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A Guide To Choosing The Perfect Marquee Bar

A successful event is only as good as the satisfaction of your guests. Professional event planning takes this all into account, ensuring that there is entertainment and comfort during every single moment. [Marquee bars](#) are one such popular way of ensuring that every single person leaves your event happy and satisfied. Whether or not you're serving alcohol is irrelevant. In fact, the most important thing is to keep everybody refreshed and comfortable whether it's a blazing sun or freezing cold outside. Here at Carron Marquees, we have a wide range of marquee bars available to hire. This guide will help during the decision process to ensure you find the right option for your needs.

Why does your event need a bar?

If you expect your guests to spend an extended period of time at your event, you need to consider providing refreshments. Time is precious - especially in this modern world - and passing time anywhere that does not prioritise your comfort is something that people just won't do these days. Hiring a bar is the perfect way to structure this process. It allows drinks and food to be served in a safe and organised way. It provides a specific location for refreshments to be picked up and returned to, helping to support the clean-up process at the end. And, it can create a socialising point where guests huddle together.

When to hire a bar?

You may think bars are only essential for events where alcohol is being served but that's simply not true. They are an essential addition to many events, offering soft drinks, hot drinks and alcoholic beverages to guests. Some of the events we have hired marquee bars out for in the past include:

- Weddings.
- Conferences.
- Christmas parties.
- Birthday parties.
- Anniversary parties.
- Summer fetes.
- Kids parties.
- Sports events.
- Corporate events.

With a wide variety of marquee bars available on the market, there is a style ideally suited to your needs.

Do I need an alcohol license?

If you are planning on serving alcohol, you need to understand whether a legal license is needed. This is one of the most commonly asked questions we get when discussing bars and it's understandable

why. The information out there can be contradictory. This is largely because the type of event and how you plan to distribute the alcohol will determine whether this is needed.

If your event has:

- Any playing of recorded music.
- A performance of recorded music.

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- Has taken place for the consideration or with a view of making a profit.

You will need to have a license for it to be held. This largely minimises the chance of this being relevant for most events, including weddings and family birthday parties. However, if you are selling alcohol, either via a cash bar or as part of a ticket price. In this instance, you will need to apply for a [Temporary Events Notice \(TEN\)](#). This takes 10 working days, can be applied for online and costs £21.

Hiring hospitality staff

If you plan to have numerous bars and a large guest list, you may need to consider hiring bar/hospitality staff. You'll want to aim to find experienced individuals who have worked at events such as yours before and understand the requirements. As a general rule, you should have 1 bar staff member for every 50 guests to ensure that people are served at a good speed and kept refreshed. If you are serving alcohol, you will need to make sure that all staff are over the age of 18 years old.

Marquee bars available to hire from Carron Marquees

Here at Carron Marquees, we have become experts in the world of marquee hire for events. Alongside our traditional and clear span marquee tents, we also offer a host of ancillary items - including bars. We recognise the importance of these items especially when they are used to bring people together and enhance an existing theme. You want a bar that fits in with the aesthetics, meets the needs of every guest and ensures they are kept refreshed throughout the entire event. And, we have a number of options available that do just that.

LED Bar

Designed to make a bright statement, our LED Bar can be illuminated in the colour of your choosing. Available with curved sections that can be joined together to form a semi-circle, it can be used to create areas in the marquee that draw in the eye and your guests. Measuring in at 1.8m in length, you can choose how long or short it needs to be and what hue best suits your needs - even swapping this throughout the night to go with the mood at any given time.

Rustic Bar

For something more elegant and perfect for weddings, our Rustic Bar is manufactured from wood. While the design itself is simple, it gives you the flexibility to use decor and accessories to bring your space to life. Adorn with fairy lights, bunting or flowers to create a quintessentially British feel. Measuring in at 2m long, it can be paired with our classic cross-back or wooden folding chairs. For larger events, we can provide 2 joined together.

Hiring a bar for your event

Here at [Carron Marquees](#), we have been helping many clients find the perfect furniture, heaters and bars to suit their event. Knowing how important these factors are, we have invested in exquisite options to make sure there is something to suit every single need. We also have a team of experts on hand to answer any questions, provide advice and make sure you feel pleased with your planning efforts. If you would like to speak to a member of our team, please [get in contact](#) today and we will be happy to help you along the way.
