

foreigncinema

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the space options for groups/ private dining ?

Foreign Cinema has a variety of beautiful spaces to host your next event or group dining. Please review the private dining page [Private Dining - Foreign Cinema](#) for descriptions and photos of the different private dining/wedding/event options. Capacities range from 8-350 guests and we offer both indoor and outdoor private dining options.

How do I submit an inquiry?

An inquiry can be sent directly to our events director, janine@foreigncinema.com or by completing the form [Private Dining Contact - Foreign Cinema](#) on the private dining page. *Submitting an inquiry, noting your date and anticipated guest count, is the best way to receive detailed information.*

What are the available menu options?

We offer seated plated dinners, or standing/mingling reception style (cocktail party) menus. To align with our seasonal, local and fresh approach, all of our menus are created daily. Appropriate menu information will be shared in response to your inquiry. Sample menus are available.

Do you print menus? Can we customize the menu?

As menus change daily, we print menus in-house. We can customize them by adding up to two lines of greeting text, or by adding a logo of your choice.

How do beverages work?

All drinks are charged based on consumption, and are added to the final invoice. With a hosted bar, the event host/organizer covers the cost of beverages consumed by guests throughout the event. This includes alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. The specific drink offerings are pre-selected by the host and can be limited. We do not offer cash bar options for private dining.

What about wines?

We have a special wine list just for private dining with curated options, and the host of the event will pre-select wines that will be available to guests. *We do not offer corkage for private dining.*

Foreign Cinema will provide a selection of beers and soft drinks to complement your chosen wine selections.

What about cocktails?

You may choose to add cocktails to your beverage service. Details to be provided via your inquiry.

Will your staff set up our decor?

Our staff is happy to place fully composed floral arrangements on the table, and light a few candles. If you have elaborate or extensive decor, we recommend day-of event planners to set up.

Do you provide florals?

We provide votives on dining tables. Should you wish to offer florals, we have a great list of preferred florists for your special event.

Are there any specific guidelines or restrictions regarding decorations?

Yes, *samples are:* Nothing adhered to walls; No confetti, glitter, loose flower petals, or balloons; and no sparkler candles.

Please refer to the decor section of the contract for full details. We recommend getting approval by the Events Director before purchasing your decor.

How much time do we get to set up?

30-60 minutes before the event starts depending on space reserved. Requests for additional set-up time can be considered, but cannot be guaranteed. Additional charges will apply.

Can we have things delivered or dropped off in advance?

Yes, you can drop things off the day before your event as we do not have a storage facility. Everything must be in containers, organized, and labeled with your event date, room, and time.

Do you make cakes?

Yes, we do! We can make cakes for your event with a minimum of 7 days notice. Ask for options.

If you choose to bring in your own dessert, it must be from a licensed commercial bakery, and we do have a \$5/person dessert fee per single dessert type.

Can you provide information about the parking facilities near Foreign Cinema?

Street and metered parking is available near the restaurant.

The nearest parking garage is the Mission-Bartlett Parking Garage at 3255 21st Street, between Mission Street and Valencia Street. Please refer to their [website](#) for hours and details. We are not associated with the parking garage and cannot be held responsible for cars left after hours, etc...

Is there a specific timeline or deadline for submitting the final headcount, seating arrangements, and menu selections?

Deadlines will be outlined in your contract for easy review. The events team will send you a detailed questionnaire closer to your event date, including a reminder of the deadlines for your event.

Are children permitted, and do you have a kid's meal?

Yes, children are welcome at private events. Our kids menu is for children 10 years old and younger. We have a limited number of high chairs and booster seats available, if needed. While children are welcome, our rooms are not child-proof, and all children must be under direct adult supervision at all times. No one under 21 will be served or permitted to drink alcohol.

Do you provide vendor meals?

Vendor meals are available.