Private Events

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CENTER

ELOPEMENT PACKAGE

Olguita's Garden, along with the Column Side or Boxwood Garden of the Swan House Gardens, provides a perfect, intimate setting for an elopement, with the option to host cocktails and/or a reception offsite afterward. Please note that the Swan House Fountain side is exclusively reserved for full weddings. For food and beverage options, please refer to our wedding brochure for complete pricing details.

The Elopement Package is designed for up to twenty people, including the wedding couple, officiant, and photographer. The rental period lasts for up to four hours. For events with more than twenty people or if additional time is required, please refer to our Ceremony Only package. Elopements may be booked up to three months in advance.

PRICING

$2,000 Daytime 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
$3,000 Evening 5:00 pm or later, any time past 5:00 is considered evening

INCLUDED

- Complimentary Parking
- Photography Permit
- Event Manager
- Indoor Weather Plan

VENUE ACCESS

The Atlanta History Center is committed to maintaining a secure, closed campus to ensure the safety of both our guests and our valuable artifacts. Please take note of the designated times for access to the gardens.

Load-In – Setup for décor and furniture rentals may begin at this time. This is also the earliest time that the couple or any other individuals may arrive on the property. Please be advised that any early arrival will incur an additional charge of $300 per hour or any portion thereof.

Couple Arrival – The wedding couple, along with their photographer, may arrive at this time. Family members and the wedding party are welcome to arrive as well. Access will be through McElreath Hall, where the History Center event manager will assist with entry.

Guest Arrival – The doors to McElreath Hall will open for Swan Garden ceremonies, and the Wood Arbor gate will open for Olguita's Garden ceremonies. Guest access will begin 30 minutes before the ceremony and will remain open for up to one hour.

Load Out – All guests, vendors, and rentals must vacate the property by this time. Failure to do so will result in an overtime charge of $125 for every fifteen minutes past the designated time.

GUIDELINES

- The Swan House is a historic house museum. We do not allow events, changing, waiting, food, or beverage inside.

- There are no restrooms available in the Swan Gardens for events. Guests may use the restrooms in McElreath Hall.

- Food and beverage service along with cakes or snacks are not permitted. The only drink allowed to be offered is bottled water. Bottled water can be brought in by the client in a cooler and is required for outdoor events mid-May to mid-September.

- Ceremony musicians, audio technician, microphone, gift table, and décor are permitted and must be set up and removed within your contracted timeframe.

- It is a $25 per person fee for more than twenty people present.

- Most Elopements do not rent furniture, but you may if you wish. If tables or chairs are rented, they must be set up and removed within your contracted timeframe. For events of over 50 guests, the setup and breakdown need to be done by one of our rental companies listed in our brochure. Family and guests are permitted to set up and breakdown furniture for events of less than 50 guests only.

DAY-OF COORDINATION

The History Center will have an event manager present during the elopement. Their role is to oversee the event from a venue standpoint and monitor things from a distance. However, please note that the History Center staff is not responsible for coordinating the elopement itself. To ensure everything runs smoothly, we highly encourage the couple to hire a wedding planner or a day-of coordinator.
If you do not have a planner, we ask that the couple designate a family member or guest as the point person for the day. This person will be responsible for tasks such as gathering the family, sending the couple down the aisle, and answering any questions from guests. Please inform your History Center salesperson of who this point person will be, so we can direct guests to them as needed.