

La Rochelle

Event Information



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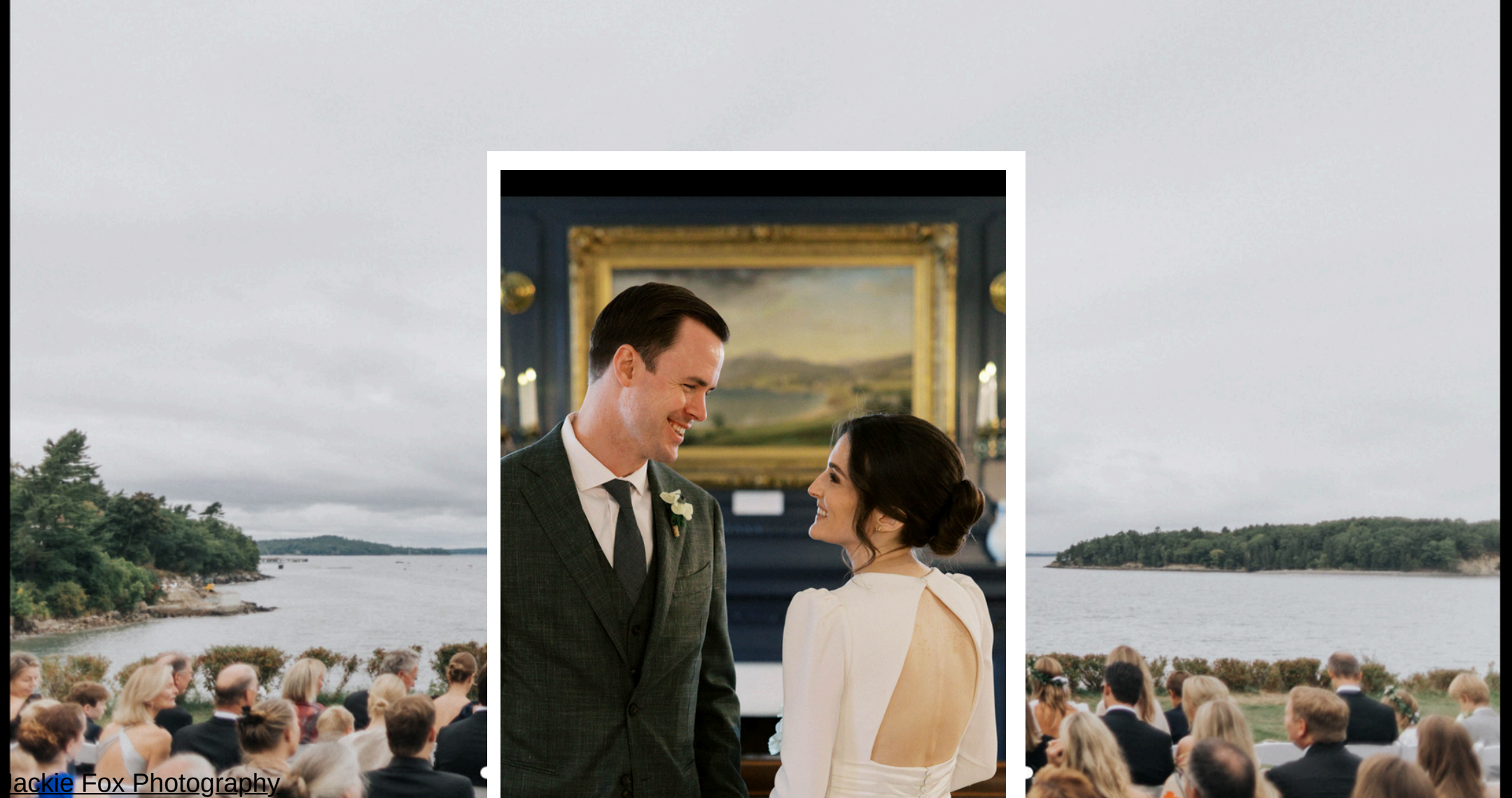


A little bit of history

Built in 1903, La Rochelle stands as the largest estate along Bar Harbor's historic West Street. Designed by the renowned architectural firm Andrews, Jaques & Rantoul, this stunning mansion was commissioned by George Sullivan Bowdoin and Julia Grinnell Bowdoin. One of the first brick homes in the area, it boasts an impressive 13,000 square feet, with forty-one rooms, twenty bedrooms, and ten full bathrooms, all set on four picturesque acres.

As a proud part of the West Street Historic District, La Rochelle is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, preserving its role in Bar Harbor's storied past. Today, it serves as both the headquarters of the Bar Harbor Historical Society and a museum, offering a glimpse into the rich history of this beloved coastal town.

For those seeking an unforgettable event venue, La Rochelle offers breathtaking ocean views, historic elegance, and a prime location just a short stroll from downtown Bar Harbor's waterfront district. Whether you're planning a wedding, corporate gathering, or special celebration, this grand estate provides a timeless and truly unique setting.



What we offer

Nestled near downtown Bar Harbor, La Rochelle offers a stunning **waterfront setting** with breathtaking **ocean views**, creating an unforgettable backdrop for your special event.

Whether you're planning a *rehearsal dinner*, **garden party**, **ceremony-only**, **full wedding celebration**, or an **entire wedding weekend**, La Rochelle provides a beautiful and historic setting to bring your vision to life.

We offer the access to **our lawn, covered piazza and front garden** (great to use for pictures)

Our **bridal suite** on the third floor of the museum is available for wedding preparations, offering a elegant space to get ready for your big day.

For your convenience, we provide:

- ✓ 120 white folding chairs
- ✓ (8) 8' banquet tables
- ✓ (6) 6' banquet tables

Experience the charm, history, and spectacular waterfront views of La Rochelle as you celebrate your most cherished moments.



Ceremony only

Enjoy the ocean breeze as you say "I do" with the stunning backdrop of Frenchman Bay. At La Rochelle, we offer the option to host a ceremony-only on our picturesque waterfront property, allowing you to exchange vows in a breathtaking setting before celebrating your reception elsewhere.





Large party reception / event

Our side lawn is the perfect setting for larger **tented events** of up to 120 guests, offering breathtaking waterfront views and ample space for an unforgettable celebration

- There's plenty of room for **lawn games** and a **lively cocktail hour**, creating a fun and relaxed atmosphere.
- Set up a **bar and stationary** food stations under our covered piazza, providing a shaded retreat for guests on warm summer days.



Piazza event

The piazza at La Rochelle provides a beautiful **covered** outdoor space with spectacular ocean views, perfect for intimate gatherings and special events.

- For a **seated dinner**, the piazza accommodates up to 40 guests with (5) 8' banquet tables.
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- It's also an ideal setting for a **garden party, cocktail reception, or other standing gatherings**, offering an elegant and scenic atmosphere.



Corporate reception and other reception parties

Both the piazza and lawn at La Rochelle provide a stunning setting for hosting corporate receptions, dinner parties, and cocktail gatherings.

Whether you're planning an intimate soirée or a larger corporate event, our versatile spaces offer the perfect backdrop for a refined and sophisticated gathering.





Bridal Suite

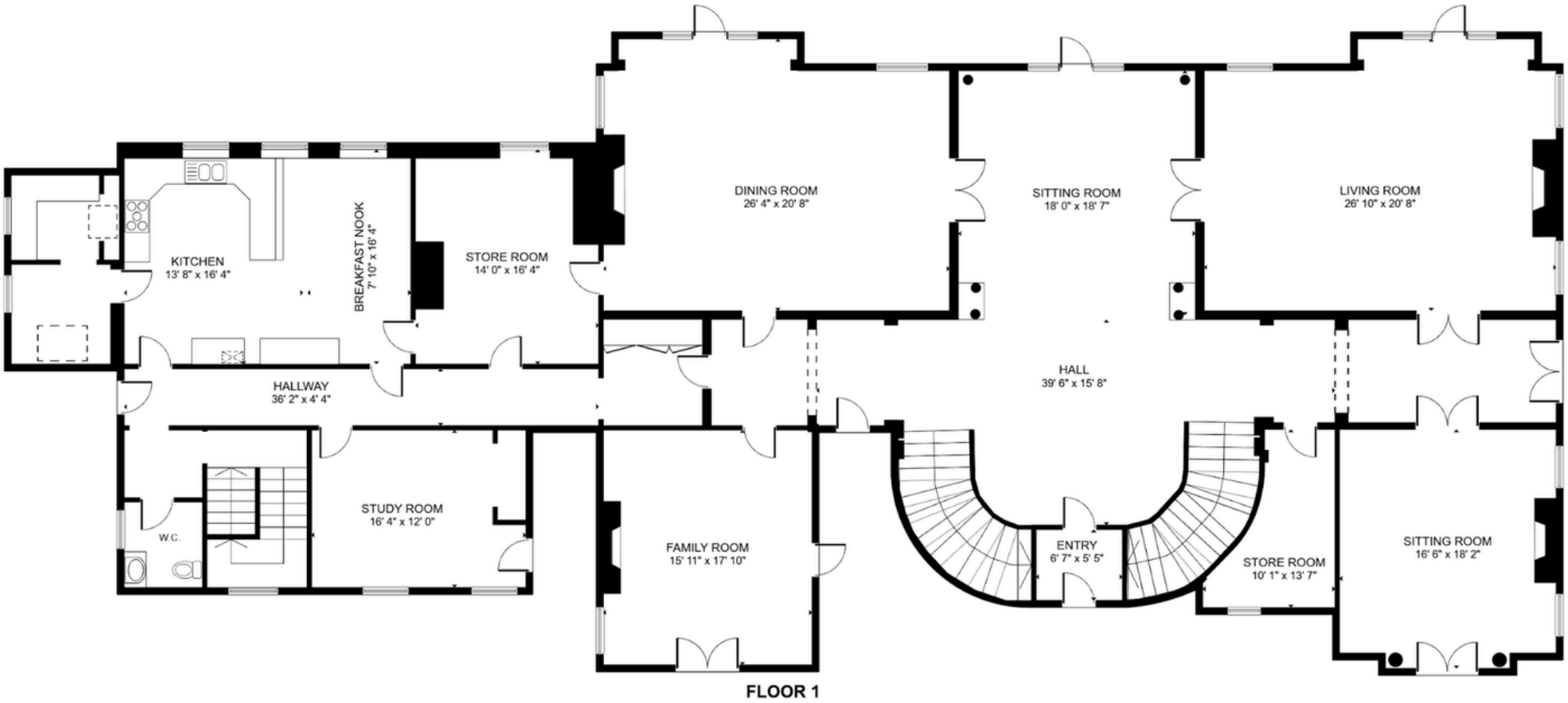
Our **bridal suite** offers a spacious and elegant setting for you and your bridal party to get ready, complete with stunning water views to enhance your special day.

Your bridal party is welcome to arrive starting at 10 AM to settle in and prepare for the big moment.

Please note: The museum will be open to the public from 10 AM to 2 PM during this time.

Enjoy a relaxing and picturesque start to your wedding day at La Rochelle!

Map and Floorplan



Amazing Vendors



Natalya Desena

Wedding Planners

Groups over 50 are required to hire a coordinator/ planner.

Chief Events and Planning

Didi de Wilt, Bar Harbor

(Didi is currently also our wedding and event coordinator)

R.L. Sisson Events

Rachel Sisson, Bar Harbor

Getting Married in Maine

Lisa Sturgeon

Caterers

Bar Harbor Catering Company

Bar Harbor Catering Co.

Bar Harbor Lobster Company

Bar Harbor Lobster Co.

Clark Point Catering

Clark Point Catering

Sweet Pea's

Sweet Peas Cafe

Big Cats Catering

Big Cats Catering

Country Fare Catering

Bobby O'Brien, MDI

Florists

Cottage Flowers Maine

The Bud Connection

Floret

Salt Farm Flowers

Cakes

Slice of Eden

Celebration Cakes by Janice

Morning glory cafe

Recommended rentals



Natalya Desena

At La Rochelle we want to get you started in the right direction. We've created a basic rental list for a large group tented event (over 50)

Wallace Events:

- Tent + lighting + dancefloor (stage for band)
- Tables + linen (optional: chairs)
- Cocktail tables + linen
- Plates + silverware + drinkware
- Bars + drinkware
- Catering equipment + tent
- Porta potties or restroom trailer
- Heaters when in the cooler seasons
(May/ June/ September/ October)

Over the years, we have worked closely with Wallace Events, who are familiar with the property at La Rochelle.



Is there a covered area available?

Our piazza is a great covered area, which could be used as a rain plan option for your ceremony or your rehearsal dinner (under 40 people). The Piazza is located in front of the Dining room, sitting room and living room and overlooks the water.

Do you offer an indoor space?

Indoor space is limited as we function mainly as a historical museum.

Is there water access for pictures?

Yes, though a small 'hike' down the hill (see picture at ceremony and reception) We also have a spectacular sunken flower garden which is a great location for first looks and pictures.

Are bathrooms provided?

Our bathroom is available for groups under 35 people, larger groups are required to rent a porta potty or restroom trailer. See our vendor list for recommendations.

Do you offer chairs and tables?

We have available for you to use during your event

- *120 White folding chairs*
- *8 x 8' banquet tables*
- *6 x 6' banquet tables*

All others need to be rented (see rentals needed)



Who is Responsible for the set up of tables and chairs?

The renter would need a coordinator to set up with their on-site set-up crew.

Why is a tent recommended for larger groups?

The weather is fairly unpredictable in Maine, it can be cool, foggy or bright and sunny. We have found guests prefer a covered space

Does La Rochelle provide a day of coordinator?

Unfortunately we do not however, we have great suggestions in our vendor list of planners we have worked with before.

Would I need Event insurance?

A certificate of insurance showing Comprehensive General Liability coverage is required for all events.

What is the noise ordinance in Bar Harbor?

All excessive noise must cease at 9:00 pm per Bar Harbors noise ordinance.

How close are you to Bar Harbor downtown?

We are about 5-10 minutes walking distance from downtown Bar Harbor and the town waterfront

Which accommodations are nearby?

Places to check out are: Saltair Inn/ Little Fig/ Central House/ Elmhurst Inn/ Bar Harbor Manor/ Black Friar Inn

Weddings at La Rochelle



