

Tampa Bay Preferred Vendors

The following are people, places, and things that we recommend to help plan your Florida Wedding!

Where a point of contact is provided, please go through this person if you need more information, and please let them know you heard about them through Simple Weddings!

Hair & Makeup

Destino Y Luz – Mobile hair and makeup artist Priscilla Cruz is amazing! Not only will she come to your home or hotel and make you look beautiful for your wedding day, she'll also keep you relaxed and laughing. By the time she's done with your hair and makeup, you'll be best friends! www.destinoyluz.com

[Point of Contact: Priscilla Cruz, makeup_priscilla@yahoo.com, 813-476-8386]

Florists

Treasure Island and St Pete Beach: Seaside Florals – Conveniently located in the Don Cesar Hotel, this independently-owned florist can't be beat for convenience if you're staying at the Don or anywhere on St Pete Beach. Owner Kim always takes great care of our clients, and their selection and quality is second to none! www.seasideflorals.com

[Point of Contact: Kim, info@seasideflorals.com, 727-363-5056]

Clearwater and Sand Key: Sweats Florist – Conveniently located at 1425 South Fort Harrison Ave in Clearwater, Sweats is the place if you're getting married on Clearwater Beach or Sand Key! Cora and Kay take great care of our clients, and their selection, quality, and prices are some of the best around! www.sweatsflorist.com

[Point of Contact: Cora, sweatsexoticflowers@hotmail.com, 888-461-9055]

Catering/Receptions/Banquet Hall

Bayside Banquets – Conveniently located in the heart of St Pete Beach, Bayside Banquets is the perfect reception venue for up to 80 guests. Tasteful décor...Delicious, affordable food...Responsive staff...Alcohol sales...Offsite catering...restaurant dining - they truly have it all! www.floridabeachweddingreceptions.com

[Point of Contact: Debbie Stanbaugh, 727-251-1045]

Beachfront Hotels

The Inn on the Beach – If you're getting married on Pass-a-Grille, look no further than the Inn on the Beach! Overlooking one of our favorite spots for beach weddings, the Inn on the Beach truly has it all, from a small inn, to private cottages, to a beach house, all just steps away from beautiful Pass-a-Grille beach and one of our favorite restaurants, The Black Palm! www.innonbeach.com

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Residence Inn Treasure Island – The Residence Inn's stunning and affordable rooms are truly like a home away from home. Their private beach is to die for, and their poolside outdoor bar is perfect for a cocktail hour or small reception. What more could you possibly need? www.residenceinntreasureisland.com

[Point of Contact: Shauna Wilson, Director of Sales, shauna.wilson@marriott.com, 727-367-2761]

Tradewinds Island Grand – The Tradewinds is one of our favorite hotels on St Pete Beach. The beautifully landscaped grounds include a canal that guests can ply by paddleboat and is crossed by several scenic footbridges. They also have multiple outdoor gazebos, a beautiful white sand beach, and several restaurants and reception venues on site. www.OnlyLetGo.com

[Point of Contact: Francisco Arias, farias@twresort.com, 727-363-2321]

The Sirata Beach Resort – The Sirata is a nice, mid-priced beach resort located directly on St Pete Beach. They offer several options for indoor or outdoor/beach weddings and receptions, and have several restaurants on site. www.sirata.com

[Point of Contact: Stacy Feldhusen, sfeldhusen@sirata.com, 727-363-5176]



Downtown Hotels

The Hampton Inn & Suites – Located near downtown St Petersburg, this gorgeous hotel is located in a historic building that has been recently renovated, and is surrounded by beautiful waterfront parks. The St Pete Yacht Club, The Pier, Baywalk, and dozens of local restaurants and nightclubs are within walking distance (be sure to check out the Ceviche Restaurant downstairs!).

www.stpetehampton.com

[Point of Contact: John Backe, john.backe@hilton.com, 727-892-9900 ext. 110]

The Renaissance Vinoy Resort – The Vinoy is a first class luxury resort and golf club near Downtown St Petersburg. It is gorgeous (we were married there ourselves)! They have a beautiful outdoor “Tea Garden” that can seat around 100 guests, a veranda overlooking Tampa Bay and Downtown that can be used for weddings, cocktail hours, or receptions, and several restaurants on site that will cater to your every need! Located on Tampa Bay, about 10 miles from the Gulf Beaches.

www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tpasr-renaissance-vinoy-resort-and-golf-club

Airport Hotel

Chase Suites Tampa – If you are flying into or out of Tampa International Airport, you can’t beat the Chase Suites. Convenient, location, airport and port transportation, and beautiful suites that make you feel at home at a very reasonable price. Be sure to check out their [Snooze & Cruise Simple Wedding Package!](#)

www.ChaseHotelTampa.com

[Point of Contact: Leslie Kimmerer, LKimmerer@chasesuitehotels.com, 813-281-8089]

Condo Rentals

Resort Realty – Looking for the privacy of your own condo or townhome on the beach? Look no further than Resort Realty of St Pete Beach! www.resortrentals.us

[Point of Contact: Ron Thompson, ronthompson@tampabay.rr.com, 727-422-5558]

Villa Luna – Recently renovated 5-unit condo on Pass-a-Grille Beach. Great for large groups who want to be co-located. Literally steps from scenic Pass-a-Grille Beach!

www.jennysvacationrentals.com/properties.html

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Bed & Breakfast

The Laughing Lizard – If big beachfront resorts aren’t your thing and you are looking for something more intimate and personal, look no further than the Laughing Lizard Bed & Breakfast on Indian Rocks Beach! www.laughinglizardbandb.com

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Restaurants/Reception Venues

The Black Palm Restaurant – One of our personal favorites, The Black Palm is an intimate and elegant restaurant with a beautiful outdoor courtyard, indoor banquet room, and full bar. Located just steps from Pass-a-Grille Beach. Owners Cathy & Louie take great care of our clients! www.blackpalmrestaurant.com/wedding.html

[Point of Contact: Cathy, 727-360-5000]

Travel Books

Florida’s Beaches – This unique guidebook is all about Florida’s Beaches from Tampa Bay to Naples, and nothing else. By David McRee, Florida’s infamous ‘Beach Hunter’, it’s the perfect companion to your other travel books. Available for download or in hard copy from <http://www.beachhunter.net/book.htm>



Custom Interior Décor and Arches

Signature Elegance – Looking for columns, pillars, arches, lighting, and other accessories to add a touch of elegance to your formal reception, dinner party, or other event? You have to check out the “before and after” pictures at www.signatureelegance.com!

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Outdoor Air Cooling

Tropical C Breeze – Want your guests to relax in comfort as they wait in the Florida sun for your stroll down the aisle? Tropical C Breeze has several affordable portable outdoor air cooling options available for daily rentals (electricity required). Ask for the “Simple Weddings” discount! www.tropicalCbreeze.com

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