar
Brady's Wine Warehouse
Elio's Wine Warehouse

DJ'S

Aaron Lane
Music Source
Dj Yes Kate Yes
DJ Brice Nice
Omega Sound

FURNITURE RENTAL

Element
Party Rentals
Distressed
Lovegood
Yur Event Rentals

BAKERIES/DESSERTS

Chasing Wang
La Louisiane
Bittersweet Confections
District Donuts
Pure Cake

VIDEOGRAPHY

Bride Film
Vieux Carre
Brooke Boyd
Tone Productions

UNIQUE EVENT IDEAS

Smilebooth
HD Photobooth
Tarot Card Reader
Cigar Roller: Cigar Factory
Live Event Painter

HAIR + MAKEUP

Glam Nola
Flawless Bride
Verde Beauty
Katie Malone

PLANNER

Mint Julep Productions
Uncommon Camelia

LIGHTING

Luminous Events
Firefly Ambiance