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EDITOR'S NOTE

Getting engaged is one of the most exciting times in your lives.

A wedding is a unique event that many people have been dreaming about for years, if not decades.

If you're a newly engaged couple, then you've probably found yourself in a whirlwind of emotions, elated with a hint of anxiety.

Because as soon as you announce your engagement, it's always followed by two questions that you probably don't yet know the answer to:

*When are you getting married?
Where are you getting married?*

Before you start to think elopement, we're here to help! We're providing our Tampa Bay wedding expertise from featuring hundreds and hundreds of real weddings features over the past eight years and sharing our top wedding planning tips for newly engaged couples.

Going back to those two questions; you typically don't start booking your wedding vendors until you have a date and a location. Your venue will typically be one the biggest wedding expenses, and it sets the tone of your wedding day.



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You're very lucky that in the Tampa Bay and Sarasota areas, you can get married on the beach, in an industrial downtown event space, in a historic building complete with its own bank vault, or the newest hotspot that just opened in Hyde Park Village. The possibilities are endless.

Though which space can hold all of your guests and be in budget?

Before you go into information overload, we've done the research for you in this edition of *Best Local Wedding Venues 2020*.

Anna Coats
Editor in Chief

INDUSTRIAL 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, it's natural decor provides a WOW factor all on its own.



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When you first enter the brick courtyard you're encompassed by a zen and private towering 30-foot tall bamboo garden. You'll completely forget you're right in the middle of downtown St. Pete. The 4,000 square foot outdoor space seats 300 and is the perfect ceremony backdrop or outdoor cocktail style reception for 500 guests.

Inside, the dark and moody two-story reception space features original 1920 clay brick walls, Brazilian hardwood floors, 16-foot ceilings, and exposed original rafters. The double wrought iron staircase makes for the perfect grand entrance.

What couples love most about NOVA 535 is the versatility of the venue. Although it has a modern and industrial feel, the open floor plan and charm of the venue can complement any style decor and seat 270 guests downstairs and 80 on the second-floor balcony.

The venue has multiple getting ready suites upstairs, and the indoor reception space can also double as your ceremony backdrop making NOVA 535 a year-round wedding venue.

Providing 5-star service and saying "Yes" is at the core of the NOVA 535's mission.

"We custom create each event, the way you want, with no limits and no stress! Use any professional caterer, drink from our full liquor bar and party your unique way. Yes, we can!" owner Michael Novilla beams.

NOVA 535 offers a venue coordinator, tables, chairs, bar services, DJ, uplighting, and was named "Top 10 Best Restrooms in USA."

"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



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

[LEARN MORE ABOUT
ISLA DEL SOL YACHT &
COUNTRY CLUB](#)



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 custom-designed chef-driven menu all for an average cost of \$115-\$130 per person (not including ceremony, non-member usage fee or taxes and gratuity).

**“WE LOOKED AT
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WHEN KARL
AND I WENT TO
SEE ISLA DEL
SOL, IT WAS
LIKE, HOW DID
WE NOT KNOW
ABOUT THIS?!”**

-VANESSA & KARL

 [**VIEW THE FULL WEDDING**](#)

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!" Vanessa gushed. "They don't host a ton of weddings in the same day, and once we saw it could fit our budget, it was another no brainer!" -Vanessa and Karl

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HYATT REGENCY CLEARWATER BEACH

ROOFTOP BEACH VIEWS

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 Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach 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 that can seat up to 200 for a ceremony.



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For couples who want the authentic Florida wedding, The Hyatt Regency offers on the beach ceremonies, which also makes the perfect backdrop for wedding portraits.

The property is ideal for destination weddings or out-of-town guests with 287 hotel rooms, 256 of which are suites that include full kitchens.

For more intimate weddings and rehearsal dinners, the Caladesi Room and Terrace features an 8th floor private balcony, beach views, and 40-person ballroom.

A large ballroom with a view is a rarity on Clearwater Beach and the Belleair Ballroom seats up to 140 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 newly-renovated 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 linens, four butler passed hors d'oeuvres, a custom wedding cake, four-hour unlimited bar, champagne toast, plated dinner and complimentary hotel night starting at \$145++/per person. (*Marry Me Tampa Bay* readers can save an additional 10%!)

Plus, one of the perks to booking a Hyatt property is that you can earn free hotel nights toward your honeymoon.

"I knew that I wanted intimate and private. The Sky Terrace provided just that and added so much more to our list of 'wants' than we could have ever imagined. It was most important to find somewhere that was very organized since we're not micro-managers. We needed to trust that they had everything under control. We let the event planner at the Hyatt do her job and she exceeded our expectations!"

**-CHRISTIE AND
KRISSY**

[VIEW THE FULL WEDDING](#)





THE BIRCHWOOD

MODERN MEETS TIMELESS ELEGANCE

Located in the heart of downtown St. Pete, The Birchwood is a boutique hotel that is ideal for couples looking for a modern and timeless venue setting.

The elegance in this historic wedding venue can be seen throughout their 1920's inspired vintage glam decor, award-winning rooftop lounge, and chic design.

The five-story Spanish Mission-style building sits at a prime location on Beach Drive, overlooking the picturesque Straub Park and Tampa Bay. The historic inn underwent a major renovation in 2013 and is listed in the National Registry of Historic Places, as well as a historic landmark in St. Petersburg. The remodel included an upscale rooftop bar and lounge, The Canopy, that offers breathtaking views of downtown St. Pete's waterfront, making it an ideal cocktail hour and after-hours hotspot.

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.

A curated menu of globally inspired dishes can be found in the main floor restaurant, The Birch & Vine, while custom menu design and private tastings with the Executive Chef are available for Birchwood couples.



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"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, knowledgeable and overall full of great people. They were everything and then some!"

"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

[VIEW THE FULL WEDDING](#)





WISHING WELL BARN

Located just outside of Tampa, **Wishing Well Barn** is set on 77 acres of beautiful pastures, majestic moss-covered oaks, a blueberry field, delightful ponds and lakes, and cattle and horses.

The "shabby-chic" 60-year-old reception barn features twinkling and market lights, 14 chandeliers, a dance floor, a rustic bar, air conditioning and real bathrooms that look like old-fashioned outhouses. The authentic vintage

wedding venue is 5,800 square feet and large enough to host 299 guests.

The private Plant City wedding venue offers five outdoor ceremony locations and your choice of all-inclusive packages or choosing your own vendors. For under \$20,000 couples can host an entire wedding for up to 100 complete with a wedding coordinator, DJ, catering, decor, officiant, cake and photography (alcohol not included).



[LEARN MORE ABOUT WISHING WELL BARN](#)



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WISHING WELL BARN IS IDEAL FOR COUPLES FOCUSED ON THE DETAILS,

with a variety of decor including farm tables, whiskey barrels, lanterns, giant lawn games, vintage furniture, and custom chalkboard signs and wedding backdrops.

"If the couple can imagine it, we can build it or make it," Michelle Welch of Wishing Well Barn gushed. "During one ceremony the bride had selected Somewhere Over the Rainbow for her processional song. Out of a clear blue sky, an amazing rainbow appeared. One of the groomsmen whispered to me, 'Hey, how much does a rainbow cost?' And I replied, 'They're included.'"

The rustic wedding venue recently added a Groom's Man Cave with pool table, poker table, shooting range, and fishing opportunities, while bridesmaids can glam up in the spacious Bridal Cottage.

[VIEW THE FULL WEDDING](#)



FLORIDA RUSTIC BARN WEDDINGS AT GABLE OAKS RANCH

SECRET GARDEN MEETS RUSTIC ELEGANCE

Located in Plant City, **Florida Rustic Barn Weddings at Gable Oaks Ranch** offers all-inclusive wedding packages in a stunning outdoor setting.

For couples looking for a rustic atmosphere combined with elegance, this nature-inspired wedding venue offers a majestic outdoor cathedral immersed in nature's beauty serving as a picture-perfect ceremony site.

Enjoy the private vignette photographic locations, as your cocktail area is hosted around the large green pasture surrounded by a private lake, bonfire area, and barn.

Taking center stage for the reception is the custom-built barn with seating for up to 250 guests, featuring a built-in bar, floor-length side entrances, twinkle lights, and rustic chandeliers throughout. Wooden vineyard chairs, tables with floor-length linens, a custom sweetheart table backdrop, and custom wood top tables for cakes and decor all included in the open air-conditioned space.

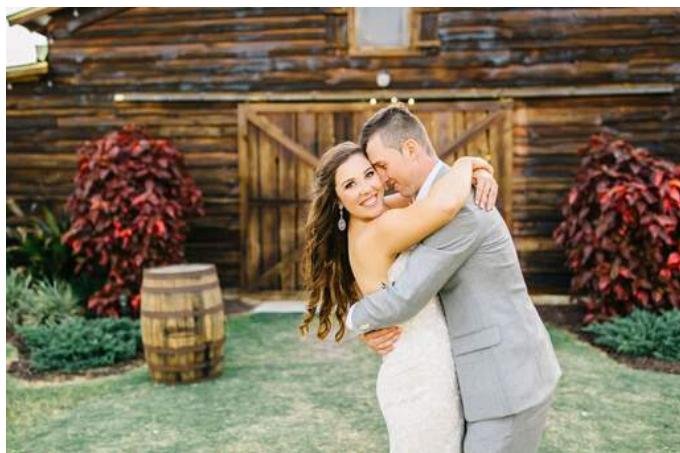
With the getting ready suites for each of the wedding parties, parking with attendants, event staff, and security, Florida Rustic Barn Weddings handles all of the details making for a stress-free wedding planning experience.



[**LEARN MORE ABOUT FLORIDA RUSTIC BARN
WEDDINGS AT GABLE OAKS RANCH**](#)



Photos: Emma Anne Photo



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PORTRAITS." -
ZAHRA AND ERIC**



"Florida Rustic Barn Weddings was absolutely gorgeous! Trees completely surrounded their ceremony spot and that is what sold me on the venue. There was plenty of space for our guests as well, so nothing felt cramped. They were incredibly nice and knew exactly what they were doing. I feel like this venue was very special, and not a lot of people know about it, but when the guests arrived, they fell in love with the place!"

[VIEW THE FULL WEDDING](#)



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CENTRE CLUB



Carrie Wildes Photography

WESTSHORE'S BEST KEPT SECRET

If privacy, location, impeccable service, and a ballroom full of windows with panoramic views of Tampa Bay are on your wish list for a wedding venue, then **The Centre Club** will check off all the boxes!

Located on the top floor of the Westshore Grand hotel, this private club makes their couples the "center" of attention by hosting only one wedding per day and giving them access to the entire property providing the ultimate seclusion, while being in the heart of the Westshore district. Fewer than four miles from Tampa International Airport and International Plaza (the area's

upscale shopping center) and just across the bridge from St. Pete and Clearwater, The Centre Club offers convenience and elegance at an affordable price point.

As part of the Club Corp property group, which manages country clubs, golf courses, and private clubs nationwide, this hidden gem of a wedding venue provides all-inclusive packages featuring an

on-site certified event planner, chef-prepared menu, tables, dance floor, china, glassware, floor-length table linens, and stylish Chiavari chairs.

Ceremonies take place on the top-floor ballroom or in front of a trickling fountain at the neighboring Urban Centre atrium (located just downstairs), which is flooded with natural light for an ethereal ambiance and gorgeous photos.

Ceremony packages start at \$1,000 and include white garden chairs, an infused water station for guests, special beverages for the wedding party to enjoy while getting ready on property, and a certified wedding planner to coordinate the event.

Cocktail hour is hosted in the newly renovated Origins Lounge which has a modern flair and views of downtown Tampa.

Afterward, the recently refreshed Bayview Ballroom's sweeping views of South Tampa and the Bay make for an ideal setting for dinner and dancing for up to 200 guests.

The Centre Club's catering team welcomes the opportunity to tailor their menus to please each couple. Catering packages range from \$85-\$122 per person (plus a \$1,000 rental fee) and include a selection of passed hors d'oeuvres, complimentary champagne toast, cake cutting, coffee service, four hours of beverage service, and choice of plated service or chef's tables. Couples can choose from several bar packages and enjoy a complimentary menu tasting to experience the attentive staff and elegant presentation that the Centre Club has to offer.



[**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
CENTRE CLUB**](#)





RED MESA EVENTS

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

When we think of downtown St. Pete, we think of character, charm, and uniqueness, which is the embodiment of St. Petersburg wedding venue Red Mesa Events.

The event venue, originally the home of downtown St. Pete's first fire station, was fully restored in 2017, while still preserving the original features of the historic building.

The three-story wedding venue features multiple wedding spaces: an open-air courtyard restaurant, Red Mesa Cantina, perfect for rehearsal dinners or bridal showers,

a renovated ballroom, open-air bar & lounge, and a rooftop deck featuring stunning views of downtown St. Pete.

When you walk into the La Florida Ballroom, you'll immediately notice the historic charm with its original whitewashed exposed brick walls, yet the event space features a modern touch with two majestic chandeliers, a white marble bar, stunning herringbone wood floor, and large windows overlooking downtown St. Pete. The 1200-square-foot



ballroom seats 120 guests in a formal dining setting or 175 for hors d'oeuvres and cocktails.

The ballroom is decked out with state-of-the-art AV and uplighting and features its own cutting edge banquet kitchen so that your chef is dedicated to your wedding menu.

The Cantinita Terrace, an open-air balcony bar and lounge, offers a trendy space that overlooks the Red Mesa Cantina courtyard and bubbling fountain. It offers a private bar and catering, perfect for a rehearsal dinner of 25 or 75-person cocktail hour.

One of the few private rooftop spaces in downtown St. Pete, the DeSanto Rooftop is a stunning third-story lounge overlooking the heart of downtown St. Pete. It features a rich Brazilian Walnut deck, lounge seating, and 30-foot bar specializing in exclusive handcrafted cocktails. This chic 1200-square-foot space is the quintessential location

for sunset outdoor ceremony, cocktail hour or reception for up to 175 of your closest friends! With three semi-private lounge areas, even smaller events are welcome.

With Mexican cuisine at its heart, Red Mesa Events blends Latin and Caribbean kitchen traditions to create a menu of bold, fresh flavors. Their wedding menus include Red Mesa Cantina menu favorites as well as classic wedding dishes with a unique twist.

If cocktails are a priority, the wedding venue has the most extensive selection of tequilas and mezcals in the South! They are able to create signature cocktails for any palate and include specialized offerings in their beverage menus.



**[LEARN MORE ABOUT
RED MESA EVENTS](#)**

MMTB readers receive 10% off your venue rental

THE DON CESAR



THE EPITOME OF OLD-WORLD GLAMOUR AND SOPHISTICATION

The iconic "Pink Palace" hotel features 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.

The resort is popular for local couples and destination weddings alike. Be it a vacation or staycation, guests have an opportunity to immerse themselves in true Florida style as they enjoy the private beach, luxurious amenities, and local fare. Service is personal and attentive thanks to the Don CeSar's family of staff, many of whom have been with the property for over 20 years.

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 dramatic staircase backdrop, along with the newly renovated ballrooms and attached balconies.

With spaces suited for intimate groups to 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, The Don CeSar is perfect for all of pre and post-wedding activities including rehearsal dinners, bridal spa parties, and farewell brunches all within one iconic resort.

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 \$168++/per person for plated meals and starting at \$216++ per person for buffet menus. Ceremony fees are \$3,500++ and food and beverage minimums range from \$6,500-\$32,000 based on date, size, and location.

++(plus service fee and taxes)



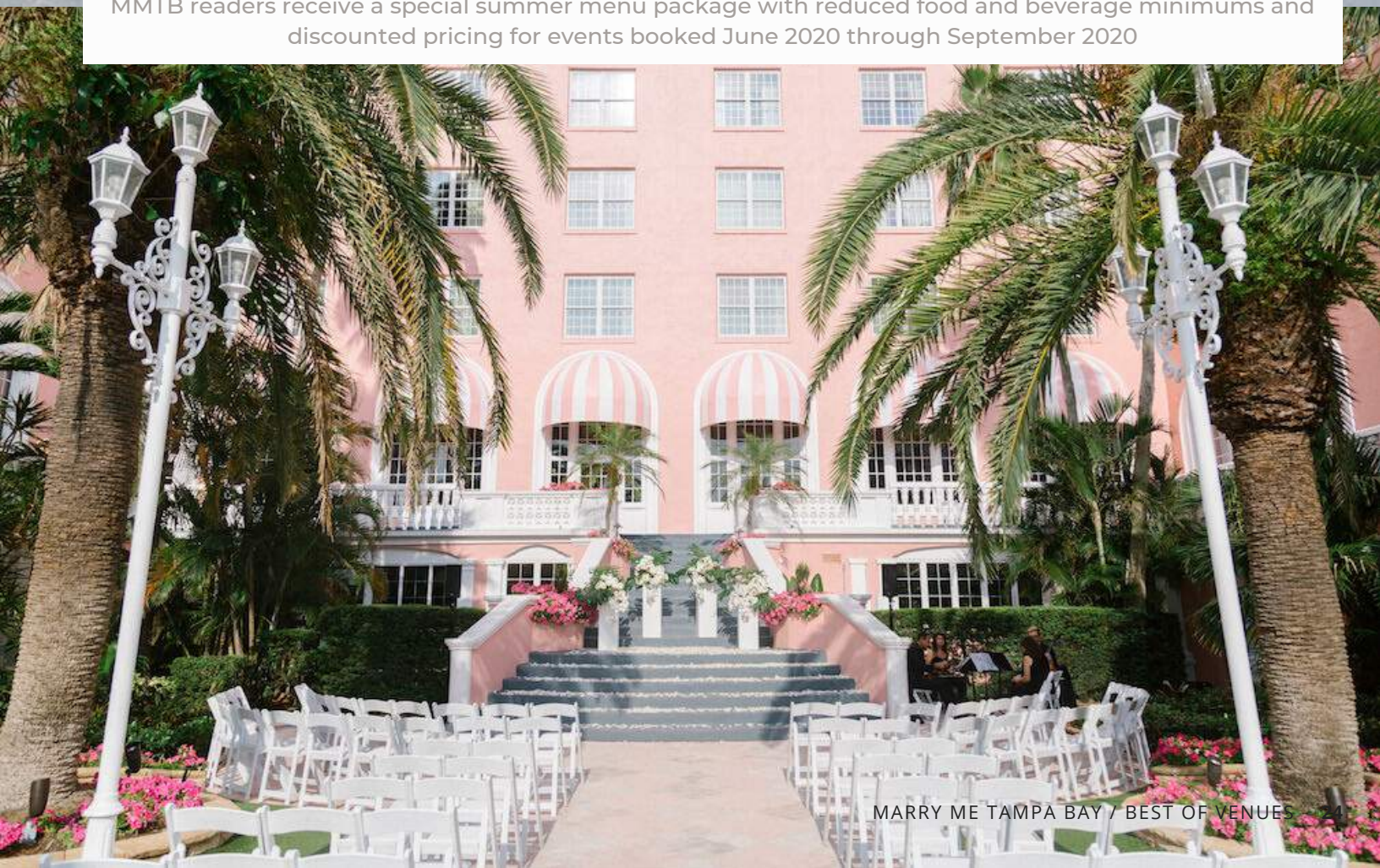
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"Weddings are our specialty at The Don CeSar and each couple is given the utmost attention to detail that their special day deserves."

-The Don Cesar Wedding Team



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HIP MEETS HISTORIC

STATION HOUSE
ST. PETE

Station House is a stylish and unique wedding venue housed in a century-old building in the heart of downtown St. Pete. In a past life, the historic wedding venue was the main fire station for the city and also moonlighted as a luxury hotel. Today, Station House truly embodies the spirit of St. Pete, an area known for the arts, nightlife, and culture. With three floors of event space, each area is distinctly suited for intimate affairs for couples who seek to wow their guests with a special experience.

With a ceremony backdrop unlike any other, the fourth-floor rooftop event space features canopy lights, sweeping views of the city, and a wrap-around balcony that offers the perfect vantage point for your photography and video team. The adjoining interior space features cozy furniture groupings and is perfect for a cocktail reception of up to 200 guests or seated meal for a group of 100 or fewer.





STATION HOUSE ST. PETE

The top floor dining space boasts suspended tables for a memorable dining experience for up to 100 friends and family.

For larger groups, the second-floor ballroom can host receptions for up to 120 guests or cocktail-style receptions for up to 250. The space boasts exposed beams, a checkerboard floor, original brick, and boho furniture groupings of farm tables and mixed seating, all of which can be used at the couple's discretion. Couples love delighting their guests by transitioning from space to space, utilizing all that this incredible venue has to offer.

Station House partners with Ichicoro Ane, the famed restaurant and bar located in the basement level of the building for on-site catering and custom bar offerings. Their award-winning bartenders create craft cocktails, while Ichicoro's executive chef Branden Lenz's creations reflect influences from the Philippines to Latin America

and menus can be customized to accommodate special requests and dietary restrictions. The popular izikaya-style eatery is also a perfect option for an after-party locale, which is one of the reasons downtown St. Pete is such a favored destination for engaged couples.

The average bar cost for an event at Station House is around \$4,800 and catering menus range from \$38-\$65+ per person which can include buffet, cocktail-style, and plated service. The venue's typical food and beverage minimum is \$6,000 and varies based on dates and selections. Station House offers in-house event coordination and an array of other all-inclusive services.



[**LEARN MORE ABOUT STATION HOUSE**](#)



Alisa Sue Photography

SECLUDED ON A BARRIER ISLAND ON THE GULF OF MEXICO,

The Resort at Longboat Key Club is a AAA Four-Diamond destination that spans 410 acres of lush lawns and 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 250 people or 500 guests for a tented reception.

The property recently completed a guest room renovation for the beachfront residences and the Island house dining room, pool deck, and resort center are all wrapping up fresh updates in February 2020.

With miles of private white-sand beach, a heated gulf front pool and Jacuzzi, five on-site restaurants and lounges, and in-suite dining, a 291-slip, deep-water marina, sailing 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). The Resort at Longboat Key Club 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 \$150++/per person and include a four-hour open bar, five passed hors d'oeuvres, sparkling toast, dinner, customized cake, and dance floor.

THE RESORT AT LONGBOAT KEY CLUB

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



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LONGBOAT KEY CLUB](#)

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MEDITERRANEAN FLAIR WITH A CONTEMPORARY FLORIDA VIBE

Renaissance Tampa International Plaza

An elegant and contemporary venue with a Mediterranean flair, the Renaissance Tampa International Plaza features an outdoor ceremony courtyard, modern, unique reception event space, and a newly refreshed ballroom.

The modern aesthetic of this luxury hotel is felt upon arrival. When entering the hotel from the Bay Street Plaza, guests descend down the Mediterranean inspired mosaic staircase that perfectly compliments the palm tree-lined property. Its unique design highlights Tampa's rich ethnic heritage, reflecting Italian, Spanish and Cuban influences.

Located literally steps for Tampa's high-end shopping and dining district and minutes from the Tampa International Airport, this upscale hotel boasts a variety of amenities making it the perfect location for out-of-town guests.



Photos: Carrie Wildes Photography

THIS UPSCALE WEDDING VENUE'S UNIQUE DESIGN HIGHLIGHTS TAMPA'S RICH ETHNIC HERITAGE, REFLECTING ITALIAN, SPANISH AND CUBAN INFLUENCES.

Nestled in the center of the hotel, the Le Fuente Courtyard offers an outdoor ceremony space for up to 275 guests. For larger weddings, the newly refreshed Costa del Sol Ballroom seats up to 450 with a dance floor.

For a more modern atmosphere, the Marriott property also offers a private event with a Mediterranean atmosphere perfectly complementing a Florida inspired wedding.

Wedding packages average \$140++/per person.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT RENAISSANCE TAMPA INTERNATIONAL PLAZA](#)

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GODFREY HOTEL](#)



THE GODFREY HOTEL

The Godfrey Hotel & Cabanas Tampa is an island-inspired hotel featuring a private dock, pool deck, and 7,000 square feet of banquet space for up to 100 wedding guests.

What makes this boutique hotel really shine is its ceremony pier which extends out over Old Tampa Bay, making it more than a waterfront wedding venue, it's an overwater event space!

The Godfrey offers ample outdoor space for cocktail hour and continues its water views into its light and airy Harborview Ballroom which features floor-to-ceiling windows.

The property has been recently renovated with a modern nautical Florida feel.

With 275 hotel rooms, on-site chef and catering, and located literally minutes from the Tampa International Airport, with a free airport shuttle, The Godfrey is ideal for destination weddings or local couples with out-of-town guests.

Food and beverage minimums start at \$5,500 making this waterview wedding venue an amazing price point for couples wanting a refreshed hotel on the water.

WHY GET
MARRIED NEAR
THE
WATER, WHEN
YOU CAN SAY
"I DO"
STANDING ON
TOP OF IT?

MMTB readers receive one of the following: 10% off the platinum wedding package, 25% off ceremony fee, late night snack display, or linen & napkin upgrade

CASA LANTANA: WHERE RUSTIC MEETS ELEGANCE

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CASA LANTANA](#)

Casa Lantana's dreamy wedding venue is located on a stunning and secluded twelve-acre estate. Nestled among majestic trees and lush greenery, couples instantly feel transported to a private oasis, although this intimate event space is just fifteen minutes from downtown Tampa.

Upon arrival, guests are greeted at the gated entrance by an elegant tree-lined drive, which includes moss-clad mature oaks with romantic tree swings and sparkling fountains, all magically lit at night with strands of twinkle lights.

Casa Lantana hosts only one wedding per day, providing couples with exclusive use of the entire property starting as early as 10 a.m. With such a spacious property, couples have their choice of numerous outdoor ceremony sites, cocktail hour and reception locations. The property can accommodate weddings for up to 200 guests.

With exclusive use of the property all day, the bridal party can relax in the 3,500 sq. ft Grand Villa, an elegantly furnished indoor space including luxury bride and groom's suites, then take your time utilizing the

property's multiple photo backdrops throughout the sun-dappled woodland and romantic balconies and charming staircases.

The nature-filled wedding venue offers wedding packages starting at \$8,499 for up to 100 guests, which include the venue rental, certified wedding planner, furniture rentals, DJ, bar staff, sparkler sendoff, and use of the venue all day (not just five hours like most locations).

For couples who want an all-inclusive option including catering and florals, pricing averages \$165++/per person for 100 guests (not including alcohol, which you can bring in yourself).

MMTB readers receive a complimentary champagne toast.

Casa Lantana offers unique experiences such as a horse-drawn carriage, lawn games, plus a gourmet S'mores experience with outdoor fire pit for guests to enjoy. Another bonus? They are pet-friendly so you can include your furbaby in the celebration!



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HILTON CLEARWATER BEACH

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

*TripAdvisor Traveler's Choice 2019 Ranking

The newly renovated **Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort & Spa** features 10 acres of private beach, two pools, and a variety of 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 on it, the hotel offers four outdoor covered decks just steps from the sand giving your guests oceanfront feels in a more comfortable setting.

The Hilton is a full-service wedding venue including a day-of coordinator, officiant, rehearsal, ceremony music, getting ready room, and a complimentary one-night stay on your wedding night as part of its ceremony fee.

The beachfront property offers room for up to 200 guests on the Sandpiper Deck and seating for up to 500 in the Grand Ballroom. Plated dinners start at \$150/per person (plus service charge, fee, and tax) and include four hours of premium open bar, four hors d'oeuvre selections, a 3-course meal, champagne toast, and custom-designed wedding cake. We recommend their fresh and local seafood dishes.

The oceanfront hotel is ideal for out-of-town guests as it features Hibiscus Spa (rated #1 Spa on TripAdvisor), fitness center, a unique beach tiki bar (it's the only beach in Clearwater that you can drink on), cabanas, beachside pools, and full-service Starbucks.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT
HILTON CLEARWATER BEACH RESORT](#)



THE VAULT

Chock-full of 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.

The first bank to be built in Tampa, many of the neoclassical elements remain, including the floor to ceiling windows, intricate medallion details, and of course the bank vault of its namesake (often used as a cozy bar space or unique dessert room for events). This sophisticated wedding venue is perfect for couples who seek timeless and classic design, 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 35-foot ceilings and a second-floor mezzanine level overlooking the reception and is ideal for groups up to 300 guests. Included in the rental fees are a bridal suite, tables, white Chiavari chairs, security personnel, restroom attendant, and a parking attendant.

Space rental fees start at \$1,000 for weekday events, with weeknight events ranging from \$2,000-\$3,000, and weekend events ranging from \$2,500-\$6,000 depending on time and day.

An adjacent private park is available to rent for intimate private ceremonies or cocktail hours. The Vault is walking distance to several public parks and churches, including Sacred Heart Catholic church.



Foto Bohemia

The venue offers full-service in-house catering with vibrant selections courtesy of veteran Chef Gui Alinat. Dinner menus start at \$50 per person and open bar packages range from \$12-\$40/per person, (not including service and gratuity.) Menus can be customized to each couple, as well as specialty drinks uniquely created for each event, and include a private tasting to experience the first-class cuisine while working hand-in-hand with The Vault's special events team.



MODERN CITY AMBIANCE

HYATT PLACE ST. PETE DOWNTOWN



Photos by: Kristen Marie Photography

Perched in the Waterfront Arts District of downtown St. Petersburg, the **Hyatt Place St. Pete Downtown** features a rooftop ceremony space towering above downtown St. Pete.

This new event space opened its doors in 2017, with over 5,200 square feet of event space including the 2,600 square foot ballroom, 175 spacious and well-appointed guest rooms, and unique experiences like their rooftop pool and terrace, and craft cocktail lounge.

The modern indoor event space offers a long window-filled corridor with an abundance of natural light and views of the city perfect for cocktail hour or ceremony backup space.

The spacious ballroom is available for a modest \$2,000 rental

fee plus food and beverage. Full-service catering starts at \$26/per person for lunch offerings, with an average of only \$50 per person for dinner menus (not including alcohol). And the on-site craft cocktail lounge is sure to please the pickiest of drink palates with their creative options.

Guests will feel right at home in the spacious accommodations, all of which include sleeper sofas and living areas. And the exclusive Presidential Suite, the only one on property, is an elite option for the bride and groom.

Couples who mention Marry Me Tampa Bay when booking their event will receive an upgraded King room at a discounted rate, as well as a special welcome amenity courtesy of the hotel.



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HYATT PLACE ST. PETE DOWNTOWN](#)

MMTB readers receive a king room upgrade and complimentary welcome amenity

CHIC NEWLY RENOVATED HOTEL WITH MODERN FLAIR

HOTEL ALBA

Photos: Marsley Photography

Looking for a fresh and vibrant wedding venue with a Tampa twist, conveniently located in the epicenter of the city? The newly renovated **Hotel Alba** has it all. A tapestry property from the renowned Hilton family, this modern boutique hotel's \$12 million transformation showcases Tampa culture in true Southern hospitality.

Situated in the heart of the Westshore district with convenient access to Tampa International Airport, major shopping malls, and local dining, guests have plenty to explore during their stay. And with the property's resort-style pool, 222 guest rooms (including 44 pool-front suites), and specialty restaurant, The Spaniard, they may choose to stay and enjoy all of the on-site amenities.

Couples choose Hotel Alba for the flexible event spaces, which include options for outdoor

ceremonies, poolside cocktail hour, and ballroom receptions, as well as social events like brunches or rehearsal dinners. The outside terrace features lush palms that create a tropical backdrop for exchanging "I Do's," and the pool deck boasts modern lounge furniture, a fire pit, outdoor bar, ambient lighting, and tiki cabanas, perfect for cocktail hour or after-party.

Inside the modern hotel, the 5,300-square foot art deco inspired ballroom seats up to 350 with a dance floor. For smaller weddings, the ballroom can be divided and can even create an indoor ceremony should the forecast call for rain. The adjoining ballroom foyer offers an indoor cocktail space, with exposed original floors and professional art courtesy of SCAD in Savannah, Georgia, giving the space a unique museum vibe. An additional 2,000 square foot



[LEARN MORE ABOUT HOTEL ALBA](#)

MMTB readers receive a complimentary Honeymoon Suite on your wedding night.

ballroom on the second floor is available for more intimate receptions, rehearsal dinners and post-wedding brunches.

Couples may be surprised by the unique cuisine available at Hotel Alba; unlike the stereotypical "hotel food" experienced at other generic venues, the executive chef incorporates a Cuban and Spanish flair into their dishes, providing an authentic, local experience for guests. The catering team prides itself on thinking outside of the box and injecting flavor and creativity into its menus.

Plated dinner receptions with a 3-hour bar start at \$80/per person with appetizer display, two hors d'oeuvres, salad course, and choice of two entrees and include a complimentary champagne toast, dance floor, votive candles, and complimentary cake cutting and service.



CASUAL WATERFRONT ELEGANCE



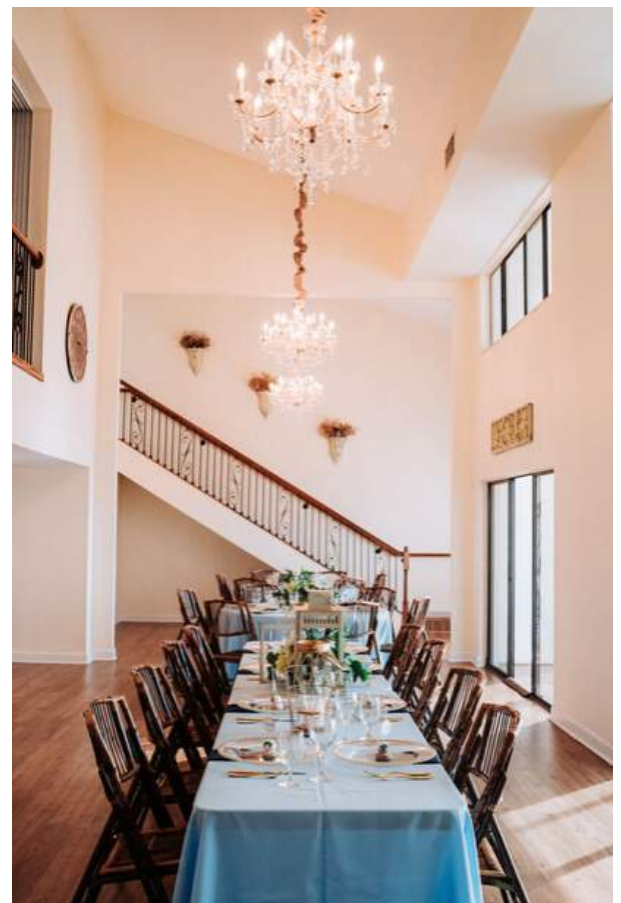
[LEARN MORE ABOUT
BESO DEL SOL RESORT](#)

Photos: Grind & Press Photography

Overlooking the waterfronts of Caladesi and Honeymoon Island is Tampa Bay's best-kept secret, **Beso Del Sol Resort**. Meaning "Kiss of the Sun," Beso Del Sol is ideal for couples hosting intimate weddings of 100 guests or fewer.

For ceremonies under 30, guests can experience a vow exchange on Beso's scenic pier, which extends into the intercoastal, giving couples the perfect location for stunning over-the-water sunset portraits. The waterfront two-story ballroom features an elegant wrought iron staircase that leads to an open event space and is highlighted by tall windows allowing the natural light of Florida's coast to beam through.

"We are a casually elegant boutique waterfront venue with exceptional views. Couples love the elegant decor, beautiful chandeliers, and affordability of our venue," Pam Dawson, Beso Del Sol Resort



Marketing and Sales Director, beams. "The resort offers complimentary bicycles, fishing rods, boat slips, two waterfront pools, hot tub, and tiki bar."

The waterfront hotel features 80 guest rooms and a 4,000 square foot penthouse with a huge balcony overlooking the water. Its essence can be felt throughout the historic city of Dunedin. Known for it's "Old Florida" charm, this hidden-gem beach town features a delightful downtown with a Main Street that offers shopping, dining, and entertainment. Beso is less than one mile to delightful Dunedin and its famed breweries.

BESO DEL SOL RESORT

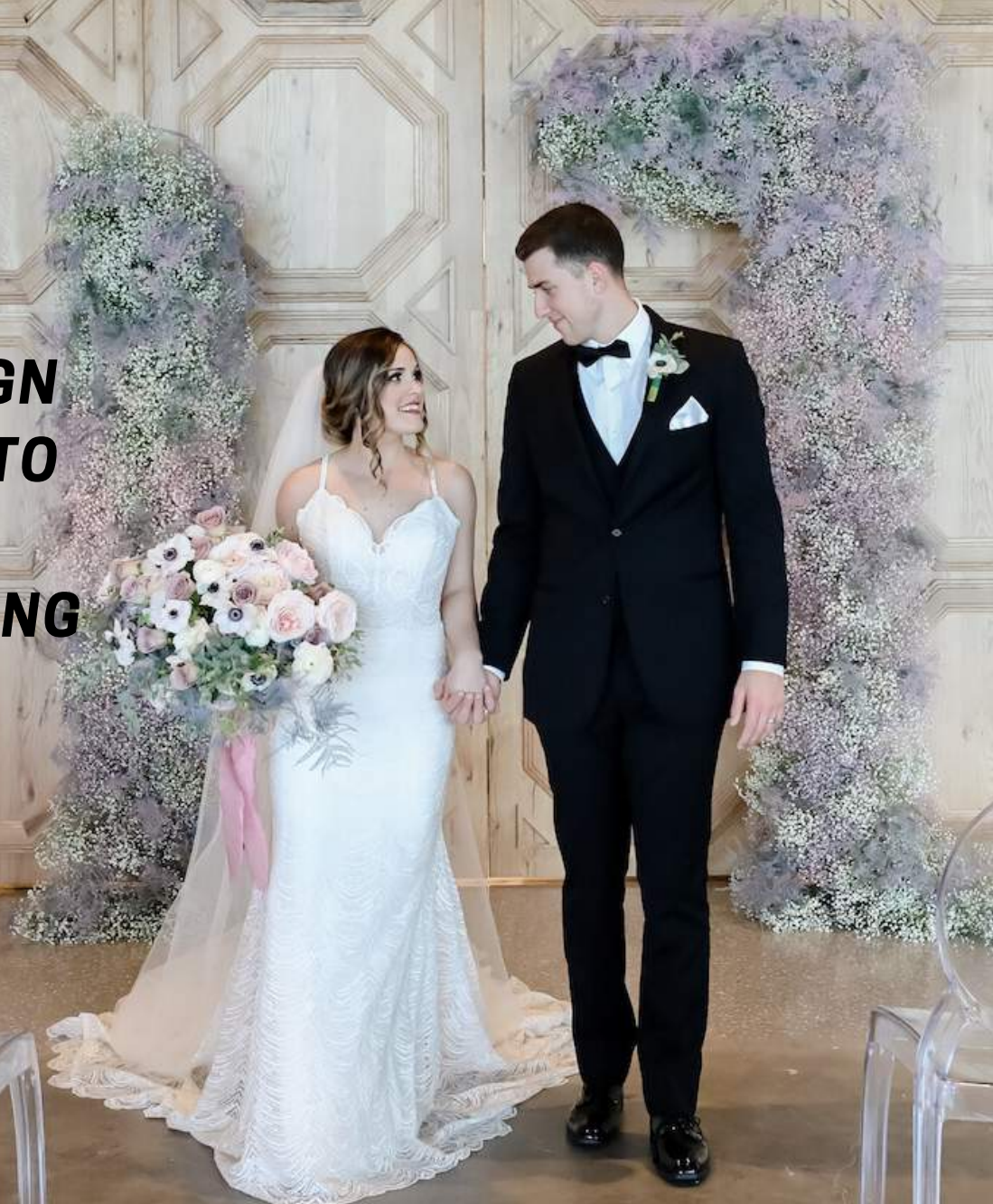
DIY inspired couples love the flexibility the resort offers for customizing their wedding day. The gorgeous ceremony pier is exclusively rented for only \$250 an hour, while the ballroom rental is \$799 for four hours and allows couples to set up the morning of their event to decorate at no extra charge. Additional hours are available at \$250 per hour, and guests receive a 15% discount off room rates.

MMTB readers receive discounted rental rates June-August



Hyde Park Village's Chic New Wedding Venue

**HYDE HOUSE
FEATURES
LUXURIOUS
FINISHES AND A
HIGH-END DESIGN
THAT APPEALS TO
TAMPA BAY'S
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AND
TRENDSETTING
COUPLES.**





From the creative team that brought the Instagrammable Station House to downtown St. Pete, comes Tampa's newest chic event venue, **Hyde House**.

Located in the coveted Hyde Park Village neighborhood, Hyde House features luxurious finishes and a high-end design that appeals to Tampa Bay's most discerning and trendsetting couples.

From the moment of arrival at this posh new wedding venue, guests will marvel at the opulent details, from the Gucci floral wallpaper within the custom-built banquette seating to the impressive farm tables, and midcentury furnishings accented with lush fabrics and eye-catching fixtures. The only thing more alluring than the interior space is the fabulous views of charming Hyde Park Village from the upstairs open-air terrace.

Hyde House is a truly customizable wedding venue, with 30,000 square feet of total space and five distinct event spaces from which to choose.

The covered veranda, a favorite among couples, is ideal for an outdoor ceremony for up to 200 guests and also makes an incredible space for cocktails, golden hour photos, or an al fresco rehearsal dinner. The interior auditorium offers a modern ceremony option with seating-in-the-round in tiered rows that offer unobstructed views of the vows for up to 100 guests. The large reception area can hold groups of up to 300 and include the use of all the existing custom furnishings and decor.



[**LEARN MORE ABOUT HYDE HOUSE**](#)

HISTORIC LUXURY

The Vinoy Renaissance St. Petersburg Resort & Golf Club is an upscale and historic hotel located in heart of downtown St. Pete.

The Vinoy's recent renovations maintained its history and charm while also enhancing the modern luxuries that are synonymous with their brand.

This waterfront wedding venue offers a variety of outdoor ceremony locations with both waterfront and garden settings, and multiple ballrooms, including the Grand Ballroom, which features dramatic draped windows, curved ceilings, and a gorgeous blown glass chandelier courtesy of famed artist Chihuly.

Reception dinner packages including alcohol start at \$164-\$181 per person (not including tax and gratuity), with custom add-ons available.

MMTB readers receive discounted food and beverage minimum for July-September



[LEARN MORE ABOUT
VINOY RENAISSANCE](#)

Limelight Photography



THE ULTIMATE WATERFRONT WEDDING VENUE

The Yacht Starship brings a whole new meaning to cruising the Florida water with breathtaking panoramic views of the city skyline, freshly prepared cuisine, and great entertainment making it the epitome of a Tampa Bay waterfront wedding venue.

With four luxury yachts available, an on-site event coordinator, in-house catering, DJ, and officiant, the Yacht Starship offers an affordable all-inclusive wedding experience.

With two locations, Clearwater Beach and downtown Tampa, this floating waterfront wedding venue provides your guests with the perfect Florida atmosphere.

Ceremonies take place on the rooftop deck, with 360-degree

water views, and can be officiated by the ship's captain.

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

Couples can rent a private room or charter the entire yacht for guest counts of 25-300 seated. (There is a food and beverage minimum for a private yacht charter).

The reception rooms feature white ceilings and are surrounded by windows allowing guests to catch every minute of our stunning Florida sunsets and nighttime cityscape as the day transitions into night.

Being an all-inclusive venue makes planning easy. From fine dining options crafted from the Executive Chef to the largest Promenade Deck in Florida, hosting your wedding on yacht is truly an unforgettable experience.

Inclusive wedding packages start at \$87/per person (without alcohol).

(The average Yacht Starship venue wedding cost for 2019 was \$7,500-\$10,500.)



[**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE YACHT STARSHIP**](#)



MEDITERRANEAN FLAIR WITH ROOFTOP WATER VIEWS

Located in the heart of St. Pete Beach sits **The Hotel Zamora**, a Mediterranean-style boutique hotel that offers a stunning rooftop bar with panoramic views of the Gulf of Mexico and Intercoastal waters.

The modern 72-room hotel features chic decor styled to leave a clean and fresh feeling for the oceanview property. The open architecture allows the gulf breeze to flow within the five-story building, providing a tropical atmosphere throughout the property.

The Hotel Zamora features two rooftop ceremony and reception spaces with stunning water views. With its turf flooring, the roof provides a garden-like setting that can seat 50-150 guests.

If you want your guests to experience different locations throughout the evening, Hotel Zamora offers a waterside pier directly on the intercoastal and newly

renovated ballroom in addition to the rooftop options.

The chef prepared menu is 100% customizable and crafted with a Mediterranean flair. When coupled with the Spanish style architecture, it offers guests a unique experience in a tropical setting.

MMTB readers receive:

Complimentary passed appetizer, champagne toast, overnight room for the couple, and discounted ceremony fee

Guests can enjoy the boutique hotel's resort amenities turning your wedding weekend into a mini-vacation. They can explore the quaint and historic St. Pete Beach neighborhoods on bike, use one of the five boat ramps, go kayaking, fishing, or just relax at the waterfront pool deck making your wedding a memorable experience for anyone staying at the property.

HISTORY ELEGANCE TRADITION

If history and grandeur are on your wedding venue checklist, **Centro Asturiano de Tampa** features unique decor, strong ties to Tampa's history and a newly renovated ballroom.

Built in 1914, the iconic venue, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, is chock full of original features including tin ceilings, terrazzo floors, arched windows accented with filigree, trimmed mirrors, and what is believed to be the world's longest onyx bar. While the building has kept its historic feel, its updated ballroom features pristine maple hardwood floors, a stage, and five glittering chandeliers that are the focal piece of the vast space that seats up to 350 guests.

For a unique wedding portrait backdrop, the 1,000-seat theatre is virtually unchanged from the club's opening over 100 years ago and is considered one of Tampa's best-kept secrets.

Centro Asturiano allows couples to bring in their caterers, offering an endless option of menus. Rental fees for the Grand Ballroom start at \$4,000, while bar packages begin at \$28/per person for four hours.

St. Pete's Most Unique Waterfront Venue

Mahaffey Theater

Perched along the downtown St. Pete waterfront, the **Mahaffey Theater** has it all: jaw-dropping views of the Bay, grandiose architecture, and a unique atmosphere.

The Arts Center has hosted musical events and performances for some of the biggest names in Hollywood and offers dedicated private event space for weddings up to 250 guests.

The Theater's multiple wedding areas include the indoor East Atrium with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the water and the upper-level Grand Ballroom which features 20-foot ceilings and unparalleled waterfront views.

To incorporate the urban surroundings for a city feel, the plaza and lawn feature a half-acre of outdoor space perfect for a ceremony on the grass with bobbing sailboats and dramatic aisles of crepe myrtle trees as a backdrop.

Limelight Photography



Marc Edwards Photographs

For a truly memorable wedding photo, there's no other wedding venue that offers couple portraits on the main theatre performance stage beneath the dazzling lights!

The Mahaffey partners with Catering by the Family, an established name in Tampa Bay with over 30 years of wedding and event experience, for meticulously planned and flavorful menus. Customized plated and buffet catering packages range from \$29-\$50/per person (not including tax, and service charge) with a 4-hour ballroom rental starting at \$1,600 (ceremony and cocktail spaces are additional).

MORE THAN JUST A BALLROOM

The **Embassy Suites USF** features one of the largest ballrooms in Tampa Bay, outdoor lawn space, and window filled atrium with marble flooring.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT
EMBASSY SUITES USF](#)

Embassy Suites USF, conveniently located in North Tampa near the University of South Florida and Busch Gardens, offers modern accommodations and flexible event spaces perfect for rehearsal dinners, wedding brunches, ceremonies, and receptions. With over 18,000 square feet of event space, including a 9,800 square foot ballroom that can accommodate up to 600 guests, an indoor atrium filled with natural light, and ample lawn space, couples have a variety of unique options not typically found in hotel settings.

Imagine walking down a petal-lined aisle in a sun-soaked atrium surrounded by live plants and a trickling waterfall or in a unique windowed hall with natural lighting and gorgeous marble flooring. Located inside the main hotel, the eight-story atrium features a waterfall,

foliage, and staircase for the couple's grand entrance, while next door the USF Galleria showcases soaring ceilings and a multitude of windows.

For couples with a large guest list, the Embassy Suites Grand Ballroom is one of the largest in Tampa Bay and can be configured into a smaller or larger space to suit receptions of all sizes. It features a complimentary dance floor and neutral colors that can be personalized to fit any style and theme.

Guests can enjoy the full-service restaurant and on-site cocktail lounge, as well as complimentary parking, daily breakfast, and a nightly manager's reception with a variety of cold beverages, bar snacks, and warm conversation. All of the 247 guest rooms are spacious two-room suites. The Hilton hotel is a 20-minute drive

from the Tampa airport and minutes from Tampa's top attractions such as Busch Gardens theme park, MOSI, and Zoo Tampa.

Wedding packages include a wedding night bridal suite, reduced room rates for guests, and a private menu tasting during the wedding planning process. Couples can choose from several buffet, plated, or interactive stations menus to choose from, priced from \$50-\$85/per person, with bar packages ranging from \$24-\$56/per person (plus service fee and plus tax). The Embassy's inclusive packages include in-house centerpieces, floor-length table linens, chair covers, colored napkins, charger plates, decorative up-lighting, and several unique options such as a late-night snack or a candy buffet, valet parking, and printed programs or menus.

THE BAYOU CLUB:

GOLF COURSE VIEWS FROM EVERY ANGLE



Nestled in the heart of Pinellas County just minutes from the beaches and a short drive from Tampa, **The Bayou Club** is surrounded by beautiful landscapes, a scenic golf course, and water views. The private country club features an outdoor ceremony site and elegant main ballroom with floor to ceiling windows and outdoor terrace with panoramic views.

From waterfront outdoor ceremonies to nuptials held in the climate-controlled indoor tent to lawn and terrace cocktail spaces and an indoor ballroom, The Bayou Club offers a variety of options at an affordable price. Focused on stellar service, the private event space only hosts one wedding at a time offering their clients privacy and full attention on their wedding day. With a variety of on-site locations and only one wedding at a time, no two weddings are the same!



Reception dinners start at \$90/per person and include a two-hour open bar, cheese and vegetable display, two butler passed hors d'oeuvres and a three-course plated dinner, including wedding cake, with Saturday rental fees starting at a modest \$500.



[**LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE BAYOU CLUB**](#)

Vintage Surfer Chic Boutique Hotel

Postcard Inn on the Beach is a vintage-inspired, surfer chic boutique hotel, located directly on St. Pete Beach. From industrial chic indoor spaces to garden and beachfront options, you'll surely wow your guests with the ambiance and delicious in-house catering options, packed with tropical cuisine and traditional favorites.

Known for their stunning outdoor space, this boutique hotel features toes in the sand beach ceremonies, and a rarity on the beach, lush lawn space.

The Garden Courtyard is located in the center of the hotel and provides a whimsical feel for up to 250

guests with outdoor market lighting and lanterns that light up the trees.

For intimate weddings, the Florida Room is an industrial-chic event space for up to 50 guests that looks toward the fire pit in the garden. The space includes fully functional garage doors that create this unique indoor atmosphere, while the newest space, The Beach House, is conveniently located on the lobby level of the hotel and features white-washed walls, and a built-in bar for 75 guests. It's adjoined by a beachside patio covered by a thatched roof with a perfect view for watching the sunset.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT
POSTCARD INN ON THE BEACH](#)

MMTB readers receive a half off ceremony fees
(based on availability)

Ashlee Hamon Photography



ONE OF DOWNTOWN 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 adjoining outdoor patio features poolside benches, perfect for post-ceremony cocktails and views of the sunset. 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 150 guests and allows couples to bring in their own caterers (who will love the access to the catering kitchen). The on-site covered parking is free for guests, which is a huge plus in the city. Rental fees start at \$2,800 for eight hours.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE POYNTER INSTITUTE](#)



Caroline Thomas Smith





BUILT SPECIFICALLY FOR WEDDING CEREMONIES,

Harborside Chapel boasts breathtaking natural lighting and 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 the ministry of Harborside Christian Church, 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.

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 250 guests with weekend rental rates averaging \$1,000-\$1,600.

Shauna and Jordon Photography



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