

Church and non-religious weddings at the Castle Church of Spiez



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CELEBRATE LOVE...

... in a historic environment with a fantastic view of the lake of Thun and the mountains.

The 1000 years old, early romanesque castle church is available to couples of all denominations, for church or non-religious weddings.

After your wedding, we are happy to serve an aperitif in the castle park. Surrounded by vineyards, mountains, and flowers, you can enjoy wine from the castle cellar and appetizers from our selection.



Good to know:

- **Season:** The castle church can be rented from May to October. Weddings can be held daily. Weddings on Saturdays: reserving the **church with aperitif** is always possible, reserving the **church without aperitif** is possible from 7 months before the wedding.
- **Hours:** the church is booked in 2 time sets on Fridays and Saturdays: option 1: 12 noon and 3pm / option 2: 1pm and 4pm
- **Capacity:** max. 140 seats in the church, ideally 120 guests
- **park ceremony:** with an additional fee of CHF 290.- the wedding can take place in the castle park (outdoor ceremony for up to 60 guests)
- **Winter:** small, free weddings (up to 30 guests) can be held in the New Castle
- **booking the church:** anlaesse@schloss-spiez.ch / +41 (0)33 654 15 06 / Ms. Ariane Klein



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Organisational matters

- The couple is responsible for their **own pastor or liberal wedding speaker**. The castle church is a private church and therefore does not have a pastor or wedding speaker.
- **Waiting facilities:** up to one hour before the start of the wedding a waiting room in the castle can be used and a sexton will be available. The sexton will be there to greet you and take care of all organisational matters throughout your wedding.
- **Use of church organ:** built in 1831, restored almost to its original state. Suited for historical performance practice. 1 Manual, and pedal (extended to normal scope) fully automatic. Information sheet can be handed out on request.
- We are happy to pass on a list of recommended **organ players**.
- **Flower decorations:** For organisational matters the church will be decorated with flowers by the castle team only (colours: green and white).
- **Music and technical equipment:** The castle church is rented without microphone, speakers or stereo set. If needed, please bring all electrical equipment as well as cables. Several electrical outlets are available inside the church. Technical equipment can be tested in the church in advance. Please arrange for this ahead of time.
- Castle **concerts in May:** Please note that during May there might be a concert piano standing inside the church.
- **Collection (s):** Allow others to participate in your most beautiful day by having a collection for an institution or project.
Recommendation: with a contribution to the Spiez Castle Foundation you will support a cultural property of national importance. Your contribution helps the Spiez Castle Foundation with the maintenance and care of the castle church and castle grounds. Other recommendations: Solina Spiez (home and care for adults), Foundation Bubenberg Spiez (homes and apartments for adults with special needs).

Prices:

CHF 790.- rent for the castle church. The price includes the following:

- preparations and cleaning up
- waiting room inclusive of drinks
- assistance by a sexton (up to 1 hour before and during the wedding)
- ringing of old church bells (by hand)
- flower decorations (standard)
- use of church organ
- wedding discussions at the castle grounds
- clean-up
- counselling meetings and correspondence up to 3 hours (additional requests for CHF 80.00 per hour).

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Decorations in the castle church

For your wedding, the church will be decorated by our florist. The standard decoration is included in the rental price. Personal decorations are not permitted for organisational reasons.

The castle church will be decorated as follows:

Standard decoration

- several flower arrangements (green/white) spread out in various sizes and styles at the choir
- 1 flower arrangement on the wedding table (green/white)
- 8 small plant balls in pots on the stairs before the choir
- 2 medium plant balls in pots on the top of the stairs
- 2 large plant balls in pots with a cream-coloured bow, at the entrance of the church

Additional options

- red carpet in the walkway of the church / CHF 100.-
- sea of candles / CHF 130.-
- flower bouquets on the chairs along the walkway (1 chair per row, 15 bouquets) / CHF 13.- per chair
- 2 flower arrangements on the pillars beside the stairs / CHF 270.-
- cream-coloured chair covers for the couple with cream-coloured table linens on the wedding table / CHF 50.-

The total cost for the entire Deluxe package, inclusive of red carpet, sea of candles, flower bouquets and arrangements and chair covers costs CHF 560.-

Church rules

- The use of rose petals and/or rice is strictly prohibited.
- The flying of balloons is not allowed (due to roofs and trees).
- In order to preserve and protect the special surroundings of the over 1000 years old castle church and grounds, it is not permitted to start any fireworks nor candle balloons. Please inform your wedding planner(s) of this rule.
- For any damage caused to furniture, decorations, rooms and surroundings or any reasons for additional cleaning, caused by wedding guests or trellis members, is to be paid for by the wedding couple.

Cancellation fees of the church

In case of a cancellation of the booked church, the following rules apply:

Up to 12 months prior to event	CHF 200.- administration fee
Up to 6 months prior to event	CHF 450.- administration fee
Less than 6 months prior to event	100 % of the rental fee

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