





A WEDDING VENUE IN MICHIGAN





Welcome to THE HIDDEN GEM

Discover a place where unforgettable moments are made. Nestled in a quiet culde-sac in the charming community of Holt—just minutes from Lansing, Michigan—The Hidden Gem is a full-service wedding and event venue. Surrounded by manicured landscaping and overlooking a peaceful pond, our serene terrace and elegant spaces offer a sense of escape from the everyday.

What began as a dream for owners Ernest and Carmen Tisdale over a decade ago became a reality in 2020. Their vision was to create a beautiful space where couples and families could celebrate life's most meaningful moments. Despite the early challenges of opening during a pandemic, their passion, faith, and commitment to building a legacy for their family have made The Hidden Gem stronger than ever.

Today, we are honored to welcome guests from near and far to celebrate love, milestones, and new beginnings. We look forward to being part of your special day.

HEAR FROM OUR HAPPY COUPLES!



After their original venue was damaged two weeks before the wedding, The Hidden Gem stepped in and made the day perfect.
Gwynneth praised Carmen, Amanda, and the team for their responsiveness and dedication.
She described the staff as wonderful and the experience as unforgettable.

GWYNNETH C



Heather was deeply grateful for The Hidden Gem stepping in with just two weeks' notice to host her daughter's wedding. She emphasized the beauty of the venue, the friendliness of the staff, and the quality of the food. She gave them a "10 out of 10

HEATHER EVERHART



Debbie highlighted the beautiful venue, gorgeous decorations, and delicious food. She commended Carmen and her team for their professionalism, thoughtfulness, and collaborative approach in creating a memorable event.

DEBBIE



Norina had her wedding in October and appreciated how kind and accommodating the staff was. She was impressed with the stunning décor included in her package and expressed interest in working with them again.

NORINA

Spaces

GARDEN



TENTED PATIO -



BALLROOM



GETTING READY





Wedding/Banquet Package

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Additional tables will require an additional cost.
- All Saturday dates between May-October require a \$5,000 total event minimum and a \$1,000 deposit. All other dates require a \$500-\$800 deposit. Cost varies by date/time.
- All Saturday dates between May-October 2026 require a \$5,000 total event minimum and \$1,250 deposit.
- All other 2025 dates require a \$500-\$1,000 deposit. Cost varies by date/time.
- Please note that 3rd party vendors will require an additional deposit.
- All decorating, cleaning, getting dressed, etc. must take place during the time noted in the package.
- Additional time is \$125-\$200 per hour + tax.
- All packages are based on minimums and can increase based on the number of guests and service options including food, decorations, etc.
- All ceremony packages include 1 hour of rehearsal time for ceremonies typically the Thursday before your event.
- Packages can be customized to meet needs/preferences. Ceremony fees can be removed to accommodate non-wedding events.

Bride and Groom should be considered in the final guest count.

**No outside catering is allowed. Please see FAQ for more info.





Essentials Package

The Essentials Package is perfect for couples who want a beautiful celebration within a reasonable price tag. It offers key elements needed for a memorable event, combining simplicity and elegance with an unforgettable experience.

Price for Up to 100 Guests

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Venue (10 Hours)
- Tables & Chairs
- Ceremony Setup (chairs & arch)
- Full Length White Tablecloths, Linen Napkins, and Table Settings
- Standard Centerpieces
- 2 Standard Hors d'oeuvres Options
- Dinner with 1 Gourmet Entrée Option
- Cash Bar

ADD \$42 per person after 100 Guests + Additional Table Linens, Centerpieces, etc. **No outside catering is allowed. Please see FAQ for more info.

PRICING

\$7,000





Essentials Plus Package

Price for Up to 100 Guests

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Venue (10 Hours)
- Tables & Chairs Ceremony Setup (chairs & arch)
- Full Length White Tablecloths, Linen Napkins and Table Settings
- Standard Centerpieces
- 2 Standard Hors d'oeuvres Options
- Dinner with 1 Gourmet Entrée Option
- Open Basic Bar for 3 Hours
- (Domestic Beer, House Wine and Soda)

ADD \$60 per person after \$100 Guests + Additional Table Linens, Centerpieces, etc **No outside catering is allowed. Please see FAQ for more info.

PRICING

\$8,900





Classic Package (Most Popular)

The Classic Package is our most popular full-service option, offering the key elements of our Essentials Package with the added benefit of our 3-hour Standard Bar.

Price for up to 100 Guests

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Venue (10 Hours)
- Tables and Chairs
- Ceremony Setup: Chairs & Arch with drapery
- · Ivory, white or black floor length table linens, Linen napkins, Table Settings
- Standard Centerpieces, Charger plates, Table runners & Ceiling drapes with Center
- 2 Standard Hors D'oeuvres
- 2 Gourmet Entrée Options (1 Entrée per Guest. Entrée count required)
- Open Standard Bar for 3 Hours
- (House wine, Domestic beer, Well Liquors, Soda)

ADD \$74 per person after 100 Guests + Additional Table Linens, Centerpieces, etc. **No outside catering is allowed. Please see FAQ for more info.

PRICING \$10,000





Ultimate Package

The Ultimate Package provides everything you need for top-quality services and smooth, straightforward execution. With attention to detail and efficiency, it ensures a flawless experience from start to finish, allowing you to focus on enjoying your event.

Price for Up to 130 Guests

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Venue (10 Hours)
- Tables & Chairs
- Ceremony Setup: Chairs & Arch with Drapery
- White, Ivory, or Black floor-length table linens, Linen Napkins, Table Settings
- Standard centerpieces, Charger plates, Table runners & Ceiling Drapes with Center
- 2 Standard Hors d'oeuvres
- Dinner with 1 Premium Option and 1 Gourmet Option
- (1 Entrée option per Guest. Entrée count required.)
- Open Call Bar for 3 hours (Stocked Domestic Beer, House Wines, Well and Call Liquors)

ADD \$93 per person after 130 guests + Additional Linens, Centerpieces, etc.

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PRICING

\$15,000





Premium Package

Our Premium Package builds upon the Lovely Package allowing up to 30 additional guests and adding an extra touch of decor to provide everything you need for an intimate and seamless celebration.

Price for Up to 145 Guests

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Venue (10 Hours)
- Tables & Chairs
- Ceremony Setup: Standard Aisle and Arch décor
- White, Ivory, or Black floor-length table linens, Linen Napkins, Table Settings
- Enhanced Centerpieces, Ceiling drapes w/ center, Backdrop
- 2 Hors d'oeuvres of Choice
- Dinner with 1 Premium Entrée Option and 1 Gourmet Option
- (1 Entrée option per guest. Entrée count required.)
- Open Premium Bar for 3 Hours
- (Full Bar including stocked Domestic and Imported Beers, House Wines, & All Liquors)
- DJ (Wedding and Reception Requires Separate Deposit)

ADD \$118* per person after 145 Guests (determined by choice of hors d'oeuvres) + Additional Linens, Centerpieces, etc.

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PRICING

\$20,000





Micro Wedding Package

Micro Weddings are trending! They're the perfect option for Brides and Grooms who want to keep their nuptials intimate but still elegant. Choose from one of the packages below or allow us to customize a package just for you.

50 Guests or Less

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All packages include tax & service charges.
- Prices below are based on tables of 8.
- Additional tables will require an additional cost (for linens, centerpieces, etc.).
- All decorating, cleaning, getting dressed, etc. must take place during the time noted in the package. Additional time is \$125-\$200 per hour + tax (determined by date).
- All packages are based on minimums and can increase based on the number of guests and service options including food, decorations, etc.
- All ceremony packages include I hour of rehearsal time for ceremonies typically the
- Thursday before your event.
- Packages can be customized to meet needs/preferences.

Ceremony fees can be removed to accommodate non-wedding events.

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Micro Weddings

MINIMONY PACKAGE

Not available on peak Saturdays

- Venue use for 6 Hours
- Ceremony and Reception Setup
- Tables and Chairs
- White Floor Length Linens and Linen Napkins,
- Place Settings, Basic Centerpieces
- 2 Standard Hors d'oeuvres
- Gourmet Dinner Buffet
- (Includes Salad, Entrée, Two Sides, Bread/Butter)
- Champagne Toast
- Add \$300 for a decorated dessert table.

PRICING: \$3,000 For up to 25 Guests (Max)

PETITE PACKAGE

Not available on peak Saturdays

- Venue use for 6 Hours
- Ceremony and Reception Setup Including Draped Arch
- Tables and Chairs
- White Floor Length Linens and Linen Napkins
- Place Settings, Standard Centerpiece
- 2 Standard Hors d'oeuvres
- Premium Plated Dinner
- (1 Premium Entrée Option)
- Premium Open Bar for 3 Hours
- Additional Guests: Add \$90 per person (50 Guests Max)
 - + Cost of Linens and Centerpieces
- Add \$300 for a decorated dessert table (additional guests not included)

PRICING: \$4,000
For up to 25 Guests

SWEET ELEGANCE PACKAGE

- Venue use for 8 Hours
- Ceremony and Reception Setup including Arch
- Tables and Chairs
- Floor Length White Tablecloths and Linen Napkins
- Standard Centerpieces, Place Settings, and Table Runner
- 2 Standard Hors d'oeuvres
- Gourmet Dinner Buffet
- (Includes Salad, 1 Gourmet Entrée Option, 2 Sides, Bread/Butter)
- Open Beer & Wine Bar for 3 Hours
- (Domestic Beer, House Wine, Soda)
- Price includes taxes and service charges.
- Additional Guests: Add \$67 per person (80 Guests Max) + Cost of Linens and Centerpieces
- Add \$400 for a decorated dessert table (additional guests not included)

PRICING: \$5,500
For up to 50 Guests

SOPHISTICATED ELEGANCE PACKAGE

- Venue use for 8 Hours
- Ceremony and Reception Setup Including Draped Arch
- Tables and Chairs
- Floor Length White Tablecloths and Linen Napkins
- Standard Centerpieces, Chargers, Place Settings, and Table Runner
- 2 Standard Hors d'oeuvres
- Premium Plated Dinner
- (Includes Salad, 1 Premium Entrée Option, 2 Sides, Bread/Butter)
- Premium Open Bar for 3 Hours
- Price includes taxes and service charges.
- Additional Guests: Add \$90 per person (80 Guests Max) + Cost of Linens and Centerpieces
- Add \$400 for a decorated dessert table (additional guests not included)

PRICING: \$7,000

For up to 50 Guests

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Optional Upgrades for Packages

- Upgraded Bar Add hours to or upgrade type (cost varies). Locate the bar menu on our services page.
- DJ Ceremony and Reception \$1000 (Reception Only \$900)
- Photographer/Videographer Price based on 3rd Party Vendor Fees
- Venue Use Add Hours (\$125-\$200 per hour. Cost varies by date)
- Chair Covers and Sashes (beginning at \$5 per person)
- Ceiling Drapery with Ceiling Centerpiece- \$250-\$650
- Ceiling String Lights \$300
- Ceiling Greenery \$250
- Gold or Silver Chiavari Chairs- Price based on 3rd Party Vendor Fees
- Tent Décor- Beginning at \$500
- Tent Sides/Walls- Beginning at \$750 (mandatory for heater rentals)
- Outdoor Heaters –Beginning at \$250 (must rent tent sides/walls)
- Dessert Bar/Table- Beginning \$5 per person + Table décor (beginning at \$150)
- Cut Cake and/or Cupcakes Beginning at \$5 per person + Table décor (beginning at \$150)
- Plated Meal Add \$5 per person
- Glass Goblets or Champagne Flutes Add \$1.50 per glass
- Faux Florals Beginning at \$40 per centerpiece
- Real Florals Beginning at \$50 per centerpiece
- Custom Centerpieces (centerpieces that are purchased or created)- Beginning at \$80 per table

DETERMINING CENTERPIECES/DECOR



Standard Centerpieces

Our standard centerpieces are classic options that offer a seamless solution for your event. These pieces are already in stock, requiring minimal setup without sacrificing style. (Ex: Candles, light silk florals/greenery, etc.)



Enhanced Centerpieces

Our Enhanced centerpieces are stocked centerpieces with elevated style. From light floral arrangements to modern glass vases, we offer options that will bring sophistication and charm to your tables for any occasion.



Custom Décor/Centerpieces

Our custom decorations are designed to reflect your personal style and the theme of your event. Whether you're hosting an elegant wedding, a corporate gathering, or a special celebration, our team will work with you to craft a stunning, one-of-a-kind design that will perfectly match your vision.

Frequently Asked Questions

How many guests can your event venue host at one time?

• Our intimate 2,400 sq. ft. indoor space comfortably accommodates up to 150 guests, ensuring a spacious, enjoyable experience. We can host up to 200 with long tables, though we recommend 150 for optimal comfort. Guest capacity varies based on setup (head table, dance floor, DJ, etc.).

Are we allowed to bring our own food/catering?

• The Hidden Gem provides full in-house banquet services; outside food and drinks aren't permitted. If we can't accommodate a custom menu (typically cultural cuisines), we partner with licensed vendors who can. Guests can consult with them before booking. Additional fees may apply, with full estimates provided in advance. Contact us to create a custom menu or view our pre-set options on the Services Page. We offer both on-site and off-site catering!

Can we bring our own alcohol?

• We are a liquor licensed event venue and *cannot* permit outside alcohol on our property at any time -including the parking lot. Failure for clients or their guests to comply will result in the alcohol being confiscated, immediate loss of the client's damage deposit or a fine. If necessary, guests may be asked to leave. No exceptions.

Can we smoke at all or use recreational drugs in any form?

• Our indoor and outdoor spaces are licensed eating areas regulated by Ingham County Health Department. Smoking and vaping are not allowed, except in a designated outdoor corner with disposal. Recreational drugs are strictly prohibited. Violations may result in loss of the damage deposit and/or fines.

What is the booking process?

• A non-refundable retainer and signed contract are required to book a date. This retainer is non-refundable because it holds the date of interest, making it impossible for anyone else to book the date. We do NOT hold dates without a contract and retainer. The amount of the retainer is determined by the date requested. We accept most forms of payment including a virtual option. However, checks are most preferred. Credit Card payments require an additional fee.

Can we bring in our own DJ, Florist, or Decorations?

• Yes! We require speaking with all vendors before arrival to ensure policies are followed and sufficient setup/cleanup time is allotted. Decorations cannot damage walls, floors, or ceilings, and we don't allow open flames, confetti (including confetti balloons), or fake flower petals outdoors. Any damage or excessive mess will result in the loss of the damage deposit and/or fines.



