

Chelsea Clinton's \$3 million wedding budget

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Sykes/APChelsea Clinton will wed fiance Marc Mezinsky in a lavish ceremony estimated to cost at least \$3 million dollars.

First Daughter Chelsea Clinton's wedding budget:

Tents \$600,000

Clinton is using tents with glass walls. "It's not going to be your standard run-of-the-mill wedding cost," says Brian Rieke, director of operations for Stamford Tent & Event Services, whose company has sub-rented some equipment for Chelsea's shindig. That includes tenting, flooring, climate control, service tents, trucking and transportation.

Flowers \$500,000

Rory Pierpont, head designer at Castle & Pierpont in SoHo, says that high-end choices, like flown-in orchids or Casablanca lilies, hit the half-a-mil mark. Even midrange blooms like hydrangeas, garden roses and perennials are a cool \$250,000.

Photographer/videographer \$40,000

Celebrity and wedding photographers Jerritt Clark and Denis Leon say the cost of one main photojournalist and assistant, plus two second photojournalists, brings the cost to \$20,000. Prewedding events (such as the rehearsal dinner) cost an additional \$5,000, and any after-event purchases, such as enlargements or

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duplicates, are an additional \$5,000. Photo albums are \$2,000 each. Because no recording devices will be allowed in the venue, the Clintons will likely have additional photos taken as memorabilia for guests.

Security \$200,000

That's to protect the high-level politicians and global celebrities by land and water - and to shut down air space, says Diann Valentine, a We TV and Wedding Central wedding expert.

Music (including sound system) \$40,000

Rumor has it Jimmy Vali, who charges \$28,000, is coordinating the music. For a wedding of this caliber, it's much higher.

Toilets \$15,000

"The Clintons would opt, fittingly, for the Presidential Series Luxury Washrooms, which are equipped with vanities for the ladies, sinks with hot water, marble interior, air conditioning, skylights and flushing toilets, plus plenty of paper products and soap," says Keri Ross at Room To Go, Inc. "They would need three."

Add a male and female attendant in each trailer (\$55 per hour), and another trailer for the serving staff (\$900).

Wedding planner \$200,000

Sharon Stimpfle of TheKnot.com and WeddingChannel.com says that number factors in privacy, security and planning where the guests are staying.

Booze \$30,000

If everyone drinks the equivalent of one bottle of wine, champagne and a cocktail, that's \$60 per person.


Food (wedding & afterparty) \$125,000

Passed hors d'oeuvres, seated first course, and entree go upwards of \$200 per person. For afterparty food, such as a late-night breakfast, add \$50 a head.

Wedding dress \$25,000

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