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So you've set the date and now you face another huge decision—where will your celebration take place? Choosing your wedding venue is an important task, with many different factors to consider. You want your venue to be unforgettable and make sure it suits your personality, wedding theme, and the size of your party.

The number of venues available in the Greater Toronto Area seems to be endless. Are you looking for a rustic historical

building? Would you like a chic downtown event space? The choices are infinite. The right venue brings life to a wedding and will be remembered in pictures for years to come. Deciding on the right space for your special day and finally imagining what your wedding will really look like is a thrill—embrace the process and have fun with it.

Here we have narrowed down the long list of venue choices to the 12 most stunning and unique wedding venues in the GTA.

SOME QUESTIONS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN COMPARING VENUES:

- » What style of venue are you looking for?
- » Can the venue accommodate my guest list?
- » Can I use my own caterer or do they only work with a preferred list?
- » Do you want your ceremony, cocktails, and reception in the same venue?
- » Will you need to take inclement weather into consideration?
- » Is parking available?
- » Where is it located? Will you need extra transportation?

W Event Boutique

Located in Vaughan, one of the GTA's most elegant wedding venues is the W Event Boutique. The main space is over 3000 sq. ft. and can be tailored to your every wish, which isn't hard considering the white-washed walls are there to make any colour palette pop. W Event Boutique marries country charm and city chic with its barn-board paneling and exposed brick bring together in one stunning space.

The main room can comfortably seat up to 200 guests, and the outdoor patio seconds as a cocktail area. There's also a 650 sq. ft. mezzanine that can be used as a bridal suite on the big day.

W Event Boutique can help with almost any aspect of your wedding. From staffing to layout and décor, expert planners are ready to help make your wedding dream a reality.

The venue has a preferred caterer with experience, not only in food and beverage, but in full event management. The venue can arrange staff for security, food preparation and service, entertainment, and bartending. They also offer a range of décor packages with everything from floral arrangements to tableware. Also, there's parking onsite as well as free WiFi for all your out-of-town guests. You can be sure the professionals at W Event Boutique will make your event truly unforgettable.



The Burroughes Building

One of the largest buildings on Queen Street West, the Burroughes Building is one of the most distinctive in Toronto. The F.C Burroughes Furniture Company built its seven-storey department store in 1907, and for 53 years it was a home for the retail store. Since then the Burroughes Building has housed retail, office, and showroom space, while reserving its sixth and seventh floors as an event space.

With exposed brick and natural light, the rustic charm of the Burroughes Building makes any wedding feel luxurious. Drapery provided by the venue can manipulate the space making the rooms as open or cozy as you prefer. The 6000 sq. ft. sixth floor can accommodate up to 200 seated guests, or 420 people for a cocktail reception. Included in your sixth

floor rental is access to the terrace on the 7th floor. This added bonus gives you an outdoor space and a magnificent view of the Toronto skyline. The rooftop can hold up to 140 people and is a great way for guests to take a break from dancing to gaze at one of the best views in the city.

The Burroughes Building has an on-site kitchen and works with a list of preferred vendors. If necessary, the venue allows clients to use their own caterer, with a 15 percent landmark fee. This venue can staff an in-house bar or allow you to take care of your own bar if a Special Occasions Permit is provided. While there's no on-site parking, the venue does provide free WiFi so your out-of-town guests can snap, share, and tweet your beautiful big day.

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McMichael Canadian Art Collection

Towering over a 100-acre forest, 15 minutes north of Toronto, sits the McMichael Canadian Art Gallery. The beautiful home of Canadian treasures by the Group of Seven and Indigenous artists, seconds as a majestic location for any wedding. A stunning setting in any season, the staff at the McMichael Gallery truly knows event planning. They have the expertise to help you to get the most out of their venue and make your dream wedding a reality.

Both indoor and outdoor spaces are available, and the venue allows your guests to tour the gallery before or after the ceremony. The Hilltop overlooks the surrounding forest and is an ideal location for an outdoor ceremony. It can seat up to 150 people, and in the case of inclement weather an indoor option can be brought together easily. The Grand Hall features cathedral ceilings, stone walls, and a 180-degree view of the valley below. It can also seat up to 150 guests, with an added dancefloor, and has a courtyard suited for an outdoor cocktail reception. With more indoor galleries and terraces available, you need to visit the McMichael Gallery to choose which setting works best for you.

With your booking, the McMichael Canadian Art Gallery offers free parking for all guests, private viewing of the galleries, AV equipment, and a complimentary photo permit. A Special Occasions Permit is necessary for serving alcohol, and the venue does not provide staff or a preferred vendor list. If you want to surround yourself with natural beauty (and award-winning Canadian art!) trust the McMichael Gallery.



The Power Plant

The Power Plant, built in 1926, is most recognizable by its towering smokestack. This striking Toronto landmark has been fully renovated into a public art gallery and event space. With many rooms to choose from, a stylish lobby, and a beachside outdoor terrace, the Power Plant has the flexibility to fit any style of wedding.

Found on the shores of Lake Ontario, this former powerhouse includes galleries and an outdoor terrace, all open for rent. The gallery space splits into four rooms that are all blank canvases ready to match with any wedding style. Inside, the Royal LePage Gallery holds up to 250 seated guests and the J.S. McLean Gallery and Canadian Tire Gallery accommodates 120 seated guests.

The North Gallery is generally used for more intimate receptions of up to 60 people. The South Terrace, located on the waterfront, can be tented for weather protection and accommodates up to 360 seated guests.

Weddings scheduled at The Power Plant avoid planned exhibitions to give you as much design freedom as possible. The Power Plant has a preferred list of catering, rental, and staffing vendors. Additionally, a Special Occasions Permit (SOP) is needed for your event. Parking passes are available for wedding guests and service vehicles, and the venue can provide security staff. A wedding at The Power Plant brings together historic architecture and an outdoor beach haven for a one-of-a-kind celebration.

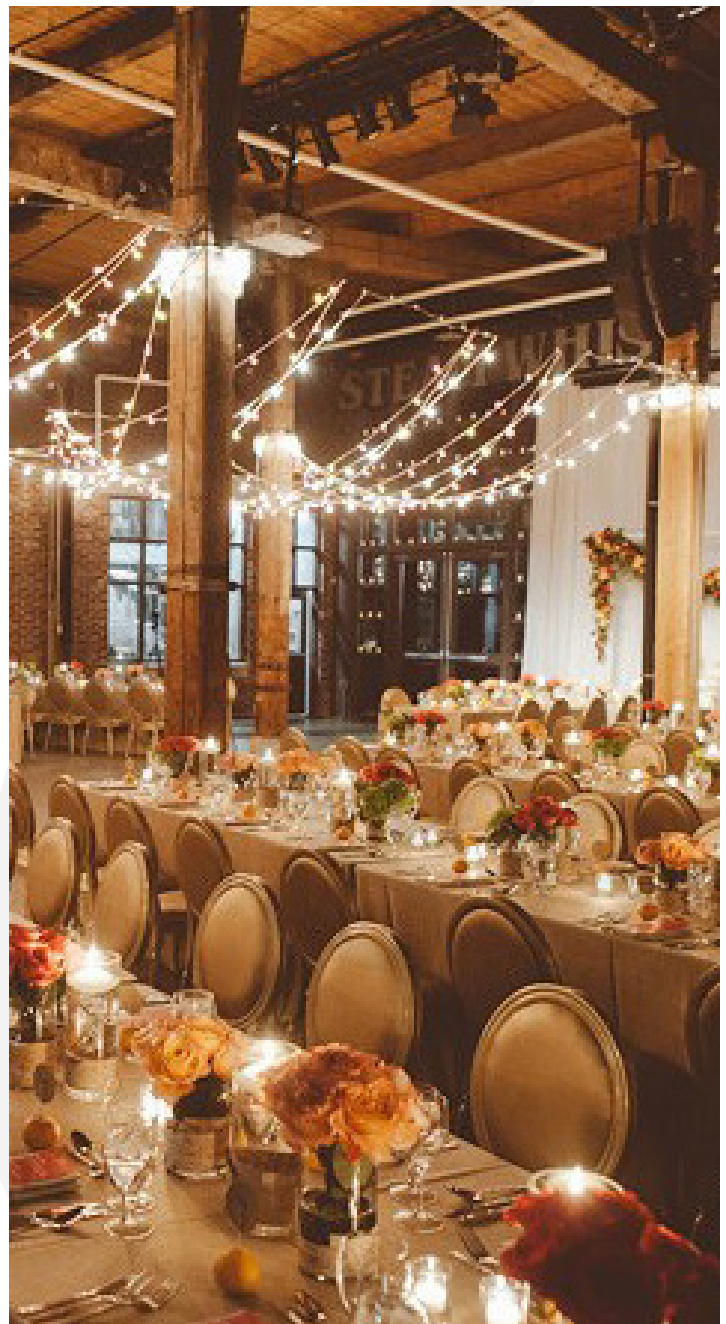
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Steamwhistle Brewery

Located in the heart of downtown Toronto, the remarkable Roundhouse building is only steps away from the CN Tower and Rogers Centre. Home of the Steam Whistle Brewery, this loft-style building has 30 ft. ceilings and massive windows. The exposed brick and natural light give this venue a rustic yet inviting atmosphere—not to mention a front-row view of Toronto’s biggest landmarks.

The Hall is the most flexible space, with 4000 sq. ft. ready to match your wedding theme and design layout. It can hold up to 250 seated guests and boasts exterior doors that open to a stunning city view on the outdoor patio. The Gallery, featuring a 60 ft. bar, is the perfect place for your cocktail reception. It has a capacity of up to 250 standing guests, and if you book it in conjunction with the Hall, it can house guests between the wedding ceremony and dinner.

Rental rates depend on the time of year and Steam Whistle only works with its list of approved suppliers. This includes caterers, equipment rental, and AV technicians who are all familiar with the space. A SOP must be secured before serving alcohol onsite, and the venue kitchen is only used for service, not food preparation. There’s no on-site parking but city parking is within walking distance. As an added bonus, tours of the brewery can be made available for added guest entertainment!





The Warehouse

The Warehouse is one of Toronto's most multi-functional event spaces. With soaring 30 ft. high ceilings and open-concept floorplan, the Warehouse is completely customizable. Every single event held at The Warehouse is unique, and allows you to be creative and add your personal touches to your big day.

The 9000 sq. ft. space transforms to accommodate as low as 100 people to over 500 guests. A separate 3500 sq. ft. room can be rented either on its own, or together with the main space, to allow for an elegant cocktail reception. This venue offers a full range of services and amenities including furniture, draping, tables, and chairs. The Warehouse also offers barware, glassware, and Plexiglas bars to use as you wish.

The Warehouse has a full range of preferred vendors, including caterers, equipment rentals, florists, and photographers. Professional event managers are available onsite throughout the big day to take care of all the details. The space includes full kitchen facilities, a complimentary bridal suite, coat check, and free valet parking. No matter what kind of wedding you're planning, The Warehouse is readily transformed into the wedding venue of your dreams.

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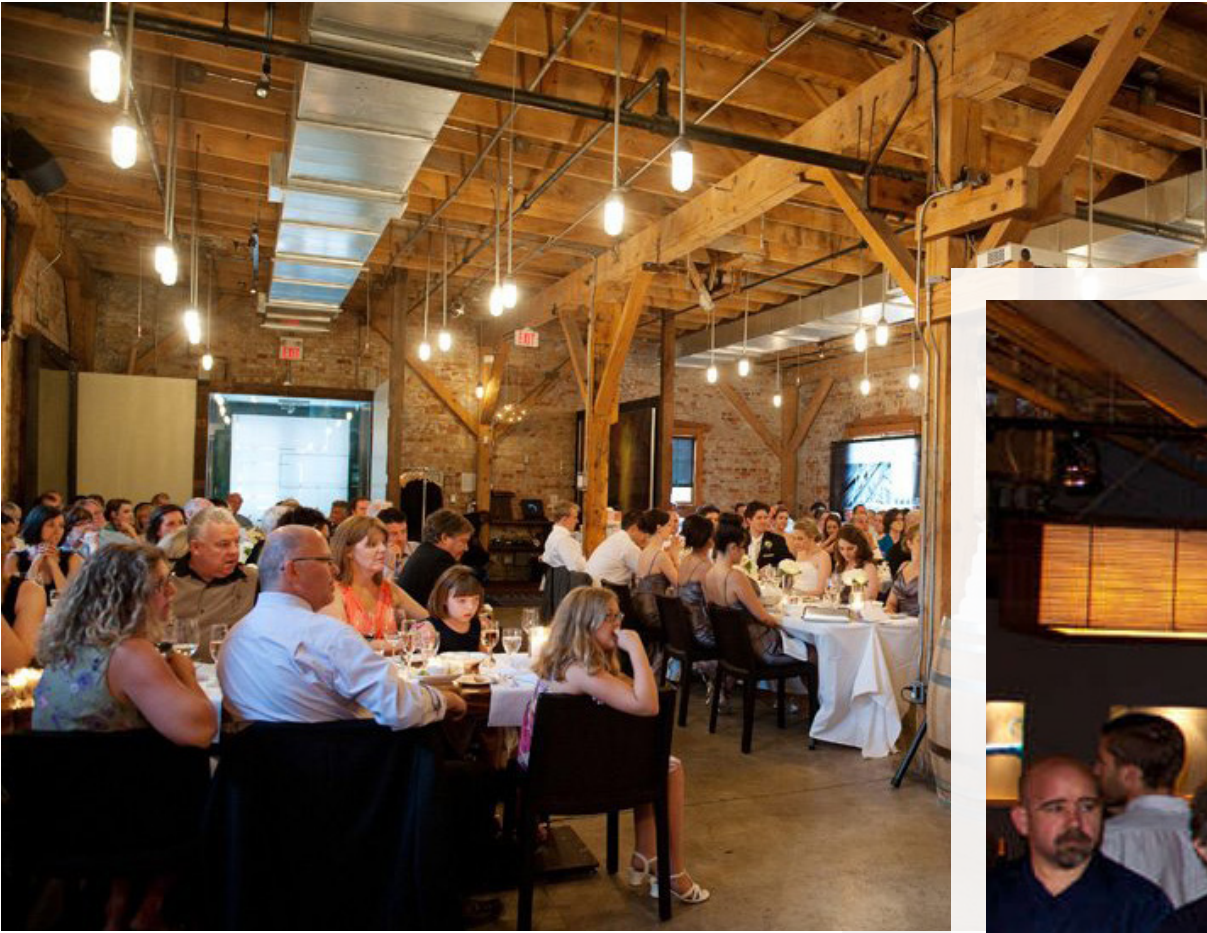
Artscape Gibraltar Point

This venue, located on Toronto Island on the shores of Lake Ontario, brings the beauty of cottage country to the city. Artscape Gibraltar Point is a beachfront property only 10 minutes from downtown by ferry. Next door to the Gibraltar Point Lighthouse, one of Toronto's oldest landmarks, this venue is perfect for intimate weddings in a natural setting.

Operated by Artscape, this space is primarily used as an arts and cultural facility. As more and more people discovered its beauty, the doors were opened to host a variety of events. A former island school house, Artscape Gibraltar Point is only steps away from the beach and engulfed by parkland. Two indoor rooms, the Beacon and Fireplace rooms, can seat up to 150 guests and walk out onto the lawn. The hidden gems of the property are the South & West Lawns and the secluded beach area. These outdoor spaces are a haven of twinkling lights sure to enchant your guests.

All indoor rooms come with access to the beach. What's more, a fire pit and outdoor beach games serve as bonus guest entertainment. Tents are available to shield the outdoor spaces, and stage risers and a portable sound system are also on site. It's an unlicensed venue, so a Special Occasions Permit is necessary to serve alcohol, and there's no preferred supplier list. There's no additional cost if you would like to use the beach for your ceremony, but it's public so privacy isn't guaranteed. With a stunning view on the banks of Lake Ontario, there's no place better for a warm and relaxed celebration.





Arta Gallery

Hidden down the cobblestone streets of Toronto's Distillery District, the Arta Gallery is a distinctive and tasteful event space. The whole Arta Gallery can be fully converted to fit your personal style, making it a celebration like no other. With exposed brick and gorgeous backdrop of the historic Distillery District, your wedding photos are sure to impress.

The Arta Gallery can house up to 200 guests and comfortably seat up to 110 people. The venue is well equipped, and offers some amenities and in-house services. Items like chairs, tables, lounge furniture, and an AV system can be provided by the venue. An event coordinator is also available from set-up to tear down so nothing will fall through the cracks.

Since the Arta Gallery is not a licensed event venue, you will need a Special Occasion Permit prior to your wedding date. The gallery is happy to staff your bar if needed, but please note there's an extra charge to take professional photos inside the gallery. Arta Gallery has a list of preferred caterers, but they allow clients to use their own if they are approved by the venue. You'll go back in time at Arta Gallery as soon as you experience ancient architecture and upscale elegance in one space.



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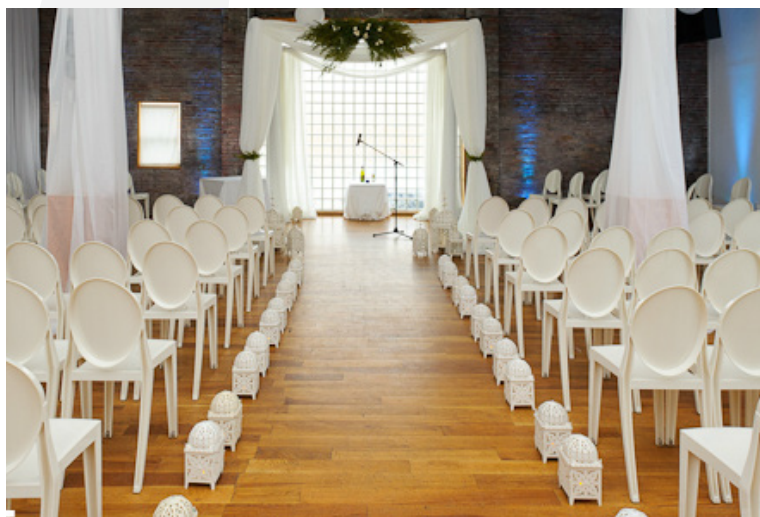


99 Sudbury

Snuggled in Toronto’s west end is the trendy and versatile venue at 99 Sudbury. This venue has been home to a glass factory, restaurants, and a film studio, and is now one of the top event venues in the city. This upbeat setting captures the vibe of Toronto while adding a touch of rustic glamour.

99 Sudbury is one of Toronto’s most adaptable spaces, with three rooms that offer differing styles that will add new life to any wedding theme. The Glass Factory is a bright, open-concept space, with exposed brick walls and can seat 250 guests. It’s a loft-style space with full kitchen capabilities, two licensed bars, and access to the outdoor patio. The Lounge seats 125 people or 150 for a cocktail reception, features a licensed outdoor patio, and links to The Glass Factory for larger gatherings. The 99 Gallery is the largest space at 5500 sq. ft., and can seat up to 280 guests. With four rolling walls the space is flexible and is just waiting to be made over.

99 Sudbury has an in-house planning team with the expertise to help you design and plan your dream wedding. The venue uses a list of preferred vendors but will allow outside catering with the addition of a 20 percent landmark fee and \$750 kitchen rental fee. With rooms to fit almost any wedding style and an outdoor patio overlooking the Toronto skyline, 99 Sudbury is a west-end gem.



FountainBlu Event Venue

Found nestled Toronto's exhibition grounds, FountainBlu is one of Toronto's most exclusive event venues. With only one banquet hall your event is the main attraction—no interference from other guests or rooms. The grounds of FountainBlu include a bridge overlooking Lake Ontario, a picture-perfect fountain, and vibrant gardens. It's a venue made for the perfect sunset wedding photos.

Wall-to-wall windows frame the FountainBlu ballroom, and a walk out patio gives your guests a breathtaking view of the lake. The ballroom can be partitioned and adjusted to meet your needs and create a look exclusive to your special day. The portable dance floor and bars make it easy to design a layout that fits your wishes, and full LED lighting offers a range of colour opportunities.

FountainBlu offers in-house catering specialists offering multiple international menus. You can even participate in full sample dinners to make sure they get your vision just right. There's a full, on-site kitchen and this venue even offers extras with your rental fee such as tables, chairs, glassware and linens. With free WiFi and a full sound system, you can be sure your guests will dance the night away next to a glimmering Lake Ontario.

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Toronto Botanical Gardens

Located just north of downtown Toronto is the Toronto Botanical Gardens, one of the most picturesque event venues in the GTA. Combining the beauty of nature with a modern venue allows you to have the best of both worlds in one space. The Toronto Botanical Garden's event rooms adjoin to garden courtyards which give you an outdoor oasis with the flexibility of an indoor space.

The Floral Hall is the largest space available, and can comfortably seat up to 200 guests including a dance floor. Featuring skylights, a stage, stone accents, and its own private courtyard (seats 140), the Floral Hall is a haven amongst a sea of flowers. The Garden Hall is the more intimate of the two rooms, and its fresh white palette makes decorating simple. It can hold 80 guests with a dancefloor and opens onto a courtyard and waterfall.

Both rooms have catering kitchens and lighting systems that can match almost any colour scheme. The venue is not licensed so you will need to provide a SOP. The Toronto Botanical Gardens has a list of preferred vendors to help with any staffing, catering or entertainment needs and onsite parking is available. Not only will your guests get to enjoy the spectacle of your wedding, they'll also get to see one of the best botanical gardens in the country.



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The Henley Room

Found on the shores of Lake Ontario at the Argonaut Rowing Club, The Henley Room has been a premier wedding venue for over 20 years. With views of both the city skyline and the beachfront, it's the complete venue package.

The Henley Room is 2700 sq. ft. large and can be designed to meet your needs—from small intimate affairs, to larger celebrations up to 200 seated guests. The 750 sq. ft. private patio is a perfect getaway overlooking Lake Ontario, and adds an outdoor element to the space. A wedding booking includes a partner for the whole planning process. The Henley Room assigns an event manager who hosts two complimentary planning sessions. They are also on site for the whole day of your wedding, en-

suring a stress free event.

The Henley Room provides 120 parking spaces with passes up to noon the next day. The venue is WiFi connected and has a fully licensed bar—no SOP necessary! This venue staffs the bar and can customize its selection based on your preferences. Along with their list of preferred caterers, The Henley Room is open to outside catering (if arranged through the event planning team). For a chic urban wedding with a unique beach feel, there's no better venue in the GTA than The Henley Room.

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NEED SOME ADVICE? CALL THE EXPERTS

Seventh Heaven is a one-stop shop catering company committed to bringing your vision of the perfect wedding to life. We help you put all the details in place as well as deliver a flawless execution of your dream wedding.

Our full service caterers will not only provide you with a perfect menu for your special day, but also supply and manage all rentals and labour for the big event. In fact, we offer our expertise to manage any of the other key services you will need to make your day a success. For example, we can oversee all areas of customized menu creation, full event design, venue selection, décor, floral, rentals of every nature, entertainment, and staffing. Whatever you're dreaming of, Seventh Heaven can make it happen.

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