

more than a century, would be incredible: Consider the gorgeous post-and-beam great room (constructed by Amish craftsmen ferried to the island), a menu by Ming Tsai protégé Tom Berry, and the stunning views of Nantucket Harbor. The one trick is finding someone to sponsor the wedding if you're not a member. 96 WASHINGTON ST., NANTUCKET, 508-325-5200, GHYC.COM.

THE JETTIES

PRICE: Upon request

HEAD COUNT: Up to 1,000

This cool waterfront locale boasts a wide, flat beach and a covered outdoor pavilion. Rental of the Jetties includes a full bar, seating, and plenty of parking for your guests' convenience. The property offers an in-house catering service but is amenable to working with outside vendors as well. 4 BATHING BEACH RD., NANTUCKET, 508-228-2279, THEJETTIES.COM.

NANTUCKET WHALING MUSEUM

PRICE: \$3,500–\$10,000 rental fee

HEAD COUNT: Up to 170 seated; 500 standing

Party amid historical displays and whaling memorabilia at this fun, quirky museum. The venue's nautical décor (complete with a 46-foot sperm-whale skeleton) will certainly ensure an unforgettable first dance, and wedding-friendly features like state-of-the-art lighting and sound capabilities are also offered. The rooftop deck can be rented and offers impressive views of both land and sea. 13 BEACON ST., NANTUCKET, 508-228-1894, NHA.ORG

THE WAUWINET

PRICE: \$250+ per person

HEAD COUNT: Up to 150

Nantucket's posh Wauwinet, a 32-room inn, has some of the best views you can find. The inn's gorgeous grounds can be transformed into a luxurious private retreat for large parties or accommodate smaller groups for an intimate setting. 120 WAUWINET RD., NANTUCKET, 508-228-0145, WAUWINET.COM.

WHITE ELEPHANT

PRICE: \$130+ per person

HEAD COUNT: Up to 300

This circa-1920s luxury establishment, just a few minutes' walk from historic Nantucket Town, is a local landmark and a favorite among the stylish set. Its guest rooms feature island-chic details including wainscoting, water views, and plush linens. For weddings, couples can choose from two indoor reception spaces and a giant tent on the lawn (or booking the entire hotel). The popular on-site restaurant, Brant Point Grill, serves modern New England fare. 50 EASTON ST., NANTUCKET, 508-728-2500, WHITEELEPHANTHOTEL.COM.

MAINE

BAR HARBOR INN & SPA

PRICE: \$500–\$1,000 rental fee; \$45–\$65 per person

HEAD COUNT: Up to 175

With spectacular views, elegant accommodations, and a luxury spa, the Bar Harbor Inn hosts all manner of wedding-related events, from prenuptial getaways with the girls to rehearsal dinners to full-fledged receptions. The historical facility also offers complete bridal service and professional menu planning—in addition to providing all of the smaller details, like antique wooden altars and side tables. NEWPORT DRIVE, BAR HARBOR, ME, 800-350-3352, WEDDINGATBARHARBORINN.COM.

THE COLONY HOTEL

PRICE: Upon request

HEAD COUNT: 240

Situated on a rock promontory overlooking the crashing waves of the Atlantic and the mouth of the Kennebec River, the grand Colony Hotel—one of the Historic Hotels of America—is a family-owned, eco-conscious resort. It even has its own private beach and an organic rose, herb, and flower garden on-site—perfect for post-ceremony photo ops with your bridal party. 140 OCEAN AVE., KENNEBUNKPORT, ME, 207-967-3331, THECOLONYHOTEL.COM.

DOCKSIDE RESTAURANT ON YORK HARBOR

PRICE: Upon request

HEAD COUNT: Up to 160

Located just offshore on a seven-acre private peninsula in York Harbor, this charming cottage-style spot sits at the edge of the sea. Its front lawn slopes gently to the ocean, providing ample space for wedding parties of up to 160 people. For your first dinner as newlyweds, chef Dennis La Plante will create a custom reception menu, while friendly

LOOKING FOR...

A SPA TREATMENT?



VIOLET SKIN BOUTIQUE

257 NEWBURY ST., BOSTON; 1362 BEACON ST., BROOKLINE; 617-262-7546, VIOLETSKINBOUTIQUE.COM.

The eponymous founder of this spa has a background in bio-chemistry and claims she can fix any type of problematic skin with enough lead time (so book well in advance). Custom facials are created based on skin type, and the spa's all-natural products—like the heavenly scented Peony face cream—are free of chemicals and preservatives and made fresh by hand every week.

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