

1908 GRAND

WEDDINGS + EVENTS



2024 Information Packet

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About 1908

The 1908 Grand is a stunning venue on Main Street in downtown Gainesville, Florida. Built in 1908, this newly restored and renovated historic gem offers the perfect mix of character and charm combined with modern elegance and luxury. From the breathtaking chandeliers in every room of the building, to the luxurious bridal suite, backlit onyx bar in our upstairs ballroom, large outdoor patio, state of the art house sound and lighting, and every spectacular detail in between, you won't want to miss the opportunity to host your big day here. We have a prime location in the heart of downtown Gainesville, walkable to restaurants, bars, hotels, and BnBs. We look forward to sharing our special building with you and being a part of this milestone in your life!



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Wedding Rentals

What's included?

- Use of entire venue on your wedding day including our large outdoor patio, downstairs event room, and upstairs ballroom for your ceremony, cocktail hour, and reception. Capacities vary based on floorplan
- One-hour ceremony rehearsal prior to your wedding (scheduling contingent on other events)
- 6 hours of event time plus 3 hours of set up and 1 hour of clean up (5 hours if ceremony is offsite)
- Access to our glamorous bridal suite and groom's room to get ready for the big day starting at 11a
- Parking for your guests at a nearby lot plus ample street parking
- Use of catering kitchen and ice machine with restaurant quality appliances for warming, prep, and staging by preferred caterer
- State of the art house sound and lighting throughout interior and exterior of building

- Multiple ceremony, cocktail hour, and reception options to best suit your needs
- Built-in backlit onyx bar upstairs in ballroom with kegerator and ice machine; portable bar for downstairs use
- 60" round tables for guest seating; sweetheart table; 6' or 8' rectangular tables for head table, buffet, gift and guest book; high top cocktail tables; 36" round cake table
- White padded garden chairs for ceremony and outdoor seating
- Elegant champagne Chiavari chairs with ivory cushions for indoor reception seating
- Meeting with event manager prior to your wedding to discuss final venue details and design floor plan
- Set up and break down of ceremony, cocktail hour, and reception tables and chairs
- Venue manager present for duration of your wedding to handle venue logistics



Pricing

Monday – Thursday: \$6,000

Friday or Sunday: \$7,000

Saturday: \$8,000

\$1000 discount for reception only

Our Spaces

Downstairs Event Room

Seated capacity- 80 pending layout

- Original hardwood floors
- 8 sparkling vintage chandeliers
- Tons of natural light flooding through wall to wall windows
- 2 wall-mounted TVs
- Portable wood bar



Upstairs Ballroom

Seated capacity (buffet)- 120

- Note that capacity increases with plated meal and fluctuates based on the layout needs
- 6 elaborate crystal chandeliers hanging from 20 foot original ceilings
- Built-in backlit onyx bar
- DJ Booth
- A stage perfect for your head table, buffet, band, award ceremony or speaking panel
- Windows all around that offer incredible natural light



Our Spaces Cont.

Outdoor Courtyard

Seated capacity- 200 pending layout

- Perfect for your outdoor wedding ceremony, cocktail hour, or sit-down event under our glistening market lights.
- Outlets along fence for DJ



Lobby

- Grand entrance to various event spaces and restrooms.
- Large credenza that is perfect for a gifts, check-in, or food table.



The Suites

Bridal Suite

- Original hardwood floors
- Sparkling chandeliers
- Ample natural lighting
- Plush velvet furniture and curtains
- Glamorous private restroom
- Coffee and espresso machine stocked with cream & sugar



Groom's Suite

- Private room located upstairs
- TV with Xbox
- Nespresso with cream & sugar
- Shoe shining machine
- Ample natural lighting
- Easy access to upstairs bar and restrooms





Venue Policies

- A non-refundable retainer equal to 50% of the total rental fee is due with a signed contract to hold your date
- Payment may be made by check, money order, Zelle or credit card. A 3.3% + \$0.30 processing fee will be added to credit card payments
- Access to the bridal suite and groom's room begins at 11:00am the day of your wedding unless additional hours are added
- Rentals include 3 hours immediately before your wedding start time for deliveries and vendor access, and 1 hour of clean up immediately after your wedding ends. Additional hours may be added if necessary.
- All rental items, décor, and alcohol must be dropped off and picked up the day of your wedding
- A one-hour ceremony rehearsal will be scheduled with the venue manager 30 days prior to your wedding; timing is contingent on other events
- A bartender must be hired with proof of insurance. Any of our approved caterers can accommodate this
- 1908 Grand requires a licensed and insured wedding coordinator be hired for the rehearsal and day of the wedding, including setup and breakdown of the event
- Linens are not included in the rental fee and can be rented through your caterer or another supplier
- No glitter, confetti, fog machines, rice, or bird seed are permitted. Candles must be enclosed in a glass container
- No tape, glue, staples, nails, or anything that could damage surfaces of the building are permitted
- No ladders will be provided by 1908 Grand for client or vendor use. Any items requiring the use of a ladder must be facilitated by a licensed, insured professional who provides the equipment
- All outdoor music and loud noise must conclude by 10:00pm per Gainesville noise ordinance
- Events must conclude by 10:00pm with clean up completed by 11:00pm unless additional hours are added



We hope to
celebrate with you!

