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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!

There's an event space for every setting, from iconic beach venues to waterfront spaces to historic venues with charm.

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

Your venue will typically be one of your most significant expenses, and it sets the tone for your wedding day, so it's an important choice.

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 2025*.

This comprehensive guide highlights the venue, seating capacity, pricing, and, in many cases, promos just for Marry Me Tampa Bay readers.

Find a venue that you're interested in? 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, [Marry Me Tampa Bay](#) is the area's most trusted wedding planning site.

While we are not wedding planners ourselves, we provide advice from local experts, showcase the [best places to get married](#), and the [best wedding pros to hire](#).

We provide complimentary answers to your wedding planning questions. Reach us anytime at [@marrymetampabay](#) or [social@marrymetampabay.com](#)

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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.



Corey Conroy Photography



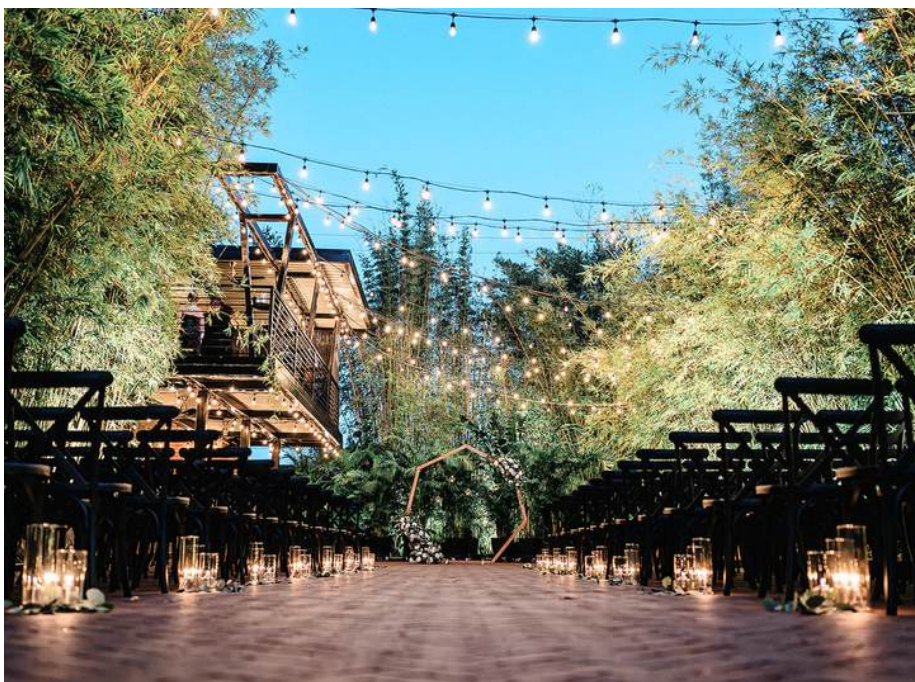
Chrissy Ann Photography

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.



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INDUSTRIAL MODERN CHIC

We love **downtown St. Pete** for its unique character, charm, 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 1920s wedding venue.



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 535's space was conducive to having both our ceremony and reception with the flexibility to use the inside and outside spaces in whatever way we wanted, which was ideal given the unpredictable Florida weather. Additionally, NOVA exudes the perfect mix of historic charm with a modern industrial vibe. The exposed brick, wood floors, and iron staircase handrails inside, combined with the bamboo and string lights in the courtyard, provided the perfect backdrop for our romantic, with a mix of modern elegance and theme. Because NOVA is a beautiful space by itself, there wasn't a need for a lot of décor, which allowed the stunning florals to have the big impact we envisioned, with a few other small details to tie it all together."

—ALLISON AND JOHNNY

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



[LEARN MORE ABOUT NOVA 535](#)



ROOFTOP BEACH VIEWS

(WITHOUT THE SAND)



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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. 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 [Hyatt Regency](#) 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.



Dewitt for Love Photography



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, four-hour 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](#)

"This was a destination wedding for most of our guests, so it was really important that we had a venue that could host both the ceremony and reception so that we didn't have to travel around all day. I have always loved the idea of getting married near a beach but didn't want to walk down the aisle in the sand, so the 16th-floor terrace at the Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach with a breathtaking view was a perfect find.

The terrace is absolutely breathtaking, the 8th-floor pool looked like a perfect location to host a post-wedding pool party, the room rates were reasonable, and the hotel itself was stunning! We truly feel like we could not have picked a better venue.

We still have guests raving about their stay at the Hyatt and how amazing the staff was! Their service was top-notch. Throughout the entire planning process, Lizzie was my go-to gal! She never left me stranded on any questions I had and was such a dream to work with! She's the best and made everything so easy when I was living so far away from our venue!"

[-ALYSSA AND ZACH](#)

MMTB readers can enjoy a complimentary upgrade to a 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, [The Don CeSar](#) is perfect for all pre and post-wedding activities, including rehearsal dinners, bachelorette parties, spa days, and farewell brunches all within one iconic resort.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DON CESAR](#)

“We wanted something upscale and elegant with breathtaking views. It was so nice to ‘wow’ my guests in the courtyard and on the terrace without having our toes in the sand.”

“After all, I am a lover of designer shoes and couldn’t imagine leaving them behind. Since the majority of our wedding guests were from out-of-town, coming from a winter weather environment, it was important for us to have everyone experience the beauty of St. Pete Beach! We loved that our guests would be able to stay at the resort and feel as though they were on a tropical vacation.

Food was absolutely at the top of our list. With Matt being from New York and me from Connecticut, we had high standards of what we wanted throughout the night. We tasked the culinary team at The Don to find a way to incorporate Florida cuisine with an ode to our Northern routes. The team took the challenge and ran with it! We ended up with a South Florida station featuring grouper bites and then lobster bisque shooters to represent classic New England and a full Italian pastry display for dessert for a true New York feel. They fully understood what we wanted our guests to experience.”

–STEPHANIE AND MATTHEW



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.*



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.

"Choosing The Don Cesar as my wedding venue had a sentimental value to it. My family and I have vacationed there since I was a little kid, so I have many fond memories of the resort. It made it that much more special to have my wedding there."

I wanted a venue that was at the beach but had a ceremony space that wasn't directly on the beach. The Don CeSar really had everything I wanted for my guests. They stayed at the property and didn't have to be transported anywhere throughout the weekend, which made everything much more convenient.

The Don Cesar wedding experience altogether was great! I received many sweet compliments from guests on how much they enjoyed the wedding weekend. We cannot wait to visit for our one-year anniversary and create family memories of our own!"

[-MARISSA AND MICHAEL](#)



[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DON CESAR](#)

HOTEL FLOR

A Hilton Tapestry Collection



EXCEEDING GUESTS' EXPECTATIONS WITH EXTRAORDINARY FLAIR SINCE 1926

Say your "I Do's" in the historic [Hotel Flor](#) Tampa located in the heart of downtown.

Experience the grandeur of the place where Elvis, Marilyn 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 a beautifully renovated Tapestry Collection by Hilton

hotel. 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 Tampa 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 two-story tall ceilings, while the Mezzanine Hall (pictured above) offers an

"We were specifically focused on venues that could hold our estimated guest count, were close to our church, and were aesthetically pleasing."

We love the history and charm that Hotel Flor holds. We knew it was going to be newly renovated and adopted by Hilton by our wedding date, and this excited us.

We found their ballroom very beautiful and elegant and thought it would be the perfect spot to host our reception.

We cannot say enough positive things about their service. All of our vendors also spoke highly of how great Hotel Flor was to work with!"

-COURTNEY AND HUDSON



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The Crystal Dining Room features a classic interior and floor-to-ceiling windows for up to 110 guests. The hotel's Jazz Era inspired restaurant, The Dan, boasts a menu artfully curated by an award-winning Executive Chef and features a variety of land and sea dishes, as well as Sunday brunch.

Wedding packages start at \$139++/ 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 2025 wedding ceremony room rental and waived rental for the Floridan Ballroom (for events 300+ guests)



Lifelong Photography Studio

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.

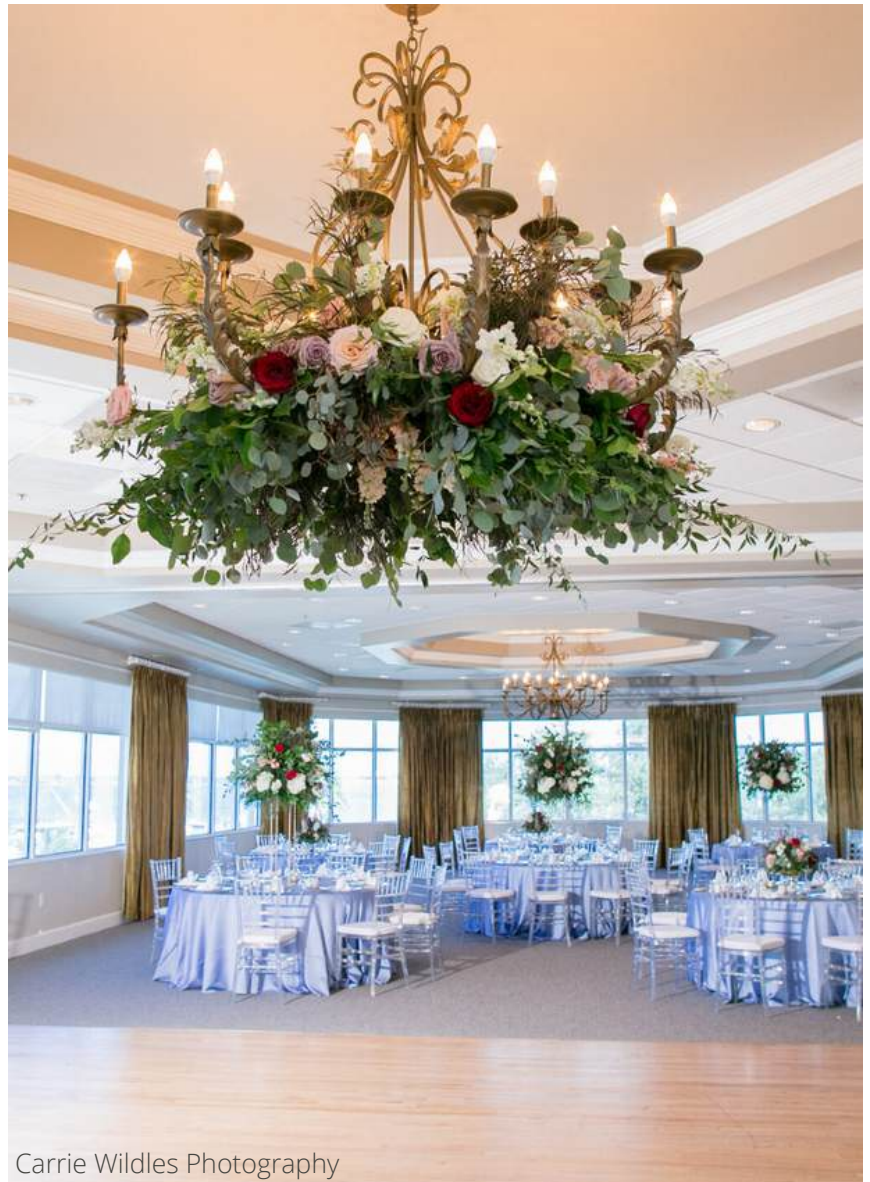


For those who love the water, couples can take a secluded sunset sail around the bay during cocktail hour, giving them privacy to soak in the magic of the day while also watching their guests enjoy a poolside cocktail hour.

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



Carrie Wildles Photography

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 custom-designed 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](#)



THE BIRCHWOOD

Visual Muse Studio

MODERN MEETS TIMELESS ELEGANCE

Sought after for their prime downtown St. Pete location, [The Birchwood's](#) 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](#)



"I CAN ABSOLUTELY SAY THE BIRCHWOOD PROVIDED AMAZING SERVICE! I COULD GO ON AND ON ABOUT THEM! FROM THE MINUTE WE SIGNED OUR CONTRACT WITH THEM UNTIL THE END OF THE WEDDING DAY, THEY WERE THE ABSOLUTE BEST."

-ANA AND HOLDEN



"I looked for a venue that had a lot to offer and was in a great location. I wanted a beautiful space where I could do both the ceremony and reception."

The Birchwood is in a great location in downtown St. Pete and offers so much to help you have an amazing wedding day. I love that they have so much to offer, unlike other venues that just provide a space. On top of that, the food they serve is so delicious!

RED MESA EVENTS

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

[Red Mesa Events](#) captures the heart of downtown St. Petersburg, blending character, charm, and authenticity into the ideal setting for a quintessential St. Pete wedding. Housed in the city's former fire station, this exclusive Red Mesa Group venue brings together historic architecture with modern flair, creating a unique canvas for every vision.

Nestled above Red Mesa Cantina, a local favorite, Red Mesa Events offers three distinct spaces: The La Florida Ballroom, Cantinita Terrace, and Desanto Rooftop.

The La Florida Ballroom is an elegant space with original exposed brick, glittering chandeliers, a marble bar, and sweeping views of downtown—accommodating up to 100 seated or 175 cocktail guests.

The Cantinita Terrace, an open-air balcony lounge, is ideal for intimate gatherings. It can accommodate parties ranging from 30 guests for a sit-down dinner and up to 65 for cocktail-style mingling, making it an ideal spot to relax with a cocktail while overlooking the lively courtyard.

For a breathtaking third-story view, the Desanto Rooftop features a Brazilian walnut deck, custom champagne wall, and space for up to 150 guests, making it an unforgettable choice for ceremonies or receptions.





Photos by: Ashlee Hamon Photography



This multi-tiered venue provides a dedicated team including a Red Mesa Group Event Manager to help you plan your event from the venue perspective, personal Banquet Chefs, Bartenders, and Servers. All while offering a stunning menu blending Cantina favorites and exclusive chef-curated dishes.

With expert mixologists at the helm and an impressive selection of tequila and mezcal,

Red Mesa Events crafts one-of-a-kind signature cocktails tailored to make your celebration unforgettable.

From grand celebrations to intimate gatherings, [Red Mesa Events](#) curates every wedding with thoughtful precision, curating lifelong memories and ensuring your day is truly unforgettable.

MMTB readers can receive up to 10% off their venue rental



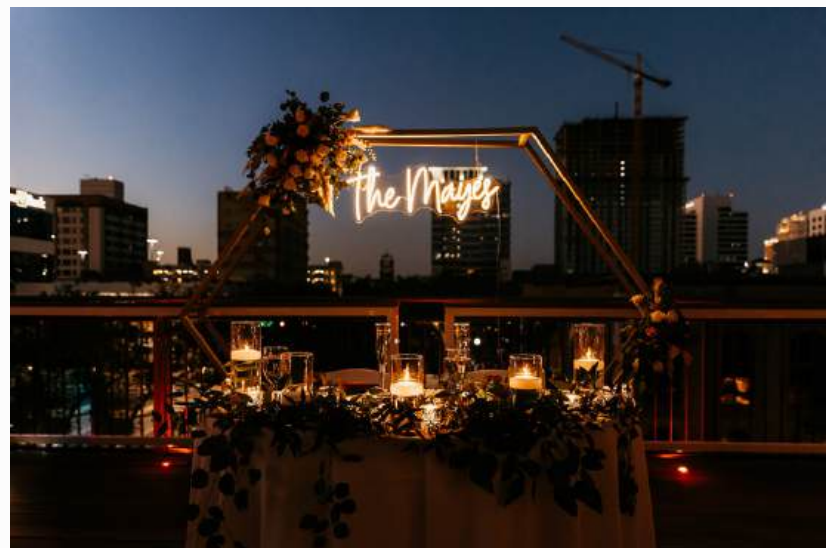


"Our must-haves were being outdoors (preferably a rooftop) and the venue being cost-efficient with either all-inclusive or partially-inclusive packages."

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 BRENDEN](#)



[LEARN MORE ABOUT RED MESA EVENTS](#)

THE VAULT



Ailyn La Torre Photography

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, [The Vault](#) 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 cocktail-style 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.

“We chose The Vault because as soon as you walk up to those 1920 columns, you are fully transported into a historical Tampa landmark. It speaks for itself.”

-ALEXIA AND JOHN



Photos by: Dewitt for Love Photography



“When you walk through the doors the first thing you see is the floor-to-ceiling windows as well as the original marble floors. The space on its own is simply breathtaking and in the back is the actual vault that the bank used way back in the day.”

Another main perk is that The Vault handles all of its food catering itself to ensure you have the best day possible. This made it easier to ensure top-of-the-line service. Everything about The Vault service was 10 out of 10 from the moment the day started until we closed the place down.”



[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE VAULT](#)



Photos by: Ailyn La Torre Photography

The Vault boasts floor-to-ceiling 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 beverage



"We both wanted an indoor reception venue for the big day (since unpredictable Florida weather can be scary) that transported guests to feel like they stepped into a different time. We were hopeful that we would find a historic building that was also a 'one-stop shop' that covered the catering, tables, and chairs, and so on to reduce the number of vendors we needed to coordinate with on the day of.

The Vault checked every box for us: historical architectural elements, high ceilings, lots of natural light, two floors, large space, great food options, and an experienced team. We are incredibly grateful for the team at The Vault; we couldn't imagine our big day without them. They made all of our wedding dreams happen."

- CALLI AND BRENT



TRADEWINDS RESORT

Photos by: Maven Photo and Film



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

Situated on the award-winning St. Pete Beach, [TradeWinds Resort](#) offers a range of outdoor spaces for unforgettable events, including sunset ceremonies on the sand, cocktail hours on open-air terraces, and al fresco receptions on the lawn. Additionally, the resort boasts a selection of elegant indoor ballrooms, perfect for hosting grand celebrations.

St. Pete Beach, celebrated as the Sunset Capital of Florida, has earned the title of #1 beach destination in the U.S. and #5 beach in the world by TripAdvisor. Its breathtaking Gulf-front views make it a perfect setting for a scenic wedding. Conveniently located just 30 minutes from Tampa International Airport and 20 minutes to downtown St. Pete, it offers easy access

to the best attractions the Bay Area has to offer.

For couples looking for an adventure-filled Florida wedding getaway, the vast property is a true island paradise with over 700 rooms and villas that blend classic coastal charm with modern amenities. There are two hotels, Island Grand and RumFish Beach, each offering exquisite features and experiences.

Island Grand at TradeWinds is the perfect place for your entire wedding crew to just let go and enjoy all the sun and fun Florida has to offer. Relax alongside the soft white sands and warm Gulf waters of St. Pete Beach while taking advantage of the nine pools, kayaking, paddleboarding, high-tide water slide, craft classes, and so much more! The entire wedding party can drop anchor and lounge in the sea on the ten-person AquaBana or four-person floating loungers. Of course, there are jetski rentals, parasailing, and dolphin spotting excursions accessible right on the sands of your hotel. With so much recreation, you will need to take time and refuel. Island Grand has an extensive array of options, from grab-and-go to al fresco dining at Palm Court Italian, where classic red-sauce cuisine and fine wine come together for a welcoming dining experience.

For the love of sand and surf – from paddle boarding, snorkeling, and dolphin cruises to beach fun and sun-kissed sunsets, RumFish Beach is the ultimate aquatic oasis. From the moment you step on property, be inspired by the exquisite marine-life paintings and murals by Florida's renowned artist, Thomas Krause. Dive into the coastal-inspired accommodations located gulf front on the award- winning shoreline of St. Pete Beach. Grab your flip-flops and head to the adult-only pool or Sandbox Beach Lounge and unwind while sipping on tropical beach drinks and listening to gulf coastal vibes while cozied up to an open fire table. From sunup to sunset, the beauty and saltwater adventures are never-ending.

TradeWinds Resort 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 features two stunning beach ceremony sites, each accommodating up to 400 guests, where the sugary white sand and views of the Gulf of Mexico create the ambiance of an island escape. Unique among beach venues, it also offers two outdoor synthetic lawns, which provide a striking contrast to the waterfront and create a sophisticated 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 complimentary dance floor.

With a range of event spaces to choose from, couples can host an array of special gatherings all in one location. From welcome festivities and rehearsal dinners to wedding showers, bach parties, and post-wedding brunches, the property provides diverse settings to create unique experiences 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.





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Ceremony fees begin at \$2,400++ and include white garden chairs, a complimentary two-night stay for the couple, and an amenity for the newlyweds.

At TradeWinds, culinary excellence takes center stage, offering an array of customizable menus to elevate your wedding celebration. Whether you envision a lavish plated dinner, a bountiful buffet, or elegant hors d'oeuvres for a cocktail-style reception, our talented culinary team is dedicated to crafting a dining experience that perfectly complements your special day.

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, TradeWinds Resort on St. Pete Beach offers couples a truly unforgettable wedding experience.

Food and beverage minimums range from \$6,000-\$20,000++, with customized buffet or plated menus starting at \$133+/person



[LEARN MORE ABOUT TRADEWINDS RESORT](#)

LE MÉRIDIDIEN TAMPA

RENOVATED 4-DIAMOND HOTEL IN A CENTURY-OLD HISTORIC FEDERAL COURTHOUSE

Step into a journey through time at the newly renovated [Le Meridien Tampa](#), a magnificent 4-Diamond hotel housed in a century-old historic Federal Courthouse. Nestled in the vibrant heart of downtown Tampa, this boutique hotel is the perfect canvas for your dream wedding weekend.

Built in 1905, the property features meticulous decor, historical artifacts, and exquisite artwork that enrich every corner of the space.

Breathtaking architecture, elegant marble hallways, and original oak doors offer a unique setting, making it a one-of-a-kind venue.

Best known for its outdoor area, the Grand Stairs, the space provides an iconic backdrop for wedding ceremonies and portrait sessions.

Le Méridien Tampa features 130 stylish guest rooms, including multiple suites perfect for couples preparing for their big day. Each room is a harmonious blend of modern Floridian flair and historic charm, providing a comfortable retreat infused with character. As you wander through



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The culinary experience is nothing short of exceptional, as all menu offerings are crafted fresh in-house by a Hell's Kitchen featured chef.

As the sun sets on your ceremony, enjoy a delightful cocktail hour in one of three unique settings: the Outdoor Terrace, which showcases picturesque views of the historic facade, the Marbled Lounge, located within the elegant lobby bar, where conversations flow freely, or the Pool Lounge, a secluded oasis that provides a tranquil escape amidst the city's hustle and bustle.

When it's time to revel in dining and dancing, the Courthouse Ballroom awaits. Perfectly suited for gatherings of up to 130 guests, it is a picturesque and historic reception room that embodies elegance with a vaulted, hand-stenciled ceiling that draws the eye upward, floor-to-ceiling windows flooding the space with natural light, and golden chandeliers. Original oak walls echo of its courthouse history, complete with a historic gold eagle from the former judge's bench, adding a unique touch of history.

[**Le Meridien Tampa**](#) prides itself on delivering flavors that defy the expectations of typical hotel dining, offering an array of creative dishes that are sure to tantalize your taste buds.

the hotel, the 120-year-old property tells its own story, inviting you to discover its marbled halls and historical pieces that echo a rich past.

Couples can choose from two awe-inspiring ceremony options. The outdoor Grand Stairs, a favorite among many, features five-story high columns and stunning architectural details that make a breathtaking statement. Enhanced by sophisticated uplighting and adorned with lush Florida florals and majestic palms lining the space, it serves as a natural and enchanting setting for your celebration.

For an indoor alternative, the Historic Ballroom offers floor-to-ceiling windows that frame the outside world, golden chandeliers that cast a warm glow, crown molding that adds a touch of classic elegance, and hand-stenciled ceilings that captivate the imagination.

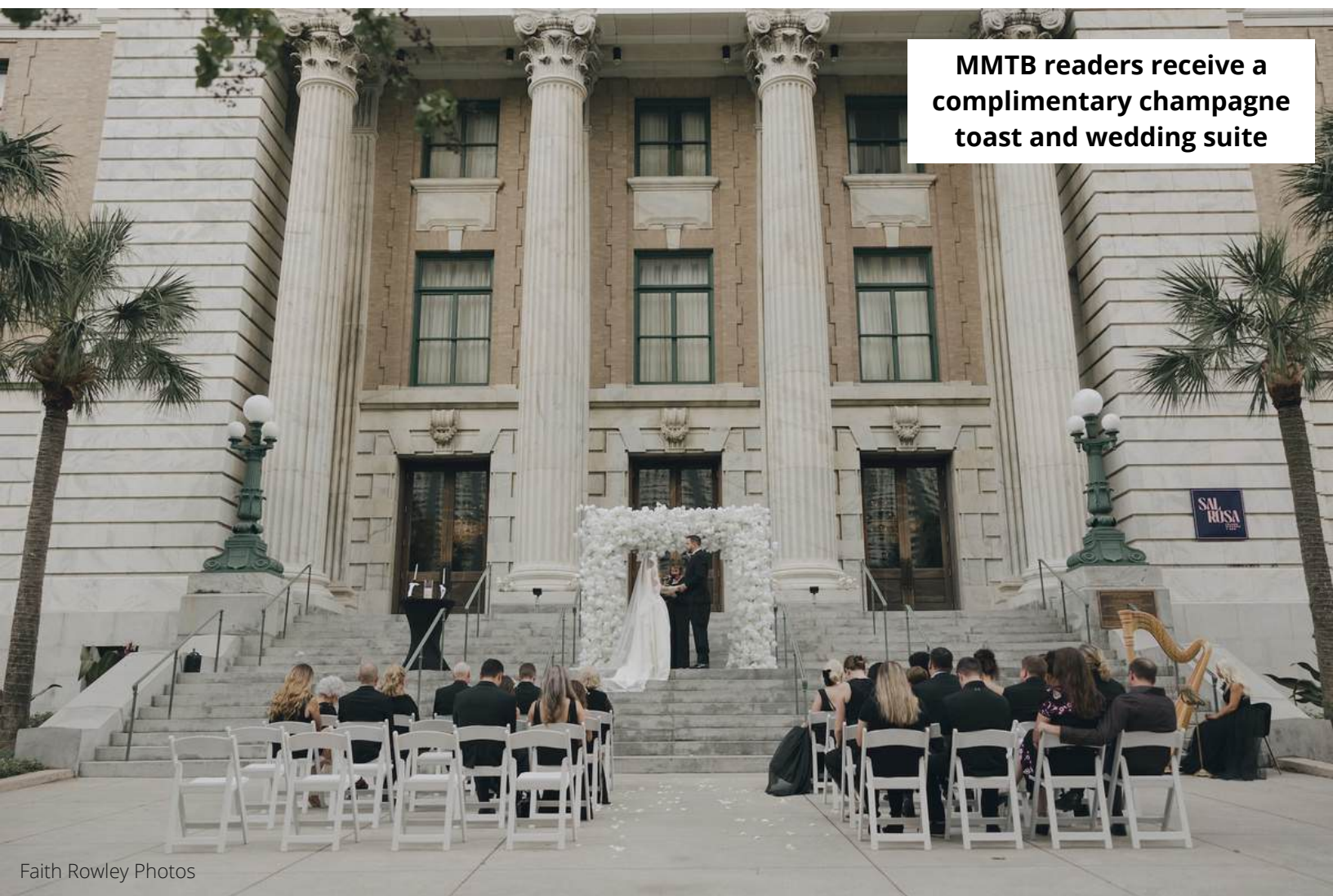
Unmatched service awaits you with a warm and friendly staff, highlighted by a special events team boasting over 15 years of experience, 10 of which have been dedicated exclusively to crafting beautiful weddings at this landmark property. With a Marriott Certified Wedding Planner at your service, couples benefit from an abundance of expertise, creative insight, and a commitment to turning your dream day into a smoothly orchestrated reality.

*Ceremonies range from \$1,000-\$2,000
depending on guest size*

*Reception packages start at \$179+\$/pp (plus
room rental, depending on guest size)*



[**LEARN MORE ABOUT LE MERDIEN TAMPA**](#)



**MMTB readers receive a
complimentary champagne
toast and wedding suite**

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WHITEHURST GALLERY



Lauren Galloway 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-the-century 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/groom gifts from Whitehurst Jewelry.



**[LEARN MORE ABOUT
WHITEHURST GALLERY](#)**

THE WEST EVENTS: INDUSTRIAL CHIC AT THE BEACH



Embodying the best of both worlds, [The West Events](#) 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 space 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 Pinterest-worthy 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 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. For larger groups, a full all-inclusive package is offered for groups up to 150 guests,



which includes the venue, catering, bar, planning, linens, and valet.

Customized packages are available.

Venue fees range based on the event dates and selected locations, with spaces that can be booked for smaller/intimate events starting at \$1,500 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! While other venues and hotels host multiple weddings and events simultaneously, The West Events couples can rest assured the entire venue is dedicated to their special occasion.

The 2,000 square foot 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, Giant Connect Four, Jumbo Jenga, & Yard Pong. For couples who envision the beach as the backdrop to their special day, the sand and sea are just a few steps away, offering a picturesque Florida backdrop for either a ceremony or sunset photos.

The West Events is an excellent choice for couples looking for a modern/industrial vibe close to the beach. Couples have the flexibility to book the venue 'a la carte,' allowing them to pick their own vendors or choose the 'all-inclusive package' for the easy button. Offering an approved vendor list with ample catering, planning, floral, and entertainment options, couples can truly bring their vision to life without breaking the bank.



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



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THE WEST EVENTS**](#)

LEGACY LANE WEDDINGS



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Nestled within the heart of Brooksville, FL, [Legacy Lane Weddings](#) 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



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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, wall-to-wall windows framing scenic views, and natural lighting, the barn exudes an atmosphere of rustic elegance, ensuring a perfect celebration.



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LEGACY LANE WEDDINGS](#)



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ONE OF DOWNTOWN

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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

"We chose the Poynter Institute because it was so architecturally interesting with all the wood beams and tons of natural light."

The courtyard area was perfect for cocktail hour, and there was a lot of room for set up, DJ, bar, etc. We were really happy we went with the Poynter Institute! The day-of staff were super friendly too."

[-OLIVIA AND MICHAEL](#)

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 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 \$3,000 for eight hours.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE POYNTER INSTITUTE](#)

The Great Hall is just beautiful, and the rich, orangey wood was right up my alley. The courtyard is gorgeous, and I bought purple, orange, and teal pillows for the benches to make it comfortable and inviting. Ultimately it had everything we wanted and was super reasonably priced, too!

The reflecting pool area was a cool bonus, and I was thrilled that people used it. Once the night cooled down, we threw open the doors, and half the party went outside while a refreshing breeze embraced the dance floor. Ultimately, it had everything we wanted and was reasonably priced, too!

[-ALEX AND JULIAN](#)



WESTSHORE YACHT CLUB:

SPECTACULAR SUNSET AND MARINA VIEWS



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, audio-visual 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.

"As soon as we set foot on the grounds, we knew this was the perfect wedding venue for us! We had envisioned an outdoor ceremony by the water, and it fulfilled everything we had dreamed of. I also wanted a venue that was naturally beautiful, requiring minimal additional decoration, and the Westshore Yacht Club was exactly that."

It offered the perfect blend of Mediterranean and Florida-style ambiance. It has a natural beauty without us needing to do anything to it. Additionally, the on-site coordinator, Amy Winkleman, was an absolute delight to work with. Her kindness and professionalism kept me relaxed throughout the entire wedding planning journey. She was certainly a major factor in our decision to choose the Westshore Yacht Club. From coordination and planning to food and service, everything surpassed our expectations at this venue!"

-CASLIN AND BRYCE

**MMTB readers receive a complimentary
champagne toast**



**LEARN MORE ABOUT
WESTSHORE YACHT CLUB**



LA HACIENDA ON SNOW HILL

Perched atop one of the highest elevations in Florida, [La Hacienda on Snow Hill](#) 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 \$9,000 and include exclusive use of their multiple event spaces, with weekend rates ranging from \$11,000-\$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](#)



GRAND HYATT TAMPA BAY

Nestled on 35 breathtaking waterfront acres, the [Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay](#) offers an exquisite setting for an elegant Florida-style wedding.

With over 35,000 square feet of flexible event space, this luxurious hotel can accommodate gatherings of all sizes, from intimate ceremonies to grand celebrations of up to 650 attendees. Guests will be awed by the stunning views of the Bay, framed by lush, tropical landscaping that creates a romantic and picturesque atmosphere.

Couples can choose from four ceremony locations, each offering a unique charm. The Skylark Terrace, perched on the 14th floor, invites couples to exchange vows against a backdrop of breathtaking Tampa Bay views. As the sun sets in the west, the terrace transforms into a canvas of vibrant colors, creating a magical moment for up to 120 guests. This outdoor haven is an ideal complement to a celebration held in the elegantly appointed Skylark Ballroom, enhancing the atmosphere with its panoramic vistas.

For those who dream of an outdoor experience, the Tower Lawn offers a tranquil setting on the Bay, surrounded by the serenity of mangroves, accommodating up to 125 guests.

Oystercatcher's Beach, nestled beside the mangroves, offers an authentic Florida backdrop for up to 150 cherished family and friends.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT
GRAND HYATT TAMPA BAY](#)



The Starling event space features floor-to-ceiling windows that invite natural light and showcase stunning views of Tampa Bay. This modern space provides a chic backdrop for ceremonies of up to 110 guests.

As the night unfolds, couples can choose from an array of sophisticated reception locations, including the Skylark Ballroom or the Audubon Ballroom.

The Skylark Ballroom, newly renovated in 2023, boasts an elegant ambiance with floor-to-ceiling windows that frame sweeping views of the Bay.

For a larger guest list, The Audubon Ballroom offers over 10,000 square feet of versatile space, complete with modern chandeliers and soaring 22-foot ceilings, accommodating between 150 and 650 guests in an exquisite, neutral palette setting.

[Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay's](#) comprehensive wedding packages offer an array of amenities, including a four-hour signature open bar, a thoughtfully curated selection of three butler-passed hors d'oeuvres and one stationary display, a choice between plated or buffet menu options, a celebratory champagne toast, luxurious floor-length white linens adorned with votive candles, and comfortable seating options with standard banquet chairs and elegant white outdoor ceremony chairs. Additionally, discounted guestroom rates are available for family and friends traveling from out of town.

Dinner pricing starts at \$175++

Food and beverage minimums vary based on event space and date

*\$145++ Specialty pricing available on select dates
Off-site catering is permitted for ethnic catering*

THE RESORT AT LONGBOAT KEY CLUB



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 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 on-site restaurants and lounges, and in-suite dining, a 291-slip, deep-water marina, sailing



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THE RESORT AT LONGBOAT KEY CLUB](#)



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



Beth Joy Photography

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 \$255++/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.



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.



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 all-inclusive wedding experience.

A private yacht charter requires a food and beverage minimum.

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



CONCESSION GOLF CLUB

ONE OF FLORIDA'S BEST PRIVATE GOLF COURSES

[The Concession Golf Club](#) offers a pristine landscape set on a 520-acre Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course with a nature-rich design that features 150-foot 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, eight-bedroom lodge, four-bedroom cottages, and the cozier casitas for your wedding party, family, and guests making for an inclusive event weekend.



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CONCESSION GOLF CLUB](#)



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 family-owned premium cigar maker, this historic venue pays homage to Tampa's reputation as the "Cigar City."

The newly renovated venue offers three distinct event spaces, each with its own style to create a stunning backdrop for any special event, featuring wood floors, brick walls, and abundant natural light.

Rentals are priced at \$8,000 for the building rental, with custom packages available based on event needs. Rental pricing includes banquet tables, cocktail tables, modern black chairs, audiovisual equipment, and on-site parking with security.

Couples can enhance their event experience with add-ons such as cigar rollers, access to the first-floor museum and factory store, or the third-floor lounge and Cigar Workers Park.

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



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J.C. NEWMAN CIGAR CO.](#)



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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 \$5,500-\$6,500 on the weekends and include a 12-hour rental period (with setup) and include round tables and black Chiavari chairs.

All-inclusive packages with catering, planner, florals, photography, and decor starting at \$22,976.*

MMTB readers receive a free "Courtyard" add-on if they book within one week of touring during the 2025 booking year.



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HOTEL HAYA

A 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 120 are ideal in our newest event space, Las Novedades. This historic space lies within the original brick structure of what was once Ybor City's first Spanish-style restaurant. The architectural details of this event space celebrate all the history of Old Ybor City, making it the perfect backdrop for your eclectic wedding.

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:

Friday Rental Fees: Las Novedades \$2,500/Valencia Ballroom & Foyer \$4,000

Saturday Rental Fees: Las Novedades \$3,000/Valencia Ballroom & Foyer \$5,000

Sunday Rental Fees: Las Novedades \$2,000/Valencia Ballroom & Foyer \$3,500

MMTB readers receive a 10% discount on the wedding menus for 2025 weddings

**Valid for new bookings only*



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HARBORSIDE CHAPEL:

A MINISTRY OF HARBORSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



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.

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.

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[Harborside Chapel](#) seats up to 216 guests, with weekend rental rates averaging \$1,250-\$3,250 and weekdays averaging \$1,050-\$2,450

Military and First Responder discounts available

"I had Harborside Chapel pinned on Pinterest for years, and when I walked in, I just knew it was the right spot. The employees and volunteers just love seeing love. We were not even in the planning stage yet, so knowing we had Harborside, who does so many weddings a week seamlessly, was a big reassurance.

We ultimately fell in love with the timeless chapel look, the natural light, and the support from the volunteers during the tour. They have it down to a science when it comes to how the day is run. I booked Harborside for a full day, so we had the option to get ready in the bridal suite. I recommend it all the time. Their mentors, Barb and Mike from their pre-marital mentorship program and Darci and Pastor Andrew, made everything so perfect. We walked in feeling so at ease and ready."

[-VICTORIA AND JAKE](#)

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MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN ARTS & CRAFTS MOVEMENT

Nestled in the heart of St. Petersburg's vibrant arts district, [The Museum of the American Arts and Crafts Movement](#) is a captivating venue that blends immersive artistry with stunning architecture, making it an extraordinary backdrop for weddings.

As you and your guests step into the enchanting Fountain Garden, you will be surrounded by luscious greenery and the soothing sounds of serene fountains. This picturesque outdoor space features an open layout with two stunning water features.

Inside, the Grand Atrium dazzles with its striking architecture and modern elegance, making it an exceptional indoor venue for ceremonies, cocktail hours, or receptions.

The defining feature, a grand spiral staircase, serves as an unforgettable focal point that makes for stunning portraits. The spacious design of the Atrium allows for imaginative event layouts, effortlessly blending intimate and larger gatherings.

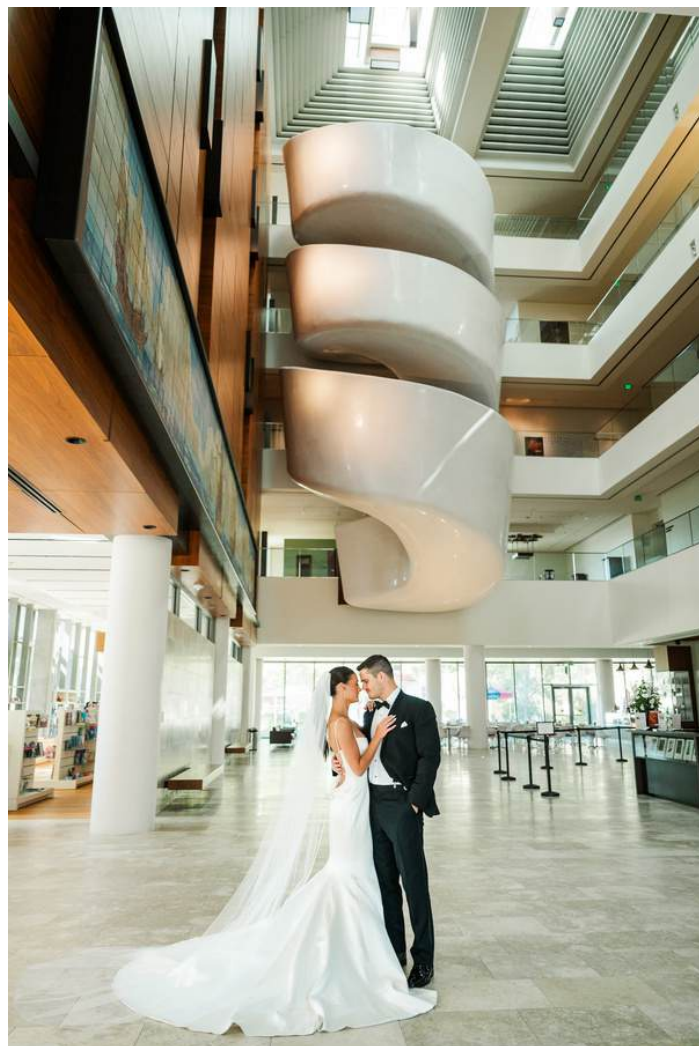
For sophisticated receptions, the Ballroom is filled with timeless elegance and unique charm, boasting neutral white walls, a wood-accented tray ceiling, and art-deco-inspired lighting.

Adjacent to the Ballroom is the enchanting Collector's Gallery, showcasing rare and important works by American masters from the turn of the twentieth century.

This remarkable gallery adds a cultural and artistic dimension to your event, inviting guests to immerse themselves in fine art while enjoying their celebration.



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WYNDHAM GRAND CLEARWATER BEACH



The Camera Crew

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 over 10,000 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.*



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WYNDHAM GRAND**](#)



Whether you're looking for a relaxed beach wedding or a black-tie affair, the [Wyndham Grand](#) 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.



HILTON TAMPA DOWNTOWN



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Located in the heart of the city, the [Hilton Tampa Downtown](#) boasts over 20 flexible event spaces, including an outdoor ceremony courtyard and a newly renovated ballroom featuring a modern design and stunning chandeliers.

Outdoor ceremony space, the Esplanade Patio, boasts a red brick courtyard nestled in the heart of downtown Tampa, surrounded by 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 and overnight accommodations, the Hilton is within walking distance of coveted Tampa area attractions such as Curtis Hixon Park, the Riverwalk, and Sparkman Wharf.



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TAMPA DOWNTOWN](#)

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON

DOWNTOWN TAMPA CONVENTION CENTER

Imagine a captivating wedding setting, nestled in the heart of downtown Tampa, adorned with luxurious palms, verdant lawns, and elegant ballrooms.

At the Embassy Suites By Hilton Downtown Tampa Convention Center, couples can choose to exchange vows on the lush front lawn, at the Art-Deco style Trolley Station, or within the 20-story hotel atrium with lush greenery as their background and room for up to 150 guests.

The allure of the 3rd-floor Pool Terrace views overlooking the Bay creates an ideal backdrop for cocktail hour, accommodating 80-100 guests.

The Bayside Ballroom features 12-foot ceilings, stunning chandeliers, and bright, modern decor to complement any wedding color palette.

Wedding packages start at \$118++ per person, including bar service and a unique menu customized by the hotel's master chef.

Packages include additional decor and services such as a dance floor, standard table linens, a champagne toast, and a romantic bridal suite, and overnight accommodations are available.

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DOWNTOWN TAMPA CONVENTION CENTER](#)



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EVENTS AT THE MOREAN HISTORIC TRAIN STATION



Dewitt for Love Photography

Blending historic charm with modern versatility, [Events at The Morean Historic Train Station](#) offers a distinctive setting for couples looking for a unique wedding venue in downtown St. Pete.

Originally built in 1926 as a freight train depot, this unique event space has been carefully restored to maintain its industrial character while adding contemporary amenities.

The spacious main hall features soaring exposed beam ceilings, original brick walls, and expansive windows that fill the space with natural light. The open floor plan and outdoor courtyard allow for a variety of layouts for up to 200 guests seated and 300+ cocktail style.

Located in the Grand Central District, the venue offers convenient access to downtown St. Pete's hotels, restaurants, and nightlife, making it easy for guests to enjoy the city before and after the celebration. With on-site parking and flexible vendor options, Events at The Morean Historic Train Station delivers an unforgettable atmosphere.



**MMTB Readers receive 10% off the rental fee
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Weekday rentals \$5,500
Weekend & holiday rentals \$6,500