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WEDDINGS AT THE NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE

Invite your guests to the wedding location of your dreams in beautiful downtown Ottawa. We pride ourselves on personalized, exceptional service. Our approach is simple: we take time to ensure every detail surrounding your special day is orchestrated perfectly.

The NAC offers a variety of unique event spaces providing the perfect setting for a stylish and sophisticated wedding reception. We would be pleased to review room availability, arrange for a site visit, and answer any questions you may have.

Should you choose the NAC, a dedicated Catering Sales Manager will work with you throughout the planning process to coordinate every detail of your celebration ensuring it is a complete success.

We look forward to the opportunity to welcome you to the NAC and begin the process of planning an unforgettable wedding celebration.

Reach us at meetingsandevents@nac-cna.ca

(photo by: Bethany Coleman)



Quick facts

- Located in the heart of downtown Ottawa
- Underground paid parking (heated)
- Over 28,000 square feet of event space
- Completely accessible
- Guest elevators

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

All wedding packages include the following:

- Half bottle of wine per person with dinner
- Complimentary hotel room for the newlyweds at Lord Elgin
- Preferred VIP rates for friends and family at Lord Elgin**



LORD ELGIN

*This offer has no cash value, is not transferable, and the guarantee of room is subject to availability at the Lord Elgin

**Preferred VIP rates will be guaranteed upon receipt of deposit for your wedding at the NAC and is negotiated by Lord Elgin

Also Included

- Service staff
- Your cake set out on late night table for self-service
- Dining tables and up to 4 accent tables with black linen (*gift, cake, DJ, late night table...*)
- 30" cruiser tables, with black linen (Limited to 5 per event)
- NAC banquet chairs
- Premium Villeroy & Boch dinnerware, flatware, glassware, and barware
- NAC trio of votive candles (per dining table)
- NAC table numbers and stands
- Podium
- Easel for guest seating plan, welcome sign (Limited to 2)
- Invitation to the annual Wedding Showcase event for buffet style sampling

Rental Fees

Room rentals and catering minimums vary per room, depending on the day of the week and time of the year. Your assigned Catering Sales Manager can discuss this with you further.

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OUR SPACES

Le Salon

An original, artistic space featuring wood paneled walls, a glittering chandelier and dazzling skylight create an elegant atmosphere highly conducive to private dinners or intimate receptions.

Lantern Room

The Lantern room is a technological wonder featuring digital art externally and state of the art acoustics internally, perfect for a ceremony.

Rossy room

The Rossy room with its bright, natural light and views of parliament and the Peace Tower make this room a popular choice for small weddings and ceremonies.

O'Born Room

The most sought-after room in the downtown core, with sky high ceilings, floor to ceiling glass walls and stunning views of Ottawa's most beautiful and historic sites. This space will wow your guests and create lasting memories.

Canada Room

Your sense of awe will be thoroughly awakened as you climb the grand staircase to the Canada Room. With breathtaking views of the Rideau Canal – a UNESCO world heritage site - the Canada room is the ideal space for weddings any size, up to 400 guests.

1 Elgin

The NAC's renowned restaurant is a brilliant twist for a wedding celebration! We invite you to consider a private booking. The minimum food and beverage revenue required is \$20,000.

Note: 1 Elgin is only available when there are no performances at the NAC. Availability is confirmed approximately five months in advance to avoid scheduling conflicts.

STANDARD WEDDING CAPACITIES receptions STANDARD CAPACITIES ceremonies

Canada Room: 150 - 400 seated

Arctic: 250 (Canada room reception)

Rossy Pavilion: 30 - 60 seated

Rossy Pavilion: 150 (O Born reception)

O'Born Room: 150 seated

Lantern Room: 140 (O Born reception)

Le Salon: 100 seated

Salon Room: 120

1 Elgin: 180 seated (using existing furniture)

**Maximum capacity for banquet space is based on seating in 60" round tables of 8 with standard dance floor, head table, DJ, bar, gift and late night table.*

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ACT #1

CANAPÉ RECEPTION (1 HOUR)

Chef's selection of assorted hot and cold canapés (3 pieces per person)

Please select one course from each of the following options:

FIRST COURSE (please choose one of the following)

- Roasted butternut squash and pear soup | cinnamon crème fraiche (**gf**)
- Vine tomato, Parmesan and roasted red pepper soup | brioche croutons

SECOND COURSE (please choose one of the following)

- Mixed baby lettuces | pea sprouts, radish, asparagus and coloured carrot ribbons | lemon balm and basil vinaigrette (**gf + df**)
- NAC Caesar | romaine, arugula, and radicchio | crisp pancetta | Grana Padano | brioche croutons

MAIN COURSE (please choose one of the following)

- Seared Atlantic salmon | citrus gremolata | pearl couscous | braised Swiss chard and fennel chardonnay cream
- Grainy mustard and rosemary roasted Alberta AAA strip loin | horseradish whipped Yukon gold potatoes | cabernet sauvignon bordelaise sauce (**gf**)
- Sea salt and rosemary crusted Sergeant Farm's chicken breast | red onion jam | basil mashed Yukon gold potatoes | kozliks mustard jus (**gf + df**)

DESSERT (please choose one of the following)

- Chocolate mousse layers | white, dark and milk chocolate | Grand Marnier crème anglaise
- Vanilla cheesecake | strawberry mint salsa | dark chocolate sauce

Assorted bread rolls and butter

Fresh brewed Seattle's Best coffee, decaffeinated coffee and teas

\$153 per guest (\$198.82 including tax and gratuity) Ω

Ω Pricing does not include room rental and can be subject to change.

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ACT #2

CANAPÉ RECEPTION (1 HOUR)

Chef's selection of assorted hot and cold canapés (4 pieces per person)

Please select one course from each of the following options:

FIRST COURSE (please choose one of the following)

- Le Coprin mushroom soup | Yukon gold potato | puffed wild rice (**gf**)
- Roasted cauliflower and Spring leek soup | basil infused oil | (**gf**)

SECOND COURSE (please choose one of the following)

- Heirloom tomato and bocconcini salad | aged balsamic | first pressed olive oil | cracked pepper and sea salt flakes (**gf**)
- Red leaf, mâche and frisée greens | grilled artichoke | hot smoked Arctic char shards | maple shallot vinaigrette
- NAC Caesar | romaine, arugula and radicchio | crisp pancetta | Grand Padano | brioche croutons

MAIN COURSE (please choose one of the following)

- Pan seared Northern Arctic char | basmati rice and lentil blend | roasted carrot and ginger soubise (**gf + df**)
- Roasted chicken breast supreme | sage and Oka cheese barley and wild rice risotto | chasseur sauce (**gf**)
- Canadian whiskey and brown sugar braised Alberta beef short rib | brown butter mashed potato | charred Brussel sprouts with double smoked bacon

DESSERT (please choose one of the following)

- Flourless chocolate cake | salted caramel sauce | toasted almond meringue
- NAC Meyer lemon tart | berries in season | torched meringue
- Maple pecan tart | sour cherry compote

Assorted bread rolls and butter

Fresh brewed Seattle's Best coffee, decaffeinated coffee and teas

\$169 per guest (\$219.55 including tax and gratuity) Ω

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ACT #3

CANAPÉ RECEPTION (1 HOUR)

Chef's selection of assorted hot and cold canapés (4 pieces per person)

FIRST COURSE (please choose one of the following)

- Asparagus and Spring leek soup | lobster flan | basil infused olive oil (**gf**)
- Wild mushroom ravioli | pan flashed greens | Mariposa Farms duck confit | shitake mushroom broth (**df**)
- Seared Canadian sea scallop | ratatouille and crisp rice noodle (**gf + df**)

SECOND COURSE (please choose one of the following)

- Watermelon and tomato salad | pickled red onion | radish | crumbled feta | Balsamic syrup and extra virgin olive oil (**gf**)
- Grilled sweet potato and beet salad | pomegranate | candied pecans | goats cheese | cranberry gastrique and basil olive oil (**gf**)
- Beet cured salmon gravlax | shaved fennel | pickled red onion and cucumber salad | crispy kale | horseradish cream | beetroot gastrique (**gf**)

PALATE CLEANSER (please choose one of the following)

- Lemon thyme sorbet OR Champagne grapefruit granite

MAIN COURSE (please choose one of the following)

- Apricot glazed roast chicken ballotine | mushroom leek duxelle | butternut squash puree | Parmesan smashed new potato | thyme pan jus (**gf**)
- B.C. steelhead trout with double smoked bacon | dill roasted new potatoes | caper butter sauce (**gf**)
- Alberta AAA beef tenderloin filet | charred tomato jam | roasted squash puree | aged cheddar potato pave | wild mushroom fondue (**gf**)

DESSERT (please choose one of the following)

- Tiramisu mascarpone cheese mousse cake | cafe au lait sauce
- Maple blueberry crème brûlée | brandy snap
- Granny Smith apple mousse dome | ginger spice cake | quinoa granola | whiskey caramel

Assorted bread rolls and butter

Fresh brewed Seattle's Best coffee, decaffeinated coffee and teas

LATE NIGHT TABLE

"THE FINAL ACT" including one protein and one enhancement

\$190 per guest (\$246.91 including tax and gratuity) Ω

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THE FINAL ACT | Minimum 50 guests

Include fresh brewed Seattle's Best coffee, decaffeinated coffee and teas

Please choose one option of the following

Hand crafted pizzas - 2 types (2 pcs pp)

Grilled vegetables with feta cheese and pesto | Pepperoni, peppers and mushrooms with spicy tomato sauce

Montreal smoked meat sandwich station- build your own

Rye bread, mustard, kosher dills and white wine sauerkraut

Mini cheeseburgers (1 pp)

Aged cheddar, spicy mayo, pickled red onion

Fish taco station - build your own

Warm flour tortilla, crispy cod fillet, salsa fresca, hot sauce, spicy mayo, chopped cilantro, fresh lime, pickled jalapeno and cabbage slaw

Vegan noodle box station

Lo-mein noodle, wok charred vegetables with sweet chili sauce

Marinated tofu, cilantro, sriracha sauce, fresh lime

And

Please choose one option of the following enhancements

Classic Build Your Own Poutine

Fries, squeaky curds, brown gravy. Toppings: green onions, pickled peppers, chopped tomato

Mac 'n cheese

Ketchup, sriracha sauce, crumbled bacon, green onion

Potato wedges

Shredded cheddar, sour cream, ketchup sauce, sriracha sauce, crumbled bacon, green onion

Vegetarian Spring rolls

with hoisin-plum sauce

One protein option served with one enhancement

ACT #1 **\$24pp**

ACT #2 **\$20pp**

ACT #3 **included for all confirmed guests**

Two protein options served with one enhancement

ACT #1 **\$30 pp**

ACT #2 **\$26pp**

ACT #3 **\$ 6pp**

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OTHER LATE-NIGHT OPTIONS

SWEET TABLE | Minimum 50 guests

Sweet table station

Miniature French pastries, assorted mini cupcakes, mini butter tarts and sliced fresh fruit

Include fresh brewed Seattle's Best coffee, decaffeinated coffee and teas

\$18 per person

PASTRIES by the dozen

Fresh baked cookies, assorted flavours

Chocolate brownie bites or vegan brownies

Assortment of butter tarts

Mini powdered donuts

Mini crèmes brûlées

Tiramisu cups

French macarons

Cake lollipops – dark chocolate / sea salt and white chocolate

\$48 per dozen /min. 3 dozen per selection

Sliced fresh fruit platter

\$10 per person

SALTY BAR SNACKS

NAC party mix (serves 20)

\$50 per bowl

Basket of kettle chips (serves 20)

\$60 per bowl

Movie theatre style buttered popcorn

\$6 per person

Salted miniature pretzels

\$6 per person

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FOR VEGETARIANS | Main Course (one selection per event):

Vegan chickpea panisse | artichoke spread | le Coprin mushroom, young peas,
grilled pepper coulis (**gf + df**)

OR

Grilled vegetable tian | layers of grilled vegetables infused with herb, garlic, and fine balsamic
vinegar | extra virgin olive oil drizzle | roasted red pepper essence (**gf + df**)

FOR THE PETIT GOURMAND | aged 10yrs and under

Complimentary for children 0-3 years old. You must choose the same meal selection for ALL
children attending.

FIRST COURSE

Caesar salad

or

Crudités and ranch dip

MAIN COURSE

Roast beef | Chef's choice potato or rice | market vegetable

or

Chicken breast | Chef's choice potato or rice | market vegetable

or

Pasta with Alfredo sauce and Parmesan shavings

THIRD COURSE

Chocolate brownie with caramel sauce

or

Vanilla ice cream with strawberries

or

Chocolate chip cookies (2)

Choice of white or chocolate milk, or fruit juice

\$55 per child (\$71.47 Including tax and gratuity)

Highchairs and booster seats are available upon request

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Does the National Arts Centre host ceremonies?

We would be delighted to host your marriage ceremony, followed by your reception. Available ceremony locations can be discussed, depending on your reception room and number of expected guests. The room rental fee is \$750. Ceremonies are not permitted in the NAC public spaces, including the Roof Top Terrace.

Q. What items are not included in the wedding package?

The following items are not part of the wedding package: photographers, flowers, DJ services, backdrops, photo booths, officiant, wedding cake, decor to name just a few. We would be pleased to provide you with a list of qualified Ottawa wedding suppliers.

Q. Is there a room rental charge?

Yes, there is a room rental charge. Rental fees vary depending on the time of year and the food and beverage revenues. Rental fees for your desired space can be discussed with the Meetings and Events team.

Q. Is there a minimum revenue required per event space?

Yes, there is a minimum amount of revenue required. Food and beverage minimums vary depending on the season. Minimum revenues for your desired space can be discussed with the Meetings and Events team.

Q. Is there a minimum number of guests required for a package?

Our wedding packages are designed for groups of 80 people or more. For groups between 40 and 79 guests, a \$15 surcharge per person is applicable.

Q. Who will be managing my wedding details? Can I meet them?

Your assigned Catering Sales Manager works with you from the first phone call to final details. On the day of the wedding, a Banquet Captain oversees your reception. This person will introduce themselves to you, or the assigned site contact, and is your location contact until the end of the event. *Note that the Banquet Captain is not a `day of `wedding planner and should assign tasks other than your reception and evening service to a family member or a hired wedding planner.*

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Q. When is my menu selection required?

Your menu choices are required no less than 30 days prior to your wedding date. The Acts` pricing is based on choosing the same menu for all guests, except for special dietary restrictions or vegetarian meals.

Q. Can I offer my guests a choice of main courses?

Adding a second main course option for your guests to choose from is available at a \$8 surcharge per person. This option is subject to having the final numbers prior to the event from each guest, as per your timeline will indicate.

Q. Are special meals available?

We are pleased to provide alternate meals for guests with dairy, gluten, vegetarian and restrictions. Please inquire about our options for religious and cultural requirements. Requests for additional special meals or dietary restrictions can be accommodated for a charge of \$6 per person.

Q. Are my vendors or supplier meals included? (i.e. Photographer, DJ, Wedding planner, etc.)

No, they are not included unless you add them to your guest count. Vendor meals can be added for **\$95** (Before tax and service charges). This does not include alcohol. Vendors will receive the same four course dinner menu you have pre-selected for your guests.

Q. When is the final head count required?

Final details are required two weeks prior to your wedding day, and your final guaranteed number of guests is required five business days prior to your wedding day. This is what you will be billed for.

Q. Can I bring in any DJ or live entertainment I want?

Quality Entertainment is the official supplier of DJ services and live entertainment to the NAC. They provide a complete range of skilled Disc Jockeys, musicians, state-of-the-art equipment, and personalized service. Arrangements and planning can be made directly with them. Any outside company used by the client requires approval by the NAC and a minimum user charge of \$500.



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Q. Can I bring in any decorator I want?

Frid Events is the official supplier of all florals, décor rentals and stationery at the NAC. They provide a range of comprehensive event design services and will source and produce everything needed for aesthetic aspects of your wedding, such as linens, furniture, decor, signage, lighting, and more. Any outside company used by the client requires approval by the NAC and a minimum user charge of \$1000. Your decorator/rental company is responsible for the set up and tear down of all items brought to the NAC. The NAC is not responsible for any lost, broken or misplaced items brought in and left overnight.



Q. What are SOCAN and Re: Sound Fees?

SOCAN is the Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada. Re:Sound is a Canadian not-for-profit music licensing company dedicated to obtaining fair compensation for artists and record companies for their performance rights. Both SOCAN and Re:Sound fees apply for all events where live or recorded music is played. The Fees for events using live or recorded music (including DJs) are below.

Without Dancing:

SOCAN (1-100 guests) \$22.06
SOCAN (101-300 guests) \$31.72
SOCAN (301-500 guests) \$66.19
SOCAN (Over 500 guests) \$93.78
Re:SOUND (1-100 guests) \$9.25
Re:SOUND (101-300 guests) \$13.30
Re:SOUND (301-500 guests) \$27.76
Re:SOUND (Over 500 guests) \$39.33

With Dancing:

SOCAN (1-100 guests) \$44.13
SOCAN (101-300 guests) \$63.49
SOCAN (301-500 guests) \$132.39
SOCAN (Over 500 guests) \$187.55
Re:SOUND (1-100 guests) \$18.51
Re:SOUND (101-300 guests) \$26.63
Re:SOUND (301-500 guests) \$55.52
Re:SOUND (Over 500 guests) \$78.66

Q. What are the percentages for the service charge and tax?

All food and beverage are subject to a 15% service charge which is taxable. There is no service charge on **room** rental. All billable items are subject to 13% HST.

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Q. Am I required to have liability insurance for my event at the NAC?

Yes, you are required to produce and maintain, liability insurance coverage in amounts sufficient to indemnify the NAC against all claims with respect to bodily injury (including death), personal injury and property damage.

You can provide proof that you already have obtained liability insurance that meets the contract requirements, or purchase Facility User Liability insurance through the NAC during the booking process.

If alcohol is to be served or consumed at the event, the required insurance coverage shall be increased to no less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per occurrence. The minimum insurance coverage will be two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for a non-alcoholic event. Here are the costs to purchase Facility User Liability insurance via the NAC:

	\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000
Number of people	No alcohol	With alcohol
up to 75 people	\$ 28.35	\$ 245.00
76-150 people	\$ 35.70	\$ 269.00
151-250 people	\$ 71.40	\$ 308.00
251-500 people	\$ 107.10	\$ 383.00

Q. Do you charge for beverage service?

We are pleased to offer a variety of bar formats including hosted, cash or a combination of both. For each bar setup there is a minimum revenue requirement of \$500 (before service charge and taxes) or you will be required to pay the labour charges for each bartender, (\$55 per hour for a minimum of four hours). Our host bars are charged upon consumption.

Q. Can I book my wedding ceremony rehearsal with my bridal party?

It is possible to host your ceremony rehearsal but can't guarantee a specific day until much closer to your wedding date. The rehearsal time allocated is one hour and must be scheduled with your Catering Sales Manager.

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Q. Can I come in and set up the night before my wedding date?

We cannot guarantee access to your room the night before unless you rent it for over two nights. Room rental is subject to availability. The room set up times for weddings begins at 10am the day of the wedding and tear down at 1am. Your room is available to you as of 11am, subject to the Banquet Manager's discretion and availability.

Q. Are there any restrictions on smoke and fog machines, open flames, rice, table sparkles or rose petal tossing?

Smoke and fog machines, bubble machines, open flames, cold sparks, confetti, rice or rose petal tossing are strictly forbidden at the NAC. A minimum \$500 fee will apply should any of these items be used on our premises.

Q. Photography and outdoor spaces

The NAC has designated locations for wedding photography for first look and for family & friends following your ceremony and should inquire about the options available to you. Note that the Roof Top Terrace is not accessible in the winter months for photography.

Q. Is there parking available at NAC?

Yes. Parking is available in the NAC's secure, climate-controlled underground garage, located in the building itself. Please visit the NAC website for pricing at nac-cna.ca/en/visit/parking.

Q. Can I put my preferred date on hold?

If you wish to hold a specific date, we will place a tentative hold on your desired room for a maximum of 2 weeks. If another couple is interested in booking the same date you will be asked to confirm or release the booking within 48 hours. After two weeks, availability is no longer guaranteed.

Q. Does the NAC provide a written contract for review?

Yes. You will be provided with a detailed catering contract that does require a signature. When you confirm your booking, a 25% deposit (based on your rental fee and food and beverage minimum guarantee) is required.

Q. What happens if I must cancel?

Our cancellation policy is outlined in your catering contract. Your 25% deposit is non-refundable.