



INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY

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Wedding Permit Application Form

BRIDE

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

Email Address:

Phone:

Fax:

GROOM

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

LOCAL CONTACT (If person applying for Permit is different than the Bride or Groom)

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Fax:

Archaeological Reserve where wedding will be taking place (select ONE):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Altun Ha | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cahal Pech | <input type="checkbox"/> | Caracol | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cerro Maya |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lamanai | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lubaantun | <input type="checkbox"/> | Nim Li Punit | <input type="checkbox"/> | Santa Rita |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Serpon Sugar Mill | <input type="checkbox"/> | Xunantunich | <input type="checkbox"/> | El Pilar | | |

Specific Location:
(What area of the Reserve or Structure?)

Date of Wedding:

Proposed Time of Ceremony:

Number of Guests:

Photographer:

I CERTIFY that the information given by me on this application is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and has been given in good faith.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE

PLEASE ALLOW UP TO FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS FOR APPLICATION PROCESSING*

FOR OFFICIAL IA USE ONLY

Approved

Rejected

Comments:

Processed by:

Date:

WEDDINGS AT ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESERVES

The fee for Wedding ceremonies at any of Belize's Archaeological Reserves is **US \$250.00**.

This fee covers the ceremony, entrance fees for the Bridal Party (Bride, Groom, Officiant, Maid of Honour and the Best Man) and other miscellaneous costs associated with your site visit.

Payment must be received in the Institute of Archaeology Office prior to Wedding Permit being issued.

Inquiries regarding Wedding Permits and any requests for Wedding Permit Application Forms can be directed to:

Tel: +501-822-2106/2227

Email: iaadminassistant@nichbelize.org

1. It is the responsibility of the Bridal Party or their representative to pick up the **Approved Wedding Permit** prior to their visit to the Reserve.
2. The Wedding Permit **MUST** be presented to the Park Manager on duty upon arrival at the Reserve.
3. The Institute of Archaeology reserves the right to deny a Wedding Permit Application.
4. The Institute of Archaeology may require additional information to process an application. Processing will be deferred until the required information is furnished by the applicant.
5. The Institute of Archaeology does not accept liability for any damage, loss of property or equipment or injury that may be sustained in the course of the visit to the site.

WEDDING PERMIT CONDITIONS

The following are conditions from the Institute of Archaeology-NICH, which all applicants must meet in order to conduct a wedding ceremony at an Archaeological Reserve in Belize. These conditions must be strictly adhered to in order for the ceremony to be allowed on site.

- A Wedding Permit **MUST** be obtained in advance prior to arrival at the Archaeological Reserve.
- The ceremony is the only part of the wedding to be held on the Archaeological Reserve.
- The Ceremony **MUST** take place within the opening hours of the particular Archaeological Reserve.
- Applicants will be allotted three (3) hours, within which the ceremony and photo shoot, if applicable, must take place.
- The fee for wedding permits covers the entrance fees for the Wedding Party **ONLY**. All other invited guests are required to pay the respective entrance fees.
- **NO** Reception, of any kind, is to be held on the Archaeological Reserve. **NO** food or drinks are to be on the Archaeological Reserve, including the parking lot.
- **NO** loud music is allowed on the Reserve. The wedding march may be played, if necessary, without disturbing the nature of the site or any other visitors who may be present on the Archaeological Reserve at the time.
- The Institute of Archaeology does not allow any type of equipment, furniture, decorations or any other such apparatus within the Reserve nor on any of the structures within the Reserve.
- Special consideration for seating shall be granted to the elderly, disabled, or any other persons with special needs.
- Permittee will not enclose or block any trails or access roads of common use on the reserve, unless authorized by the Institute of Archaeology.
- Still photographs or video of the wedding ceremony for personal use is permitted. However, filming of the wedding ceremony for Commercial Purposes for use in any profit-related venture requires a Film Permit, which must be obtained from the Institute of Archaeology for which there is a fee of US\$200.00 per hour.
- This permit is issued by the Director of the Institute of Archaeology or any person acting in his capacity or authorized by him.
- This **permit is revocable** at the discretion of the Director or authorized officer of the Institute of Archaeology (IA), in the interest of the cultural resource management of Belize.
- The permit is subjected to all provisions of the regulations of the National Institute of Culture and History (NICH) Act, Chapter 331, Laws of Belize, Revised 2003.
- Permittee shall observe all the Laws of Belize and all the rules and regulations of the Reserve and shall keep the premises in a neat, orderly and sanitary condition.
- Permittee will take all due precaution while conducting the wedding ceremony so as to avoid any damage to any cultural features and archaeological remains.
- Permittee agrees to pay the Institute of Archaeology the reasonable cost of repair for any damage to its property resulting from any wedding activity.
- The Institute of Archaeology understands that wedding may be suspended due to inclement weather. Permittee **MUST** notify the Institute of Archaeology of any changes to the date of the wedding immediately.