

AVERAGE CATERING EXPENSES FOR A WEDDING

Please note that the following are estimates only – your choices can make a **substantial** difference in final costs.

RENTALS

These include tables, chairs, linen, glassware, cutlery, waiter equipment (trays etc.), cooking equipment (if required). Rental quality varies considerably - as do charges.

Estimated cost: \$30.00 - \$60.00 per person

STAFF

Catering coordinator / supervisor:	\$55.00 per hour
Chefs:	\$45.00 per hour
Bartenders:	\$35.00 per hour
Servers:	\$32.00 per hour
Previous day set up (required for tented events):	\$32.00 per hour

There is a four-hour minimum for all staff. Gratuities are not included in billing; although appreciated, they are not expected. Kitchen staff dress in chef's jackets, wait staff in black pants, white shirt and tie, formal tuxedo, black bistro, or casual white golf shirts and black shorts / pants, as you prefer. Estimated cost of staff (depending on type of food service): \$30.00 - \$65.00 per guest. If a tent is involved, we require a previous day set up to trouble shoot (included in estimates below).

BAR SERVICE

SOFT BAR: Ice, soft drinks, water and bar condiments (no alcohol) are available from \$4 - \$6 per guest.

LIQUOR: We will purchase, deliver & return unopened bottles at cost. Please note that this will incur a 15% service charge (applied to the entire invoice). Alternately, you are welcome to supply any beverages, which we will serve for you. There is no "corkage fee".

OTHER SERVICES

We will arrange tents, dance floors, lighting, generators or anything else you may require for an outdoor wedding. Our in-house designers can provide flowers, room & tent décor. Other supplies include portable washrooms, DJ or live music, wedding cake, and other accessory services. We are also pleased to work with your own suppliers.

TAXES & SERVICE CHARGES

All aspects of catering are subject to both GST & PST. A 15% service charge is added to cover extensive consultations, quotes and revised quotes, site visits, tastings, supplier coordination and administration, 5 million dollars liability insurance, deliveries and return pick ups, etc.

ESTIMATED TOTAL COSTS, PER GUEST

Please note that this estimate is very broad, and does not include beverages. We will be pleased to provide a more accurate quote when we have had a meeting, and details specific to you are known.

Food estimate, including any or all of hors d'oeuvres, dinner, late snack:	50.00 - 80.00
Rental estimate, including any or all of seating, dishes, glassware:	30.00 - 60.00
Staff estimate, including possible previous day set up:	30.00 - 65.00
Tenting / dance floor estimate:	0.00 - 60.00
15% Service charge:	16.50 - 39.75
Total estimate per guest, pre tax:	126.50 - 304.75
	+ PST and GST

Other Expenses and Options

TENTING & WASHROOMS

Main dining tent – \$2000 - \$8000, depending on final choice of size, design, walls, ceiling liners & lighting

Catering tent- est. \$500, depending on menu (if no kitchen facilities available – we are happy to work from garage / basement etc. if available). For larger events – over 150 guests, a separate bussing tent is required.

Porta potties, and lighting for porta potties – \$450 each for a single white washroom, \$1100 for deluxe double trailer with flush toilets, lights, and gender specific washrooms. We recommend the double trailer for events in excess of 60 guests.

Porta potty entrance tent - A nice touch outside the washroom door, offering a little privacy to those entering and exiting. Although the washrooms have a sink and mirror, we recommend a small table set outside, holding a basket of a few emergency items. For the ladies, hair spray/gel, bobby pins, ponytail holders, etc., hand lotion, menstrual supplies, nail file, tissues, etc. For the gents, we normally include hand lotion, pocket combs, breath mints, hair gel, and in both baskets, mosquito repellent - \$160 per pop-up tent for single washrooms, \$225 for sturdier frame tent for trailers

TYPES OF TENTS



Frame tents - It is said that “simplicity is the height of elegance.” Frame tents hold true to this idea: with an ingenious design, frame tents are uncomplicated, utilizing a rigid aluminum framework and do not require centre poles. The absence of centre poles maximizes interior space – a key factor when an unobstructed view is essential, or when space is at a premium.

These tents generally work best for weddings as there are no interior poles to hinder table set up and dance floor placement, and have a bit more leeway for pole placement, particularly important in country settings.



Pole tents- these tents obtain their name due to the large poles at the mid-point of the structure that support the weight of the roof. They are distinctive in appearance due to the large, graceful peaks that form the roof of the structure. From an interior perspective, this gives the look of high, vaulted ceilings, and an overall impression of classic grandeur. The poles mid-point supporting the peaks can interfere with sight lines, dance floor placement and table placement, so this tent works well for less structured events.

RENTALS



Your rental needs will depend on kitchen facilities available, as well as menu. Rentals include supplies for guests to eat, glassware, tables, chairs, linens, cook and service equipment, auxiliary catering supplies. Final price will depend on the quality of dinnerware, linens and chairs chosen, as well as kitchen facilities available on site.

PHOTOGRAPHY

We highly recommend Laura Bombier who works in both Toronto and Muskoka. Her photo journalistic style is distinctive, producing photos with intuitive depth. www.laurabombier.com

Heather Douglas' objective is to capture the unique moments of the day, blending artistic imagery with stylistic photojournalism, resulting in natural, spontaneous portraiture. www.heatherdouglasphotography.com

Brian Tao's philosophy is to enjoy your work, and work at what you enjoy, which is evident in his unique and stylistic approach to elegant wedding and portraiture photography, as well as his interaction with both his clients and other suppliers. www.luxography.com

FLORALS

Our florist, [bükā](#), will be happy to provide you with quotes for your wedding florals. Some typical costing:



Bridal bouquet, hand tied - \$100 - \$160
Attendant bouquets - \$90 - \$150
Flower girl baskets or posies - \$35
Corsages or wrist corsages - \$20 - \$25
Boutonnieres - \$16 - \$20
Table centrepieces - \$60 - \$125 each



BRIDAL CANOPY



Organza, woven with long branches, flowers & greenery \$150 - \$350, depending on decorations.

We strive to decorate the canopy to reflect the style of the bride and groom, the location, and wedding colours.