



# transport

Weddings and the water are an unbeatable combination says Rosman Ferries managing director, Steven Matthews

## Latest trends

You couldn't ask for a better backdrop for your wedding than the beauty of Sydney Harbour so couples with a nautical bent are setting sail on their big day. Couples are chartering iconic ferries as transport and reception venues, says Steven Matthews, managing director of Rosman Ferries.

Some couples hire the vessels to transport guests from the ceremony to the reception, providing the perfect entertainment (and a the quintessential Sydney experience) for guests while the bridal party are busy with photos. Other couples are hiring the heritage ferries as the venue itself, holding both the ceremony and reception aboard one of the four Rosman ferries. Flexibility and atmosphere, says Matthews, are part of the appeal.

"Weddings today are not always the traditional sit-down dining experience," says Matthews. "More couples are opting for a cocktail reception." Whatever degree of formality you choose Rosman's heritage ferries are versatile enough to accommodate and cater for all styles of functions.

## Expert tips

When considering chartering a boat for your wedding day, it is imperative to inspect the vessel to ensure it can meet your needs. "Rosman Ferries proudly offers vessel inspections and our experienced staff can assist with planning the function given their extensive knowledge of Sydney Harbour and its many scenic locations including picturesque waterways, parks and islands," says Matthews.

## The Rosman fleet

The Rosman heritage fleet includes four meticulously maintained timber ferries, each with their own character and charm. Part of Sydney's maritime history, these vessels carry between 90 to 250 passengers. Also available is a 43-foot sports cruiser, ideal for transporting the bridal party to and from the ceremony or reception. Food and bar packages are available for both short cruises and longer receptions. Couples can bring aboard their own caterers at no charge. For bookings, call (02) 9955 3458.

## TO-DO TIMELINE

### NINE MONTHS

### DONE

- Once you've decided on a wedding theme, discuss which style of transport (car, truck, hot-air balloon) you would like.....■
- Work out how many people will be travelling in the cars on your wedding day.....■
- Call around to different transport companies to compare quotes. It's essential to go see the cars before placing a deposit. Check they are in pristine condition and the seats aren't too cramped for your dress, veil and bouquet.....■
- When placing a deposit, get everything in writing including pick-up and drop-off locations and exact times.....■

### FOUR MONTHS

- Draw up a transport plan, tracking each person's movements on the wedding day. Include who travels in which cars, what time they arrive and leave from the ceremony, photo shoot and reception, and any extra information. Distribute the plan to your car company and the bridal party.....■
- If your wedding is being held in a remote or hard-to-find location, include travel directions and maps with your transport plan.....■

### ONE MONTH

- Confirm all details with your transport company. Make sure you have all their contact information – especially mobile numbers – in case you need to call them on the day. Give them your numbers too so they can contact you in case of any emergencies....■

### WEDDING DAY

- Get the best man and groomsmen to decorate your own car with ribbons and tin cans.....■

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