



NICOLLET
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PAVILION

Weddings

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Nicollet Island Pavilion

Nicollet Island Pavilion is a breathtaking wedding and event venue set along the banks of the Mississippi River in the heart of Minneapolis. Housed in a historic 1893 brick building, this venue offers a unique blend of vintage charm and modern elegance, with stunning views of the downtown skyline and the iconic Stone Arch Bridge.

The grand interior features vaulted ceilings, exposed brick walls, and expansive windows that fill the space with natural light. Outside, a spacious patio and lush green space provide a picturesque setting for ceremonies, cocktail hours, or outdoor receptions. Whether you envision an intimate gathering or a grand celebration, our timeless beauty offers the perfect backdrop for your special day.

With the ability to host both ceremonies and receptions on-site, our dedicated team is here to bring your vision to life. Nicollet Island Pavilion's versatile space allows for seamless customization, ensuring your wedding reflects your unique style. From elegant décor to stunning riverfront views, this historic venue creates an unforgettable experience for you and your guests.

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What You'll Love About Us

We've thought of every detail so you can focus on what matters most – celebrating, laughing, and soaking in the moments you'll never forget.

- Historic Venue
- Waterfront Views
- Exposed Brick
- Industrial Features
- Artisan Built-In Bar
- Multispace Venue
- Stunning Backdrops
- Convenient Location
- Hotel Options Nearby
- On-Site Parking (140 Spaces)
- Full On Site Kitchen
- Tables & Chairs
- Accessible (ADA-Compliant)
- Private Getting Ready Suite
- Award-Winning Catering
- Exceptional Service
- Vendor Recommendations

Capacity

- Ballroom: 95-525 seated
- Tent: 50-125 seated
- Mingling: 1,000+

Spaces

- Main Ballroom

Our ballroom can be thoughtfully sectioned to create a more intimate and inviting atmosphere, perfectly tailored to the size and style of your event.

- Three-Season Tent
- Outdoor Lawn
- Walkout Patio



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Your Day, Perfectly Planned

From a stunning ceremony to a delightful reception, we provide everything you need to have the best day ever! Your wedding package includes:

Planning & Day-Of

- Access to Venue Manager
- Rental Coordination
- Sip & Savor Tasting Experience
- Planning Details Meeting
- Final Walk-Through
- Day-of Rehearsal
- Ceremony Coordination
- Floorplan Design
- 8AM Day-of Rain Call
- Room Setup

Staff

- Security
- Bartender (1 per 100 guests)
- Event Captain
- Day-of Venue Coordinator

Décor

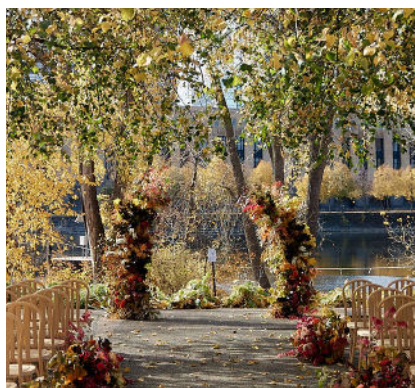
- Cafe Lighting
- Chandeliers
- Configurable Wooden Dance Floor
- Black Easels for Personal Décor
- Table Numbers
- Votive Tea Lights (Gold, Silver, or Clear)

Audio Visual

- 2 Large Projector Screens
- 4 Wireless Microphones
- Indoor Professional Sound System
- LED Downlighting
- TV Monitor

Venue Features

Our goal is to make your experience feel seamless and joyful. Discover the thoughtful features and unique characteristics that Nicollet Island Pavilion offers to make your celebration unforgettable.



Stunning Ceremony



**Nearby
Photo Opportunities**



Three-Season Tent



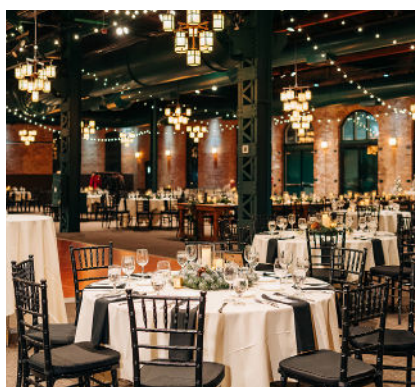
Artisan Built-In Bar



Shaded Walkout Patio



Onsite Parking



Cafe Lighting



**Votive Candles
& Table Numbers**



**Historical
Architectural Charm**

Your Private Suite

Designed for comfort and convenience, this private suite offers a stylish, calm space to step away from the main event. While some couples choose to use it for getting ready, it also serves as a versatile room for outfit changes, vendor staging, or a green room for entertainment and performers. Whether you're refreshing between moments or supporting your event team behind the scenes, this space adapts to your needs throughout the day.

River Room

This exclusive, private on-site suite features:

- 4 makeup stations
- Full length mirror
- Lounge seating
- Natural lighting
- Beautiful backdrop for your getting-ready pictures

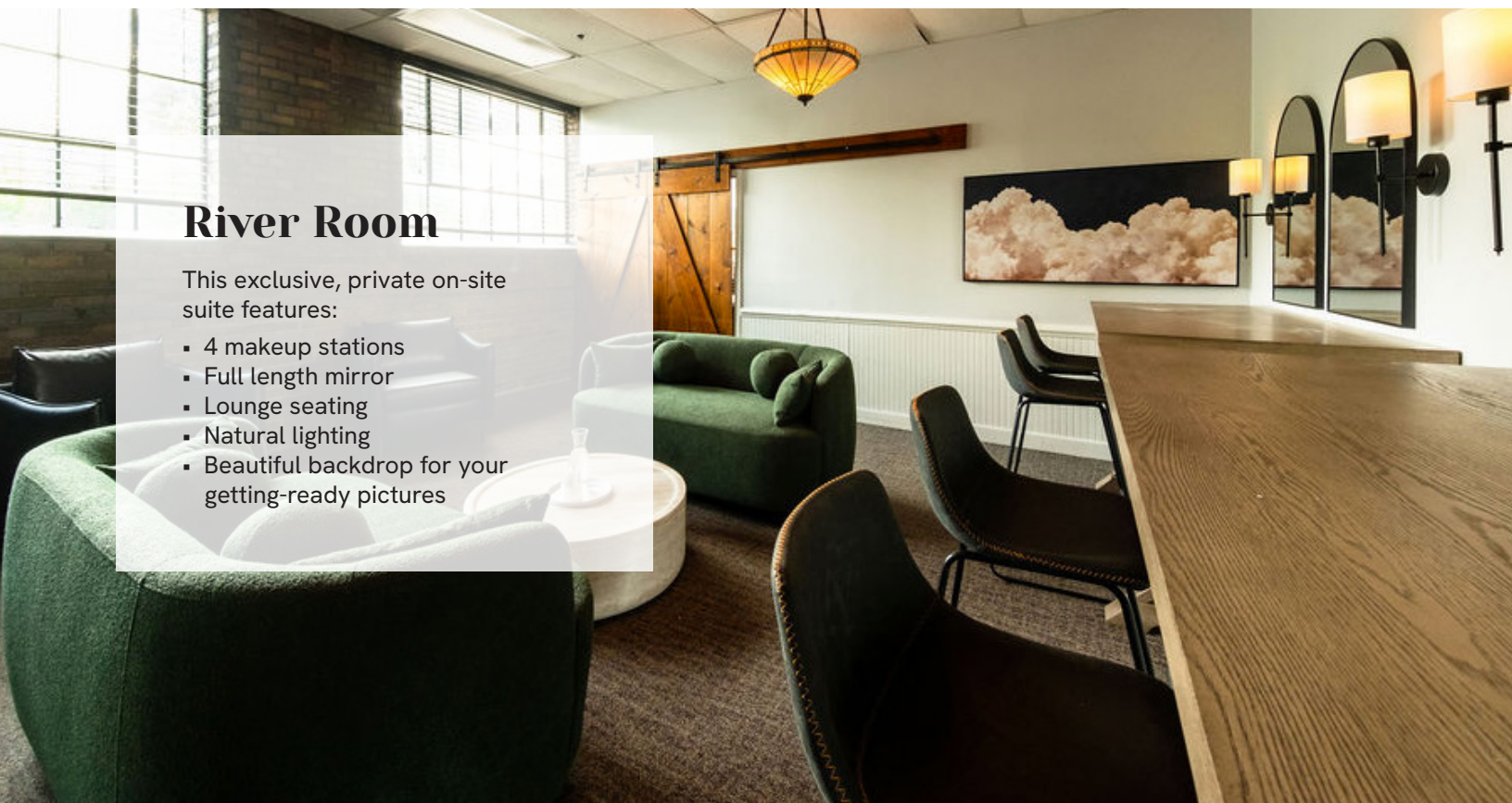


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On-Site Ceremony

Exchange your vows surrounded by river views and timeless charm. Having your ceremony onsite eliminates the need for complicated transportation logistics, giving you and your guests more time to relax and enjoy the day. After the "I do's" transition to cocktail hour and your reception without leaving the venue, allowing the celebration to flow effortlessly.

Indoor



Tent



Outdoor

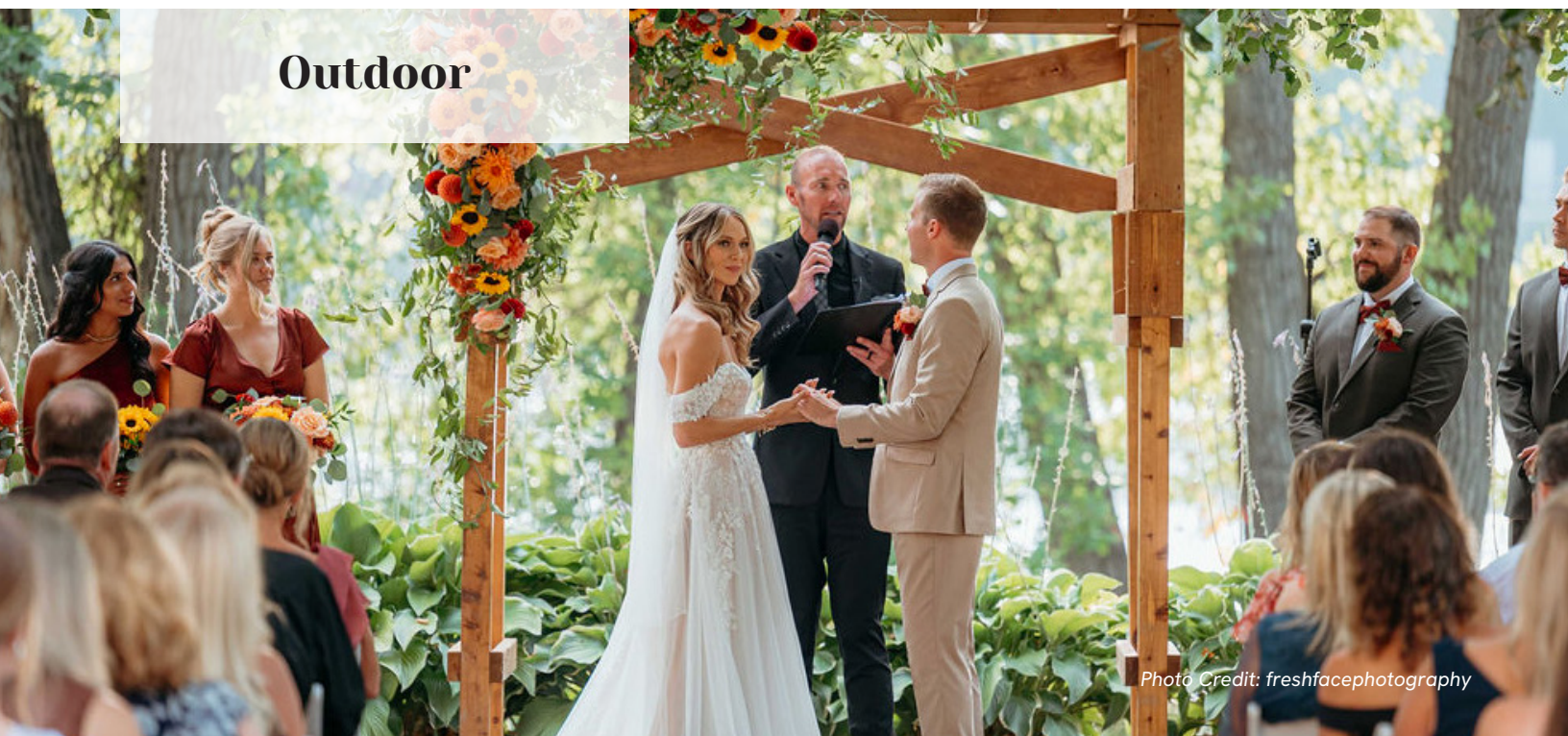


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Delicious Details

From your first toast to your last bite, our team makes sure every flavor and every moment feels special. Our award-winning Mintahoe chefs love crafting menus that reflect your story - familiar favorites, fresh twists, and a celebration you'll still be talking about years later.



Our family-owned roots mean that your event is our priority. We're committed to providing a personalized and exceptional experience, crafting a celebration that truly reflects your vision. As a full-service caterer, we will work with you to design a custom menu that perfectly complements your celebration and delights your guests.

Award-Winning Catering

In addition to the venue features and wedding package inclusions, enjoy our top-tier full-service catering:

- Menu Planning Consultation
- Table Linens, Cocktail Napkins, and Dinner Napkins (With Fold Of Choice)
- China & Flatware
- Glassware
- Cake Cutting Utensils
- Cake Stand
- Display Items
- Professional Servers

*"Amazing to work with... the food was delicious and loved by all."
- Hannah, The Knot*

Pricing

Every season carries its own pace and feel, and we're here to help you choose an option that complements both your vision and budget. Below is an overview of our package offerings.

Fridays

MAY-OCTOBER	\$8,200 Wedding Package \$750 On-Site Ceremony \$10,500 Food & Beverage Minimum
NOVEMBER-APRIL	\$5,500 Wedding Package Complimentary Onsite Ceremony \$8,200 Food & Beverage Minimum

Saturdays

MAY-OCTOBER	\$12,000 Wedding Package \$750 On-Site Ceremony \$18,000 Food & Beverage Minimum
NOVEMBER-APRIL	\$8,000 Venue Rental Complimentary Onsite Ceremony \$9,400 Food & Beverage Minimum

Sundays

MAY-OCTOBER	\$5,400 Wedding Package \$750 On-Site Ceremony \$6,500 Food & Beverage Minimum
NOVEMBER-APRIL	\$4,200 Wedding Package Complimentary Onsite Ceremony \$6,500 Food & Beverage Minimum

Optional Add-Ons

\$250/hour Additional Event Time
\$150/hour Additional Set Up Time
\$300 Stage

+ 24% Admin Fee applies.

+ Liquor Tax & MN Sales Tax apply.

*Subject to damage deposit.

*Select holiday dates and weekends may vary in pricing.

*Let's design something
that fits you perfectly!*

Your Planning Journey

We'll guide you step by step. Here's what your planning journey will look like with us - easy, organized, and actually fun!

01 *TOUR YOUR DREAM VENUE*

Sales Consultation

Start your journey with a personalized tour led by your Sales Consultant. You'll explore the venue, share your vision, key details, and budget, and receive a customized quote with a sample menu. When you're ready, secure your date with a signed contract and retainer—feeling confident knowing menu selections, décor, and guest count can evolve throughout the rest of your planning journey.

02 *6 MONTHS*

Tasting

Enjoy a date night on us! Around nine months out, you'll be invited to our Sip & Savor Tasting Experience to taste our delicious menu and drinks. Hosted at one of our venues, this group tasting helps you perfect your wedding menu. Two complimentary seats included!

03 *5 MONTHS*

Details Meeting

After your tasting, we'll dive into planning your event together, starting with the timeline. We'll finalize your menu, design the floor plan, and review vendor and decor plans, ensuring your vision comes to life with expert guidance.

04 *1 MONTH*

Final Walk-Through

Join Mintahoe for a tour of your venue to finalize the setup and ensure every detail aligns with your vision.



What's Next?

Booking your wedding is simple!

1. Schedule a virtual or in-person tour
2. Select your date
3. Review the contract
4. Submit your retainer to officially secure your date

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Let's make it official!

Couples Ask, We Answer

You've probably got a few questions – we've answered the most common ones below. And if you think of something else, our team is just a call or email away.

The Venue

Q: Are you handicap accessible?

Yes! Our venue is fully handicap accessible. The entrance to the building, as well as access to the outdoor space and tent are all on the same level, ensuring easy mobility for all guests.

Q: Do you have parking?

Your rental includes 140 free parking spots across both of our parking lots, with additional street parking and ramps nearby for convenience. If needed, cars can be left in our main lot overnight until 10 AM the next day. To make things easy, Mintahoe will cover the pay boxes before guests arrive, so there's no need to worry about payment. Plus, we'll have signage in place to let everyone know a private event is happening. Ask your sales consultant for our map for parking options.

Q: When can I tour the space?

We'd love to show you the space! Reach out to your sales consultant to get your tour scheduled.

Q: Do you hold more than one event at a time in your space?

No, the venue is exclusively yours for your event! Your rental includes the pavilion, tented outdoor space, and adjacent patio and lawn. The deck by the water and surrounding walking paths remain open to the public, but we rarely see any interference. Nicollet Island Pavilion is a popular venue, and most passersby are simply enjoying their usual walk.

Q: Do you allow smoking onsite?

Because this is a city-owned building, smoking isn't allowed anywhere onsite. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board prohibits the use of tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, on park property and in its facilities. Additionally, the park restricts the use of other substances and sparklers on-site.

Q: What is the 24% Admin Fee?

The 24% admin fee is an administrative charge applied to all food, beverage, and service items. This fee is standard in the full-service catering industry and helps cover the behind-the-scenes costs associated with producing your event—such as planning, coordination, kitchen labor, and equipment use. It is not a gratuity and does not go to staff.

Planning Your Day

Q: What is the process for booking a date?

Submit a signed contract along with the retainer to secure your date. The retainer will go toward your final event total.

Q: Are there hotels nearby?

Yes, there are plenty of great hotels nearby, offering a variety of options to suit your preferences. You can find some of our top recommendations on our vendor list! With so many choices in the area, finding the perfect place to stay is a breeze. Plus, transportation to and from the venue is convenient for all your guests.

Q: Do we hire security for our event?

Security is required, and we'll take care of it for you. Security will be contracted through Mintahoe automatically and will be included in your wedding package.

Q: Do you have a recommended vendor list?

We have an amazing list of vendors we recommend. We've worked with everyone on this list and can't say enough good things about them. You are welcome to choose from our list or book a vendor of your choice (caterer excluded). We reserve the right to approve or deny vendors. It is required to submit all vendor contact information at least one month prior to your event.

Q: Can I include my pet in my wedding?

Absolutely! We love having pets join the celebration. Your pet is welcome for photos, the ceremony, and throughout the event as long as they're monitored. However, for safety reasons, pets are not allowed inside the pavilion.

Q: We want different chairs/tables/ linens than what is provided. How does that work?

You are more than welcome to rent alternative items through a vendor of your choosing. We can recommend some amazing vendors or we can even coordinate them for you and handle all the logistics! We require all rentals to be cleared from the venue by the end of the night.

Q: What is your cancellation policy?

If you need to cancel your contract for any reason, please note that all retainers and pre-payments made will be retained by Mintahoe Catering & Events as compensation for the cancellation. This amount reflects a fair estimate of the costs and losses we incur and is not considered a penalty. To cancel a signed contract, we kindly ask that you notify us in writing.

Catering

Q: When do I need to finalize my menu and guest count?

All the details are finalized during the details meeting, which takes place 5-6 months prior to your event and after you've enjoyed our Sip & Savor Tasting Experience. Final guest numbers are required 2 weeks before your event.

Q: I don't want to serve alcohol at my event, is that possible?

Absolutely! We're happy to provide a variety of non-alcoholic options to make your event enjoyable and refreshing for everyone. Our offerings include a selection of NA sodas, beautifully infused water stations, and custom mocktails crafted to complement your menu and theme. We'll work with you to design a beverage experience that's perfect for your event—without the alcohol.

Q: Can we bring in our own beverages or bartenders?

We require that all beverages are brought in by our exclusive caterer, Mintahoe Catering & Events. Staffing will also be provided for your event.

Q: Can we bring in other food options?

Mintahoe is the exclusive caterer for the venue and provides a wide range of menu options to suit your preferences. Outside catering is not permitted; however, upon approval, we may allow an outside dessert or late-night snack from a licensed vendor. Outsourcing fees may apply.





Looking for more information?

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