



Always in Bloom







THE IDEAL SETTING FOR AN Unforgettable Wedding



WELCOME TO ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

Welcome to Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG), where nature meets celebration. As the largest botanical garden in Canada, RBG offers a breathtaking backdrop for your special day. Nestled between Burlington and Hamilton, just 45 minutes from Toronto, our venue spans 2,137 acres of pristine gardens and nature sanctuaries. Whether you envision an intimate gathering or a grand affair, RBG provides a variety of venues, horticultural enrichment options, and diverse photography locations to fulfill your wedding dreams. Our dedicated staff is committed to crafting an unforgettable experience tailored to your vision, ensuring that your wedding at RBG is truly extraordinary.



REACH OUT TO SECURE YOUR DATE TODAY!

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BREATHTAKING VENUES

CEREMONY

Cherry Hill Tent | Rose Garden Tent | Rock Garden Courtyard | Rock Garden Upper Lawn | Mediterranean Garden

Inspired and surrounded by nature, RBG has various ceremony spaces for weddings. Whether your vision is an intimate affair of 20 people or a larger celebration with 250+, our gardens provide the perfect setting.

Ceremonies at RBG are only offered alongside reception bookings. Ceremony-only bookings are not available at this time.

CEREMONY VENUE ACCESS TIME

2.5 hours (90 minutes for set-up and guest arrival, 30-45 minutes for ceremony and 15-30 minutes for pack-down).

COCKTAIL

Escarpment Garden | Rock Garden Upper Lawn | Rock Garden Courtyard | White Garden | Cherry Hill | Royal Court | Mediterranean Garden

Our pre-dining locations offer an environment fit for relaxation and mingling while taking in the sights, scents and sounds of our gardens. Outdoor venues are available May through October, indoor venues are available year-round.

RECEPTION

Atrium | Auditorium | Rock Garden Great Room | Rose Garden Tent

RBG offers multiple wedding reception options, accommodating up to 250 guests with beautiful spaces. This is your moment, and it is our goal to make it a location that you and your guests will remember for the rest of your lives.

RECEPTION ACCESS TIME

Up to 11 hours total, and includes the time before and after your reception for set-up and pack-down. Our typical reception access time is 2 pm-1 am. Additional time is booked at \$350/hour. The latest time to pack-down and vacate the space is by 2 am. Starting at your access time, clients and vendors can deliver and set up additional décor, displays, etc.

Typically guests will begin set-up for their reception at 2 pm, 2-3 hours prior to event, with a reception start time of 5 pm-6 pm. Leaving 1 hour after event for pack-down.

RECEPTION EVENT TIME

Up to 8 hours total and refers to your actual wedding event time, and where your guests are present in the space. *This time is in conjunction with your 11 hours total reception access time.*

PHOTOGRAPHY LOCATIONS

Hendrie Park | Mediterranean Garden | Rock Garden | Laking Garden | Arboretum

Five spectacular gardens provide unparallelled backdrops for your wedding photos. Our gardens feature ever-changing displays of colourful blooms and foliage, with year-round options for your photography. A complimentary photo permit is included when booking your wedding at RBG. *Valued up to \$500*



INCLUSIONS

CEREMONY VENUE

- 2.5 hours of access time
 - 90 min. for set-up and guest arrival 30–45 min. for the ceremony 15–30 min. for pack-down
- Ceremony rehearsal 60 min. access to your selected space
- White Garden chairs Up to max. capacity
- Signing table with white linen 48" round
- One extra table with white linen
- Up to 2 easels
- Power access
- Complimentary parking for you and your guests

RECEPTION VENUE

- Up to 11 hours of venue access 2-3 Hour set-up, 1 hour pack-down
- Guest tables
 Standard banquet rounds seating up to 8 guests per table
- Head table and operational tables
- Standard banquet chairs Varies by location
- Up to 2 easels
- Assorted mixed plants Varies by location
- Set-up, pack-down and clean-up of included/contracted items
- White or Black Table Linens & Napkins
- Complimentary parking for you and your guests
- Complimentary access for you and your guests to all RBG properties for the day
- Complimentary Photo Permit
- RBG Branded Lectern & Wired Microphone Non-branded lecterns & wireless microphones available at additional fee





Rock Garden

Located 1km away from RBG Centre and established in 1932, the historic Rock Garden stands as the proud birthplace of the Royal Botanical Gardens. Embracing sustainable trends in garden design, the Rock Garden inspires with its captivating colors and textures throughout all seasons. The Great Room, spanning 3,455 square feet, provides a versatile space ideal for weddings year-round at the Rock Garden.











2026 PRICING

UP TO 100 GUESTS

	STANDARD	SATURDAY & HOLIDAY WEEKENDS
OPTION A		
Courtyard Ceremony Outdoor	^{\$} 975	^{\$} 1,100
Upper Lawn Cocktail Outdoor	^{\$} 2,175	^{\$} 2,175
Great Room Reception Private indoor	^{\$} 3,275	^{\$} 4,275
TOTAL	^{\$} 6,425	^{\$} 7,550
OPTION B		
Upper Lawn Ceremony + Cocktail Outdoor	^{\$} 2,175	^{\$} 2,175
Great Room Reception Private indoor	^{\$} 3,275	^{\$} 4,275
TOTAL	^{\$} 5,450	^{\$} 6,450

101 - 150 GUESTS

	STANDARD	SATURDAY & HOLIDAY WEEKENDS
OPTION A		
Courtyard Ceremony Outdoor	^{\$} 975	^{\$} 1,100
Upper Lawn Cocktail Outdoor	^{\$} 2,175	^{\$} 2,175
Great Room + Bistro Reception Private indoor	^{\$} 5,300	^{\$} 6,300
TOTAL	^{\$} 8,450	^{\$} 9,575
OPTION B		
Upper Lawn Ceremony + Cocktail Outdoor	^{\$} 2,175	^{\$} 2,175
Great Room + Bistro Reception Private indoor	^{\$} 5,300	^{\$} 6,300
TOTAL	^{\$} 7,475	^{\$} 8,475

Rates are subject to HST.



RBG Centre - Atrium

The year-round focal point of RBG – featuring indoor and outdoor displays, including the Mediterranean Garden. The Auditorium, outdoor tents, McQuesten Theatre, Foyer, and Mezzanine combined offer over 17,000 square feet for personalized weddings at RBG Centre.





2026 PRICING

UP TO 100 GUESTS

		STANDARD	SATURDAY & HOLIDAY WEEKENDS
Rose Garden Tent Ceremony Outdoor		^{\$} 2,200	^{\$} 3,200
Escarpment Garden Cocktail Outdoor		^{\$} 1,250	^{\$} 1,250
Atrium Reception Indoor		^{\$} 3,275	^{\$} 4,275
	TOTAL	^{\$} 6,725	^{\$} 8,725

Rates are subject to HST.



RBG Centre - Auditorium







2026 PRICING

UP TO 250 GUESTS

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	STANDARD	HOLIDAY WEEKENDS
Rose Garden Tent Ceremony Outdoor	^{\$} 2,200	^{\$} 3,200
White Garden Cocktail Outdoor	^{\$} 1,250	^{\$} 1,250
Auditorium + Royal Court Reception Indoor + Outdoor	^{\$} 4,275	^{\$} 5,275
TOT	AL \$7,725	^{\$} 9.725



EXCITING UPDATES COMING SPRING 2025!

We're investing \$500,000 to refresh the Auditorium with:

- New Flooring
- New AV Capabilities
- Modern wall décor & lighting

Rates are subject to HST.

SATURDAY &

ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE

A'LA CARTE ADD-ONS

RBG offers exquisite venues to elevate your event with comfort and professionalism. Located amidst the beauty of Canada's largest botanical garden in Hamilton/ Burlington, our spaces provide a distinctive setting, unparallelled hospitality, and abundant photo opportunities for capturing unforgettable moments.

DÉCOR

3-Panel Portable Living Wall Set-up fee included, 4'x8'	^{\$} 875
Living Botanical Centrepiece Rental Maximum 15	^{\$} 30
9 Assorted Potted Plants Assorted small/medium potted plants. Available in RBG Centre indoor venues only.	^{\$} 275
18 Assorted Potted Plants Assorted small/medium potted plants. Available in RBG Centre indoor venues only.	^{\$} 425
27 Assorted Potted Plants Assorted small/medium potted plants. Available in RBG Centre indoor venues only.	^{\$} 595
Dance Floor Lighting Package 2 Moving Heads on Truss, 4 LED PAR Lights, Custom Colours	^{\$} 875
Uplighting Set of 12 Custom colours available	^{\$} 700
Additional Set of Uplighting	^{\$} 475
4'x8' Stage Deck Choice of 8", 16", or 24" high Set-up fee included. Speak to your RBG Sales Rep to inquire about custom stage size pricing.	^{\$} 295
Stage Stairs	^{\$} 85/Set
Stage Skirt	^{\$} 12/Linear ft.
Stage Deck Delivery Size dependant	^{\$} 575- ^{\$} 925







Prices per item unless otherwise stated. Rates do not include venue rental fee. Taxes not included. Subject to availability. Subject to change without notice.







ENTERTAINMENT

DJ Services Up to 6hrs. Audio Only, No lighting	^{\$} 2,600
DJ Additional Hours	^{\$} 225/hr
External DJ Fee Electrical access only	^{\$} 395
Live Musician (Solo) Various genres available. Two 45-min sets or less	^{\$} 675
Live Musician (Duo) Various genres available. Two 45-min sets or less	^{\$} 875
External Musician Fee Electrical access only	^{\$} 395
Plug-in Fee If playing music from a personal device	^{\$} 195
Video Wall Access Client to provide device with HDMI plug-in	^{\$} 395
AUDIO	
Ceremony Audio Package 2 Speakers, 1 Wireless Mic, Background Music, 1hr Dedicated Tech Time	^{\$} 700
Cocktail Audio Package 3 Speakers, Background Music, 2hr Dedicated Tech Time	^{\$} 525
Ceremony Pro Speaker + Microphone Rental	^{\$} 225
Non-branded Plexi or Aluminum Lectern Mic included	^{\$} 295
Dedicated Tech Time (Full-day) 10hrs. Set-up & Breakdown	^{\$} 825
Dedicated Tech Time (Half-day) 4hrs. Set-up & Breakdown	^{\$} 375
Technician Additional Hours Add-on time only	^{\$} 100/hr



VENUE ENRICHMENT PACKAGES

	BOTANICAL	ROYAL	GARDEN	BLOOM
CEREMONY				
1 - 2 Speakers	•			
1 Wireless Mic	•			
1 Hour Dedicated Tech Time Set-up & Breakdown	٠	٠		
COCKTAILS				
3 Speakers & Background Music				
Solo Musician Cocktail Hour	•			
1 Hour Dedicated Tech Time Set-up & Breakdown	٠	٠		
RECEPTION				
Installed Speakers				
Wi-Fi Connection				
2 Wireless Mics				
Video Wall (Rock Garden) or Screen (Auditorium) Access to a laptop, wireless clicker, video switcher. Not available in Atrium.	٠	٠	٠	•
4 Hours Dedicated Tech Time Set-up & Breakdown for Tech operated audio/video.	٠	٠	٠	•
Non-branded Plexi or Aluminum Lectern	•			
Uplighting Set of 12 Available for reception space only.	٠	٠	٠	•
ENTERTAINMENT				
DJ Services Up to 6hrs.	•		•	
External DJ Fee Waived				•
Dance Floor Lighting Package 2 Moving Heads on Truss, 4 LED PAR Lights, Custom Colours	•		•	
BOTANICAL ENRICHMENTS FOR RECEPTION				
3-Panel Portable Living Wall	•		•	•
Living Botanical Centrepiece Rental Maximum 15	•	•		
A LA CART TOTAL	^{\$} 8,770	^{\$} 5,015	^{\$} 6,575	^{\$} 3,495
EXPERIENCE PACKAGE TOTAL	^{\$} 8,270	^{\$} 4,765	^{\$} 6,275	^{\$} 3,270
SAVINGS	^{\$} 500	^{\$} 250	\$300	^{\$} 225



BECOME AN RBG MEMBER

Book one of our venue enrichment packages and receive a complimentary one-year family membership for Royal Botanical Gardens and a photography permit for your wedding day.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR WEDDING IN PARADISE, CONTACT US AT WEDDINGS@RBG.CA OR VISIT RBG.CA/WEDDINGS

HOST BAR OPTIONS

Enjoy our curated selection of wines, beers, ciders, and signature cocktails, crafted with the finest locally sourced ingredients. From our Zero Proof options to our Premium Bar Rail, our Host Bar Options are designed to elevate your event with sophistication and taste. At Royal Botanical Gardens, we invite you to raise your glass and toast to unforgettable moments in the heart of nature's beauty.

A SET-UP FEE OF \$150 + PER BAR APPLIES TO ALL BAR TYPES. SHOTS AND DOUBLES NOT AVAILABLE.

The Bar Set-Up Fee includes the bar staff and glassware.

OPEN BAR PACKAGE

HOUSE BAR PACKAGE

5-Hour House Bar Service with additional 2-hours of replenishable wine service at dinner.

Up to two additional hours (7-hours total) available at an additional fee.

CONSUMPTION BAR

During a consumption bar, the host is covering the cost of drinks for guests, allowing them to enjoy beverages without having to pay individually.

PREMIUM BAR PACKAGE

5-Hour Premium Bar Service with additional 2-hours of replenishable wine service at dinner.

Up to two additional hours (7-hours total) available at an additional fee

TICKETED BAR

Similar to a host consumption bar, ticketed bar allows the host to have more control over the number of drinks each guest orders by distributing drink tickets to guests.

For consumption and ticketed bars, RBG collects a \$28 deposit per person from the host, with our bartenders meticulously tracking the served items. Following the event, we reconcile the final bar bill with the deposit total, promptly issuing refunds for any excess or invoicing the host for the outstanding balance.

CASH BAR

During a cash bar, guests are responsible for covering costs of the beverages they order.

Maximum two signature cocktails per event. Hard bar closed during dinner. Bar Service does not exceed 7 hours. Subject to 17% service charge. Menu and pricing subject to change without notice. Taxes not included.

CREATE AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

As part of a partnership program, RBG is proud to work with the following caterers and vendors to ensure your day is special.

CATERING PARTNERS

RBG offers delicious locally-sourced catering options, proudly partnering with:



HOSPITALITY

Dallas Lombardi Vice President, Sales & Special Events dallas@equalparts.ca equalparts.ca



Amanda Bailey & Chef Scott Bailey Owner info@cityfarmcatering.com cityfarmcatering.ca



Nicole Meriano Sales & Events Manager hello@figandlemon.ca figandlemon.ca



Zahid Shahab CEO zahid@auntyskitchen.ca auntyskitchen.ca







EXTERNAL/ NON-PREFERRED CATERING

Clients may bring their own licensed, full-service caterer with an off-site commercial kitchen. A \$2,000 + HST landmark fee is due 30 days before the event. Caterers must provide service staff and all necessary wares and equipment.







RECOMMENDED VENDORS

PHOTOGRAPHY

Geoff Shaw Photography geoffshawphotography@gmail.com geoffshawphotography.com

Jenifer Boyce Photography jeniferboycephotography@gmail.com jeniferboycephotography.com

WEDDING OFFICIANTS

All Life's Milestones Weddings info@almweddings.ca almweddings.ca

Rev. Deborah Coleman marryme@deborahcoleman.ca deborahcoleman.ca

DJ

Plus AV RBG's In-House Vendor info@plusav.ca plusav.ca Speak to your RBG Sales Representative for pricing. Briscoe Music briscoemusic@gmail.com chrisbriscoe.ca

L&T Entertainment duo@lisetteandtyler.com

lisetteandtyler.com/weddings

Nicole Kirk Wedding Photography

Mark Zelinski Photography Design

nicolealexandrakirk@gmail.com

nicolekirkphotography.com

mark@markzelinski.com markzelinski.com

The Marry Men

themarrymen.ca

info@themarrymen.ca

LIVE MUSIC

Boutique Entertainment laurenroyentertainment@gmail.com boutiqueentertainment.ca

Gareth Bush Music GarethBushMusic@gmail.com garethbushmusic.com

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HOTEL

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

BILLING SCHEDULE

- 1st Payment: Full Facility Rental due at the time of contract signing to confirm your booking.
- 2nd Payment: 50% of your estimated balance will be due three (3) months prior to your wedding date.
- 3rd Payment: Remaining anticipated final balance will be due one (1) month prior to your wedding date.

Accepted Payment Methods

Payment can be made with certified cheque, interact e-transfer, or credit card (all credit cards are subject to a 3% processing fee).

SECURITY DEPOSIT

All events require a Security Deposit of \$2,000 to be paid within 30 days prior to the event date. The Damage Deposit will be refunded in full within 30 days following the Event Date should the premises, including but not limited to the event spaces and any common areas, parking, and gardens used by the Customer, be left in their original condition of cleanliness and repair.

SOCAN & RE:SOUND FEES

All events that play recorded or live music or use music as a part of a presentation or video are subject to mandatory RE:Sound and SOCAN fees collected by Entandem to pay royalties to music composers, writers, publishers, and performers. RBG presents these fees separately to ensure our clients are only billed the applicable fees. Each fee ranges between \$10 and \$70 + HST based on the number of attendees and whether there is dancing at the event.

EXTERNAL DJ / MUSICIAN FEE

Should you wish to utilize a DJ outside of our preferred vendor list, there will be a fee of \$395 + HST for electrical access. Vendors are provided an operational table and electrical access by RBG. Vendors are to provide their own equipment, such as a mixing console, microphones, speakers, lights, etc.

HOUSE PLUG-IN FEE

Should you wish to play music from a personal device (tablet, phone, laptop, etc.) via the venues installed speaker system, there is a fee of \$195 + HST for AUX plug-in. Client is responsible for providing a device which is compatible with AUX plug-in, and manage the device, song-list, etc.

EVENT INSURANCE

All RBG events will require the purchase of liability insurance. Proof of insurance must be submitted no later than one month before the event, with a minimum coverage of 2 million dollars. We've partnered with Duuo to offer you an exclusive rate on the event insurance policy cost. The quote and purchase process with Duuo is under 5 minutes, and emails your certificate directly to RBG.

CATERING

Preferred Catering Partners

RBG has selected three catering companies to act as preferred vendors. These four caterers are best-in-class, and you will be able to select the caterer you feel is the best fit for your own meal plans and budget.

- Equal Parts Hospitality dallas@equalparts.ca
- City Farm Catering info@cityfarmcatering.com
- fig & lemon hello@figandlemon.ca
- Aunty's Kitchen zahid@auntyskitchen.ca

External/ Non-preferred Catering

You may bring any caterer of your choosing on-site. If the client chooses to bring in an established external caterer, a landmark fee of \$2,000 + HST will be due to RBG 30 days in advance of your event date. The external caterer must be a full-service, licensed catering company, with a commercial kitchen and prepare the food off-site. Full-service requirement deems the catering must be accompanied by service staff, and fully supply the wares and equipment required to deliver the event.

SMOKING

There is no smoking permitted anywhere on the RBG premises, including parking lots.

GUEST GARDEN ACCESS

- The outdoor areas at Royal Botanical Gardens are open to the public during events.
- Guests have access to RBG public areas during RBG operating hours on the day of the wedding event.
- Guests may arrive to the reception venue no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the event start time.
- Guests arriving earlier are invited to enjoy garden areas.
- Guests are **NOT PERMITTED ACCESS** to Hendrie Park, Mediterranean Garden or Lower Bowl of the Rock Garden after operating hours unless otherwise reserved.

ACCESS TIME & EVENT TIME

Reception Access Time

Up to 11 hours total and includes the time before and after your reception for set-up and pack-down. Our typical reception access time is 2 pm-1 am. Additional time is booked at \$350/hour. The latest time to pack-down and vacate the space is by 2 am. Starting at your access time, clients and vendors can deliver and set-up additional décor, displays, etc.

Ceremony Venue Access Time

2.5 hours (90 minutes for set-up and guest arrival, 30-45 minutes for ceremony and 15-30 minutes for pack-down).

Reception Event Time

Up to 8 hours total and refers to your actual wedding event time, and where your guests are present in the space.

DÉCOR AND RESTRICTIONS

RBG is a bio conservation area first and anything that may harm flora or fauna is not permitted at RBG. Couples, or those appointed by, are responsible for set-up and tear-down of all non-facilitated RBG items. RBG does not store items over night and, everything brought in must be brought out within the client access time.

- No potted/rooted plants- Succulents as favours are permissible if they are wrapped or contained on all sides. All other living plant favours must be authorized. Cut florals/ botanicals are permitted.
- No hanging items from the ceiling/plants or sticking items to the walls.
- No open flames, sparklers, fireworks, smoke bombs or smoke machines. Candles enclosed in tempered glass are permitted with the flame not exceeding ½ inch below the rim, but they must be placed on tables, **not on the ground**.
- Glass items are not permitted on the floor.
- No synthetic flower petals/confetti, glitter, rice, or seeds. Real petals or leaf confetti are permitted for tossing.
- Butterfly/Dove releases are not permitted anywhere on RBG property.
- No tampering with/decorating RBG plant material. If clients would like plants to be moved, they may request this adjustment, however it is up to approval of RBG's Horticulture Department.

- Dance floor wrapping must be approved in advance and all materials, including any residue, must be removed within the client's access time. If materials including any lasting residue is not removed to RBG's satisfaction, we have the right to have it removed at the client's expense.
- Balloons are not a preferred décor item. Balloon releases are not authorized anywhere on RBG property. If balloons are brought in, they must be anchored to something freestanding and taken off site with the client. We will not dispose of the balloons.
- Anything used to transport décor items must be taken off-site with the client and not disposed of on-site. Items may include, but are not limited to, boxes, bags, wrapping, etc.
- RBG is not responsible for the storage or security of items brought on-site. This includes, but is not limited to, placing belongings under tables, placing toiletries for event guests in public washrooms, etc.
- Unique décor requests MUST be approved by the RBG Sales Manager.

PHOTOGRAPHY

RBG wedding clients receive a complimentary photography permit for the garden of their event. The gardens remain open to the public during our operating hours. Photography permits do not provide exclusive access to the garden/permit areas. Permits are for the public area of the gardens.

- Wedding clients will select the time slot that best suits their event timelines; 10 am-1 pm, 1 pm-4 pm, or 4 pm-7 pm. Subject to be modified based on RBG operating hours.
- Photography is permitted any time within your booked venue space for the duration of your event.





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