



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How far will the band travel?

Sahara will travel all over the UK and worldwide.

How long do you play for?

Sahara's standard set times are either 2 x 60 mins or 3 x 40 mins. Extra playing time (eg. dinner jazz sets or extra party and/or Scottish Ceilidh dancing sets) can easily be accommodated upon request.

Will I need to book a disco as well as the band?

The choice is yours! Sahara can be booked without a disco as we will happily leave a CD of pre-mixed party music playing during breaks. Alternatively, Sahara can provide a DJ service to complement the live music. Please refer to Sahara's website or your booking agent for further info and prices.

How do you dress?

Sahara's usual style of dress is glamorous evening dress for the female lead singer and smart black for the men. With advance notification, alternative outfits including formal black tie, or themed costumes (70s funk or 80s pop) can be worn.

What are the different line-ups for Sahara?

Sahara's recommended line-up for that exciting soul sound is 7 musicians which includes drums, keyboards, bass guitar, lead guitar, sax, trumpet, female lead vocalist and 4 male backing vocalists. Alternative line-ups can be arranged from 5 to 10 players, if required.

How much do you charge?

Pricing varies according to the size of line-up, distance of travel, set-up and finish times, the length of time you wish Sahara to play and any additional options you wish to book. Please contact the entertainment agency who recommended Sahara to you for further details and a personal quote. Sahara is committed to providing the very best in quality live entertainment from start to finish. You can depend on our professionalism, beware of cheap imitations!

How loudly do you play?

We can play as loudly or quietly as you like, bearing in mind we are a party band and pretty lively! Sahara has played at many functions of differing size, and can tailor the volume to the size of the room and number of people.

Do you have insurance against accidents and damage at venues?

Yes, Sahara holds public liability insurance of up to £10m and all electrical equipment is fully PAT tested.

Do you supply all your own equipment?

Yes, Sahara has a top quality 3.6kw PA and stage lighting system designed for audiences of up to 400 people. Our in-house DJ service includes additional dancefloor lighting. For larger events, Sahara hire an extension for the sound and lighting system, this is discussed and agreed with the customer beforehand and then arranged by Sahara. Please let us know in advance if there are any possible access problems (eg. lack of parking, stairs, small entrances) as this may affect the price and setup times.

Do you have any specific requirements?

Sahara request a changing room suitable for the number of people in the line-up you have chosen and a stage/setting up area of 20 x 10 feet (6m x 4m), although smaller stage sizes can be accommodated by setting up some equipment off either side of the stage. We also need a safe supply of electricity. The full band including lighting draws up to 28 amps, so we need either 3 x 13amp mains sockets for indoor events or a generator capable of supplying 32 amps single phase at 240V for outdoor events, (further details available on request). Sahara also ask that hot meals (including two vegetarian) be provided for band members and crew along with light refreshments and soft drinks for the whole time we are on site, in order for us to perform at their best!