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## Garden Court Hotel

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## Description

The Garden Court Hotel is designed around an impressive European-style courtyard, whose large central fountain and tiers of flower-laden balconies create the feeling of an old Mediterranean town square. One of the few venues on the Peninsula where you can host your wedding and reception and house all your guests at the same location, the Garden Court provides a warm ambiance combined with modern facilities and topnotch service.

The facility has strong visual appeal: dark green and white trim contrast with terra cotta-colored walls, and planters are filled with colorful annuals, perennials and lighted trees. Guests often relax in the sunny courtyard, sipping champagne or sampling hors d'oeuvres before heading into the spacious Courtyard Ballroom for a seated meal. The smaller Grove Ballroom on the second floor is another pleasing reception space. It features floor-to-ceiling arched windows that open onto an outdoor terrace, an excellent spot for serving cocktails.

Mediterranean-inspired catering is provided by the in-house caterer, Il Fornaio, a restaurant renowned for its Northern Italian cuisine. Two additional benefits of having a reception (with over 75 guests) at the Garden Court are: You'll be offered a complimentary guestroom for the wedding couple, complete with fireplace or jacuzzi, champagne and continental breakfast. And, all guests attending your event will receive a preferred guestroom rate. What more could you ask for?

## Capacity

### ***Ceremony***

Max. Seated Indoors: 175

Max. Seated Outdoors:

### ***Reception/Special Events***

Max. Seated Indoors: 230

Max. Seated Outdoors:

Max. Standing Indoors: 300

Max. Standing Outdoors:

### ***Meetings***

Max. Seated: 200

CEREMONY CAPACITY: The Grove Ballroom accommodates 100 seated or 120–170 standing. The Courtyard Ballroom holds 120 seated or 175 standing.

EVENT/RECEPTION & MEETING CAPACITY: Removable dividing walls can also vary room size.

Space Seated Standing w/Dancing Conf-style Theater-style

Grove Ballroom 75–15020015060200

Terrace Room 25–5080—2570

Courtyard Ballroom 125–23030023045120

## Fees & Deposits

For weddings, a \$2,000 nonrefundable deposit is due at the time of booking, an additional \$3,000 nonrefundable deposit is due 6 months prior to your event date, and the final estimated total is due 10 days prior to the event. All deposits are applied to the total cost of the event. Facility fees start at \$1,000 and vary depending on the day of the week and space rented. Meal and beverage packages begin at \$95/guest. Tax and a 20% service charge are additional. All pricing is guaranteed 90 days prior to the event date, with some specialty items subject to market change.

Facility fees for meetings and corporate events vary based on group size, room(s) selected, and catering requirements. Please call for more specifics and information packet.

## Availability

Year-round, daily, 8am–midnight. Please call for specific time frames for events.

## Catering

Provided

## Alcohol

BYO w/ Corkage Fee

Provided

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## Services/Amenities

Catering: provided

Kitchen Facilities: n/a

Tables & Chairs: provided

Linens, Silver, etc.: provided

Restrooms: wheelchair accessible

Dance Floor: provided

Bride's Dressing Area: CBA, extra fee

Meeting Equipment: full range CBA, extra fee

Parking: complimentary valet, large lot

Accommodations: 62 guestrooms and suites

Telephone: pay phones

Outdoor Night Lighting: yes

Outdoor Cooking Facilities: no

Cleanup: provided

View: Mediterranean courtyard and downtown

Palo Alto

## Music

Indoors

## Wheelchair Access

Wheelchair Accessible

## Site Views

Cityscape

Garden Patio/Courtyard

## Restrictions

Alcohol: provided or WC corkage \$17.50/bottle

Smoking: outside only

Music: amplified OK indoors only,

outdoors acoustic music only

Wheelchair Access: yes

Insurance: not required

Other: no birdseed or rice

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