

THE
FORESTER
HOTEL



WEDDING GUIDE







NATURALLY CURIOUS

“Love of Science and Nature”

It's the founding motto of Lake Forest, IL, and the inspiration for the identity of our hotel. A forester, by definition, is an expert in the science of forestry. But at The Forester Hotel, they are also someone who is at the heart of two roads diverged; be it the crossroads of science and nature, tradition and innovation, or in your case, past and future, as you make plans to embark on a lifelong journey together. We're passionate about preservation, but we're not afraid to blaze new trails or unearth something new as part of the scientific method.

Are you ready to discover innovative event spaces, deluxe dining, and memorable experiences? Are you naturally curious?





REST, RELAX AND GET READY

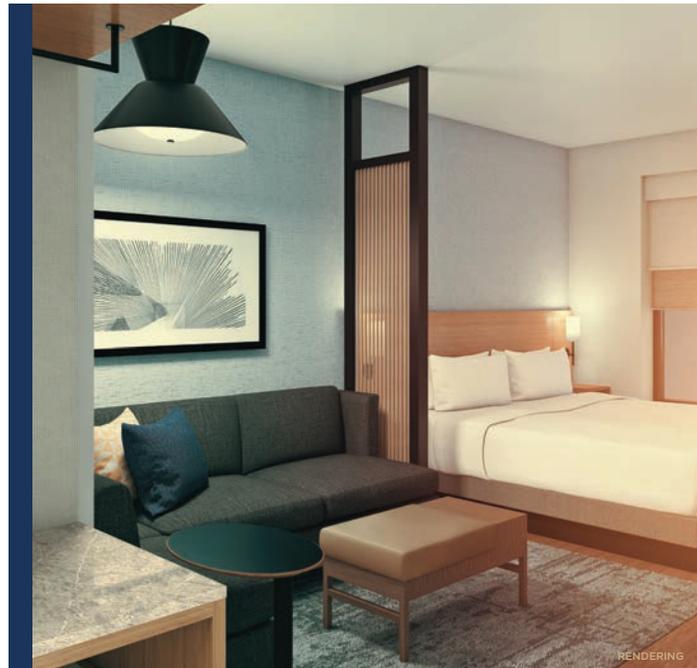
Staying true to our Hyatt Place roots, The Forester guestrooms feature all the comforts of home including fast and free WiFi, Hyatt Grand Beds, cozy corner sofa-sleepers, well-lit vanities, and dedicated work spaces in every room. Wedding suites feature separate sleeping and living areas as well as kitchenettes to allow plenty of room to prepare for the special day.

Free WiFi
Sofa-Sleeper
55" Smart TV
Dedicated Work Desk
Hyatt Grand Bed
In-Room Safe

Coffee/Tea Maker
Iron/Ironing Board
Blackout Curtains
Hair Dryer
Mini Fridge

GUESTROOMS

156 guestrooms including 10 suites





BEAUTIFUL BALLROOMS



Watch your celebration spring to life in a bright and refreshing ballroom. Our brand new event spaces will charm you and your guests with a welcoming atmosphere and elegant decor. The spacious Lupine and Aster ballrooms can accommodate a grand reception, while the Blue Stem room is perfect for a more intimate gathering. With a dedicated Hyatt Event Host taking care of all the fine details, the life cycle of your wedding will bloom from start to finish.

THE LUPINE ROOM

1,676 ft²
Up to 186 guests
Floor-to-ceiling windows

THE ASTER ROOM

2,232 ft²
Up to 250 guests
Floor-to-ceiling windows

THE BLUE STEM ROOM

378 ft²
Up to 45 guests



LOVE AT FIRST BITE

Your dining experience on your big day will be anything but ordinary with custom catering from our in-house restaurant, Oaken Bistro + Bar. Discover innovative twists on traditional favorites from an ever-evolving seasonal menu. Our Executive Chef can also create a custom menu to fit every tradition. From elegant dinners to late-night party bites or farewell brunches, our culinary team can deliver it all naturally.



Aromatic Aster

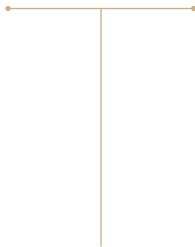
Blooming primarily in northern Illinois and distinguishable from other asters by its plentiful petals, the Aromatic Aster is often revered as a symbol of abundance, which you will find in The Forester's robust and innovative menu.



4. *Symphyotrichum oblongifolium*



LIFE CYCLE OF A WEDDING



Let your beautiful wedding blossom at The Forester. From the rehearsal to the “I do” to the farewell, we can host it all. With one phone call, you can check your room block, rehearsal dinner, ceremony, reception, and farewell brunch off your to-do list, and we’ll ensure your celebration is full of life and love all weekend long.



Wild Lupine

Out of the nearly 200 species of lupine, the wild perennial is the only one native to Illinois — making it as uniquely local as your wedding day.

5. *Lupinus perennis*



REHEARSAL DINNER AT OAKEN

Have the whole space to yourselves for an intimate evening with friends and family.



DRESSING SUITES

Get ready for the big day in the comfort of our spacious guestrooms and suites.



ON-SITE CEREMONY

No travel needed. We can host your ceremony in one ballroom and your reception in another.



COCKTAIL HOUR + RECEPTION

Enjoy the toasting and dancing all under one roof.



ROOM BLOCKS

Out-of-town guests and locals alike will enjoy the ease of taking the elevator home from the reception.

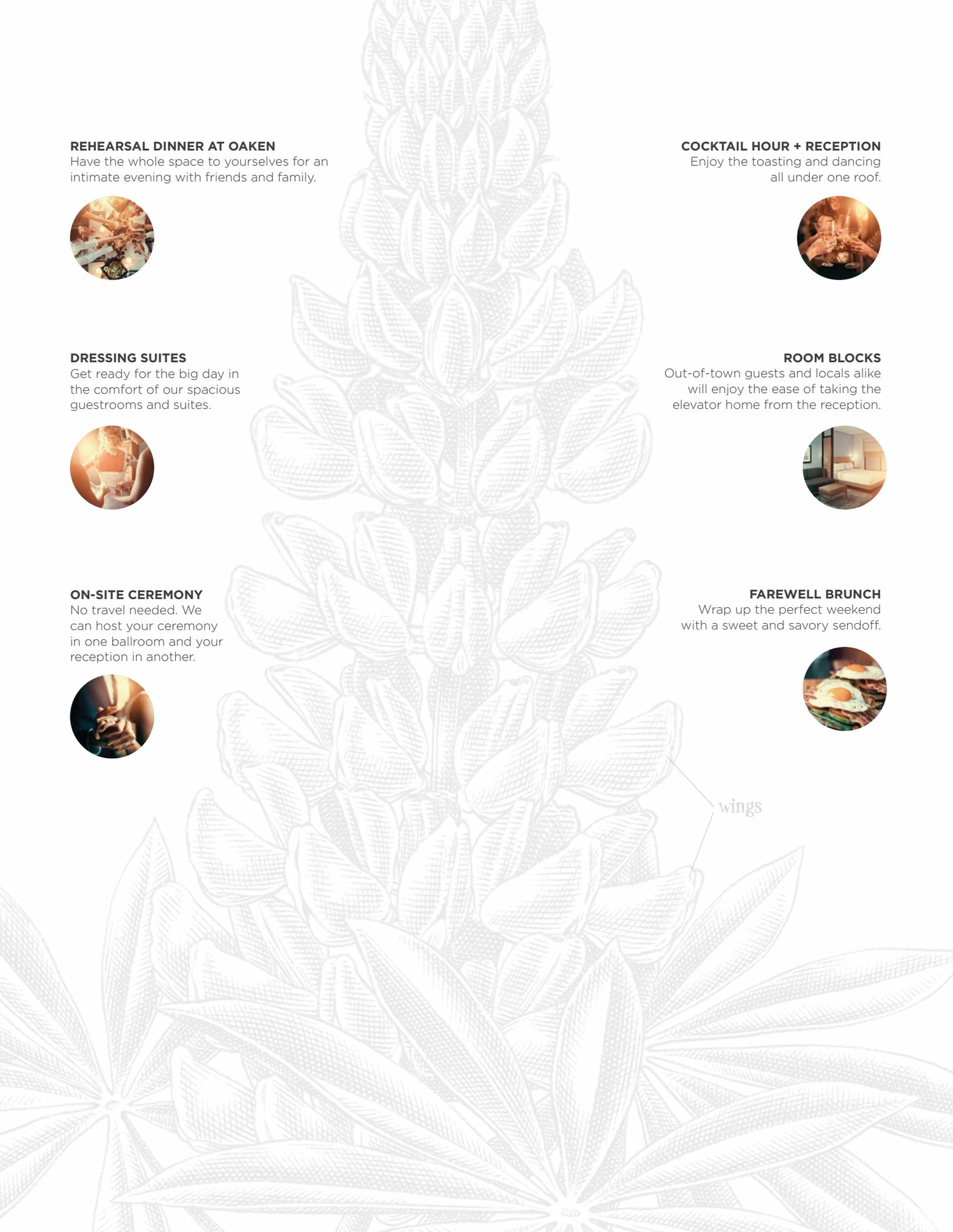


FAREWELL BRUNCH

Wrap up the perfect weekend with a sweet and savory sendoff.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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DO YOU OFFER AN ON-SITE WEDDING COORDINATOR?

A

Yes, there is an assigned hotel staff member designated to assist during setup and the actual event.

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WHAT IS THE PARKING ARRANGEMENT?

A

The Forester offers complimentary self-parking with easy access for buses and other oversized vehicles.

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IS THERE A SHUTTLE FOR WEDDING GUESTS?

A

The hotel does not have a shuttle. However, there are selected preferred partners we can provide to arrange the service for your guests.

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DO YOU PROVIDE PLACE CARDS AND/OR TABLE NUMBERS?

A

We will provide the place cards, bases, table numbers, and any direction signs needed.

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CAN WE BRING OUR OWN ALCOHOL?

A

All food and beverage needs are handled by The Forester and approved vendors.

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CAN THE LOBBY BAR STAY OPEN LONGER FOR OUR GUESTS?

A

There is an option to arrange extended hours at the hotel bar. Please consult the hotel manager to coordinate the details.

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DO YOU INCLUDE A WEDDING CAKE IN YOUR PACKAGES?

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Yes, our Executive Chef works with a local bakery to provide a custom wedding cake. Should you prefer to work with another bakery, we will charge a modest fee for our team to cut and serve your cake.



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