

## TYPES OF BANQUETS (ВИДИ БАНКЕТІВ)

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*Банкети в усьому світі є дуже популярними. Приводом до таких заходів можуть бути різні події: офіційні чи дипломатичні зустрічі, урядові та театральні прийоми, знаменні дати, сімейні свята. Необхідно вміти чітко організувати банкет, підготувати приміщення, у якому буде проходити захід.*

The term a banquet means a formal meal with the toast and short speeches. However, in the hotel industry, it refers to all kinds of function catering. Banquets can be held for any occasion. They are meant to celebrate, award or recognize a particular group of people, person or event. There are many various types of banquets and each involves planning and preparation.

The types of banquets are endless because they can be held for anything imaginable. Many people hold holiday banquets for Christmas and Thanksgiving to enjoy meals and quality time with loved ones. There are sports banquets to recognize teams and individuals at the end of the season for soccer, basketball and baseball. Year-end school banquets are often held at the elementary level to award children for their academic accomplishments. Churches and ministry groups host banquets for various reasons like women's groups, bible study and potluck dinners. Baby showers, wedding receptions and birthday parties are often set up in a banquet-style manner with catering and decoration in preparation to honor.

In a formal function certain procedures have to be followed such as seating the host, chief guest, guest of honour, and the invitees, serving the food and beverages are decided by the host. This should be strictly followed during the function. Dress codes are insisted upon and controlled behavior of the guest prevails.

In an informal function there are no formalities and procedure are followed on seating, serving, and dress code. The service is indiscrement on the basis of sex and rank. These functions normally include entertainment. The behavior of the guests is usually casual. Functions like birthday parties, cocktail parties, wedding anniversaries, birthday parties, wedding reception, dine and dance parties, etc.