

Kimpton
Brice Hotel

8 sophisticated hotel settings

Plan a bash that's anything but boring by hosting your vows at one of these posh hotels or inns. BY CAROLINE EUBANKS

kimpton brice hotel

601 E. Bay St., Savannah;
(912) 238-1200; BriceHotel.com

Located in the center of Savannah's National Historic Landmark District, this urban oasis is one of the city's must-see sites, thanks to its poolside garden and dramatic solarium-styled space complete with a stunning serpentine glass wall. An on-site planner ensures your wedding will go off without a hitch, but our favorite amenity includes a seasonal promotion that involves complimentary champagne ice pops and discounted room rentals during the summer months.

loews atlanta hotel

1065 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta;
(404) 745-5000; LoewsHotels.com

Situated just a few minutes from Atlanta's sprawling Piedmont Park, this 414-room luxury hotel offers to-be-weds access to some of the city's most stunning ballrooms. With its lofty location on the property's 14th floor, all of the event spaces come equipped with a view, and rooms like the Ellington boast enough space to comfortably accommodate up to 1,200 guests. For alfresco affairs, book the open-air terrace, which measures a spacious 4,800 square feet.

greyfield inn

4 North Second St.,
Cumberland Island;
(904) 261-6408; GreyfieldInn.com

Settle in at Greyfield Inn, a remote 16-room property that's the epitome of secluded sophistication. Eighteen miles of untouched beachfront and winding, oak-lined paths make the inn ideal for intimate gatherings of 50 guests or less. Hold the ceremony in the beach gazebo, on the front lawn or in the island's First African Baptist Church—the same charming spot where John F. Kennedy Jr. wed Carolyn Bessette in 1996. >>

graduate athens

295 E. Dougherty St., Athens;
(706) 549-7020; GraduateAthens.com

Formerly a run-down iron mill, The Foundry at the boutique Graduate Athens hotel is a reimagined venue that features over 12,000 square feet of flexible event space, making it perfect for your “I dos.” Reserve the rustic Galleria II, with its exposed brick walls and floor-to-ceiling windows, or drape the airy outdoor Pavilion with market lights and gauzy fabric for an unforgettable alfresco fete.

the cotton sail hotel

126 W. Bay St., Savannah;
(912) 200-3700;
TheCottonSailHotel.com

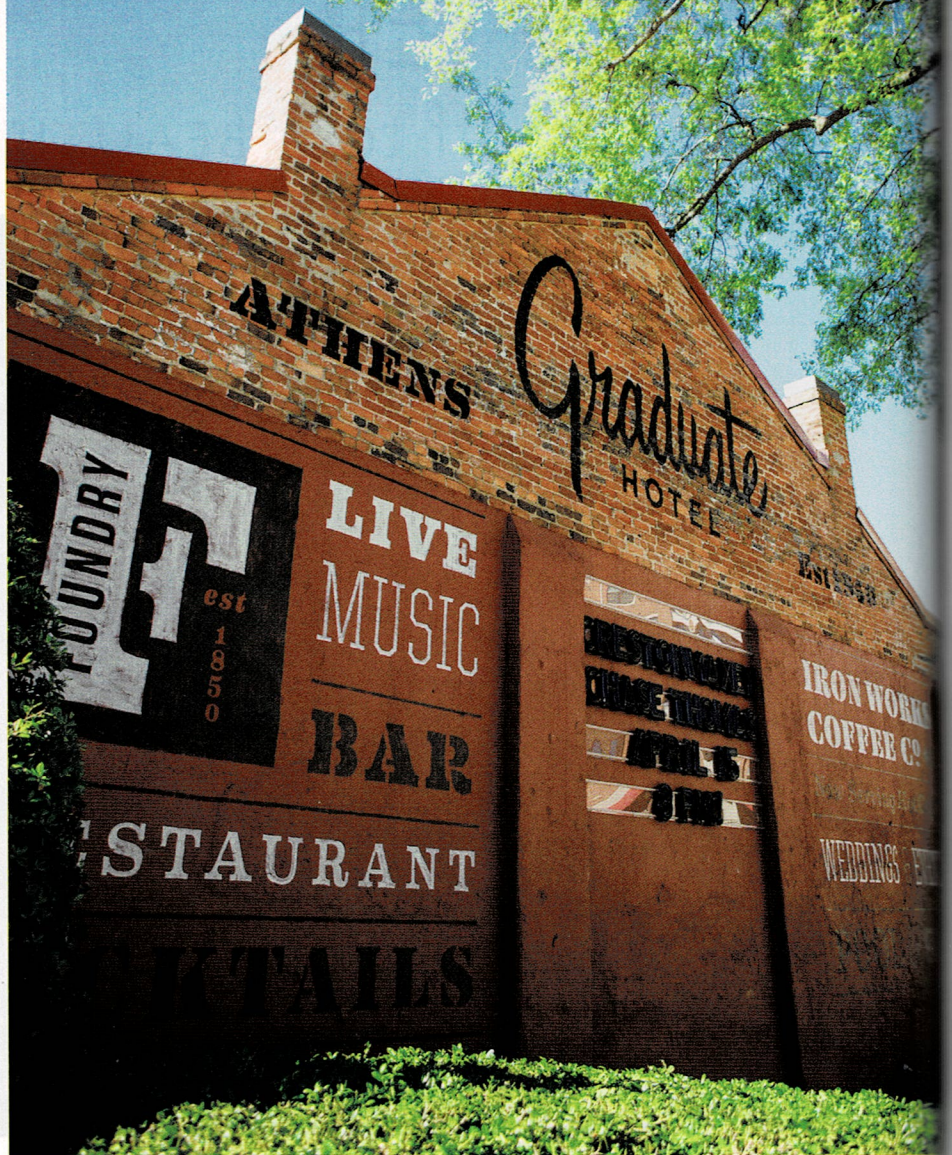
Thanks to a sprawling terrace, rooftop bar and sweeping vistas of the Savannah River, a wedding at The Cotton Sail Hotel will feel less like a traditional hotel affair and more like an elevated night out on the town. Couples can opt to host their nuptials in The North Star Room, an open space that features floor-to-ceiling windows and enough room to comfortably accommodate up to 120 partygoers.

the james madison inn

260 W. Washington St., Madison;
(706) 342-7040; JamesMadisonInn.com

The James Madison Inn, a charming bed-and-breakfast located in the antebellum town of Madison, is a rural retreat and welcome departure from the popular urban sites of Atlanta and Savannah. There, you'll find a variety of versatile venues, including the 2,400-square-foot James Madison Hall (200 guests) and Round Bowl Springs Gazebo and Event Lawn. We're partial to The Variety Works—a century-old manufacturing facility turned event space that boasts wood-lined walls, concrete flooring, rustic sconces and refined chandeliers.

Graduate Athens



the georgian terrace

659 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta;
(800) 651-2316;

TheGeorgianTerrace.com

Since opening for business in 1911, the luxe Georgian Terrace Hotel has hosted the likes of Elvis Presley and F. Scott Fitzgerald, further solidifying its role as an iconic Atlanta mainstay. Exchange vows among crystal chandeliers in one of the hotel's three prominent ballrooms—including the light-filled Mitchell Room (150), ornate Piedmont Ballroom (200) or exquisite Grand Ballroom (300).

the ritz-carlton reynolds, lake oconee

1 Lake Oconee Trail, Greensboro;
(706) 467-0600; RitzCarlton.com

Escape to Georgia's tranquil lake country for a celebration on Lake Oconee at this premier Ritz-Carlton property, home to three private cottages and seven unique venues. Head to The Forest for a ceremony among the trees, or host your vows overlooking the Oconee Golf Course before moving the party to nearby Sandy Creek Barn—a rustic venue with a stacked stone fireplace and outdoor terrace.



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