

A woman in a white gown stands in front of a large, ornate stone archway. The scene is dimly lit, with the woman's dress catching the light. The archway is made of dark stone with intricate carvings.

Film and Photography Location Permit

We welcome film and photography at Montsalvat. Fees generated through this activity help support the restoration and maintenance of our National Heritage listed precinct.

FEES

A Permit is required for all Filming or Photography bookings made at Montsalvat, and is obtained during the booking process. We have 2 types of permits:

GENERAL PERMIT

The General Permit grants the booker general access to the Montsalvat property, including interiors of the buildings that are available for access on that day. It also grants the relevant copyright permissions needed for the booker to be able to record and publish content captured at Montsalvat.

A General Permit does not grant the booker private use of any space, and all venues and areas must be shared amicably with visitors, events and staff.

A General Permit is recommended and ideal for low impact, small-scale productions.

EXCLUSIVE VENUE HIRE PERMIT

Exclusive Venue Hire must be obtained in conjunction with a General Permit, and cannot be obtained individually or instead of a General Permit. Exclusive Hire guarantees you private use of your booked venue, rather than just general access.

An Exclusive Venue Hire permit is recommended for higher impact productions requiring exclusive use of a particular venue, or utilizing a venue in a way that would make it inaccessible to other bookings or visitors to Montsalvat. It is also recommended for bookings that require a greenroom.

LEAD TIMES

Bookings must be made at least 7 days' in advance.

Weekend Bookings (Friday to Sunday) can be reserved no further than 6-weeks in advance.

Weekday Bookings (Monday to Thursday) can be reserved no longer than 12-weeks in advance.

IMPACT CHART	Student	Independent	Commercial
Low Impact	Part of studies/for an assignment, <5 people attending, minimal gear & no set-ups, non-invasive & unobtrusive	For personal project or community group, 5-10 people, minimal gear & no set-ups, non-invasive & unobtrusive	For brand or business, 5-10 people, minimal gear & minimal/no set-ups, non-invasive & unobtrusive, doesn't require a greenroom
Medium Impact	Part of studies/for an assignment, 5-15 people attending, some gear/props, may require a greenroom space	For personal project or community group, 10-20 people attending, some gear/props, may require a greenroom space	For brand or business or large production company, 10-30 people, large amount of gear/props and set-ups, requires a greenroom or private use of at least 1 venue
High Impact	Part of studies/for an assignment, 15+ people attending, large amounts of gear/set-ups, requiring the private hire of a particular venue	For personal project or community group, 20+ people, large amounts of gear/set-ups, requires greenroom space or the private use of a particular venue	For brand or business or large production company, 30+ people, high production impact – trucks & unit base, large set-ups requiring private use of 2 or more venues, possibly the complete closure of Montsalvat



HERITAGE VENUE: Montsalvat is a heritage venue, and as such, certain conditions and requirements are in place for the protection and preservation of the property.

- Movement of artwork or heritage furniture is strictly prohibited. Application for the movement of these items is available only to bookings that obtain Exclusive Venue Hire.
- No furniture, walls or buildings may be climbed on at any time. Nothing may be adhered to any surface without approval.
- All sets or constructions must be pre-approved. Nothing may be suspended from any height without prior approval.
- All spaces must be returned to their original condition at the conclusion of the booking.

SENSITIVE CONTENT: Portrayals of sensitive content need to be disclosed to ensure schedules avoid clashes or disturbance for other events on site. Failure to disclose may result in the immediate termination of your booking.

- Sensitive content includes Nudity (partial or full), Violence, Screaming or portrayals of trauma, Gore (including prosthetics and sfx makeup), Sexual Portrayals, Stunts, Weapons and similar.

SMOKE AND FLAME: The use of smoke machines or open flame requires a minimum of two weeks' notice and incurs an additional service fee. This service is available for Exclusive Venue Hire only.

CATERING: Montsalvat has an on-site cafe which operates Wednesday-Sunday 10am-3pm. Catering options outside of these opening hours can be arranged with a minimum of 7 days' advance notice. Montsalvat does not allow consumption of alcohol on set. External catering services are not permitted.

WASTE: Montsalvat is not able to facilitate waste disposal services. Please ensure you take all waste and rubbish from your production with you.

POWER: Power is available in some areas of Montsalvat. Three phase power is only available in specific spots. Power is limited, so we recommend bringing your own generators if you require larger amounts of power.

DRONES: The use of drones must be pre-approved by Montsalvat staff, and operators must be experienced and follow the guidelines as laid out by CASA. Drones may only be flown outdoors.

VENUES: Montsalvat offers a variety of venues for use in film and photography bookings. Each space is unique and has its own conditions and requirements. Whilst most spaces are available with a General Permit, some spaces are only available via Exclusive Venue Hire permit.

EXPLORE OUR VENUES

