

PRIVATE EVENT GUIDE



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VICTORIA'S PREMIER COUNTRY MUSIC VENUE

The Duke Saloon is located at 502 Discovery Street, in the heart of what was once Victoria's industrial district. Our beautiful venue was originally constructed in 1902 by the Victoria Electric Company to house its street cars. Since then, the space has been home to various businesses, including several bars and nightclubs.

In 2014 the venue was taken over by The Frontier Group, a hospitality collective that is composed of The Duke, Darcy's Pub, Upstairs, and Darcy's Westshore. The room then underwent a massive restoration under the direction of award winning designers from Bidgood. This overhaul included exposing the space's original brick walls, installing vintage style, Edison bulb fixtures, and adding some one-of-a-kind touches like the hand painted Jim Beam backdrop on the stage and the Manila rope decorations throughout the room.

On August 17, 2014, The Duke opened its doors to the public for the first time in what was to become one of the most historic nights in Victoria nightlife history.

Since this incredible opening, The Duke has been committed to providing Victoria with a space to celebrate and enjoy live music. The Duke is proud to support a number of talented local musicians, including its house bands: The Bankes Brothers, Born Reckless, The Brightside, The County Line, The Electric Timber Company, High Water, and The Tumblin' Dice. Additionally, The Duke has been fortunate enough to have one-off performances from a variety of popular artists, including Aloe Blacc, WiL, Aaron Pritchett, JoJo Mason, Rod Black, and The Matinee.

The Duke is currently open every Friday and Saturday from 9PM until 2AM. Additionally, The Duke opens on select long weekend Sundays for special events. However, The Duke is licensed to serve from noon to 2AM every day of the week! This allows The Duke to offer a variety of windows for private functions.

If you're interested in using The Duke Saloon for your function, please contact us at info@thedukesaloon.com with any questions!





ENTERTAINMENT

Since its inception The Duke Saloon has been a live, country music venue. Over the years we've had the pleasure of hosting a number of talented artists including local favourites: The Tumblin' Dice, The County Line, The Bankes Brothers, Born Reckless, Whiskey Business, Fox & Hound, High Water, The Electric Timber Company, The Bright Side, and many more.

If you'd like a band to perform at your private function we are more than happy to facilitate this for you. If you'd like us to reach out to one of our house bands, or make a recommendation based on the kind of music you'd like at your event, we'd love to help.

However, if you have a band or DJ that you've sourced on your own we are happy to accommodate this as well! Our in-house sound and lighting technician will work with them to ensure that they're sounding perfect for your event, and will remain on site for the duration of the evening to make adjustments as the evening progresses. He will also help you link a playlist of your choosing to our sound system to provide music when the entertainment is off-stage.

Did we mention that we have a state-of-the-art karaoke system? Our sound technician can link it directly with our house sound system and let you take the Jim Beam Stage yourselves!

If you're looking for some non-musical entertainment options, we have a drop-down projector screen hooked up behind the main stage that will allow you to put on presentations or screen videos.

BASE RATES

- Sound Technician: \$300.00*
- Band: \$1,200.00 to \$1,500.00 (2 x 45 minute sets)
- Karaoke: \$300.00*

*For events lasting longer than 5 hours additional fees will apply



CATERING

Whether you're hosting an engagement party, staff function, or a holiday event, you're going to want food. We'd love to work with you to ensure that you find the perfect catering option for your party.

While The Duke unfortunately doesn't have an on-site kitchen, we have always found successful work arounds to make sure that our patrons get the food they need.

Depending on your preferences and dietary needs, we are happy to recommend a variety of caterers who can provide excellent food options. In the past we've done everything from casual pizza parties to sit-down, multi-course meals. We can easily manipulate The Duke's table arrangement to accommodate a buffet style setting, or bring in additional seating to allow for a more refined, seated dining experience.

However, if you'd like to arrange your own food that's fine too! We frequently have parties that want to order in food or bring their own, home-cooked items. We want you to feel able to be as involved or hands-off as you'd like.

OUR PARTNERS

In the past The Duke Saloon has had some incredible events catered by:

- The Wandering Mollusck
- Truffles Catering
- Toque Catering
- Vagabond Pies

Rates will vary depending on the catering option selected and the quantities and kinds of food requested. Please reach out to us at info@thedukesaloon.com and we can get you a more detailed quote!







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BEVERAGE PROGRAM

One of The Duke's original slogans was Beer, Bourbon & Bands. If bourbon and canned beer is your idea of a good time, we have everything you need in stock on a regular basis. However, we can't stress enough that this isn't all we have to offer. We carry a wide variety of premium spirits and our beverage managers are happy to work with you to ensure that we carry the drinks you want for your event.

If you've got a celebration that requires a certain champagne or wine, we are happy to order in any products that we may not normally carry.

If you'd like a preset cocktail menu we are happy to tailor something to your specific party. Our beverage manager is extremely well versed in a variety of different products and will happily create the perfect cocktail menu for your party.

Are you wanting to have an open bar, pre-purchased drink tickets, or individual tabs? We have worked a variety of different private functions and are happy to structure everything to best suit your needs.

BASE RATES

Beverage rates can vary heavily depending on the particular products being ordered. If you'd like to pre-purchase drink tickets for your event, we can price these tickets at \$6.75 each and they will allow the ticket holder to select from a variety of our bottom tier products (generally a variety of canned beers and ciders as well as the base level spirits).

On large tabs or drink ticket purchases we do include a 18% auto gratuity which will be divided amongst the staff working on the evening in question.

If you would like a more detailed quote please email info@thedukesaloon.com and we'll be happy to answer any questions!





PHOTOGRAPHY

We understand how important it is to document your special event. We also know that cell phone pictures in a dark room never turn out quite as incredible as you'd like. As The Duke Saloon we have worked with a number of very talented photographers and videographers, most notably our in-house photographer: Johann Vincent.*

Our photographers and videographers have plenty of experience working in our venue and the equipment necessary to ensure the photos turn out great.

However, if you've got a particular photographer you've sourced on your own, we're more than happy to have them! We have a safe and secure office space where they can store their equipment and our Sound & Lighting Technician will happily make any required lighting adjustments.

If you would like us to put you in contact with our photographers or videographers, or provide you with examples of their work, please reach out to info@thedukesaloon.com. We are always happy to help!

*All of the photographs provided in this event guide were taken by Johann Vincent Photography.



BASE RATES

- Mini Photography Session (1-2 Hours): \$500.00
- Full Photography Session (2-3 Hours): \$1,000.00*

*For events lasting longer than 3 hours additional fees will apply





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WHAT WE PROVIDE

When you book a private function at The Duke Saloon you're ensuring that you'll be arriving at a professionally cleaned space where you'll be served by friendly, certified staff. The room (capacity of 296 including staff) will be monitored by licensed security professionals who will ensure that your event runs safely and without incident.

Though we are currently open every Friday and Saturday evening from 9PM to 2AM, as well as select Thursdays and Sundays, our liquor license is valid from noon until 2AM every day of the week. This provides you ample windows to book your function.

We are happy to coordinate with you to decorate the space according to the theme of the event in question, or to allow you in early to decorate yourself.

And last but not least, we can take care of clean up! You can enjoy your evening without stressing over dealing with the mess afterwards.

Hosting an event at The Duke Saloon is all about making it stress free. You can be as involved as you choose to be. If you're the kind of person who prefers to be hands-on, fantastic! We're happy to help you make your vision come together. If you'd rather hand off the planning to us, let us take the stress off of your plate. All that matters to us is that you and your guests have an amazing evening.

BASE RATES

Our room rental rates begin at \$1,000.00 but can vary heavily depending on a number of factors, including:

- The date requested
- The number of attendees
- The entertainment, catering, and any other extras requested
- The duration of the event





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