

Boston

WEDDINGS

Wedding Venues in Boston

Guess who's coming to dinner? Every single person you know and love. Give them a taste of the latest trend in city weddings with a blowout party inside one of the Hub's hottest restaurants. —By *Emily Kumler*

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Puritan & Company / Photograph by Lena Mirisola

Your weekly calendar involves dining out at the city's top eateries more days than not. Why serve traditional ballroom-style fare on your big day, then, when your favorite toques are willing to whip up something special just for you? "The great thing about a restaurant wedding is that the service is more personalized, and the food is typically higher-quality because the chef is focused solely on you," says planner Amy McLaughlin, who often works with food-loving couples.

At Puritan & Company, for example, the hip décor is rivaled only by the farm-to-table cuisine: Buy out the joint and you can create a custom menu that draws on produce from the restaurant's sister farm in Groton. Most couples tie the knot up front by the oversize windows, with long tables and perimeter booths offering lots of possibilities for party setup.

Greek restaurant Doretta Taverna & Raw Bar, meanwhile, takes personalized weddings to another level: Chef Brendan Pelley once replicated his mother's chicken *kapama* recipe for a bride. The focal point of the main dining room is the massive bar, which practically guarantees no long lines for a cocktail.

Then there's the South End hot spot SRV, which serves up Venetian *cicchetti* ideal for a cocktail reception (the chefs particularly enjoy requests for "dirty" Italian snacks like mini meatball subs and mozzarella sticks). Couples take advantage of the back patio for ceremonies and dance parties under the stars—a perfectly romantic way to cap off an evening of amore.

PURITAN & COMPANY

Head Count: Up to 65 (main dining room); up to 30 (private dining room)

Price: Starting at \$10,000

DORETTA TAVERN & RAW BAR

Head Count: Up to 150 (main dining room); up to 20 (private dining room)

Price: Starting at \$17,000

SRV

Head Count: Up to 120 (main and private dining rooms); up to 40 (patio)

Price: Price upon request

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Amy McLaughlin, Amy McLaughlin Lifestyles



Revere Hotel / Courtesy photo

GUEST DIGS

Featuring luxe C.O. Bigelow bath products and a pillow menu—not to mention a gorgeous heated indoor pool overlooking the city—the recently redesigned **Revere Hotel** is a plush place to stash out-of-towners.

PREWEDDING ADVENTURE

Weddings can be stressful, but knowing your crew can get you out of any jam will calm even the most anxious couple. That’s where **Escape the Room** comes in. Filled with hidden clues and secret exits, the booby-trapped fake rooms will encourage your bridal party to work together as a team—and have a blast bonding before you say “I do.”



Explorateur / Courtesy of Big Night Entertainment Group

REHEARSAL DINNER

The old Masonic temple on Tremont Street has been transformed into the new restaurant **Explorateur**, which serves up French cuisine with California flair. Much like the secretive society that formerly occupied the space, the handsome, chandeliered “library” is reserved exclusively for private parties.

UNIQUE VENDOR

Boston couples are flipping over the customizable game options from **the Studio of Duxbury**. Order up personalized life-size Jenga blocks or a cornhole board with your new monogram and wedding date, and let your guests play the reception away.

LOCAL FLAVOR

Bid your guests adieu with one more matrimonial morsel: monogrammed *macarons* in delicate flavors like rose petal and lavender honey from local bakery **Maca**.



Envoy Hotel / Courtesy photo

CONSIDER THE MINI-MOON

Your wedding day may be over, but the fun is just beginning. Kick off your first few days as a married couple at the Seaport's **Envoy Hotel**, where huge walls of windows offer glimpses of the world outside. Snuggle your new spouse all afternoon before VIPing your way up to the property's rooftop bar while others wait in a line that often wraps around the building—or relax and recharge with a spa day at the Back Bay's **G2O**, which will move to a brand-new 17,000-square-foot space complete with a flotation tank and fireside lounge in February 2018. For dinner, Fort Point hot spot **Oak + Rowan** will keep the weekend's foodie vibe going with eclectic dishes like cocoa pappardelle with wild-boar shoulder, venison with smoked clams, and stunningly plated cheese platters.

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