Private Event Rentals Details—Whole Haus Rental

The GAI “Haus” at 301 Summit Avenue is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is available on a limited basis to rent for private events such as weddings.

The cost to rent the Haus for up to 4 hours is $1,600. Every hour beyond that will be charged at $200 per hour. This fee covers use of all public areas of the mansion, including the third floor Ballroom, Ratskeller bar, and parking lot. Standard tables and chairs are included in the rental fee. Last call is at 11:30 p.m., and the rental party needs to have vacated the premises by 12:30 a.m.

Haus Capacity
The combined seating capacity of the three dining rooms on the main floor is 90. An additional 90 people can be seated in the Ratskeller, for a total event capacity of 180 guests. The ballroom can accommodate 100 people for a seated ceremony or dancing.

Catering
GAI does not offer in-house catering. Instead, we partner with local catering companies who have experience executing both seated and buffet style dinners in our space and kitchen. Our preferred catering partners are Lake Elmo Inn, Kane’s Catering, and Deutschland Meats. If you would like to use a different caterer, an outside catering fee of $150 is added to the rental fee. The caterer is also responsible for providing all linens. Please note that all food served at your event must be commercially prepared.

Alcohol and Bar Service
Clients bring in their own alcoholic beverages (a tremendous savings to the client), and GAI provides the compostable drinkware as part of its bar service. Bar service is $100/hour; $150 if more than one bartender is needed. If you would like glassware and wine pouring with your meal, you need to book that separately with your caterer. Drinks are served from the Ratskeller bar. An auxiliary bar can be set up on the main floor for $150.

Outdoor Ceremony
Guests may choose to have an outdoor ceremony on the patio or other location on the grounds. GAI can provide up to 90 chairs. The wedding party is responsible for set up of the ceremony space, including chair arrangement. The fee for this additional service is $300.

Music and Dancing
We have an internal sound system for use at your event at no charge. You may also bring in a device with an aux port loaded with your own music selection. If you wish to have a dance, you may bring in your own sound system or hire a DJ. A live performing group or DJ must be approved by the GAI prior to making arrangements. Due to the historic building and residential neighborhood, we cannot allow highly amplified sound. There is a portable sound system available for rent for $100.

Security and Liability
For parties of over 70 people that include alcohol, we will hire a security officer for the last 2 hours of your event. The fee for security is $150. You are responsible for all liability caused by consumption of alcoholic beverages, and we require that you obtain a liquor liability insurance policy.

Deposit and Contract
In order to secure a date for your event at the GAI, we require a $500 deposit and a written contract. In order to cancel your event, you will need to provide us a written request. Deposits are not transferrable or refundable.

Other
Decorations are the responsibility of the rental party and must be cleared in advance by GAI. Nothing may be adhered to the walls or woodwork.

Event guests may park in the lot behind the Haus. The lot has capacity for approximately 40 cars. There is usually ample street parking along Summit Avenue and side streets.