



10 most talked-about wedding venues

You've heard the hype—now get the scoop on these top North Carolina spots. BY CARRIE CHAMBERS

1 sand & sun

Pelican's Landing is a private beach home with 5,000 square feet of options in Corolla. Invite up to 150 guests for a seaside wedding behind the home where large open spaces transition into beautiful sand dunes. Or hold an intimate wedding inside the open, airy home (holds 50). (252) 489-3172, PelicansLandingOBX.com

2 historic elegance

A Roanoke Island landmark, **108 Budleigh** (also featured on page 122) is located near several churches, the Manteo Waterfront Gazebo and the Elizabethan Gardens. Float down a regal staircase and exchange vows in the Arbor Verandah on the water's edge, with up to 200 guests watching. (252) 473-2208, 108Budleigh.com

3 southern comfort

For an authentic Southern home, restored with modern conveniences, consider holding your celebration at **1705 Prime** (also featured on page 39) near downtown Raleigh. Enter through white columns onto a meticulous landscape for an outdoor affair or take the party inside. There are options for small or large guest lists. (919) 850-2340, 1705Prime.com

4 magnificent manor

Exchange wedding vows near a peaceful koi pond alongside beautifully manicured gardens at **Magnolia Manor** in Colfax. A 100-year-old American Beech tree, also known as "The Sweetheart Tree," shades the altar area. Inside the manor's Ashley Ballroom, serve a party of up to 275 with custom meals from

your choice of a long list of approved caterers. (336) 665-0655, Magnolia-Manor.com

5 weatherproof pavilion

Worried about the weather? Hold your reception in Huntersville at Birkdale Golf Club's **Palmer Pavilion** and rest assured, up to 200 of your guests will be comfortable. The Pavilion overlooks the club's 18th green and has a working stone fireplace, high rafter ceilings and elegant French doors. (704) 895-1151, Birkdale.com

6 beachfront beauty

The White Doe Inn is a luxurious Victorian-style inn with unique coastal architecture and a sunny atmosphere. This is perfect for small destination weddings (accommodates up to 60) in the beachside village of Manteo. The

inn is on the National Register of Historic Places, near one of the Outer Banks' most beautiful stretches of beach. (800) 473-6091, WhiteDoeInn.com

7 ceremony & celebration

With its original stained-glass windows and classic woodwork, the **All Saints Chapel** in Raleigh is perfect for your ceremony, but it's also a great place to hold the reception! Invite up to 160 guests for an elegant seated meal in the reception hall (there's a prep kitchen on site as well), or dine beneath a tent outside with a larger group of 200. All caterers are welcome, but discounts are available if you use Empire Eats catering. (919) 459-3212, AllSaints1875.com

8 romantic retreat

Dreaming of dancing in a Tudor-style

ballroom or having hors d'oeuvres on a landscaped garden terrace with the Blue Ridge Mountains in the distance? **The Grand Bohemian Hotel** offers such romantic settings in Asheville's Biltmore Village. The hotel can accommodate up to 200 people and promises to give your day undivided attention. (828) 398-5522, BohemianAsheville.com

9 magnificent mansion

The Graylyn Estate in Winston-Salem is the picture-perfect location for a timeless, fairy-tale wedding. Don't let the quaint ambience of this elegant stone estate fool you; they offer well appointed guest rooms and a great amount of workable event space. Ask about their all-inclusive wedding packages. (336) 758-2426, Graylyn.com

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10 taste of italy
Your guests will feel like they're celebrating in Tuscany at **Villa Raffaldini** in Ronda. The 6,000 square-foot property has full panoramic views of the Blue Ridge and Brushy Mountains, as well as landscaped terraces. The space can accommodate up to 400 indoors and out. Hold your ceremony on the lawn, sip vino on the balcony and take in all of the breathtaking, traditional Italian art. (336) 835-9463, Raffaldini.com



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