



# 10 most talked-about wedding venues

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

## 1 Lofty Expectations

From the planning stages to the last dance of the night, the experts at **595 North** in Atlanta will work with you to create your all-inclusive dream wedding and reception, for up to 300 guests, in their contemporary loft-style space. Onsite experts will help with flowers, décor and full-service catering. (404) 835-2329, [595North.com](http://595North.com)

## 2 Happily Ever After

If you're planning a real-life fairy-tale wedding, **Le Bam** in midtown Atlanta can literally help you set the scene. From whimsical, handcrafted trees in a magic garden (think *Alice in Wonderland*) to dark and sultry seating areas with ambient lighting—they'll work with you to create a wedding you and 120 of your guests (65 if they're sitting) won't soon forget. You can bring your own

alcohol and they'll even work with your favorite caterer. (404) 512-0329, [BamArtSpace.com](http://BamArtSpace.com)

## 3 Southern Charm

The **Marlow House**, in Marietta, is perfect for intimate weddings in a quaint, Victorian setting. Invite up to 85 guests for a celebration in the artwork-filled Grand Salon, or use the gazebo in the manicured courtyard. For larger groups of up to 250, the charming Front Porch is framed in white columns. Full-service wedding packages, including photographers and florists, are available and any licensed caterer is welcome. (770) 426-1887, [MarlowHouse.com](http://MarlowHouse.com)

## 4 Woodland Wedding

**Callaway Gardens** in Pine Mountain offers 2,500 gorgeous acres of wedding space. Fit up to 300 guests in

their world-renowned gardens or one of their many ballrooms. An on-site chapel, spa and team of caterers make it convenient from start to finish! (800) 543-7121, [CallawayGardens.com](http://CallawayGardens.com)

## 5 European Elegance

Magnificent details, like stone paving, grand fountains, beautiful verandas, terraces and an elegant wrought-iron staircase, make **Villa Serena** one of Atlanta's most exquisite wedding venues. Whether you're hosting a large or small affair, this European mansion offers a wide variety of options for ceremonies and receptions. They'll even work with your favorite caterer. (770) 207-7600, [VillaSerenaAtlanta.com](http://VillaSerenaAtlanta.com)

## 6 Southern Comfort

Invite up to 300 guests to **The Cotton Barn at Pineola Farms** in Peach County for an authentic

Southern experience. Exchange vows on their picturesque lawns or pecan orchards, move the party indoors for a rustic celebration in **The Barn** (it has heat and air conditioning!), or gather with a smaller crowd inside **The Pineola Homeplace**, an original plantation. (478) 827-0894, [TheCottonBarn.com](http://TheCottonBarn.com)

## 7 Royal Treatment

You'll be treated like a queen at **The King and Prince** resort on St. Simons Island. (Psst! Your guests will also be pretty happy!) There's room for up to 300 guests, if you're planning a seaside ceremony, or take the party inside the luxurious Lanier Ballroom. The stately Delegal Dining Room or Retreat Room with a 180-degree ocean vista is perfect for smaller guest lists. (800) 342-0212, [KingandPrince.com](http://KingandPrince.com)

## 8 Riverside Retreat

If the sound of a rushing river, rustling leaves and gentle wildlife appeal to you, then **Vecoma at the Yellow River**, near Stone Mountain, is the perfect place for your I dos. Invite up to 300 guests to your outdoor wedding, with a 70-acre forest as the backdrop, or take the festivities inside the historic lodge with a large deck overlooking the Yellow River. (770) 972-6540, [Vecoma1.com](http://Vecoma1.com)

## 9 Contemporary Café

Knotties voted **Café 267**, in Decatur, one of the best venues of 2010. The modern-chic café will wow up to 200 guests with delicious gourmet dishes made by an award-winning chef. The décor is elegant and flexible enough to create the wedding of your dreams. (770) 939-9777, [Cafe267.net](http://Cafe267.net)

## 10 Standing Ovation

For a unique ceremony experience, exchange vows on stage at **Opera**, a beautifully restored performance theater, built in the 1920s. The main theater holds about 200, but more are welcome to events on the Patio or in the Venetian Room. Use the in-house caterer for custom menus. (404) 874-3006, [AtlantaEventCenter.com](http://AtlantaEventCenter.com)



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