



*Historic wedding location  
Molen de Ster*

# History of the windmill

The history of national monument the Molen de Ster dates back to 1721! In terms of location, it is conveniently located for the western wind direction and also convenient for the supply and removal of wood on river the Leidse Rijn. The mill is located on the only completely preserved sawmill yard in the Netherlands and has always been a sawmill.

After a switch to electricity in 1910, the part above the sawmill was removed because it was no longer needed. The timber trade from the sawmill remained active until the early 1980s. It then took until the late 1990s before the Sterremolen Foundation restored the mill to its authentic glory and wood was again sawn every Saturday using wind energy.

Since then, Molen de Ster has been an official wedding location of the municipality of Utrecht and many beautiful weddings have already taken place in our Zagerij.



## Your wedding day

Imagine: Together with your day guests you arrive by boat at Molen de Ster. You step straight from the boat onto the mill yard where you leave the hustle and bustle of the city behind and the peace and greenery washes over you. Your most beautiful day can begin!

After a warm welcome in the attractively decorated Zagerij, your ceremony starts on the water side. Overlooking the Leidse Rijn, you promise each other eternal love in the presence of your dearest friends and family.

After the ceremony we toast your happiness and the reception, dinner and party will follow. The opening dance takes place in the centuries-old sawmill where history is palpable and it always smells of freshly sawn wood.

In this wedding book we give an example of how your day can go at Molen de Ster. A number of personal extras have been added. We would like to think along with you about how we can give your wedding day a personal touch.





# Our spaces

## The Zagerij

A beautiful, open, wooden space that lends itself very well to your own interpretation of decoration. The atmosphere is already there and you bring your own style. With the doors open, your guests can look out over the Leidsche Rijn.

## The private terrace

The private terrace is located next to the slipway. Ideal for a reception with a fire pit and/or a barbecue. Surrounded by greenery and overlooking the water, it feels like a green oasis of peace in the middle of the city.

## The yard

With a view of the mill and enclosed by the miller's houses and the drying shed, the yard is an ideal place for an extensive dinner at long tables.

## The Molencafé

This space is very suitable for retreating and freshening up.

## Capacity

Ceremony theater setup	100 seats
Reception and party	130 people
Dinner inside	64 seats
Dinner outside or standing	130 people



The Zagerij

# Ceremony

Your wedding starts with an intimate ceremony. On our private terrace there are flower-decorated chairs in theater style with a path in the middle. Your guests look out over the water while they wait for the bride. In the corner of the private terrace, an acoustic band plays the songs you choose.

There are two beautifully decorated chairs ready for the bridal couple, with a beautiful backdrop behind them with flowers and cloths. Your master of ceremonies and wedding officiant will speak to you from the wooden lectern.

After exchanging rings and signing the marriage certificate, you walk through the gathering of your friends and family to the private terrace for the toast and the cutting of the cake.

If there is a chance of rain, we will easily move your dinner and party indoors.

## Official wedding location

Molen de Ster is an official wedding location of the municipality of Utrecht. This means that you can get legally married here in the presence of a marriage registrar. You don't have to do this at city hall.



### WEDDING HINT 1

*Did you know that you can choose your own marriage registrar?*

*During your first meeting, ask for our list of wedding officiants with whom we have had good experiences. This way you make your day even more personal.*



# Toast and cake

While you say yes to each other inside, we will prepare the bubbles and cake outside so that you can toast to a happy marriage with your guests after the ceremony.

You enter a beautifully decorated private terrace. There are flowers and garlands hanging everywhere.

Together you cut the wedding cake. After which our staff will help cut and serve the rest of the cake.

The sweet table not only contains cake, but your guests can also enjoy other sweets like traditional Dutch stroopwafels. Of course, freshly baked mini Dutch pancakes cannot be missed during your sweet table.

At Molen de Ster we only serve organic sparkling wines. And we always provide an alcohol-free alternative.



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## WEDDING HINT 2

Do you have a Pinterest board for your day? Take it with you to your appointment. This way we immediately have a good idea of your wishes.

Follow us on Pinterest for inspiration.  
[@MolendeSter](#)

# Wedding reception

After the cake and toasting your happiness, it is time for a relaxed reception where your guests can catch up and there is time for gifts and congratulations.

At the Photo Booth, funny photos are taken for your photo book as a beautiful memory of this day and people can write in your guestbook.

Various activities are available on the mill site for young and old to enjoy. There is also plenty to discover and there are farm animals that like to eat a carrot or a lettuce leaf. There is a playground for the little ones where they can play safely on the climbing frame and with the cool bicycles.

During the reception, the photographer calls everyone together for a group photo in front of the mill. And beautiful video images are made with a drone.

The sweet table remains in place and we open the bar so that your guests can continue to snack on the goodies and enjoy the surroundings and activities with a drink in hand.

If you feel the need, you can retreat and freshen up in the adjacent room. A first moment alone, as a married couple. A special moment for the two of you.



## WEDDING HINT 3

*By hiring a nanny service, you have less to worry about the children at your wedding and the parents can devote themselves to the beautiful party while the children are entertained and being creative.*



# Dinner

On the private terrace, long tables are stylishly set for an extensive dinner. String lights and garlands provide even more atmosphere. On the table are name cards in wooden feet that were made in the mill. And a central place at the table has been reserved for the bridal couple.

Our chef has put together delicious menus. You choose the dinner that suits your most beautiful day. All your favorite dishes are served. There are bottles of wine and jugs of water on the table. And drinks are served.

Between the courses you will be spoken to with kind words by a number of people who are very important to you. And there is a moment to address and thank all your guests.

For dessert you have chosen a food truck where people can put together their own ice cream. And there is a piaggio where real Italian espresso and iced coffee is made.

**WEDDING HINT 4**  
*Does dinner nog fit into your plan for the perfect day? Maybe an English high tea or a festive brunch might be a tasty alternative. During your tour of the mill, ask about the options.*



# Party

After dinner it's time for music and cocktails. You have invited extra evening guests for this moment and it will be pleasantly busy in the Zagerij.

Inside, everyone will be dancing during the silent disco. The DJ plays the songs you have chosen in advance and creates a good atmosphere. At the same time, a fire is lit outside where guests can sit around on hay bales and roast marshmallows.

Your guests can order fresh cocktails and mocktails at the cocktail bar. The waiter comes by with delicious hot and cold snacks. And other drinks can also be ordered at the bar.

Before the party comes to an end, cones of fries and mini hamburgers are served to the guests as a midnight snack. This way everyone goes home with a full stomach.

At the exit there are beautiful wooden favors ready for guests to take with them. Together with the millers, you have come up with a nice gift that they have made especially for your guests in the mill.





# Practical information

A lot is possible at our mill, but take the following practical points into account.

## For hire

The mill is available every day from 8:00 AM to 12:30 AM, except on Saturday. That day the mill can be booked from 7:00 PM, because the millers saw wood on Saturday afternoon. When you rent the mill, it is exclusively available to you. No other bookings will take place.

## Accessibility

Do any of your guests have mobility problems? Please contact us to discuss whether the mill is sufficiently accessible.

## How to get here

The mill can be reached by wedding car/rickshaw/boat/horse and cart via the Molenpark. Parking is available in the neighborhood.

## Music

Because Molen de Ster is located in the middle of a residential area, a noise restriction applies. During your first appointment with our wedding specialist we would like to explain what this means for your wedding party.

## Food and drinks

At Molen de Ster we work exclusively with organic meat from local butcher Gerrit Takke and our responsibly caught fish is supplied by the Fish Guild. In addition, we work with organic and local products as much as possible.

## More information and a no-obligation consultation

Have you been inspired by our mill and would you like to get married here? Make an appointment without obligation for a tour of the mill and to meet our wedding specialist. We are happy to discuss your personal wishes for your most beautiful day.

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