

Wedding Destinations for Nantucket, Massachusetts

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Nantucket, a small island off the coast of Massachusetts just south of Cape Cod, is a tourist destination for people across the world. The many historic buildings, pleasant landscaping and miles of beaches make Nantucket not just a [vacation](#) destination, but an ideal place to hold a [wedding](#). There are several destinations in Nantucket that work well for a wedding party.

Galley Beach

1. Described as a "bistro on the beach," Galley Beach is an upscale [restaurant](#) with private access to oceanfront property, making it an ideal location for both a wedding ceremony and reception. The area went under extensive renovation in 2008, adding a zinc beach bar. The tent-covered dining area comes equipped with a heater for chilly evenings.

The Wade Cottages

2. With buildings and furnishings dating back to the 1800s, the Wade Cottages were originally built as a private estate. Now used for special functions, this establishment offers a section of private beach property. The grounds can accommodate up to 250 guests, and the cottages themselves can hold up to 40 guests for an overnight stay. As of 2011, all wedding and group packages are available in May, June, September and October.

Nantucket Unitarian Church

3. The Unitarian church in [Nantucket](#) offers non-denominational [weddings](#) to couples. The meeting house was built in 1809 and restored in 2010, and provides an idyllic background. The interior was designed and painted in the 1800s, with the rose-hewed pews accommodating up to 500 guests. Another feature is the 1831 Goodwich organ.

Whaling Museum of Nantucket

4. The Nantucket Whaling Museum is housed in a candle factory built in the mid-1800s, toward the end of the whaling industry's popularity. The building was restored in 2005, and has been the backdrop of several weddings. The space is outfitted with sound, lighting and [video](#) systems.

The Jared Coffin House

5. The Jared Coffin House is the home of Jared Coffin, a ship owner in the 1800s. It is ideal for intimate wedding gatherings of up to 70 guests for a reception in the dining room. A ceremony can be held in the gardens, which can accommodate up to 30 seated guests. The inn is near Nantucket State Forest, and also near Nantucket Memorial Park.