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## From Bay to Sound: 8 Stunning Seattle Waterfront Wedding Venues

Seattle is famous for many things—the Space Needle, coffee (Starbucks originated here!), the movie *Sleepless in Seattle*, and Pike Place Market to name a few. But this vibrant port city is also a watery wonderland, with up-close views of Puget Sound, Elliott Bay, and Lake Washington. If you'd like some gorgeous liquid scenery to be part of your celebration, check out these popular Seattle waterfront wedding venues.

### Ballard Bay Club by Jewel Hospitality

**Location:** 6413 Seaview Avenue NW, Seattle WA

**Style:** Contemporary and inviting with rustic touches

**Fab Feature:** The view, of course! From this waterside venue you can see Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains.

**Event Space Highlights:** Outdoor ceremonies take place on a broad patio close to the water's edge. The indoor reception room, which has hardwood floors and two built-in bars, can be divided into two depending on the size of your party.

**Notable Amenities:** Complimentary cake-cutting and parking lot

**Catering:** Provided in-house. Locally sourced ingredients are incorporated into artisanal dishes, and their allergen-certified chefs specialize in creating personalized menus that can be customized to be allergen-free, vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free.





## Bell Harbor International Conference Center

**Location:** 2211 Alaskan Way, Pier 66, Seattle WA

**Style:** Modern, airy

**Fab Feature:** 180-degree panoramic views of the Olympic Mountains, Mt. Rainier, Elliott Bay and the Seattle skyline.

**Event Space Highlights:** The Rooftop Plaza, Outdoor Terrace and wraparound decks overlooking the water let you celebrate al fresco. Indoors, the Harbor Room impresses with its 15-foot ceiling and sweeping Puget Sound vistas.

**Notable Services:** Their AV partner will make sure you have all the equipment you need, including speakers, mics, LED uplighting, video and slideshow support, and more.

**Catering:** Provided in-house. Menu options incorporate the seasonal bounty of the Pacific Northwest.





## The Canal

**Location:** 5300 34th Avenue NW, Seattle WA

**Style:** Elegant, contemporary décor with Art Deco flourishes

**Fab Feature:** You get to watch life on the canal, which is mesmerizing.

**Event Space Highlights:** The large heated and covered patio is ideal for a waterfront ceremony or cocktail hour. There's also an indoor bar and lounge, not to mention a two-tiered dining area with a wall of windows.

**Notable Services:** They're event specialists, and can handle all the details of your wedding.

**Catering:** Provided in-house. Check out their specialty stations, which include pasta, tapas, Caribbean, Hawaiian, Mexican and sushi & dim sum options.





## The Edgewater Hotel

**Location:** 2411 Alaskan Way, Pier 67, Seattle WA

**Style:** Pacific Northwest lodge

**Interesting Tidbit:** Built for the 1964 World's Fair on a dock over Elliott Bay, the Edgewater was the only hotel willing to accommodate the Beatles as guests. Cyclone fencing had to be installed around the perimeter to keep crazed fans at bay!

**Event Space Highlights:** The view is fabulous from the Olympic Ballroom, where a wall of floor-to-ceiling windows frames a panorama of Elliott Bay, the Olympic Mountains and the Puget Sound Islands. The adjoining Terrace Room comes with a deck that lets you appreciate the sweeping vista of the Seattle skyline from the outdoors. Several other rooms offer options for receptions and rehearsal dinners.

**Wedding Package Perks:** Overnight accommodations for the newlyweds and a custom menu prepared by their Executive Chef, John Roberts.

**Catering:** Provided in-house. In addition to a variety of reception displays (including several featuring seafood) and stations (Spanish Paella, Risotto and Northwest Ceviche to name a few), they offer a list of delectable desserts like Key Lime Pie, Hazelnut Chocolate Decadence, and Almond Moscato Panna Cotta with Candied Orange.





## The MV Skansonia

**Location:** 205 NE Northlake Way "A" Dock, Seattle WA

**Style:** Vintage Washington State Ferry (permanently docked)

**Fab Feature:** Unsurpassed views of the Seattle Skyline and the Space Needle during your wedding.

**Event Space Highlights:** The huge forward deck makes a sublime ceremony site, with an almost 360-degree panorama of water and sky. Indoors, dine and dance on a gleaming wood-plank floor—portholes provide windows to the outside, and there's even a fireplace.

**Notable Amenity:** Tasty late-night treats—like milk and cookie shooters, chicken and waffle canapés, and pot stickers—are available to keep the party going.

**Catering:** Provided in-house. They get fresh-baked goods from the Lake Union Cafe & Custom Bakery, including custom wedding cakes and other desserts like cupcakes and truffles.







## Olympic Sculpture Park by *TASTE Catering*

**Location:** 2091 Western Avenue, Seattle WA

**Style:** Modern, artistic

**Fab Feature:** Expansive views of Elliott Bay and the Olympic Mountains alongside world-class sculpture.

**Event Space Highlights:** TASTE, the park's café, has a warm, industrial-chic interior with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking an outdoor terrace and a wide stretch of Elliott Bay. Ceremonies can be held on the steps and landings in front of TASTE or at the Asian Art Museum just a few miles away.

**Notable Services:** A private 1-hour tour of the park led by a knowledgeable guide can be arranged for your group (up to 30 guests).

**Catering:** Provided in-house by *TASTE Events*, the exclusive caterer for all three Seattle Art Museum locations. This culinary team procures the freshest regional and seasonal food from local growers and producers.





## Seattle Aquarium

**Location:** 1483 Alaskan Way, Pier 59, Seattle WA

**Style:** Contemporary, creative

**Fab Feature:** Having local fish as the living—and moving—backdrop to your reception.

**Event Space Highlights:** Pier 59 at the edge of Elliot Bay is the perfect setting for a ceremony, with the blue waters on one side and the Seattle skyline on the other. The 20' x 40' "Window on Washington Waters" in the Puget Sound Great Hall gives your guests a luminous view of the aquatic life around them, with hundreds of swimming fish acting as built-in décor!

**Notable Service:** You can include a Sea Otter feeding with their evening biologist during your event.

**Catering:** Provided in-house. Executive Chef Betsy Davidson and her team create menus inspired by the seasons using the best fresh, local and sustainable ingredients available. All of the seafood served is on the Seafood Watch Best Choices list.





## The Woodmark Hotel

**Location:** 1200 Carillon Point, Kirkland, WA

**Style:** Contemporary waterfront luxury

**Fab Features:** Complimentary kayaks to explore Lake Washington, and "Raid the Pantry," a fun amenity that gives hotel guests access to late-night snacks.

**Event Space Highlights:** All of their wedding venues have terrific lakefront views. The Olympic Terrace tent, with its white canopy and chandeliers, is a spectacular setting for an outdoor ceremony or reception. The Marina Room has a private outdoor veranda, ideal for a sunset cocktail hour. Hosting a rehearsal dinner? Reserve the Great Room, a living room-style area with a bar and fireplace.

**Wedding Package Perks:** All four of their packages include a complimentary lakefront guest room for the newlyweds on their wedding night.

**Catering:** Provided in-house. Hors d'oeuvre options feature some interesting flavor combinations like Blue Cheese Mousse with Marinated Grapes, Belgium Endive, Chives and Balsamic; Roasted Pork Tenderloin with Crostini and Jalapeño-Apricot Chutney; and Dungeness Crab Cakes with Citrus Curry Aioli.





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