

Your Wedding at

losOlivos
hacienda



Weddings and Blessings Information Pack



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GENERAL INFORMATION

THE CEREMONY

The **Marriage** or **Blessing Ceremonies** are normally conducted by our resident clergy, the Reverend Daniel Muñoz. Daniel is an ordained Anglican priest and he is authorised in Spain to conduct legal weddings. Until 2010 he lived and worked as a vicar in the Oxford Diocese. In his last parish, Marlow, which is one of the top five parishes in numbers of weddings in the UK, Daniel had a very active role in marriage preparation and in coordinating and conducting weddings.

The ceremony may take place in one of three locations within the Hacienda:

1. Trinity Chapel: an intimate, contemporary indoor chapel that seats up to 24 guests.
2. The St John of the Cross Cloister: a typical Andalusian courtyard with the backdrop of a magnificent sculpture of John of the Cross. It seats up to 40 guests.
3. The Garden Chapel: an open air chapel on the front lawn that seats up to 60 guests.

We offer two types of ceremony:

Marriage Ceremony

This is a legal wedding (please, check the Legal Information below to see if you qualify). Here you will be able to have your favourite music, readings, and words. You will have the opportunity to affirm your vows and exchange rings, and the priest will pronounce God's Blessing on your marriage. At the end of the ceremony you will sign our marriage register book and will be given a Marriage Certificate to be sent to the provincial registry office.

Marriage Blessing Ceremony

For those who have already had a civil marriage or civil partnership. The service is identical to the Marriage Ceremony, with affirmation of vows, exchange of rings and the blessing of the couple by the priest. You can choose your favourite music, readings, and words. The only difference is that, at the end of the ceremony, instead of signing a legal marriage register, you will sign a special Marriage Blessings register and will be given a Marriage Blessing Certificate. In other words, it is a wedding, but without the legal "bit".

THE RECEPTION

Following the ceremony guests are normally invited to go to the pool terrace for a welcome drink to toast the couple.

Catering for the reception is run by our in house team, for groups of up to 20 people, and by a Granada based catering firm, for larger parties. Special themes, menus, etc may be discussed with our Weddings Coordinator. We can organize anything from a buffet style meal, to a three or five course sit down Wedding Breakfast, and from a typically Spanish selection (Tapas) to something more exotic or continental.

ACCOMMODATION

losOlivos can offer accommodation for up to 15 guests (including the wedding couple). Extra accommodation may be available near the hacienda (please, enquire if this is a requirement). All rooms are en-suit and individually designed. Wedding couples have **exclusive** use of the Hacienda for the weekend (normally 2 nights: Friday evening to Sunday morning). Please, check prices below.

COSTS

The Ceremony (includes advice with orders of service, clergy fees, and wedding or blessing certificate)

Marrriage Ceremony: €250
Marriage Blessing: €200

Photography

Our resident photographer can be booked to do your wedding photography. He offers the following packages (all of them include a picture CD):

Ceremony Package (religious celebration and guests during welcome drinks): €399
Celebration Package (ceremony, welcome drinks and group photographs): €499

Flowers

We can help organise flower arrangements for the celebration venue. The cost for these will vary depending on your choice. We work with a local florist and we can liaise with them on your behalf to discuss different options and ideas.

Music

We have a sound system that can be used during the ceremony to play CD tracks (free of charge). If you wish to have musicians playing live music at the ceremony, you need to organise that yourself.

Catering

Welcome drinks (Cava or Non-alcoholic cocktails and canapes) after the ceremony at 10€ per person.

Wedding Breakfast prices start at 40€ per person (excluding wine).

Entertainment

Entertainment for the wedding needs to be arranged by the couple. We can advise on a range of options, from a flamenco performance to a disco night with DJ.

Exclusive use of the Hacienda

The hacienda is booked in exclusivity by the wedding party for 2 nights. The following prices include dinner, bed and breakfast for all guests. The Wedding Breakfast will be at lunch time on the middle day, and charged at the agreed rate. Full payment for the entire booking should reach losOlivos 30 days before the wedding.

Price for the Hacienda for up to 15 people (for 2 nights, half board): €3,000
Extra night (half board): €1,000

NB. Please, note that a 25% non-refundable deposit is to be paid upon booking.

IMPORTANT LEGAL INFORMATION



WEDDING v BLESSING

Legal weddings are available to Spanish nationals and to EU citizens who have been resident in Spain for at least 2 years. We will advise procedure.

Non-resident couples are offered a marriage blessing, which contains all the elements of the wedding (except for the registration of the marriage) and it looks just like a wedding. You will be asked to arrange your Civil Wedding in your country of residence, prior to the Marriage Blessing Ceremony.



REMARRIAGE after divorce

If you qualify to marry legally in Spain (through residency), and either or both of you have been married before, you may be eligible to have a full marriage ceremony at losOlivos. Please, contact us for more details.



SAME-SEX BLESSINGS

Under Spanish law, same-sex couples are only able to have civil weddings. For those with a spiritual sensitivity and who wish to ask for God's blessing on their relationship, losOlivos offers a space where you can have your special Blessing Ceremony.

Couples will be asked to arrange their Civil Wedding (in Spain) or Civil Partnership (in the UK), prior to the Marriage Blessing Ceremony. We can give you legal advice on how to do this.