

Church and castle ground rules

Note

Castle and castle church are cultural assets of national importance and are protected accordingly. The grounds of the Spiez castle foundation are open to the public and open for guests around the clock. To rent the whole property exclusively is not possible. Due to these conditions the following rules apply:

Church

- The **use of rice or flowers** (other than our decoration) is prohibited. As is the use of glitter canons and the like. (Please understand that we will have to charge a fee of CHF 400.- if this rule is being ignored). If you would like to scatter artificial petals inside the church, please notify Mrs Klein. Subsequent cleaning costs: flat rate CHF 80.
- **Candles** are not allowed in the church.
- **Candles for the wedding ceremony**: a maximum of 3 candles are allowed and they will have to be brought by you; kindly also organise the coasters or glasses for them. Candle drops on table, carpet or floor add a fee of CHF 150.-
- **Crinks & food** are not allowed in the church.
- Please note: the **pulpit** is of great historical importance and very delicate. The climbing thereof or hanging of spot lights or other materials on to the pulpit is strictly prohibited.
- Due to organisational challenges, it is not possible to bring your **own decorations**.
- **Trelling**: Please register any planned activities. Kindly tell your bridal guide(s) that also surprises need to be announced in advance.

Grounds and castle rooms

- **Balloons**: the flying of balloons is prohibited on all the grounds of the Spiez castle foundation; this includes all kinds of balloons, also degradable ones. If this rule is not observed, a fee of CHF 750.- will be charged to the person who booked the event. Should the use of lifting platforms be necessary to clean off balloons from trees or roofs, the actual cost for this will be charged.
- **Cars**: driving on the castle grounds is prohibited, including the courtyard. Exception: the delivery/pick up of materials for church or new castle and the delivery/pick up of bride and groom, after pre-arrangement with Ms. Ariane Klein. If this rule is ignored a fee of CHF 300.- will be charged.
- **Carriages and limousines**: for guests of the Spiez castle foundation the driving service of carriages and limousines is allowed, if it is registered in advance. Driving into the courtyard is not possible.
- **Drones** are not allowed
- **Smoking**: In all castle and church rooms smoking is prohibited. Smoking outdoors is allowed and the ashtrays provided are to be used.
- **Dogs** are to be kept on the leash. Dogs are not allowed inside the church, the new castle nor the castle museum.
- **Fire / fireworks / candles / torches**: Fire is prohibited on all castle grounds. This includes also fireworks, torches, candles, lanterns etc.
- **Historical aperitif-rooms - Equipment** : the rooms are full of historical objects and equipment. If anything is damaged, the person who booked the event will be charged.
Parquet floors: to protect the wooden floors, the wearing of high, pointy heels (e.g. stilettos) is not allowed. For any damages, the person who booked the event will be charged.

We thank our guests for their respectful and careful behaviour.