Astin Mansion

There are few moments in your life where every single little detail is thought out and planned. Your wedding is one of those and finding the perfect, most beautiful place to celebrate you and your love is monumental. It's not just a wedding. It's the day you begin your life together as one.

506 West 26th Street, Bryan, TX

About Us

The Astin Mansion is a private home built in the 1920s that was transformed into an event venue in 1998. Located in downtown Bryan, Texas, it is a short drive from Texas A&M University. The mansion has been cared for by many different families throughout the years and was even home to a TAMU fraternity! The mansion serves as a beautiful backdrop for your special day with a gorgeous red brick exterior and eclectic interior rooms while embracing the rich history preserved from 1920.

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History

Architect Hal B. Thomson & Master Carpenver Peter Mansbendel completed construction on the Astin Mansion in October of 1920 for Roger Q and Nina Heard Astin. The entire project took 2 years to complete. The estate is classified as an Antebellum-Georgian revival-style home. The exterior of the mansion is adorned with the original beautifully weathered copper gutters and downspouts. The interior of the mansion boasts 7 fireplaces, 16 sets of French doors, and 96 windows. In addition, the staircase railing and wall sconces in the foyer were designed by Mrs. Astin and the plans were destroyed to prevent repetition. Twenty seven colors of period-appropriate shades can be found throughout the estate. When construction was completed, the home was state-of-the-art and years ahead of its time with a built-in vacuum cleaning system, central heating, and an intercom system linking several rooms of the estate and the Carriage House. In 1940, the first air conditioning units were installed. The Astin Mansion was inducted into the National Register of Historic Places in 1987 and has served as a private residence for 80 years. The Astin Mansion has been a special events venue since 1998.

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Packages

Rehearsal Dinner
$1,950.00

- Venue Rental for up to 4 Hours which includes client venue preparation & breakdown.
- Choice of seating inside of the Mansion or on the backyard patio for up to 100 guests.
- Security included.
- Deposit: $750.00.

Circa 1920
$4,150.00

Reception Only

- Venue rental up to 8 hours - Reception maximum of 6 hours with 2 hours allotted for client preparation & breakdown.
- Access includes the downstairs, front yard, carriage house bar & backyard patio.
- Guest seating & security for up to 150 guests.
- Deposit: $1,000.00.

Day-of coordination available à la carte

Packages

I Do - I Do
$2,150.00

Ceremony Only

- Venue rental up to 4 Hours - Pre-ceremony pictures, ceremony & post-ceremony pictures. Access includes venue preparation & breakdown.
- Choice of 2 ceremony sites: the front yard or the backyard patio.
- Ceremony coordination.
- Deposit: $750.00.

Package Includes:

- Gold dressing suite with a bottle of bubbly & chocolate-covered strawberries.
- Brown dressing suite with billiard table.
- Pre-ceremony guest access 30 minutes before.
- Guest seating & security for up to 150 guests.
- One-hour ceremony rehearsal.

Packages

Seven Fireplaces
$5,150.00

Ceremony & Reception

- Venue Rental up to 12 Hours - 6 hours wedding party dressing, venue preparation, pre-ceremony pictures & 6 hours for ceremony, reception & breakdown.
- Choice of 2 ceremony sites: the front yard or the backyard patio.
- Deposit: $1,000.00

Package Includes:

- Gold dressing suite with a bottle of bubbly & chocolate-covered strawberries.
- Brown dressing suite with billiard table.
- Pre-ceremony guest access 30 minutes before.
- Guest seating & security for up to 150 guests.
- One-hour ceremony rehearsal.

Day-of coordination available à la carte

Packages

Astin Mansion Legacy
$7,150.00

Ceremony & Reception

- 48 consecutive hours of access to the Astin Mansion.
- All 3 second-floor bedrooms for overnight accommodations after rehearsal with honeymoon accommodations in the luxurious green suite on the wedding night.
- Choice of 2 ceremony sites: the front yard or the backyard patio.
- One-hour ceremony rehearsal & rehearsal dinner package.
- Day-of coordination package.
- Deposit: $1,000.00

Package Includes:

- Gold dressing suite with a bottle of bubbly & chocolate-covered strawberries.
- Brown dressing suite with billiard table.
- Pre-ceremony guest access 30 minutes before.
- Guest seating & security for up to 150 guests.

Packages

An Oak Floor Occasion
$5,950.00

Ceremony & Reception for 50 guests or less

- Venue rental up to 10 hours - 4 hours dressing, venue preparation, pre-ceremony pictures & 6 Hours ceremony, reception & breakdown.
- Choice of 3 ceremony sites: the front yard, the Blue room, or the backyard patio.
- One standard rose bouquet, one matching rose boutonniere, and white hydrangeas guest table centerpieces.
- In-house decorations, table decor, silver cake stand, Astin Mansion white china, flatware, & paper napkins.
- Day-of coordination package.
- Deposit: $1,000.

Package Includes:

- Gold dressing suite with a bottle of bubbly & chocolate-covered strawberries.
- Brown dressing suite with billiard table.
- Pre-ceremony guest access 30 minutes before.
- One-hour ceremony rehearsal.
- Security included.

Coordination

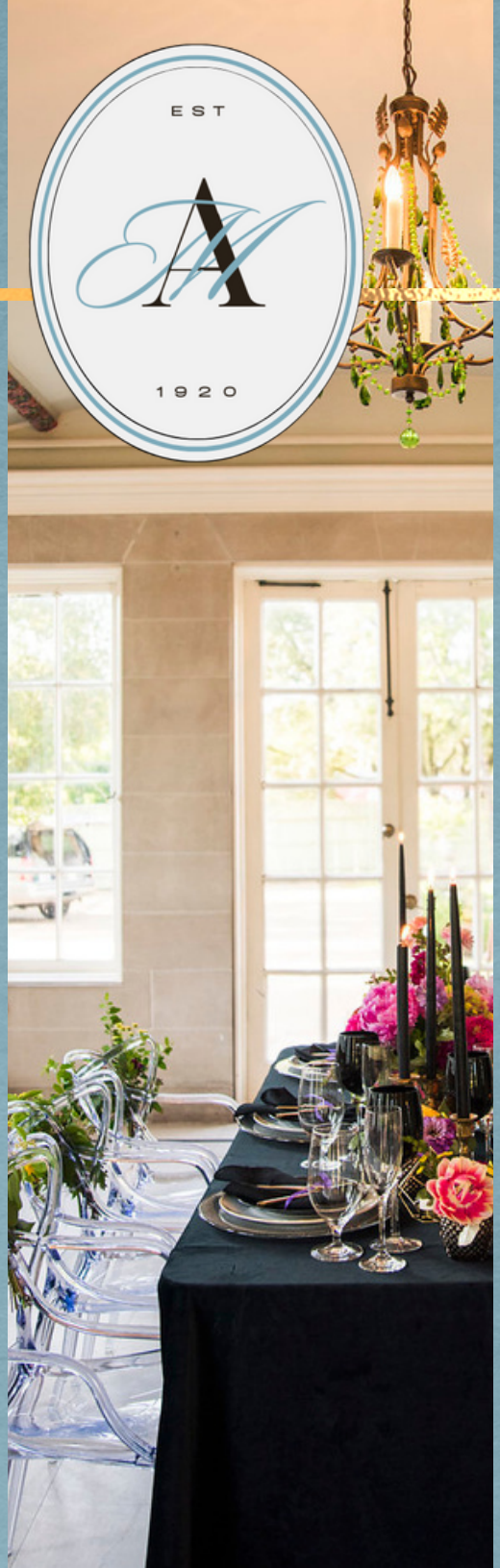
Day-of Coordination Package
$1,250.00

Included in Legacy & Oak Floor Occasion packages

- 2 planning meetings & unlimited phone/email communication with the coordinator.
- Assistance with: Outside vendor selections, vendor coordination, custom wedding day timeline, custom floor plan creation, linen & décor selection.
- A non-refundable deposit of 50% is due at the time of signing to be applied to the package price.

Services include:

- Most importantly, continual crisis management throughout the event.
- Up to 12 hours on the day of the wedding.
- Confirmation & on-site point of contact for all vendors.
- Distribute bouquets, boutonnieres & corsages.
- Full coordination of ceremony.
- Assist photographer with any wedding party photos.
- Timeline management (catering service, dances, toasts, ect.).
- Ensure client's needs are taken care of.
- Cutting & distribution of the cake.
- Manage guests & facilitate grand exit.
- Weather issues & contingency plans.



Details

All packages include:

- Ample parking.
- Host for guest information.
- Custom floor plan design.
- Tables & chairs for up to 150 guests.
- Venue preparation & breakdown.
- Cleaning & trash removal.
- LED customizable outdoor lighting.
- Free access to the venue for portrait sessions during our normal business hours.
- Access to downstairs, front yard, carriage house bar & backyard patio.
- Gold chiavari chairs with cushions (inside) & white garden chairs (outside)
- Selection of round & rectangular tables for guest seating & vendor usage.
- Access to the carriage house bar featuring a kegerator that can accommodate up to 3 kegs, two cocktail tables with black linens & candle centerpieces, as well as a 14-foot bar.

The Front Yard

The front yard of the mansion is our main ceremony site. The beautiful red brick backdrop with the cast stone columns creates an amazing arbor-like feel! You are able to use the columns however you like with florals. There is also a front portico on the left side of the house that you can use for a pre-ceremony bar or post-ceremony photos. There is ample space for guests on the front lawn and don't worry, the beautiful oak trees will not block anyone's view of your special moment because we carefully place each chair with this in mind. The front yard also doubles as an amazing photographic backdrop and is a gorgeous contrast to any wedding style.

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The Blue Room

The Ball Room, or Blue Room was originally the formal living room. The room is adorned with a hand-carved wooden overmantel, faux columns, and crown moldings. The white paint gives the illusion of the woodwork being plaster. A similar overmantel can be found in President Washington's Mount Vernon home. The fireplace in the room is one of seven in the home and has been equipped with a gas range. The beautiful mantle in this room, made from white Italian marble, is original to the mansion and hand-carved. In addition the guest seating area, the room features two sets of built-in shelves that may be used for extra decor.

The Conservatory

The Conservatory is also known as a Sun Room or Solarium. This room was designed to reflect different aspects of Mrs. Astin's life including the Texan Limestone walls and fireplace which were quarried in Austin, TX, the Italian marble floors similar to the mantle in the Blue Room, the German Gothic fireplace as Mrs. Astin was of German heritage, and the vaulted ceiling that is decorated with garden fruits and vegetables. This ceiling pattern is a Della Robia's style of decorating which is the use of fruits and vegetables as décor, this pays homage to Mrs. Astin being a Master Gardener. Some people think that this room was an addition to this house, but it is all original to Mrs. Astin's vision for her home.

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The Walnut Room

The Walnut Room was the Astin's formal dining room. It is a formal, but warm, solid walnut wood-paneled room. The brass wall sconces are original to this room and were custom designed by Mrs. Astin, however the original chandelier was removed by Mrs. Astin’s surviving extended family after her passing. The chandelier that now hangs in this room is a period appropriate fixture. On the floor, where the head of the household would be seated at the table, used to be a hidden buzzer that was used to summon the servants from the kitchen during meals. It is fascinating how much history one room can hold, and we are so grateful to be able to share it with all of of you.

The Slate Room

The Slate Room was originally the Breakfast Room. The original Vermont slate floor also had a buzzer beneath the table, similar to in the Walnut Room. This room is original to the house from floor to ceiling, with more hand carved wood work from Peter Mansbendel on the ceiling. And the Chandelier was shipped in to Bryan, Texas from Paris, France. The natural light in this room is perfect for a photo booth! The Slate Room is currently used as a food service room and overflow seating for our events and weddings

Frequently Asked Questions

How many guests can you accomodate?

The Astin Mansion has a seated indoor capacity of 146 guests. Meaning, with tables and chairs inside of the mansion, we can fit up to 146 people. We can gladly accommodate any guest count over that number by providing additional tables and chairs in our backyard.

Where can we have the ceremony?

We provide the choice between our front yard and backyard spaces for the ceremony site. If your guest count is 80 guests or less, we also provide the option to use our Blue room as well!

Can we stay the night?

Yes! The three suites located on our second floor are available to rent overnight or as dressing rooms on the day of your wedding starting at an additional $150. For overnight accommodations, the Astin Mansion can accommodate 8 guests within the 3 suites available.

Are linens included?

Because we create a custom floorplan for every event, we do not include table linens. However, Astin Mansion classic white linens are $10 per guest table regardless of the shape or size.

Do you have additional fees for holiday weekends?

Yes. We charge an additional $1,000 for the following holidays and the weekend they are associated with: New Years Eve, Easter, 4th of July, Thanksgiving Week, and Christmas Week. Additionally, the Astin Mansion is decorated for the Christmas season, starting the day after Thanksgiving through the first of January.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can we use our own caterer?

You are welcome to use your preferred licensed caterer for an additional $250. Please note that client-served or self-served buffets are not permitted and your caterer will need to provide the appropriate staff for your guest count. You are also welcome to ask about the Astin Mansion staffing rates. Food trucks are always welcome and exempt from the catering fee.

What are the bar options?

We allow our wedding clients to provide their own beer, wine and champagne only, and we will contract a bartender for you. However, if you are wanting any sort of hard liquor, signature cocktails, margarita machines, etc., then you will must use one of our three following bartending service options:
Happy Hour by Epicures, Cocktails 4 U or Buppy's Catering

What is your parking situation?

The parking lot in front of the mansion can hold up to 72 individual vehicles. The Astin Mansion is also located in a residential area, meaning there is no fear of being towed if a guest chooses to park along the street.

Do we need security?

Yes, that is why we include security in all of our packages for up to 150 guests. We will schedule and manage the appropriate amount of Bryan police officers so that you know that everything is taken care of.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is your pet policy?

We welcome your furry friends to be a part of your outdoor ceremony only. We just ask that all animals remain in either the front or back yard areas, on-leash to be accompanied by a designated pet supervisor.

Do you offer any discounts?

Yes, we offer discounts on all weddings that take place during our off-season months as follows: January, February, July and August for the Circa 1920 package ($300.00) and 7 Fireplaces package ($500.00). The same discounts will also be extended to wedding couples whom are active military, first responders, veterans and public educators for the Circa 1920 and 7 Fireplaces pacages any time of year. Proof of service/employment is required for discount. Discounts cannot be applied to the Oak Floor Package or the Legacy Package. Multiple facility/venue discounts cannot be combined.

For a full list of discounts & to view our monthly signing bonus, please visit: astinmansion.com/packages-discounts

All prices subject to 8.25% sales tax and must be paid in full 14 days prior to event date.

Do you have a preferred vendors list?

We provide all of our client's with a copy at the time of their contract signing. Our preferred vendors list is based purely off of professional relationship with the Astin Mansion, so that you can be confident knowing that all of these vendors have worked with us a minimum of 3 times and displayed nothing but excellence.

Inclusion Statment:

Astin Mansion welcomes all potential clients regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation/identity.

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