Best Wedding Reception Venue in Australia 2018

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We’re so proud to hold the prestigious title of Best Wedding Reception Venue in Australia.

We believe our dedicated team, portfolio of deliberately unique venues and complete dedication to VIP treatment is what truly sets us apart from the pack!

It’s genuinely important to us that each and every wedding feels as individual and special as you guys! We make no apologies for our “no cookie-cutter” policy!
61 South Wharf Promenade, South Wharf

Industrial glam at its finest, this Show-stopper (pun intended!) really is one-of-a-kind! The venue finds the perfect balance between the authentic characteristics with its original timber floorboards and exposed high ceilings; and contrasts it against our contemporary flair, featuring the laser-cut LED wall panels and signature gold chandelier bar.

Standing alone, emphasising its exclusive presence observing the rest of the wharf, Showtime is the pure embodiment of high-end warehouse glamour.

Capacity for 230 people seated.
Cargo Hall

39 South Wharf Promenade, South Wharf

Cargo Hall completes the other half of the dynamic South Wharf duo.

With the floor to ceiling windows running the length of the building, Cargo is flooded with natural light and stunning views of the Yarra River. Guest arrival is through the glass conservatory, ideal for pre-dinner drinks or marriage ceremonies. Inside the mezzanine makes for the perfect filming, photography or DJ location. The timber panel walls, feature floorboards and refined industrial energy offer the ultimate clean canvas and tranquil escape from the urban city surrounds.

Capacity for 180 people seated.
The freshest venue in Melbourne is the purpose built Isabella Fraser Room. With clean lines and blank canvas feel, this gorgeous space is only limited to your imagination.

For an evening of cultural immersion, you can host arrival drinks and canapés in many of the unique spaces available at the State Library Victoria. Your guests will be able to see multiple areas of the Library, as the evening progresses and journey to the Isabella Fraser Room for the main reception.

Boasting enormous windows running the length of the room, a grand high-ceiling and modern ornate finishings, the Isabella Fraser is the understated elegance you have been waiting for!

Capacity for 150 people seated with a dancefloor.

Venue hire of $2160*

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Engrained into Melbourne’s rich history, this incredible space offers multiple options for the ultimate glam or grunge vibe. Dress the venue up with chandeliers and candles, or play on the rawness of the bluestone building.

Perfect for those couples after something a little more unique, this city icon retains the integrity of its original charm, whilst offering a blank shell opportunity with unrivalled creative potential.

The precinct also includes the Former City Watch House and Old Magistrates Court available for ceremonies. The Old Melbourne Gaol is a venue that will stir the senses and get your guests talking.

Capacity for 110 seated.
Opening in July 2019, the Ian Potter Queen’s Hall is Melbourne’s newest high-end destination, oozing luxury and decadence! Evoking the sophistication, grandeur and old-world glamour of the historic setting, contrasting with state-of-the-art AV and mod-con’s IPQH is the most sought after space for the ultimate opulent affair.

The current reconstruction will include restoring the iconic marble staircase entry, uncovering the original feature glass skylights, flooding the room with natural light and emphasising the incredible high ceilings, charming timber floorboards, and compliment with a clean, fresh and modern colour palette.

So following in the footsteps of Ms Bradshaw “...the classic Melbourne landmark that housed all the great love stories” is awaiting it’s next urban fairy-tale.

Capacity for 250 people seated with a dancefloor.

Venue hire of $5630

Available after 6pm
The Cowen Gallery is a room of rich history and of deep character. A part of the original library, the long gallery is over 100 years old and decorated with classic Victorian era artworks, lending to the rich past of the space.

Located adjacent to the Redmond Barry Reading Room and the grand La Trobe Reading Room, it sits poised as a significant mid-point within the library’s spaces and collections.

Large wooden doors and detailed architraves lend to the fine craftsmanship that remains from the original home of the National Gallery of Victoria.

Suited to decadent dinners or lavish cocktail events within the historical surrounds of the library.

Capacity for 220 seated

Venue hire of $2280*

Available after 6pm

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A sophisticated and intimate dinner space nestled amongst historical artworks.

The North Rotunda, previously known as the ‘Red Room’ has recently undergone a complete facelift, restored to a classical and clean colour scheme, adorned with 19th century oil paintings.

The perfect setting for couples looking for pre-dinner drinks, smaller seated or cocktail celebrations, while maintaining an air of old-world charm.

The Rotunda is adjacent to the Cowen Gallery and the famous Victoria Gallery creating an ambience within this classic space.

Capacity for 60 seated

Venue hire of $950*

Available after 5pm

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Welcome to one of the most awe-inspiring and sophisticated spaces in Victoria. Over 100 years old, The La Trobe Reading Room is centrally located within the State Library and allows natural light to flood through the original dome, almost 35 meters above.

Step into this magnificent space and instantly feel the grandeur, with three levels built around the octagonal floor, symmetrically designed with original hardwood furniture and balconies lined with vintage literature.

The La Trobe Reading Room is one of the most iconic and beloved architectural marvels that Australia has to offer.

It is an outstanding historical destination for your wedding celebration and is the perfect space for couples looking for that incredible wow-factor.

Capacity for 500 guests cocktail

Venue hire of $5670*

Available after 6pm

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**Timeless Affair**

Enjoy a seated dinner, by offering your guests an amazing evening surrounded by family and friends.

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**Classic**

4 hour package $129 pp*

- Set entrée
- Alternating mains
- Wedding cake served on platters
- Silver bev | 1 sparkling, 1 white, 1 red
- 1 draught beer, 1 light beer
- Soft drink, mineral water & juice
- White pin-lights
- Black or white tablecloths & napkins
- Security

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**Raw**

5 hour package $149 pp*

- Chefs selection of 2 canapés
- 1 set entrée
- Alternating mains
- Individually plated wedding cake
- Silver bev | 1 sparkling, 1 white, 1 red
- 1 draught beer, 1 light beer
- Soft drink, mineral water & juice
- White pin-lights
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**Chic**

5 hour package $179 pp*

- 3 arrival canapés
- Antipasto station
- Alternating entrées
- Alternating mains
- Alternating or 3 mini roving dessert
- Wedding cake served on platters
- Gold bev | 1 sparkling, 2 white, 2 red
- 2 draught beer, 1 light beer
- 1 cider
- Soft drink, mineral water and juice
- Tea & coffee station
- Menu tasting for 2
- White & coloured pin-lights
- Coloured tablecloths & premium selection of napkins
- Selection of centrepieces
- Security

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**Luxe**

6 hour package $219 pp*

- 4 arrival canapés
- Antipasto or cheese platters
- Alternating entrées
- Alternating mains
- 2 sides
- Alternating or 3 mini roving desserts
- Wedding cake served on platters
- Late night snack
- Arrival cocktail
- Platinum bev | 1 sparkling, 2 white, 2 red, 1 dessert
- 2 draught beer, 1 pale ale, 2 premium bottles & 1 light beer
- 1 cider
- Soft drink, mineral water and juice
- Tea & coffee served to tables
- Menu tasting for 4
- White & coloured pin-lights with dancing effects
- Coloured tablecloths & premium selection of napkins
- Premium selection of centrepieces
- Security

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**Cocktail Soirée**

For those looking to break with tradition, engage in a social evening of eating, drinking and dancing with the freedom to move around.

### Raw

4 hour package $129 pp*

- Your selection of 4 hot and 4 cold canapés served continuously throughout the event
- 2 hand held items
- 1 dessert canapé
- Silver bev | 1 sparkling, 1 white, 1 red
- 1 draught beer, 1 light beer
- Soft drink, mineral water & juice
- Tea & coffee station
- White & coloured pin-lights
- Cocktail tables & stools
- Security

### Chic

5 hour package $149 pp*

- Arrival cocktail
- Your selection of 5 hot and 5 cold canapés served continuously throughout the event
- 2 hand held items
- 1 food station
- 2 dessert canapés
- Menu tasting for 2
- Gold bev | 1 sparkling, 2 white, 2 red
- 2 draught beer, 1 light beer, 1 cider,
- Soft drink, mineral water & juice
- Tea & coffee station
- White & coloured pin-lights with dance effects
- Table centrepieces
- Cocktail tables & stools
- Security

### Luxe

6 hour package $179 pp*

- 2 arrival cocktails
- Your selection of 6 hot & 6 cold canapés served continuously throughout the event
- 3 hand held items
- 1 food station
- 3 dessert canapés
- Menu tasting for 2
- Platinum bev | 1 sparkling, 2 white, 2 red, 1 dessert wine
- 2 draught beer, 1 light beer, 1 cider, 2 premium bottled beers
- Soft drink, mineral water & juice
- Tea & coffee station
- White & coloured pin-lights with dance effects
- Table centrepieces
- Cocktail tables & stools
- Security

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**Lets Lunch!**

For couples looking for an early start to make the most of your big day.
Enjoy either a standing or seated reception.

**Cocktail**

4 hour package $129 pp*

- Your selection of 4 hot and 4 cold canapés served continuously throughout the event
- 2 hand held items
- 1 dessert canapé
- Silver bev | 1 sparkling, 1 white, 1 red
- 1 draught beer, 1 light beer
- Soft drink, mineral water & juice
- Tea & coffee station
- White & coloured pin-lights
- Table centrepieces
- Cocktail tables & stools
- Security

**Seated**

4 hour package $129 pp*

- Set entrée
- Alternating mains
- Wedding cake served on platters
- Silver bev | 1 sparkling, 1 white, 1 red
- 1 draught beer, 1 light beer
- Soft drink, mineral water & juice
- White pin-lights
- Black or white tablecloths & napkins
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The Big "I Do's"

Showtime Events Centre & Cargo Hall can offer an indoor or outdoor option for your most important ceremony proceedings.

The indoor alternative (which is perfect for Melbourne’s unpredictable weather!) will be located on your dancefloor, with the reception completely hidden from guests using removable draping.

Our riverfront Conservatory or Marquee are gorgeous enclosed spaces, looking over the Yarra River and Melbourne’s city skyline. This outdoor area is a great middle-ground, with natural light and outdoor ambience while still offering shelter when you walk down the aisle.

After the ceremony concludes your guests shall head out of the venue for a drink in the surrounding bars and restaurants. Your guests will later return to experience a completely transformed space, ready for your arrival drinks and canapés.

**Indoor:**
- Venue hire
- Ivory or black carpet
- White or black wall drapes
- 28 white bentwood or black manoli chairs
- Signing table with chairs
- On the day coordination
- Ceremony rehearsal

$2,500

**Outdoor:**
- Venue hire
- Ivory or black carpet
- 28 white bentwood or black manoli chairs
- Signing table with chairs
- On the day coordination
- Ceremony rehearsal

$2,000
Photography Package

EXCLUSIVE 1 HOUR PRIVATE TOUR FOR YOUR INVALUABLE “SAY CHEESE” MOMENTS!

$500

All rooms are strictly subject to availability, example tour would include;

- Isabella Fraser Room
- Hansen Hall Victoria Gallery
- Arts Reading Room
- Dome Galleries - Level 3 & 4
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- After Public Hours
- Village Roadshow Theatrette
- The Ian Potter Queen’s Hall Level 3-4
- Keith Murdoch Gallery
- La Trobe Reading Room (includes Dome Galleries)
- Conference Centre
- Mr Tulk
- Conversation Quarter
- Mr Tulk
- Children’s Quarter
- South Rotunda
- North Rotunda
- Pendulum Staircase
- Redmond Barry Reading Room
- South Rotunda
- Newspapers and Family History Reading Rooms
- Create Quarter
- Children’s Quarter
- Ideas Quarter
- South Rotunda
- Cowen Gallery
- Victoria Gallery
- Isabella Fraser Room
- Entrance

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