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HISTORY

[Location](#)

Built in 1860 by Moussa Sursock, it was recognized at the time as one of Beirut's grandest town house and it is today certainly the largest private palace of that period to survive intact, with its surrounding lush gardens, as a family home.

The Sursock's origin goes back to Constantinople and they have been recorded as living in Beirut since 1714. Their great wealth was made in the early 19th century primarily in agriculture (wheat and cotton) and later in manufacturing (cotton mills). At its hight, the Sursock empire extended from Mersine, Turkey to Alexandria, Egypt passing by Lebanon, Cyprus and Palestine.

With the advent of nationalist regimes in Turkey & Egypt and the creation of the state of Israel, the Sursocks lost both their lands and manufacturing facilities and the palace in Beirut is one of the few remaining symbols of their former glory.



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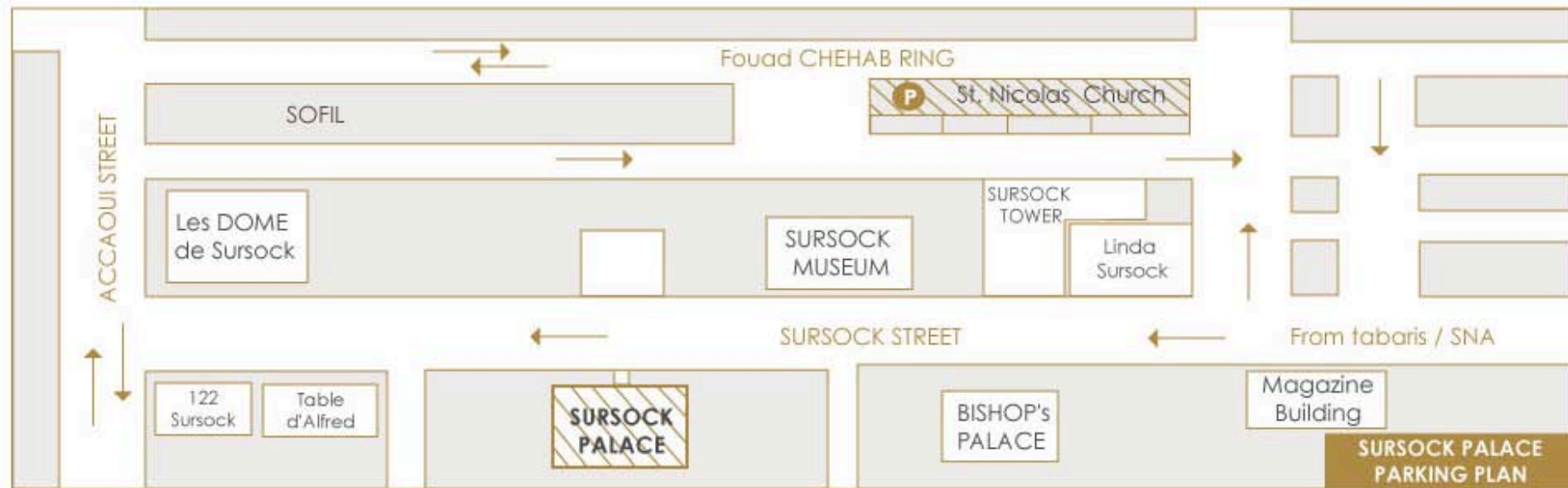
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LOCATION

The Gardens

Situated on a hill overlooking the harbor, the palace stands in Sursock Street, in the heart of Achrafieh and in Beirut's most exclusive residential area.

Many grand Sursock villas and palaces were built along that street from the beginning of the 19th century and amongst the few that remain are the Greek Orthodox Bishop's Palace, the Nicolas Sursock Museum and the Residence of Linda & Brahim Sursock.



P The nearest public parking facility is situated in the underground of St.Nicolas Church. Valet parking is available.





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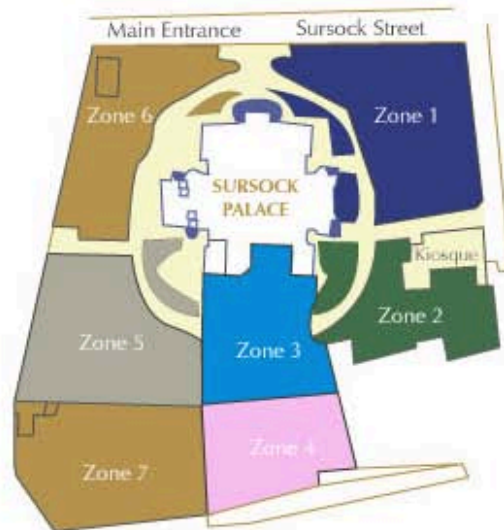
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[Hire of Gardens](#)

One important and deciding factor is that the gardens are hired as a whole for 24 hours, which means total privacy and more than enough time to set-up and break-up. Effectively, and unlike most other venues, there will be only one function at a time and normally all day to get prepared.



Click on Zone to view

Zone 1 Top Garden

Zone 2 The Secret Garden

Zone 3 Arcades, Disco & Paved Area

Zone 4 Fountain Area & Guest Bathrooms

Zone 5 Grass Area

Zone 6 Service Area

Zone 7 Offices, Staff Bathrooms, Staff Changing Rooms and Vegetable Gardens





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This area of grass is mostly used for receiving guests to a welcome drink prior to a seated dinner or for ceremonies.



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Disco and Paved Area: All used as main reception area.



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Mostly used for cake cutting. Guest bathrooms



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Mostly used as an extension to the paved area Zone 3.



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HIRE OF GARDENS

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Season

The gardens are open from mid-April to end of October. That is the period when rain is not usually expected. For protection against rain or sun, tents can be set up at short notice.

Capacity

The Gardens can accommodate 1,000 seated and served guests evenly distributed between the arcades and paved area (400), the grass area (400) and the fountain area (200). This number is reduced to 800 guests for a seated buffet reception.

For a cocktail, 1,500 guests can stand comfortably without any congestion.

Services & Facilities:

Inclusive with the hire of the space, we offer the following services and facilities:

- Candles in terracotta pots and torches set out along the paved walkways.
- General basic floodlighting and illumination of the palace and gardens.
- Wood dance floor.
- Evenly distributed fans for cooling the air.
- Fully equipped kitchen for the caterers.
- Fully equipped, decorated and air conditioned disco for dancing.
- Luxurious bathrooms both for Ladies and Gentlemen.
- Separate bathrooms and changing rooms for staff.
- Co-ordination of all services from beginning to end by Sursock Palace Management to ensure overall smooth operation.





HIRE CHARGES

Beverages

The prices listed below typically refer to a private reception for the 2012 season and include the related [Services and Facilities](#) listed on the previous page. All prices are subject to VAT.

We have set the cost of hire per number of guests attending so that the more people there is, the less costly it becomes per person. This is a way to encourage the larger functions without penalizing the smaller ones.

| Number of Guests | | |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|
| From | To | Cost (\$) |
| 1 | 149 | 7,000 |
| From | To | Cost P/P (\$) |
| 150 | 199 | 47 |
| 200 | 249 | 45 |
| 250 | 299 | 43 |
| 300 | 349 | 41 |
| 350 | 399 | 39 |
| 400 | 449 | 37 |
| 450 | 499 | 35 |
| 500 | 549 | 33 |
| 550 | 599 | 31 |
| 600 | and above | by agreement |





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OPEN BAR



It is the policy of Sursock Palace Gardens to supply exclusively all Open Bar beverages and local wines consumed on the premises. A corking fee will be charged for any foreign wine or Champagne supplied by the client.

Regular Open Bar

This formula means that beverages are available in unlimited quantities to guests from beginning to end of a function. This is charged at \$10.00 per guest and offers all of the following beverages:

| | | |
|-----------|---------|--|
| Alcoholic | Whisky | Dewar's White label, johnny Walker , J&B ... |
| | Vodka | Stolichnaya |
| | Gin | Gordon's |
| | Martini | Bianco, Rosso & Dry |
| | Cinzano | Bianco & Rosso |
| | Rum | Bacardi |
| | Beer | Almaza & Laziza |
| Soft | Water | Mineral, Perrier, Tonic & Soda |
| | Cola | Regular & Diet |
| | 7-up | Regular & Diet |
| | Juices | Orange, Pineapple, Tomato & Exotic |

Premium Open Bar

This is charged at \$12.00 per guest and in addition to the Regular Open bar offers the following:

| | |
|--------|--|
| Whisky | Dewar's Jack Daniels & Johnny Walker Black Label |
| Vodka | Absolut |

Soft Open Bar

For those who do not wish to Serve Alcohols, our soft selection is charged at \$8.00 per person.

The choice of the Premium Open Bar exceptionally entitles clients to bring, if they so wish and at their cost, any additional beverages not listed above.





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WINES

Tents

Wines

Those are not included in the Open Bar formula and are charged per bottle opened.

The following local wines are offered.

Listed wines are subject to availability and prices may vary.

Corking Fee

For foreign wines, the client may bring his own and Management will charge a corking fee as follows.

All wines including sparkling white wines will be charged \$10.00 per bottle opened. Any bottle not opened will be returned to the client.

The same goes for Champagne and the corking fee is set at \$15.00 per regular bottle opened.

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Kefraya | Les Breteches | At \$12.00 per bottle |
| | La Dame Blanche | At \$12.00 |
| | Chateau 06 (red) | At \$23.00 |
| | Blanc de Blancs | At \$18.00 |
| Ksara | Reserve du Couvent (red) | At \$13.00 per bottle |
| | Chateau Blanc de Blancs | At \$15.00 |
| | Chateau 06 (red) | At \$18.00 |
| | Chardonnay 07 (white) | At \$21.00 |
| Musar | Rubis | At \$12.00 per bottle |
| | Cuvee Reservee (red) | At \$13.00 |
| | Cuvee Reservee (white) | At \$13.00 |
| | Hochar Pere et Fils 02 (red) | At \$22.00 |
| Coteaux de Botrys | Mourvedre et Grenache | At \$20.00 per bottle |
| | Cuvee de l'Ange (red) | At \$24.00 |
| | Chardonnay (white) | At \$15.00 |
| | Marsanne et Chardonnay | At \$24.00 |





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TENTS

Sound & Light

For protection against rain or sun, we have two tents which may be erected within short notice.

Small Tents

Our Small Tent measures 9m x 18m. Surface area 162m². It easily covers 160 seated guests. This tent is set-up free of charge.



Big Tents

Our larger tent measures 15m x 18m. Surface area 270m². It easily covers 270 seated guests. This tent requires about 4 hours for set-up and we charge an installation fee of \$750.





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Sound System

Our Gardens are situated in the midst of a residential area, and if we are to avoid disturbing the neighbourhood, it is essential that the sound generated remains concentrated in a designated area and free of any distortion. This is why we are very particular with the quality and performance of the sound systems we use and why we work with only one approved supplier.

The system we most currently use is state-of-the-art d&b audiotechnik from Germany. It is professionally set-up and monitored throughout the event by a technician.

Light System

Included in the Cost of Hire and as part of our [Services & Facilities](#), we offer a basic yet elegantly lit Garden. However, some of our clients may wish to add lighting to what already exists. In that case we put them in direct contact with our sole supplier of lighting equipment who is one of the best professionals in the field of lighting-up events and who will offer good value for his services.

Four our basic lighting we draw our power from the state, but our stand-by generator kicks in within seconds in case of a state power failure. This means that any installation above our basic system will have to be powered independantly by a generator lived for the occasion. Prices will vary according to power required and time used.





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Valet Parking

Other

It is usually difficult to find a parking spot on Sursock Street leading to the Palace Gardens. The nearest public parking area is situated in the underground of St. Nicholas church (see map) which is at about 5 minutes walking distance from the Gardens.

At the request of our clients, we can arrange for the services of a team of professional valets with insurance to cover the cars in the unlikely event they might suffer damage.

The cost of this service is \$40.00 per Valet.

Guests taking advantage of this facility may experience some delay at getting their cars back especially during peak time.





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We have seen so far that Management provides the gardens fully functional as detailed in Services and Facilities, Beverages & Wines, Sound & Light Systems and Valet Parking sections.

Although we have the facility and capability to organize an entire event within a set budget, we prefer to encourage our clients to do so on their own while helping them and advising them all the way because ultimately the success of their event will reflect on us.

Consequently we can advise our clients as to whom the best professionals are, each in their own trade:

[Party and Event Planners](#)
[Live Musicians, Classic and Modern](#)
[Caterers](#)

[Photographers and Cameramen](#)
[Florists](#)
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In other words we can source anything related to an event taking place in our gardens





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This venue is managed by its owner Roderick Sursock Cochrane assisted by Nadim Medawar and their little team. They are always present in order to coordinate between all the different trades and supervise the smooth operation of every event.

This personal touch is an essential ingredient for parties to remember and memories to cherish.

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Contract

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To ensure the smooth operation of any event, clients are requested to fully understand the following contract and to inform interested parties accordingly.

To view the contract please [click here](#)



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