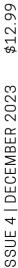
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2024 EDITION





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### EDITOR'S NOTE

One of the best parts of choosing to get married in the Tampa Bay/Sarasota areas (besides the weather) is that we have so many amazing venues to choose from!

From iconic beach venues to grassy waterfronts, to historic venues with charm, to rustic estates, there's an event space for every couple.

The first wedding planning tasks to complete are choosing a wedding venue, selecting a wedding date, and hiring a wedding planner. (We promise a professional wedding planner is the best investment you'll make on your wedding day!)

Your venue will typically be one of your biggest expenses, and it sets the tone of your wedding day, so it's definitely an important choice to make.

Rather than sift through the 500 venue listings on those popular wedding listing sites, we've done the research for you in this edition of *Best Local Wedding Venues 2024*.

This comprehensive guide provides highlights about the venue, seating capacity, and even pricing!



Find a venue that you like? Click the "Learn More" link to view all of the weddings we've featured from that location to see even more inspiration.

With over 2,000 real, local weddings featured, <u>Marry Me Tampa Bay</u> is the area's most trusted wedding planning site.

While we are not wedding planners ourselves, we provide advice from local experts, showcase the <u>best places to get</u> <u>married</u>, and the <u>best wedding pros to hire</u>.

We provide complimentary answers to your wedding planning questions. Reach us anytime <u>@marrymetampabay</u> or <u>social@marrymetampabay.com</u>

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# INDUSTRIAL MODERN MODERN CHIC

We love **downtown St. Pete** for its unique character, charm, and relaxed Florida vibe, and unique wedding venue **NOVA 535** embodies all of these characteristics.

The average couple would never know what lies behind the fenced clay brick exterior of this historic 1920's wedding venue.

# NOVA 535 UNIQUE Event space

**NOVA 535** is ideal for couples who want a wedding venue with unique character. With texture from the brick walls and hardwood floors and state-of-the-art uplighting, its natural decor provides a WOW factor all on its own.



Kristen Marie Photography

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As you enter NOVA's beautifully lit, private courtyard, you'll forget you're in the middle of downtown St. Petersburg. Surrounded by lush, 30-foot tall bamboo, you'll enjoy a relaxing zen experience. Their private, 4,000 square foot outdoor space accommodates up to 250 guests for your cocktail style reception. Seated for your wedding ceremony, it accommodates up to 200, or up to 120 for dinner under the stars. All while remaining perfect for your more intimate occasions.

Once inside NOVA 535, you'll immediately be wowed. The unique wedding venue has a modern, industrial feel with the historic character of the restored 1920s building. The two-story space features original, clay-brick walls and gorgeous Brazilian hardwood floors. Looking up, you'll notice 16-foot ceilings that showcase original, hand-cut rafters.

The downstairs main gallery complements any style decor or can be enjoyed gloriously, as-is. It comfortably seats up to 200 guests for dinner with a dance floor or up to 250 guests without. NOVA's stunning, double wrought iron staircases make for the perfect grand entrance while allowing another 60 guests to enjoy dining in the upstairs lounge.

Couples love NOVA's versatility, no-stress planning system, world-class service. and the team of NOVA's experienced staff who allow you to create your vision with their 5-star results.



Upstairs **NOVA 535** offers multiple get-ready rooms, including the spectacular Supernova Suite, plus a spacious outdoor balcony that overlooks the romantic bamboo courtyard.

Couples also love that NOVA's outdoor courtyard and downstairs space can be used interchangeably, allowing your ceremony to be held inside or out, depending on mother nature's schedule. Providing 5-star service while saying "Yes We Can" is the core of NOVA 535's mission. "We custom create each event, just the way you want, with no limits and no stress," owner Michael Scott Novilla, author of "It's 5 AM Go Home," beams. NOVA 535 offers a venue coordinator, tables, chairs, bar services, DJ, uplighting, and was named "Top 10 Best Restrooms in the USA", Best Place for a Wedding, Best Holiday Party Venue, and Couples Choice Award.

"NOVA embodied exactly what we were looking for! It was the first place we saw and fell in love instantly! The venue is so well decorated that we hardly had to add anything ourselves! The interior brick, exposed pipes and beams, and dimmed lighting was a perfect complement to our theme. The staff at NOVA was unbelievably nice and helpful. Our package included a DJ, event planner, and great recommendations. It was all practically done for us, which made it super easy. NOVA really made our night unforgettable!" -Anita and Rabbie

MMTB readers receive up to a \$500 bar credit for select dates.





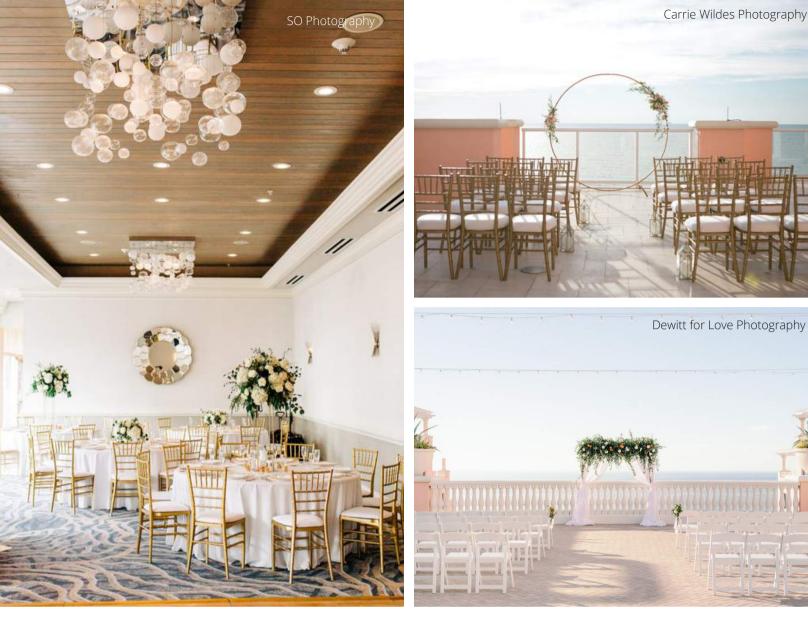
#### HYATT REGENCY CLEARWATER BEACH



### DO YOU WANT A LUXURIOUS BEACH WEDDING WITHOUT THE BEACH?

Set 16 stories above award-winning Clearwater Beach, the **Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach's** rooftop ceremony space, the "Sky Terrace," gives you all the beach feels without the sand between your toes. The <u>Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach</u> offers multiple outdoor balcony ceremony sites overlooking the Gulf of Mexico and two newly renovated ballrooms, making it a versatile venue for intimate destination weddings, as well as larger events for up to 220 guests.

What sets this luxury property apart from its neighboring beach properties is its signature Sky Terrace, an outdoor balcony with 360-degree views of Clearwater Beach and the Intracoastal waterways. The rooftop space seats up to 200 for a ceremony or up to 120 for a reception.



For couples who want the authentic Florida wedding, The <u>Hyatt Regency</u> offers on the beach ceremonies for 2-220 guests (based on city approval), which also makes the perfect backdrop for iconic wedding portraits.

The property is ideal for destination weddings or out-of-town guests, with 286 hotel rooms, 256 of which are suites that include full kitchens.

For more intimate weddings and rehearsal dinners, the Caladesi Room and Terrace can host up to 40 guests in the ballroom and features beach views and an 8th-floor private balcony that, when combined with the interior, can house up to 90 guests. A large ballroom with a view is a rarity on Clearwater Beach and the Belleair Room and Terrace seats up to 120 and features an outdoor terrace, floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the Gulf of Mexico, modern chandeliers, raised ceilings, and a romantic, neutral gray and blue color palette.

The Aqualea Ballroom is the largest of the event spaces, with room for up to 220, high coffered ceilings, and stunning chandeliers. It comes with a private foyer perfect for cocktail hour.



Hyatt Regency wedding packages include a dance floor, floor-length table linens, chairs, four butler passed hors d'oeuvres, a custom wedding cake, fourhour unlimited bar, champagne toast, plated dinner or buffet, special room rates for guests, and complimentary hotel night for the couple, all starting at \$159++/per person.

A perk to booking a Hyatt property is that you can earn free hotel nights toward your honeymoon.

> LEARN MORE ABOUT HYATT REGENCY CLEARWATER BEACH

"I knew well before I was even engaged that I wanted the Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach to be the venue. I actually did not even look at any other venues because I was set on the Hyatt.

From the first meeting where we were able to tour the venue and chose our date, the service was great. I chose the Belleair Room because I wanted beach views. The food tasting was fantastic, and the chef even came to introduce himself."

#### -ERICA AND TOM

MMTB readers can enjoy a complimentary upgrade to one bedroom suite for the length of their stay. \*Offer available for new bookings only

## THE DON CESAR

## THE EPITOME OF OLD-WORLD GLAMOUR AND SOPHISTICATION

Built in the glamour of the 1920s and fully remodeled the iconic "Pink Palace" hotel has served as the setting for legendary gatherings, unforgettable weddings, and world-class meetings, welcoming dignitaries, luminaries and famous figures with unparalleled service and attention to detail.

The resort is popular for local couples and destination weddings alike. Be it a vacation or a staycation, guests have an opportunity to immerse themselves in true Florida style as they enjoy the private beach, luxurious amenities, and local fare.

From stylish interiors to stunning natural backdrops, The Don CeSar offers more than 38,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor event space plus 277 guest rooms (including 36 suites), a variety of culinary experiences among their four restaurants, two resort-style pools, and an 11,000-square-foot on-site spa, all nestled directly on the white sugar sands of St. Pete Beach.

Couples can choose from several ceremony and reception locations, including their exclusive beach with views of the Gulf of Mexico or the secluded courtyard with a dramatic staircase backdrop, along with the newly renovated ballrooms and attached balconies.

With spaces suited for intimate groups and for up to 300 guests, couples can select areas with historic architecture and details, clean and modern elements, beachfront breezes, and stunning water or city views.

With so many unique spaces to choose from, <u>The</u> <u>Don CeSar</u> is perfect for all pre and postwedding activities, including rehearsal dinners, bach. parties, spa days, and farewell brunches all within one iconic resort. "I always knew that if I ever did get married, I would get married at The Don CeSar. It is so special to my family and me and has always held such a special place in my heart. It truly is my happy place and my favorite place on earth!

The Don CeSar was phenomenal and made our day extra special with their genuine care for our wedding to be exactly how we dreamed it to be! I couldn't say enough good things about our venue coordinator!" -Jordan and Tyson



**VIEW THE WEDDING** 

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The Don's award-winning culinary team offers coastal-inspired cuisine infused with locally-sourced ingredients for their customized menus.

All wedding packages include a 4-hour open bar, cocktail hour hors d'oeuvres, and a champagne toast, with prices starting at \$265++/per person for plated meals and \$295++ per person for buffet menus. Ceremony fees are \$3,500++, while food and beverage minimums range from \$7,500-\$40,000++ based on date, size, and location. Your guests can choose to stay at the Don CeSar, a full-service resort with all the charm and glamour of a landmark hotel, or opt for the expanded living spaces at the Beach House Suites by Don CeSar, located just half a mile down the white sand beach. Both locations offer panoramic views of St. Pete Beach and access to award-winning dining, shopping, spa, and wellness services.

MMTB readers receive: a complimentary menu tasting,\* a discounted guest room rate for the couple, and a bridal getting ready room

\*for events of \$10,000++ or more,



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DON CESAR

### PRIVATE CEREMONY BEACH WITH STUNNING BALLROOM VIEWS

Isla Del Sol Yacht & Country Club is a secluded St. Petersburg, Florida waterfront paradise overlooking Boca Ciega Bay, making it perfect for couples looking for an intimate wedding venue on one of St. Pete's only private beaches. Coupled with an 18-hole golf course and marina, this country club provides the perfect combination of Florida character and charm. Meaning "Island of the Sun," Isla Del Sol features a private beach that allows couples to host an intimate and quiet ceremony for up to 200 without the distractions that come with a public beach setting. The gazebo is situated perfectly to allow the sun to shine through during your "I do's" and is surrounded by palm trees adding Florida flair.



For those who love the water, couples can take a secluded sunset sail around the bay during cocktail hour, giving them privacy to soak in the magic of the day while also watching their guests enjoy a poolside cocktail hour.

Unlike many beach ballrooms that don't have windows, Isla Del Sol's Boca Ciega Ballroom features panoramic waterfront views. The floor-to-ceiling windows offer unobstructed views of Boca Ciega Bay throughout the 4,000-square-foot ballroom. Suited for weddings of up to 250 guests, the entire clubhouse is reserved for the couple's wedding day so that the soon-to-be weds are the only wedding that day and the main focus of the staff.

"We love that the entire clubhouse is for our couples and them alone. We only cater to one wedding in a day, so all the event space, staff, and culinary team are dedicated to that couple to ensure their day is flawless," Melissa Rowjohn, Director of Catering and Special Events, beamed. "The club prides itself on service, luxury, and relaxation. You can guarantee the venue will provide a stress-free environment with top-notch service from our trained and professional team."

Isla del Sol offers in-house catering and boasts an award-winning culinary



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team under the direction of an Executive Chef who has over 30 years of experience in the catering/restaurant industry.

The details in this waterfront wedding venue are endless, with an oversized dance floor (seriously, one of the biggest we've seen in a Tampa Bay ballroom), certified wedding planner, complimentary wedding cake cutting and serving, and customdesigned chef-driven menu all for an average cost of \$145-\$170 per person (not including ceremony, non-member usage fee or taxes and gratuity).

#### LEARN MORE ABOUT ISLA DEL SOL YACHT & COUNTRY CLUB

"WE LOOKED AT<br/>A LOT OF<br/>VENUES. BUT<br/>WHEN KARL<br/>AND I WENT TO<br/>SEE ISLA DEL<br/>SOL, IT WAS<br/>LIKE, HOW DID<br/>WE NOT KNOW<br/>ABOUT THIS?!"

Mention MMTB at the time of booking for \$500 off the non-member usage fee (2024 weddings only)

"Isla del Sol checked off everything on our list and then some: the beach, marina, golf course, ballroom, dockmaster suite (groom's room), even the option of a sailboat send-off. Plus, you pretty much have the place to yourself! They don't host a ton of weddings on the same day, and once we saw it could fit our budget, it was another no brainer!" -Vanessa and Karl ifelong Photography Studio



# MODERN MEETS TIMELESS ELEGANCE

Sought after for their prime downtown St. Pete location, <u>The</u> <u>Birchwood's</u> Grand Ballroom & Terrace creates a spectacular private setting for your wedding reception, rehearsal dinner or farewell brunch! The elegance in this historic wedding venue can be seen throughout its 1920's inspired vintage glam decor, award-winning rooftop lounge, and chic design.

Located one level below their iconic Rooftop, the Grand Ballroom features 4,000 sq. feet of event space, including two outdoor terraces that offer panoramic views of picturesque St. Pete Pier, Straub Park, and Tampa Bay Skyline.

The Birchwood is a boutique hotel and wedding venue that is ideal for couples looking for a modern and timeless venue setting!

## NATURAL LIGHT POURS THROUGH

the fourth floor Grand Ballroom and Terrace which spans 4,000 sq. ft to host both your ceremony and reception celebrations. Upon walking into the private event space your eye immediately goes to the modern chandeliers, which add to the elegant atmosphere.

Couples and guests will also enjoy the ballroom's two private balconies

overlooking the downtown area which offers beautiful waterfront views. This trendy hotel is home to 18 rooms with oversized bathrooms that feature their iconic porcelain, clawfoot tubs. The vintage-inspired decor is an ode to the historic charm and makes for stunning wedding day photos. The Birchwood caters to couples in search of a luxurious wedding celebration paired with an innovative culinary experience.

In addition to their wedding packages, The Birchwood offers custom menu options for rehearsal dinners, post-wedding brunch receptions, and intimate wedding gatherings.

#### MMTB readers receive free Ballroom LED Up-Lighting (\$500 value)

#### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BIRCHWOOD







Lifelong Photography Studio

"Their colors and vintage ambiance were exactly what I was looking for, and the water view from the ballroom's balcony was a huge plus. From start to finish, The Birchwood's service was impeccable! They were calming, professional, knowledgable and overall full of great people. They were everything and then some!"

Birch & Vine

"WHEN WE WALKED INTO THE HOTEL, WE KNEW OUR SEARCH WAS OVER. IT WAS PERFECT, AND HAD EVERYTHING I ENVISIONED FOR MY WEDDING." -MELANIE AND JOSH

# RED MESA EVENTS

#### A HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ST. PETE WEDDING VENUE WITH A MODERN TWIST

The Event Spaces at <u>Red Mesa Events</u> epitomize the essence of Downtown St. Petersburg with character, charm, and uniqueness, making it the perfect setting for a quintessential St. Pete wedding.

Once the city's original fire station, this exclusive venue by Red Mesa Group preserves historic architecture while infusing modern elements, offering a blank canvas for visions to come to life.

Tucked above a St. Pete favorite, Red Mesa Cantina, Red Mesa Events features three distinct areas: The La Florida Ballroom, Cantinita Terrace, and the Desanto Rooftop.

The La Florida ballroom showcases original exposed brick, chandeliers, a marble bar, and panoramic downtown views. The space accommodates 100 seated guests or 175 for a cocktail-style reception.

The Cantinita Terrace, an open-air balcony lounge, is ideal for intimate gatherings, seating up to 65 guests overlooking the lively courtyard.

Additionally, the Desanto Rooftop offers a stunning third-story space for ceremonies or receptions, accommodating up to 150 guests amidst a Brazilian walnut deck and a custom champagne wall.

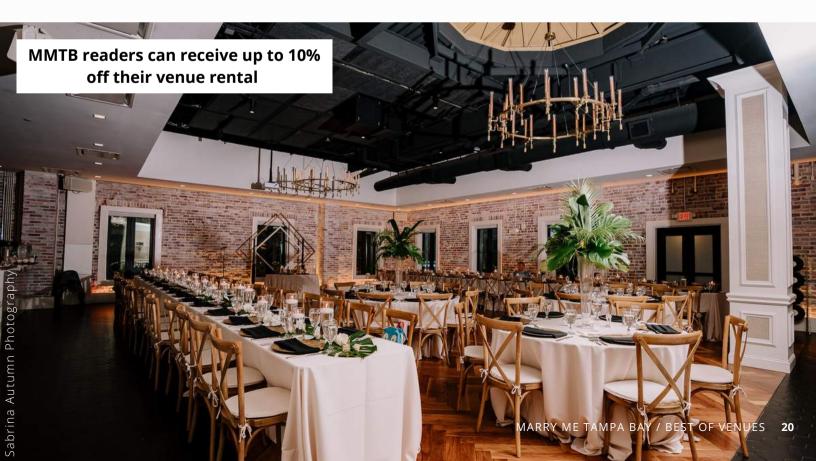






This multi-tiered venue includes a dedicated team of banquet chefs, bartenders, and servers under the Red Mesa Group, offering a menu blending Cantina favorites and exclusive chefcurated dishes. Known for their expert mixologists, their extensive tequila and mezcal selection ensures personalized signature cocktails for your special day. From grand celebrations to intimate affairs, Red Mesa Events crafts each wedding with meticulous detail, ensuring your day is nothing short of extraordinary.

#### LEARN MORE ABOUT RED MESA EVENTS





"Our must-haves were being outdoors (preferably a rooftop) and the venue being cost-efficient with either allinclusive or partially-inclusive packages.

We chose Red Mesa Events for so many reasons! For starters, their eclectic rooftop. This was such a big part of achieving the atmosphere we wanted for our wedding. While Brendan's love language is food in general, mine happens to be Mexican-style food and theirs is amazing!

Red Mesa offers inclusive packages that reduce costs and unnecessary wedding planning stress. They checked all our must-have boxes and then some, and a bonus is their amazing service and hospitality."

-Kaitlyn and Brendan







Brimming with original art deco details revealing its former life as The Exchange National Bank of 1923. The Vault offers a unique event space with luxurious finishes and historic charm in the heart of downtown Tampa.

As the first bank built in Tampa, <u>The Vault</u> features many of the original neoclassical elements, including the floor to ceiling windows, intricate medallion details, and the bank vault of its namesake (often used as a champagne bar space or unique dessert room for events).

This sophisticated wedding venue is perfect for couples who seek a timeless and classic design with a vibrant, bustling city feel, and all-inclusive convenience for their celebration.

The fully-restored interior boasts 6,000 square feet of

event space with original marble floors, 35-foot ceilings, and a second-floor mezzanine level overlooking the reception area.

The event space hosts 175 guests for a seated dinner or 250 guests for a cocktailstyle reception.

A charming park lined with oak trees and queen palms is available to rent for intimate private ceremonies or cocktail hour.

The Vault is walking distance to several hotels, public parks, and churches, including Sacred Heart Catholic Church.



The Vault boasts floor-toceiling windows, a balcony space, an outdoor courtyard, and a highly captivating original bank vault for a photo booth.

Breathtakingly beautiful with an incredible rich history, The Vault is truly a jewel of downtown Tampa.

Friday and Sunday reception rental fees start at \$4,000 Saturday reception rental fees start at \$6,000 \*Not including food and bevrerage

#### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE VAULT

"We wanted something with close proximity to Sacred Heart Catholic Church and to a handful of hotels. The Vault was a beautiful, unique venue with plenty of space for all of our guests.

We loved how it had the second floor, and we had not seen a venue comparable to the way The Vault was set up. It has its own beauty in the architecture, especially the large windows, but allows plenty of room to make an event truly personal.

Their service was incredible, and the staff was so friendly and made us feel so at ease. They made the planning process stress-free and met with us in person beforehand to discuss the layouts we had in mind. The tasting was incredible!"

-Samantha and JT



### TRADEWINDS ISLAND RESORTS

EXPERIENCE THIS 40-ACRE TROPICAL RESORT WITH 1,600 FEET OF SHORELINE, MULTIPLE OUTDOOR WEDDING SPACES, AND A BALLROOM WITH SOARING 23-FOOT CEILINGS, COMPLETE WITH ELEGANT DRAPING

Located on the award-winning St. Pete Beach, <u>TradeWinds Island Resorts</u> features multiple outdoor spaces for sunset ceremonies on the sand, cocktail hour in the open-air terraces, or al fresco receptions on the lawn, along with a variety of indoor ballroom spaces for grand celebrations.

St. Pete Beach, known as the Sunset Capital of Florida, was named the #1 beach destination in the U.S. and #5 beach in the world by TripAdvisor, making it an ideal location for a picturesque Gulffront wedding. This convenient location is only 30 minutes from Tampa International Airport and 20 minutes to downtown St. Pete, making it central to the best the Bay has to offer.

The 40-acre resort recently completed a \$15 million dollar renovation of its lobbies, guest rooms, and event spaces. For couples looking for an experience-filled Florida wedding weekend getaway, the vast property is a true island resort with over 700 rooms and villas that blend classic coastal charm with modern amenities. The two main properties include Island Grand Beach Resort and RumFish Beach Resort, each offering unique features and experiences.

Island Grand Beach Resort is the larger of the two, providing guests with an extensive selection of amenities and activities. It features 28 beachfront acres, five pools, 450 cabanas, and a 3-story waterslide, among other attractions. The resort also boasts a floating water park, ten restaurants and bars, paddleboats, and various beachfront activities, including Dive-In Movies and crafts. The accommodations are designed with a classic coastal charm, reflecting the resort's Floribbean vibe. RumFish Beach Resort focuses on aquatic adventures, with a 33,500-gallon aquarium with over 140 fish, touch tank experiences, and a beachfront surfboard simulator. Guests can enjoy four restaurants and lounges, four swimming pools, and beachside hammocks. The resort also provides 192 beach cabanas and a variety of sea life in resort fish tanks.

<u>TradeWinds Island Resorts</u> features several indoor and outdoor venues that can accommodate weddings of all sizes, from an intimate ceremony on the beach to a ballroom celebration with up to 600 guests.

The property boasts two beach ceremony sites that each seat up to 400, while the sugary sand and Gulf of Mexico will transport guests to an island getaway.

As one of the few beach properties with an outdoor lawn, the contrast of the manicured green grass against the waterfront adds a refined, polished setting for outdoor celebrations of up to 150 guests.

The garden courtyard seats up to 300 guests and features a gazebo surrounded by lush greenery and a bubbling fountain, creating a romantic and intimate atmosphere.

For couples who prefer an indoor reception, as well as a backup plan for inclement weather, a variety of spacious ballrooms can host intimate to grand guest counts and feature elegant décor, and a built-in dance floor.

With a choice of event spaces available, couples can host multiple special events, from welcome festivities and rehearsal dinners to wedding showers and bach parties, as well as post-wedding brunches, all at the same property while still offering a variety of settings for guests.

The resort's experienced wedding team has over 35 years of combined special event experience and assists with everything from selecting the perfect space to choosing the ideal menu and décor while also providing vendor recommendations to make planning stress-free.





Ceremony fees begin at \$2,200++ and include white garden chairs, a complimentary two-night stay for the couple, and an amenity for the newlyweds.

The resort features multiple culinary options, from carving stations to butler-passed hors d'oeuvres to late-night snack menus.

Reception packages include open premium bars service, a champagne toast, cake cutting service, linens, mirrored tiles and votive candle decor, and a dance floor (for indoor events).

TradeWinds extends discounted room rates and a dedicated room block, creating a simplified process for your guests.

With its ideal location, premium accommodations, and vast amenities, the TradeWinds Island Resorts offers couples a truly memorable wedding experience.

Food and beverage minimums range from \$6,000-\$20,000++, with customized buffet or plated menus starting at \$121++/person







### WHITEHURST GALLERY

Letres callova - Photography

The Whitehurst Gallery is nestled on five acres in Tarpon Springs. As you arrive at the estate grounds, you are immediately captivated by the Gallery's neoclassical architecture inspired by the Jefferson Memorial in DC.

The front steps serve as the ceremony location, with the pearl-white block walls and vast columns providing an impressive backdrop.

Guests can enjoy cocktail hour by the rooftop pool, mingle by the water, or walk up the stairs where to enjoy a 360-panoramic view of the property, the beautiful tree line, and the sunset. Dine in style in the Great Room, with seating for up to 75, featuring a library spanning the entire interior wall of the second-floor balcony (visible from the ground floor). As you look up, the domed ceiling features the same detail as you would see in the capitol building in Washington, DC.

Marble statues, antique victrolas, and turn-of-thecentury artwork are featured in the front foyer, creating an elevated experience and area to stretch your legs during the reception.

For those who wish to have acoustic music during the reception, the Whitehurst Gallery is home to a world-class 10' concert grand piano – Blüthner – by request.



The Whitehurst Gallery provides ghost chairs, reception tables, and on-site parking.

Couples can select food and beverage options from the venue's list of "Trusted Vendors."

MMTB readers who book the Whitehurst Gallery for their wedding can enjoy 10% off their purchase of wedding bands and/or bridal/grooms gifts from Whitehurst Jewelry.



LEARN MORE ABOUT WHITEHURST GALLERY



## MILL POND ESTATE



With 18 lush acres of open spaces and a variety of unique picturesque locations, Mill Pond Estate is truly a blank space that you can leave your stamp on.

Tampa Bay's newest outdoor wedding venue, <u>Mill Pond Estate</u>, features four wedding ceremony and reception spaces, each with its own unique feel for couples looking to incorporate Florida's natural beauty into their wedding day. The all inclusive venue includes catering options and a full service floral studio that specializes in luxurious, natural, garden-style floral designs and installations.

Couples can choose from three natureimmersed ceremony locations. The Flower Garden is an intimate location for up to 50 guests that boasts winding paths through flower beds overflowing with gorgeous annuals and perennials.

Enjoy the graceful sway of weeping bottle brush trees and the calming magic of water lilies at The Lilly Pond, which seats up to 150 guests. Say your vows with up to 150 of your loved ones under the whimsical branches of a centuries-old oak at The Broken Oak.

Create stunning, artistic wedding portraits with multiple outdoor backdrops at picturesque locations throughout the 18-acre property.

Host your reception under a grand sailcloth tent or be immersed below the starlit sky at The Grand Meadow, as you party the night away surrounded by stunning natural vistas gilded with dazzling wildflowers The property is truly a blank slate so that your personal style can shine.

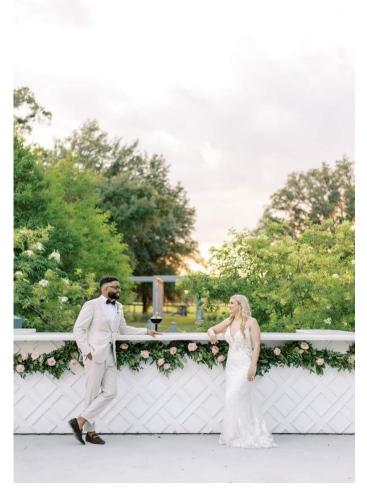
Inclusivity and sustainability are core values of this local, family-owned business. They grow many of their own flowers and use other local sources whenever possible. Imagine knowing your flowers were grown and picked fresh for you the morning of your wedding.

Venue rentals range from \$8,900-\$9,500, plus food and beverage.

#### **LEARN MORE ABOUT MILL POND ESTATE**







## THE WEST EVENTS: INDUSTRIAL CHIC AT THE BEACH

Embodying the best of both worlds, <u>The West Events</u> offers couples a modern, industrial setting mere footsteps away from the white sands of Madeira Beach.

With over 5,000 square feet of stylish indoor space and 2,000 square feet of secluded outdoor courtyard space, The West Events can accommodate events of all sizes, with up to 250 guests for cocktail-style events such as birthdays and showers and up to 175 guests for seated occasions like rehearsal dinners and weddings. Upon entering the space affectionately known as the Blue Ribbon Room (honoring the building's origin as The Blue Ribbon Laundry), the 1,800 square feet open floor plan welcomes guests with clean, comfortable elegance for a modern, climate-controlled ceremony or reception with a dance floor.

The adjacent West Wing offers the same industrial-chic, open-floor plan for a more intimate indoor ceremony option or is ideal for food stations, a buffet, or a separate dance room from the main dining room. The exposed brick walls and polished concrete floors provide a blank canvas ready to be transformed into a Pinterestworthy vision, while the private outdoor space boasts fresh Florida breezes and sunshine.

Just beyond the interior doors lies the West Bar and Terrace along with the expansive courtyard where guests can often hear the ocean waves crashing on the nearby shore. Surrounded by a lush tropical privacy wall and mature landscaping, the Terrace welcomes guests to step outside and relish the





ocean air while sipping their cocktail of choice.

The 2,000 square feet courtyard is perfect for providing additional entertaining space, such as a mobile photo booth, chef-attended action stations, or some of The West Events' yard game packages that include cornhole, a giant Connect Four, and jumbo Jenga.

For couples who envision toes-in-the-sand nuptials, the sugary shore of Madeira Beach is just steps away, offering a picturesque Florida backdrop for either a ceremony or sunset photos.

The West Events is an excellent choice for budgetsavvy couples, as the space does have a required food and beverage minimum and allows the clients to choose a caterer and menu of their choice from an approved vendor list, while also offering all-inclusive packages that can include planning, catering, bar, floral, dessert, entertainment, and more, all in one convenient location.

The venue also features micro wedding packages for smaller weddings of 65 people or less and is ideal for the couple looking for a one-stop shop wedding that won't break the bank.

Venue fees range based on event dates and selected locations, with spaces that can be booked for smaller/intimate events starting at \$1,000 for weekdays up to \$6,000 for full venue buyouts on Saturday evenings. TWE offers discounts for bookings between June-September.

Rental rates include eight hours of venue access with the option to purchase additional time as needed and include the venue's wooden cross-back chairs, seated tables, high-top tables, and much more!



#### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WEST EVENTS

MMTB readers receive a free neon sign valued up to \$250 prior to signing a contract with the venue. May not be combined with other offers.

## THE RESORT AT LONGBOAT KEY CLUB



The Resort at Longboat Key Club is a AAA Four-Diamond destination that spans 410 acres of lush lawns and a pristine beachfront with authentic Old Florida boardwalks. Stay a short drive from the upscale shopping, museums, and theaters in downtown Sarasota as you unwind in one of 226 luxury guest rooms and suites, making it the perfect setting for a tropical escape where winters average a pleasant 72 degrees. Spread out over 410 acres, The Resort at Longboat Key Club offers seven unique and beautiful ceremony sites and three indoor event spaces. The outdoor areas feature lawn, beach, marina, and courtyard settings with space for up to 300+ guests, while the indoor ballrooms can hold up to 225 people or 500 guests for a tented reception.

The property recently completed a guest room renovation for the beachfront residences. The Island House dining room, pool deck, and resort center.

With miles of private white-sand beach, a heated gulf-front pool and Jacuzzi, five onsite restaurants and lounges, and in-suite dining, a 291-slip, deep-water marina, sailing

> LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESORT AT LONGBOAT KEY CLUB

and boating charters, watersports, paddleboards and kayak rentals, beach tennis and volleyball, yoga, and a 9.5-mile island path for biking or jogging (bicycles included). <u>The Resort at Longboat Key Club</u> is ideal for a destination wedding or staycation, giving your guests a true resort experience!

From indoor spaces overlooking the golf course to covered terraces, Italian courtyards, lawns overlooking the bay, the Gulf of Mexico and marina, indoor ballrooms with lots of windows, and the beautiful white sandy beach, the Resort at Longboat Key Club offers a variety of options for couples looking to provide a wedding weekend experience.

Wedding packages start at \$205++/per person and include a four-hour open bar, five passed hors d'oeuvres, sparkling toast, wine service with dinner, cake from Cakes by Ron, tables, banquet chairs, silverware, plates, glasses, white linens, white napkins plated, buffet, or stations dinner, votive candles, gourmet cheese and fruit display, and a dance floor for inside events only.

### FEATURING SEVEN OUTDOOR LOCATIONS AND THREE INDOOR BALLROOMS ON 400+ ACRES

Tiffani Jones Photograph



Nestled within the heart of Brooksville, FL, <u>Legacy Lane Weddings</u> stands as a hidden gem, encompassing 120 acres of captivating agritourism land. Delight in the breathtaking views of expansive lawns, picturesque hayfields, majestic grandfather oaks, and lush woods.

Just 45 minutes north of Tampa, our venue is a retreat from the urban rush surrounding you in the serene tranquility of Florida's countryside. Beyond being a wedding venue, Legacy Lane Weddings provides an immersive weekend wedding experience, crafting more than just a ceremony—it's an entire event. Moreover, our grounds host a variety of animals, from horses, cows, donkeys, and goats to chickens, pigs, and even an organic tilapia fish farm.

Discover a range of enchanting venue spaces, such as the symbolic Ceremony Tree, the Legacy Pavilion, and the transformed Legacy Barn. Accommodations for up to 40 weekend



guests await in the Bridal Estate, Groom's Bunkhouse, Farmhouse, and Lodge, promising a weekend retreat along with various other a la carte overnight options.

The unique Ceremony Tree, a resilient testament to enduring love, provides an idyllic outdoor ceremony location with a paved aisle and a comfort turf seating area for up to 140 guests.

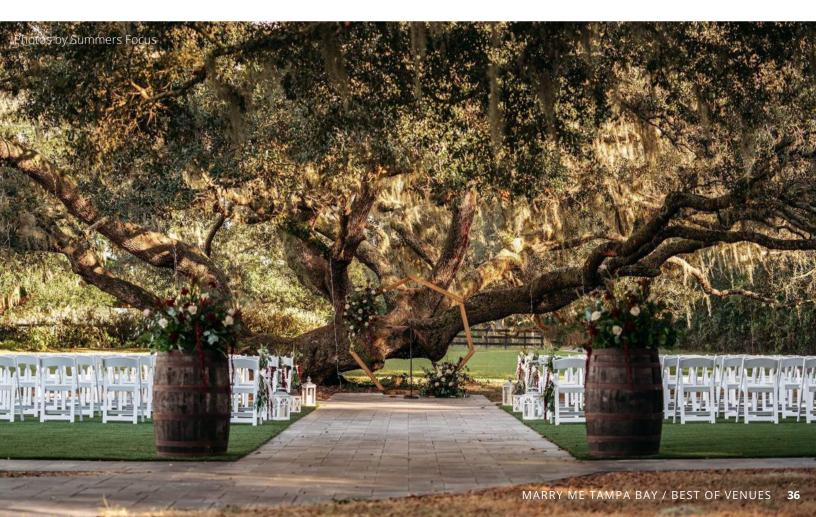
The Legacy Pavilion, with 2,000 square feet of open-air space, offers a romantic outdoor wooded location for ceremonies, cocktail hours, rehearsal dinners, showers, and other events. Views of lush woods and romantic lighting set the tone for any event.

Step into the Legacy Reception Barn, a former horse stable reborn into 3,200 square feet of air-conditioned reception and event space, accommodating 140 guests for dinner. Boasting a stage,



windmill fans, romantic string lighting, wallto-wall windows framing scenic views, and natural lighting, the barn exudes an atmosphere of rustic elegance, ensuring a perfect celebration.





### THE POYNTER INSTITUT

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# ST. PETE'S BEST KEPT SECRETS

#### **The Poynter Institute**

offers a unique wedding venue setting with a balance of natural elements and stunning architecture. The building features prestigious Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired architecture with mahogany beams and woodwork throughout, imported Italian marble floors, and gorgeous natural light.

The atrium-style lobby boasts expansive windows that span the length of the facade with views of the reflecting pool and adjacent marina. With a space this naturally beautiful, decor can be simple or not necessary at all; the venue alone is striking. "The architecture was amazing, especially the wooden beams. Plus, it had an outdoor courtyard for cocktail hour,"

-Lauren and Kevin

The adjoining outdoor patio features poolside benches, perfect for post-ceremony cocktails and views of Bayboro Harbor. Though it's in the middle of the city, the property provides privacy for an intimate feel and features colorful landscape and flora, offering numerous backdrops for photos.

The Poynter Institute seats up to 130 guests and allows couples to bring in their own caterers (who will love access to the catering kitchen). The on-site covered parking is free for guests, which is a huge plus in the city. Poynter faces a beautiful cityscape of a waterfront harbor park that flows in from Tampa Bay where an outdoor ceremony can be arranged. Rental fees start at \$2,500 for eight hours.

"The Poynter Institute checked every box. The space was beautiful, and there were plenty of bathrooms and parking for all of our guests during the ceremony. We loved the exposed beams and floorto-ceiling windows that overlooked our ceremony site. The facility provided tables and set up the room based on our layout the night before. They were also flexible with letting us drop things off in advance."

-Lisa and Nate









## HILTON CLEARWATER BEACH

### FEATURING 10 ACRES OF PRIVATE BEACH ON AMERICA'S #1 BEACH\*

\*TripAdvisor Traveler's Choice 2019 Ranking

The newly renovated <u>Hilton Clearwater Beach</u> <u>Resort & Spa</u> features 10 acres of private beach, two pools, and a variety of recently renovated indoor and outdoor ceremony and reception locations, showcasing the best of what Florida has to offer.

Unlike most beachfront venues, which use a nearby public beach, the Hilton's private beach means you don't have to obtain a permit from the city to get married, and they can provide extra privacy. If you want to be near the beach, but not necessarily in the sand, the hotel offers 10,000 square feet of outdoor, covered terraces steps from the beach, giving your guests unobstructed, oceanfront feels in a more comfortable setting, and the sunsets are one-of-a-kind.

The Hilton is a full-service wedding venue, including a Day-Of coordinator, white folding chairs, water station, a private beach area, and rehearsal the day prior as part of the ceremony.

The beachfront property offers room for up to 200 guests on the Sandpiper Terrace, an outdoor, covered pavilion, and seating for up to 500 in the Grand Ballroom.

Plated dinners range from \$160-\$190++/per person and include four hours of premium open bar, four hors d'oeuvre selections, a 2 to 3-course meal, champagne toast, and a Chef's dessert table. We recommend their fresh and local seafood dishes.







The oceanfront hotel is ideal for vacationing out-oftown guests as it features Hibiscus Spa rated #1 on TripAdvisor and offers on-site hair/makeup, beachside heated pools, cabanas, an on-site gourmet Mexican restaurant, The Spotted Donkey, plus a full-service, onsite Starbucks.

"Florida is our favorite place in the U.S. and the most important thing was to being outside on the beach!

> We needed everything to be outside: ceremony, cocktail hour, and reception.

We chose the Hilton Clearwater Beach for the Sandpiper Deck. We could not get over the views. It was everything we wanted to make our wedding dreams come true. The romantic views made our wedding unique."

- Adriana and Michael

Contact Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort & Spa for a special MMTB reader offer including double Hilton Honors points, complimentary room upgrades, and more.

LEARN MORE ABOUT HILTON CLEARWATER BEACH RESORT

### WYNDHAM GRAND CLEARWATER BEACH

Experience coastal luxury and personalized service for a memorable event along the pristine Gulf shore.

Inspired by the white sands and azure waters of one of America's best beaches, this modern and chic resort is inspired by coastal views and features the largest ballroom on the beach at 22,000 square feet, which can host up to 500 guests.

With 18-foot high ceilings, modern touches, integrated color-changing lighting, and chandeliers throughout, the Dunes ballroom can be divided to accommodate weddings of all sizes. Guests can flow in from an outdoor poolside Palm Lawn\* ceremony to the luxurious 5,000 square foot open foyer perfect for cocktail hour.

For couples looking for a more intimate setting, The Pelican Ballroom seats up to 100 guests and features a private outdoor terrace with spectacular views of the Gulf of Mexico.

\*(The lawn accommodates up to 100 guests).

MMTB Readers receive a complimentary menu tasting\* and a complimentary suite for the wedding couple on the night of the wedding. \*for events of \$7.500++ or more.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WYNDHAM GRAND

Whether you're looking for a relaxed beach wedding or a black-tie affair, the <u>Wyndham</u> <u>Grand</u> can transform your wedding day into a weekend getaway for your guests with 343 rooms, including floor-to-ceiling windows with spectacular views of the Gulf or Intracoastal Waterway.

After relaxing at the full-service spa, which includes a couples room, relaxation lounges, eucalyptus steam rooms, massages, and nail services, guests can refuel at the coffee bar, sip drinks at the poolside grille, indulge at the upscale Asian fusion restaurant Ocean Hai, and have a late-night snack through room service.









### EXCEEDING GUESTS' EXPECTATIONS WITH EXTRAORDINARY FLAIR SINCE 1926

Say your "I Do's" in the historic <u>Hotel Flor</u> located in the heart of downtown Tampa.

Experience the grandeur of the place where Elvis, Marylin Monroe, and Frank Sinatra called home while visiting Tampa Bay.

Built in the 1920s and located in the heart of downtown Tampa, this historic hotel is within walking distance of the scenic Riverwalk, Hillsborough River, and other visitor favorites, making it an ideal location for a wedding weekend filled with local flair.

The 20-story property is currently undergoing a \$25 million renovation as it becomes a Tapestry

Collection by Hilton Hotels. The Tapestry Collection consists of just 75 hotels worldwide, each with its own unique, vibrant style.

With three ceremony spaces ranging from the Grand Ballroom to the ornate Crystal Ballroom to the intimate Mezzanine, Hotel Flor offers a variety of rooms for celebrations of any size.

The Grand Ballroom is well suited for large receptions with space for up to 600 guests and twostory tall ceilings, while the Mezzanine Hall (pictured above) offers an abundance of natural light and space for 170 guests. The Crystal Dining Room features a classic interior and floor-to-ceiling windows for up to 110 guests.

The newly renovated restaurant, The Dan, is inspired by New Orleans and the jazz culture of the Roaring '20s. Its menu features lobster mac and cheese, pompano almondine, and creole bread pudding, along with raw oysters, steaks, freshly caught local seafood, and Sunday brunch.

Wedding packages start at \$138++/per person and include butler passed hors d'oeuvres, four-hour open bar, champagne toast and selection of two entrees.

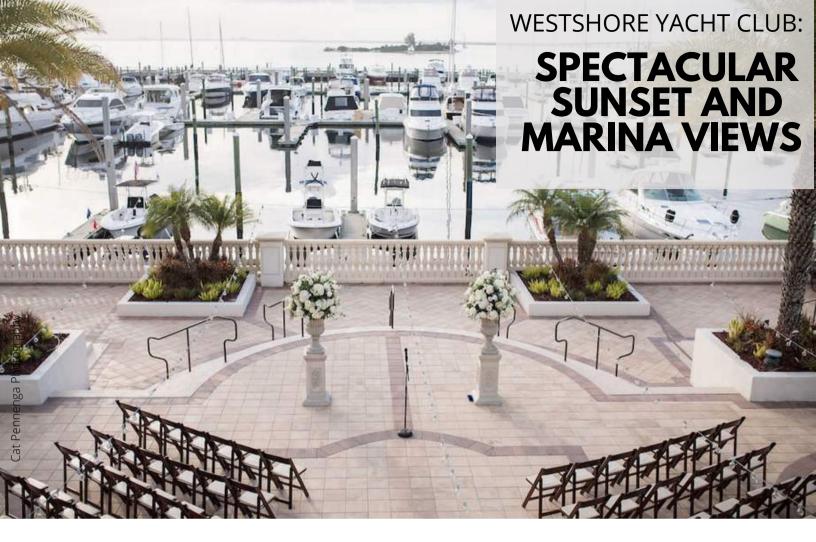
#### LEARN MORE ABOUT HOTEL FLOR

MMTB Readers receive 10% off 2024 wedding ceremony room rental and waived rental for the Floridan Ballroom (for events 300+ guests)









The **Bay Club at Westshore Yacht Club** is a waterfront gem located in South Tampa. With a newly renovated interior reception room and an outdoor paved patio, this upscale private event space features a ceremony backdrop with jaw-dropping sunset views.

Watch boats sail by as guests enter the club's pool deck, ideal for outdoor wedding ceremonies, cocktail hour, or receptions under the bistro lights. The ample space accommodates up to 250 for a seated dinner or up to 400 for a cocktail-style reception.

A fresh new interior dining space, the Bistro Room, offers modern neutral decor with magnificent views of the marina from the clubhouse's upper level with its floor-length windows. The private room can accommodate up to 100 seated guests and provides a backup location for the pool deck in case of inclement weather. With only one wedding a day and a gated entrance, Westshore Yacht Club provides an intimate experience with exceptional service. A day-of venue coordinator with over a decade of experience is included with your wedding booking.

Packages include in-house catering and bar packages, access to an oversized getting-ready suite, and on-site parking.

Custom options are available to suit each event, such as specialty linens and charger plates, audiovisual equipment, and even a sparkler send-off to end the evening.

Pool deck reception rentals start at \$7,000+, with a \$15,000 food and beverage minimum. The Bistro Room starts at \$3,500+, with a \$10,000 food and beverage minimum. Ceremonies start at \$1,200.

"We wanted a venue that was intimate and beautiful on its own, without a lot of décor. The beautiful marina and sunset views, along with an easy planning process, led us to Westshore Yacht Club, and we couldn't have been happier!

In addition to the beautiful venue, the package that the Westshore Yacht Club offered included an incredible day of coordinator, Amy Winkleman. She kept us on track with planning and made sure everything ran smoothly on the big day.

Our package also included delicious catering throughout the day as we were getting ready and for our guests at the reception.

Our venue gave us a less stressful planning process and a beautiful ceremony and reception."

-Jackie & Justin

#### LEARN MORE ABOUT WESTSHORE YACHT CLUB



# LA HACIENDA ON SNOW HILL

Perched atop one of the highest elevations in Florida, <u>La Hacienda on Snow Hill</u> features expansive views, majestic oaks, and an unmatched experience.

As the private estate venue comes into view within its wooded landscape and rolling hills, you'll immediately feel transported to a vibrant European country. The character of the classic Spanish-style architecture immerses couples with international charm.

With stunning outdoor spaces surrounding the property, there is no shortage of gorgeous backdrops available for ceremonies and al fresco-style receptions.

The property boasts four outdoor ceremony sites. With room for up to 300, couples can exchange vows under a mature moss-clad oak tree strung with twinkling lights or select the lawn area with views of woodlands and rolling hills, which seats up to 400. The Mediterranean-style 2,100-square-foot terrace features a checkerboard of travertine stone tiles accented with evergreen turf, creating a picturesque ceremony space for up to 300 guests overlooking their verdant pastures, while the intimate Spanish-style fountain with steps in covered breezeway accommodates up to 50.

All of the ceremony sites can transition for the reception.

The private estate's 4,300 square feet of covered porches (with photo-worthy swings) and decks are ideal for hosting cocktail hours and feature a built-in bar and seating for 50.

Everywhere you turn, you'll admire gorgeous details such as a trickling Spanish-style fountain, painted tile floors, a firepit, and even fragrant lavender fields.



Couples enjoy the stress-free experience of working directly with their team of event professionals, as La Hacienda offers inclusive packages with day-of coordination included and optional professional bar service available for easy one-stop planning.

Weekday wedding rates begin at \$8,000 and include exclusive use of their multiple event spaces, with weekend rates ranging from \$9,500-\$14,000.

Couples can choose from several additional elements to enhance their wedding day experience, from decorative pieces such as market lighting, arches, custom signage, and a champagne wall to collections of soft lounge seating or even plexiglass over the home's sparkling pool! The private estate offers overnight accommodations for up to 14 people on-site at the beautiful two-bedroom, two-bath home with a full kitchen and separate bunkhouse with a full bath, kitchen, and living space. Alternatively, it can accommodate up to 56 people in cabins close to the venue, eliminating a commute for wedding party members or guests.

Amenities such as a fire pit with seating and S'mores sticks add to the guest experience, while a mosquito misting system keeps attendees comfortable in an outdoor environment.

#### LEARN MORE ABOUT LA HACIENDA ON SNOW HILL

# HARBORSIDE CHAPEL:

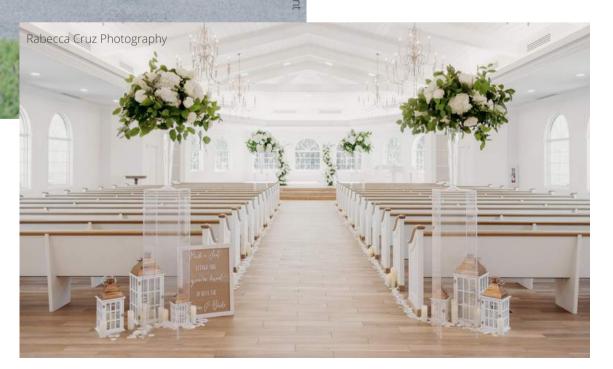
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#### BUILT SPECIFICALLY FOR WEDDING CEREMONIES,

Harborside Chapel boasts breathtaking natural lighting and a neutral color palette making it a modern-day wedding venue that offers a classic yet chic ambiance.

Upon entering the open and airy chapel, which is an extension of Harborside Christian Church's ministry, guests are greeted with rows of classic white pews, beautiful hardwood flooring, and sparkling chandeliers. Large windows showcase the sprawling, lush Florida landscape perfect for unforgettable wedding portraits or celebrating with friends and family.



LEARN MORE ABOUT HARBORSIDE CHAPEL





Complementing the romantic ceremony space, the beautiful bridal suite and sophisticated groom's quarters serve as comfortable gathering spaces for the bridal party to prepare for the day's festivities.

Harborside Chapel seats up to 216 guests with weekend rental rates averaging \$1,000-\$1,600.

"We were searching for a chapel that would really honor our vision. However, the issue we continuously ran into was a lot of churches being too large or chapels being too small. We needed something in between that was timeless and roomy, so when we found Harborside Chapel, we were in love.

We could not have asked for a more perfect and breathtaking ceremony location. Part of the reason we chose Harborside was because of how naturally beautiful it was! It truly stands apart with its look and doesn't even need additional decor.

Aside from the venue, the coordinators went above and beyond to help ensure our day was magical!" -Caitlin and Kyle





### NESTLED IN A MATURE WOODED OASIS ON THE EDGE OF BEAUTIFUL TWIN LAKE

Situated in a tranquil, mature wooded sanctuary along the shores of the enchanting Twin Lake, <u>Casani Estates</u>, emerges as one of Florida's most captivating and exclusive event venues. This pristine location is enveloped by sprawling nature trails, majestic oak trees, towering pines, and native bald cypress trees, providing an enchanting, rustic garden ambiance for your wedding or special event.

With a forest spanning over 100 acres, Casani Estates weaves a spellbinding tapestry of nature's wonders with numerous picturesque landscapes. It's as though couples and their guests are stepping into a whimsical woodland fairytale.

The private event space boasts four distinct lakefront ceremony sites. The Pines, with its abundant shade and outdoor chapel ambiance, offers mesmerizing lake views. The Lake Point presents a tropical, waterfront option with breathtaking water views and immaculately maintained green spaces. The Great Lawn, expansive and accommodating, sets the stage for grand ceremonies, capable of hosting over 300 guests. For couples seeking an immersive woodland experience, The Oak Hammock envelops you in the beauty of Florida's natural surroundings.

Whichever site you choose, Casani Estates grants you and your loved ones easy access to gorgeous lake. Whichever site you choose, Casani Estates grants you and your loved ones easy access to gorgeous lake views, the gentle glow of romantic evening lights, and a breath of fresh Florida air. The Pavilion at Casani Estates stands as a versatile masterpiece, ready to adapt to the unique theme and vibe of your wedding. Recently updated with the addition of patio doors, this space can be seamlessly transformed to your heart's desire.

With these doors, couples have the choice to fully open The Pavilion, creating an enchanting outdoor reception under the starlit sky, or close them to keep the party going indoors, where guests can dance the night away in the cool comfort of air conditioning, all while still savoring the breathtaking views that Casani has to offer. This flexibility ensures that your special day unfolds just as you've imagined it. Casani Estates not only offers couples stunning backdrops and breathtaking views but also exceptional service.

Couples have use of the property for 12 hours on the day of their event and rehearsal access on the





Thursday before the ceremony. To further enhance the experience, a dedicated on-site attendant is available. The venue offers distinct and comfortable getting-ready spaces, including the get-ready cabin and a get-ready suite' equipped with multiple vanity stations, restrooms, a wet bar, and a master room, ensuring you can prepare for your big day in complete privacy.

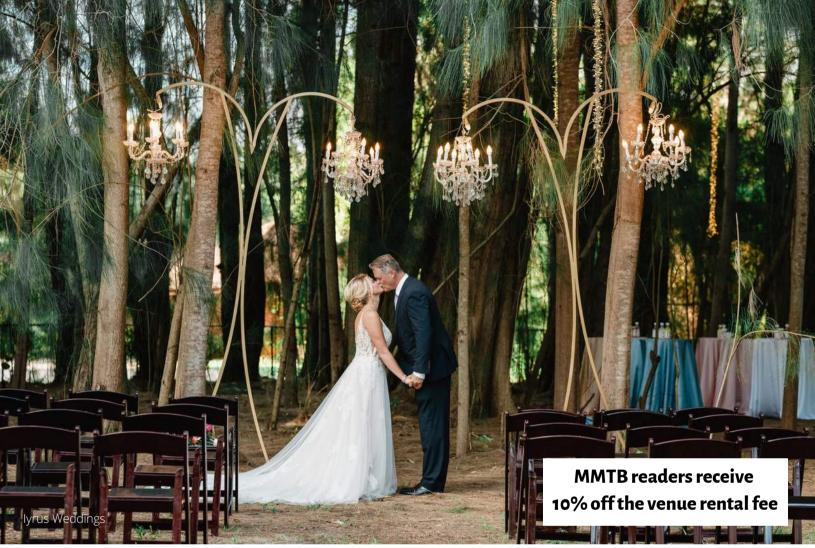
Lastly, couples seeking a more casual gathering with their guests can enjoy yard games on The Great Lawn and a cozy fire pit for some post-reception s'mores. For those seeking a true weekend retreat, Casani Estates offers the option of on-site cabin lodging for the couple and up to 20 guests.

With a variety of nature-filled sites offering stunning views and beautiful architecture, Casani Estates provides a truly unique setting for weddings of all sizes. Full-day rentals start at \$7,750, while reception-only packages begin at \$6,250. Additionally, the venue offers elopement and microwedding packages for couples seeking more intimate celebrations.

MMTB readers receive a complimentary upgrade to our premium wedding package if they book within one week of their preview tour.

LEARN MORE ABOUT CASANI ESTATES

# **ROYAL PINE ESTATE**



<u>Royal Pine Estate</u> is a new private event venue for couples seeking the ultimate experience in privacy, luxury, and convenience.

Situated on an expansive 2-acre lot near the beaches and downtown St. Pete, the property is surrounded by a forest of mature pine trees, creating a serene, woodsy feel while offering a beautiful and natural backdrop for an outdoor ceremony.

Exchange your vows amongst pine-scented breezes with an outdoor space that accommodates up to 150 guests, or select the manicured front lawn with up to 100 friends and family admiring the pristine landscape. Al fresco-style receptions for up to 150 can be hosted on the pine lawn adjacent to the neighboring forest of royal pine trees. Guests will enjoy gathering around the nearby fire pit when taking a break from dining and dancing.

In addition to the outdoor spaces that offer ample space for cocktail hours and receptions, the enclosed pool deck features bistro lighting and soft seating ideal for enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres or for intimate ceremonies or receptions of 50 guests or less. The charming piano room serves as an indoor entertaining space for up to 30 guests.



With accommodations for up to 28 guests, Royal Pine Estate offers couples long weekends or extended stays with their closest family and wedding party members.

The property boasts seven stylish bedrooms and five wellappointed bathrooms, along with amenities such as a full outdoor kitchen with grill and smoker and a screened-in resort-style saltwater pool and spa.

Charming suites offer plenty of room for the couple and their wedding party to get ready, including a game room for entertaining the gentlemen and kids alike.

Caterers love the full indoor and outdoor kitchens, while photographers appreciate the plethora of portrait opportunities throughout the space, including the wrought iron staircase with crystal chandelier and vast naturefilled spaces.

Two-night rental periods include exclusive use of the land, home, and amenities for the weekend, accommodations for up to 28 overnight guests, and complimentary on-site valet parking service for the wedding day, with pricing ranging from \$10,000-\$12,000.

Intimate wedding packages are also available for couples who seek a celebration with less than 28 guests total, with pricing beginning at \$4,500.





#### LEARN MORE ABOUT ROYAL PINE ESTATE

### YACHT STARSHIP: THE ULTIMATE WATERFRONT WEDDING VENUE

Yacht StarShip offers a unique wedding venue with breathtaking panoramic views of the Tampa city skyline or a beautiful sunset over the Gulf of Mexico in Clearwater Beach. The fleet of four yachts offers the perfect blend of outstanding views, fine dining prepared by their Executive Chef, and entertainment on the yacht's top deck for a true Florida wedding experience.

During cocktail hour and the reception, you and your guests can cruise around Tampa Bay making for amazing sunset photos.

#### LEARN MORE ABOUT YACHT STARSHIP



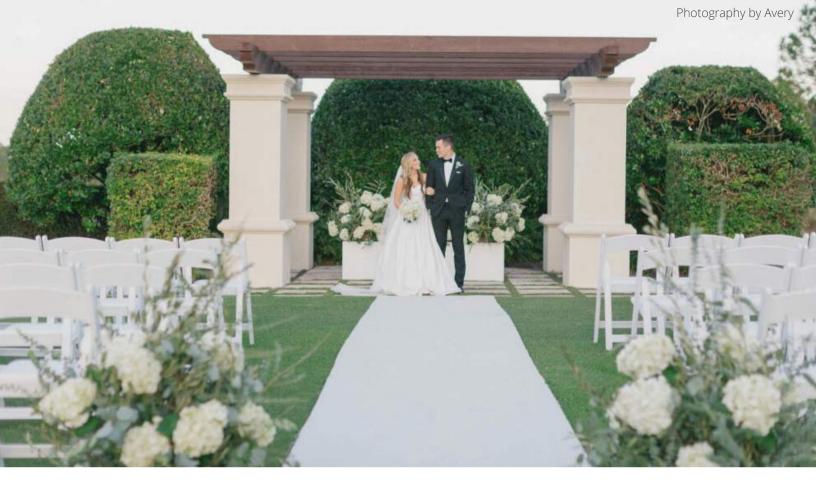


The indoor reception area is surrounded by windows, allowing guests to catch every minute of the stunning Florida sunsets and nighttime cityscape as the day transitions into evening.

Couples can rent a private room or charter the entire yacht for 25-300 guests, seated.

When you book with Yacht StarShip, you'll receive an on-site event coordinator, in-house catering, DJ, and an officiant, for an affordable allinclusive wedding experience.

A private yacht charter requires a food and beverage minimum.



### **CONCESSION GOLF CLUB**

### ONE OF FLORIDA'S BEST PRIVATE GOLF COURSES

<u>The Concession Golf Club</u> offers a pristine landscape set on a 520-acre Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course with a nature-rich design that features 150foot pine trees and 200-year-old oaks.

The club, located in the prestigious Lakewood Ranch, offers multiple outdoor and ballroom options in a private setting.

The expansive lawn, with lush greenery, features a stone and wood pergola surrounded by manicured topiaries creating the perfect ceremony altar backdrop and seats up to 250 guests. The outdoor patio is ideal for cocktail hour or al fresco dinner party for up to 150 cocktail/100 seated with a fire pit overlooking the greens,

The multiple ballrooms feature classic architectural details with interior seating for 90 guests each at elegant banquet chairs and round tables, with the adjoining patio perfect for dancing under a canopy of bistro lights.

With convenient on-site lodging and restaurant, Concession Golf Club boasts a two-story, eightbedroom lodge, four-bedroom cottages, and the cozier casitas for your wedding party, family, and guests making for an inclusive event weekend.



# J.C. Newman Cigar Co. HISTORIC CHARM MODERN ELEGANCE

J.C. Newman's El Reloj Cigar Factory dates back to 1910 and boasts original architectural features updated with modern amenities. As the oldest familyowned premium cigar maker, this historic venue pays homage to Tampa's reputation as the "Cigar City."

The newly renovated venue offers three different event spaces, each with a distinct style to create a stunning backdrop for any special event, including wood floors, brick walls and lots of natural light.

Rentals are priced between \$6,000 and \$7,500, depending on the day and time of the event (this should be depending on how many spaces you book), and include banquet tables, cocktail tables, and modern black chairs, as well as audiovisual equipment and on-site parking with security. Couples can enhance their event experience with cigar rollers for \$500 or access to the first-floor museum and factory store. As well as the third-floor lounge for \$250 or Cigar Workers Park for \$1,000.

HOST YOUR EVENT IN TRUE TAMPA STYLE WITHIN THE LAST OPERATING CIGAR FACTORY IN AMERICA



<u>LEARN MORE ABOUT</u> J.C. NEWMAN CIGAR CO.



### THE PERFECT BALANCE OF VINTAGE AND MODERN

Haus 820 is a historic warehouse in the heart of Lakeland's emerging urban arts district. Originally built in the 1920s, after sitting empty for decades, the building has recently been renovated into one of Central Florida's largest event venues.

The building has strong industrial bones with wall-to-wall white brick, oversized warehouse windows, open wood rafters, and black steel beams. The exposed original white brick walls, 17-foot-high exposed rafter ceiling, deep grey-stained and sealed concrete floor, large windows, and hanging market lights offer a clean, modern, industrial feel, making it a blank canvas with character

This versatile space features a large open area that can seat up to 450 guests.

The property offers an outdoor courtyard with market lights, a bamboo gate, and touches of greenery for cocktail hours and ceremonies.

A brightly painted signature color wall makes for a unique backdrop for wedding party photos and couple portraits. The venue includes a large bridal suite with artfully designed bathrooms adding a custom touch for your getting ready photos.

As a non-exclusive venue, couples can work with vendors of their choosing and there is ample space for food trucks and other unique catering options.

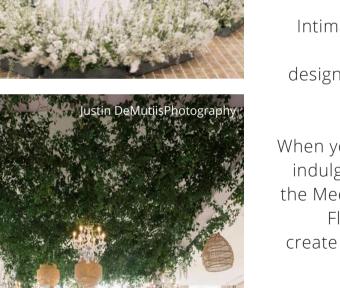
Rates range from \$5,750-\$7,500 on the weekends and include a 12-hour rental period (with setup) and include round tables and black Chiavari chairs.

New for 2024: All-inclusive packages with catering, planner, florals, photography, and decor starting at \$24,210.\*



MMTB readers receive a free "Courtyard" add-on if they book within one week of touring during the 2024 booking year.





# HOTEL HAYA

#### A new boutique hotel minutes from Downtown Tampa in Ybor City's soulful, historic world all its own.

With vibrant, modern space, your wedding at Hotel Haya can be anything you envision.

The Valencia Ballroom seats up to 200 guests and features soaring floor-to-ceiling windows that allow for maximum natural light; the fully restored event space is enhanced by impeccable details that include whitewashed brick walls, herringbone wood floors, and custom-blown glass chandeliers.

Intimate weddings of up to 100 are ideal in the outdoor courtyard, located poolside and designed with natural Florida plants and market lights.

When you host your event at Hotel Haya, you can indulge in the coastal cuisines of Latin America, the Mediterranean, and our very own Gulf Coast. Flor Fina's executive chef crafts menus that create a personal experience and feature locally sourced ingredients and an ever-evolving rotation of ceviches.

> Friday Rental Fees: Courtyard \$1000/Valencia Ballroom & Foyer \$4,000 Saturday Rental Fees: Courtyard \$1,000/Valencia Ballroom & Foyer \$5,000 Sunday Rental Fees: Courtyard \$750/Valencia Ballroom & Foyer \$3,500

MMTB readers receive a complimentary night stay on your wedding, with a two-night stay, and discounted Valencia Ballroom rentals on weddings from June-September 2024.





<u>Simpson Lakes</u> is a family-owned wedding venue that is the perfect mix of classic, modern, and romantic with a touch of southern charm. It is nestled on 120 acres just north of Tampa that features ancient oaks, open pastures, and crystal lakes. The venue offers multiple indoor and outdoor spaces for weddings of up to 300 guests.

The property features two different ceremony spots that both offer 360 panoramic views of the gorgeous grounds. The Oakside spot is complete with cobblestone tiles and glowing light posts, all under the canopy of sprawling oak trees draped in Spanish moss. The Lakeside spot is right between two lakes and features an organically shaped island outfitted with beautiful railing, cobblestone pavers, and lush landscaping.

The Grand Room boasts a neutral color palate and clean slate look complemented by extra-large windows along the East side of the building, which boast panoramic views of the property. Each wedding will receive a completely custom floor plan, including handcrafted farm tables, cross-back chairs, a cake table, gift table, buffet tables, and DJ table.

Wedding Ceremony + Reception: starting at \$9,000 Reception Only: starting at \$7,000

Additional rental items can be added on, such as plates and flatware, arches, linens, the Honeymoon House, our ceremony reveal doors, chargers, and much more!





# HILTON TAMPA DOWNTOWN

Located in the heart of the city, the <u>Hilton Tampa</u> <u>Downtown</u> boasts over 20 flexible event spaces, including an outdoor ceremony courtyard and a newly renovated ballroom featuring a modern design and stunning chandeliers.

The Esplanade Patio boasts a red brick courtyard nestled in the heart of Downtown Tampa in a canopy of oak trees with a cascading, contemporary waterfall backdrop for up to 150 guests.

With its decadent crystal chandeliers, 18-foot ceilings, and neutral color tones, The Bayshore Ballroom offers seating for up to 1,000 guests.

Dinners start at \$132++ and include four passed hours d'oeuvres, a four-hour bar, a champagne toast for all guests, a dance floor, house linens and chairs, and votive candles.

With its central location, the Hilton is within walking distance of coveted Tampa area attractions such as Curtis Hixon Park, the Riverwalk, and Sparkman Wharf.



