

BALD HEAD ISLAND LIMITED

Wedding Guide



Your "happily ever after" begins at Bald Head Island.

Located off the southern coast of North Carolina, Bald Head Island offers the perfect setting to escape for a weekend or a lifetime. A beautiful, natural island, BHI has to be seen to be believed! A family-oriented island, Bald Head Island is able to accommodate the entire guest list for small, intimate weddings to large, grand weddings.

Our island encompasses all that brides may envision for their unforgettable wedding: intimacy, romance, relaxation, and fellowship with your loved ones. Bald Head Island has an experienced event planning staff that will take the weight off of your shoulders. Let them plan your entire day and vacation while you enjoy the best day of your life with your friends and family. They cater to your every need with an acute attention to detail.

Here at Bald Head Island,
We have your old, new, and borrowed.



We even have something blue.



Escape.

Steal away one week or weekend with your family and friends to take a vacation while sharing your wedding day!

Relax.

Bask in the sand and sun, and let the ocean breezes whisk your cares away.

Picture-perfect setting.

Let the glowing orange sunset and deep blue sea serve as the backdrop for your unforgettable wedding.

Delectable Food.

Thanks to the creative and talented chefs on the island, your rehearsal dinner and reception cuisine is sure to be a big hit among your guests.

Variety.

With all the choices Bald Head Island has to offer for catering services and ceremony locales, it is up to you to create your perfect wedding. From a more casual poolside reception to a formal candlelit dinner, the staff is here to make sure your event is perfect!

Accessibility.

Bald Head Island's mainland ferry terminal and parking lot are located at Indigo Plantation and Marina in Southport, NC. Bald Head Island is between Wilmington, NC and Myrtle Beach, SC. The area is served by the Wilmington International Airport, the Myrtle Beach International Jet Port and the Brunswick County Airport.

Intimate Setting.

Your Bald Head Island wedding allows you the opportunity to invite your closest friends and family.

Activities.

A Bald Head Island bride knows that her guests will never run out of things to do. For the active enthusiast, Bald Head Island offers nature trails, kayak tours, canoe excursions, sailing charters, fishing trips, golf and wildlife exploration, luxurious dining and shopping.


Accommodations.

From grand oceanfront homes to quaint cottages, guests will be well taken care of. Bald Head Island Limited has plenty of room for the honeymooning newlyweds to escape to their own locale after the big day is over!

Choice of Ceremonies.

Whether you prefer a beachside ceremony on the Atlantic Coast or a more formal ceremony in the chapel, you may say your vows in a variety of settings. Most traditions can be accommodated.

*Why Bald Head Island is the
Perfect Setting for your Wedding*



Grab a chair and an umbrella and head to the beach.

Soak up the sand and the sun on one of the most beautiful points on the Atlantic coast.

Treat yourself to a massage.

Heavenly massages by a certified massage therapist are offered at the Shoals Club or your accommodations.

There is no stress that a shopping trip will not relieve.

Be sure to check out Island Passage, Silver Peddler and Maritime Passage, where you will discover lots of irresistible finds.

Get out. Go for a brisk walk. Explore.
From the lush plant life to the array of wildlife, there is much to see here on the island.

Relax during your Wedding Festivities & Honeymoon!

Sometimes while tying the knot, the blissful bride may begin to unravel.

Take some time for yourself during those last days of planning.

Take a swim and relax by the pool.

Spend a day in luxury basking in the sun at one of the clubs' swimming pools on the island.

Search for seashells by the seashore.

Cape Fear point is an ideal place to find beautiful shells that have washed up onto the beach.

Take a tour.

Go on one of the island's educational tours, from exploring the historic Old Baldy Lighthouse, to learning about the birth of turtles from the Bald Head Island Conservancy.

Get catered to.

Go to one of the many fun, exciting restaurant venues on the island, including the River Pilot Cafe, Eb and Flo's, BHI Club, Shoals Club... Each one offers a very distinct flavor of food and atmosphere. Be sure to enjoy them all.

Read.

Take a few minutes to escape reality and relax by reading a book. There are so many places to spend a few quiet moments alone.

Spend time with friends and family.

That's why they're here. After all, it is not often that you have all your family and friends in the same place at the same time. Remember that a happy wedding is a festive occasion. All the rest is details, so relax and don't stress over the small stuff.

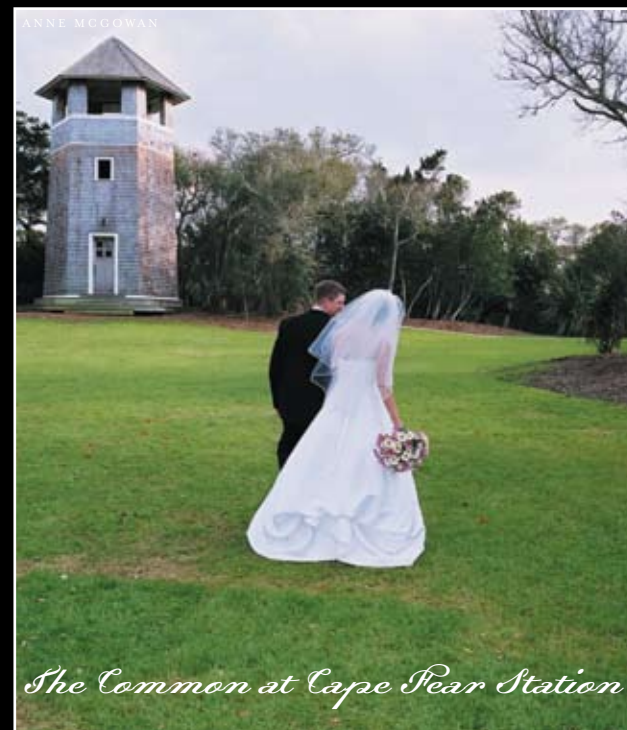
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Ceremony & Reception Locations

LOOKING FOR A PICTURE-PERFECT LOCATION FOR YOUR CEREMONY OR RECEPTION? CHOOSE FROM BALD HEAD ISLAND'S FACILITIES WHICH OFFER WORLD-CLASS SERVICE AND STYLE FOR YOU AND YOUR GUESTS.

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The Common at Cape Fear Station

The crown jewel of Bald Head Island's newest development, the Cape Fear Station Common consists of three acres of lush green lawns with winding woodland pathways. The center stage for your event will be the elegant white-columned gazebo. Other highlights include a 45' high replica of the original Cape Fear Lighthouse built in 1903.



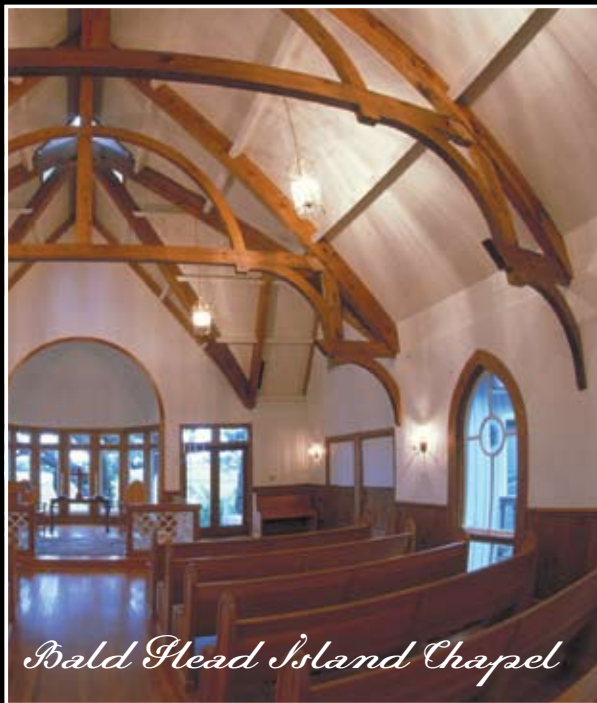
Harbourside Pavilion

Beneath the sun and the stars in Harbour Village – you'll find one of the best places to truly experience the sights and sounds of Bald Head Island. Delight your senses with the smells of the ocean, the sounds of nature, views of Old Baldy, Bald Head Creek and the sights of a reception adjacent to the marina.



Bald Head Island Beaches

Get married on one of the most breathtaking spots on the Atlantic coast. The white sand beach is a romantic place to recite your vows.



Bald Head Island Chapel

The marshfront chapel, beautiful in its simplicity and absolutely stunning in its location, stands beside Old Baldy Lighthouse, among centuries-old twisted live oaks, and its understated, wooded interior is warm, welcoming and intimate.

The beautiful windows inside the Bald Head Island Chapel allow you to feel the nature and beauty of the island while providing the perfect space for your sacred religious ceremony. The chapel can accommodate various denominations and is available for use year-round.



Bald Head Island Club

With its shingle-style exterior and spacious verandah, the Bald Head Island Club's presence from South Bald Head Wynd is both stately and welcoming. Inside, warm paneling and traditional furnishings create a classic country club environment with a relaxed ambience.

The Bald Head Island Club offers a variety of settings from an elegant, expansive dining room to a more intimate setting of the lounge or grille. You may consider a seasonal poolside reception, offering a casual atmosphere for your reception or rehearsal dinner.



Located in the Village Center, Creekside, this facility is owned and operated by the Bald Head Association. It offers a first floor/balcony combination with a variety of applications for your event. Set in a beautiful wooded environment near Old Baldy Lighthouse, the expansive open decks add to the charm of the facility. Private meeting rooms are also available. A beautiful reception site rests on the grounds beneath the lighthouse.



Shoals Club

The Shoals Club, with its oceanfront clubhouse, dining areas, lounge, swimming pools and direct beach access, is the perfect location for a beach wedding.

The club's broad, wraparound porches present dramatic views over the Atlantic Ocean, including the unusual phenomenon of watching the sun both rise and set over the ocean.

A spacious dining room on the club's second floor offers splendid views of the Atlantic and offers a delightful dinner menu featuring regional seafood specialties. A separate dining area may be reserved for parties and private functions, while alfresco meals can be savored on a covered verandah facing South Beach. Let the staff develop a delicious and beautifully presented meal perfect for your rehearsal dinner and/or reception.



Tips for a Bald Head Island Wedding

Accommodations

One of the major considerations when deciding on a destination wedding is accommodations. You will need to decide whose accommodations you are paying for, and communicate well in advance of the wedding date what the accommodation options are. Getting married in non-peak periods may reduce the total accommodation fee; if this is a concern be sure to ask about these periods.

The Hospitality Division of Bald Head Island Limited continues to be the most professional, well-trained, fully-staffed rental management program on Bald Head Island. Among the reasons you should trust BHI Limited with your accommodations include: more than 20 years experience in managing rental properties on Bald Head Island; a professional staff of more than 300 employees, all dedicated to making your experience the best it can be, and a complete Guest Services staff to attend to your every need, including a business center, free of charge, in case you can't escape the office. Our Hospitality Sales Manager can coordinate housing for you and your guests. Accommodations range from one-bedroom cottages to grand six-bedroom homes. BHI Limited homes are fully equipped, and are truly offer the comforts of home-away-from-home.

Island Logistics

Having an event on Bald Head Island is exciting, and your guests will be enchanted by the island's beautiful landscape. However, because it is connected to the mainland by passenger ferry, there are considerations that need to be incorporated into event planning.

The Bald Head Island passenger ferry departs from Indigo Plantation Marina to the island on the hour and from the island to Indigo on the half hours (except lunch and dinner hours). Ferry and tram service hours may be extended or shortened depending on the season. Visit our Web site at www.baldheadisland.com for updated ferry schedules.

Ferry and tram reservations must coordinate with your accommodation arrival/departure times. Your group reservationist will communicate these times to you. Each BHI Limited rental accommodation is assigned a check-in/check-out time. Early arrivals or late departures can not be accommodated. Guests should arrive at Indigo Plantation & Marina at least 30 minutes prior to their assigned check-in to pick up their check-in packet and obtain ferry tickets. There is a round-trip ferry fee which will be incurred per person.

Parking lots at Indigo are fee lots. Parking charges depend on the duration of the stay, and which lot is available. Guests who may be staying off island will need to make ferry reservations with tram, if needed. Be sure to keep the ferry schedule in mind when setting times for the ceremony, and other events you may have off-island guests attending.

Activities

Deciding whether to provide activities for the wedding party and/or attendees is part of having a destination wedding. On Bald Head Island the possibilities are endless.

The Bald Head Island Limited Group Events staff will assist you with setting up activities for the entire group. You may want to have a golf outing, or organized kayak trip for guests staying on the island. Fishing and sailboat charters are also available. The Shoals Club Recreation Department can organize special group activities such as treasure hunts, family Olympics, and kids' activities. The possibilities are endless. Our creative staff can help you put together an active schedule for you and your guests.





Catering

Once you choose your location on the island, the next step is selecting the menu. Keep all your guests in mind, some may have diet concerns. Be sure to discuss these with your Catering Manager early in the planning process.

Bald Head Island Limited's food and beverage staff offers a highly trained and experienced staff that has been serving as a full-service caterer for more than twenty years. Specializing in a multitude of catered affairs, including weddings, social events, corporate functions and on-site or in-home get-togethers.

Catering events ranging from elegant, elaborate and enticing to small dinners and cookouts, the chefs create unique diversified meals that can be enjoyed at various island locations. Themed parties, grand galas and small intimate gatherings can be accommodated by the seasoned professionals of the Shoals Club or River Pilot Cafe, both owned by Bald Head Island Limited.

Our group events staff working with the chefs can put together customized menus, or you may choose from a comprehensive menu with options such as prepared breakfasts, dinner buffets from Southern style to low country boils, a wide variety of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres such as bacon-wrapped sea scallops and petite quiche Lorraine and specialty stations such as pasta and fajitas.

Have fun, and let your personality show. Food plays a major role in the mood of the event. So decide what type of feeling you want to create, and choose food to match the mood.

Tranquility *Natural Beauty* *Simplicity*
Intimacy *Individuality* *Finesse* *Sophistication* *Perfection*
Elegance



The Bald Head Island Bride possesses the same characteristics as the island itself.

For a Spectacular Bald Head Island Beach Wedding...

Consider Lighting

Sunset is a beautiful time of day on the beach, but lighting can be tricky when there is too little direct sunlight. Mid-day in summer, although stunning, can also be a challenge when there is too much sunlight. Consult with your photographer about the best time of day to get married for your date and chosen location.

Choose your location carefully

Because all North Carolina beaches are public, there is no way to close off an area for your wedding. Choose a location that is typically more private, or wait until most of the beach crowd has gone in,



Check the Tide

Tide levels are definitely a factor in beach weddings. Figure out the time of high tide on the day of your beach wedding (the most reliable source is a nearby pier or tackle shop). Low tide, when there is more beach and the sand is more solid, is an ideal time for a wedding.



Make a plan for the Less Ambulatory Guests

Sand is wonderful and feels good between your toes, but be sure to consider how everyone will maneuver through it. A ceremony close to an oceanfront deck or gazebo would be a perfect place so that less ambulatory guests can sit and watch.

Keep it Short or Rent Chairs

If your wedding is short, everyone will probably be willing to stand in the sand, especially if they're barefoot. If you choose to have your guests stand, you may want to rent just a few chairs for elderly guests. Lots of beach brides make the wedding extra fun by renting a bunch of colorful beach chairs and umbrellas from a local rental company and allowing everyone to kick back and enjoy.



Plan for Wind

Wind is a constant on Bald Head Island beaches, and you'll need to make plans depending on its direction du jour. If you're planning an elaborate updo for your hair, know that the wind might change it to au naturelle, and if you're planning for the long and loose look, know that you may have wisps blow across your face in the photographs. If there's no wind at all, there might be a few flies buzzing about. Just go with the flow and enjoy the unpredictable, capricious variables of nature!

Pick up Debris

Assign someone – your younger brother would be perfect – to go out to the wedding site an hour before the ceremony to pick up debris from the beach and to clear a nice path for the walkway. After the ceremony, be sure to leave Bald Head Island beaches as pristine as when you arrived.



6 – 12 Months Prior to your Wedding

- o Announce your engagement.
- o Buy a wedding planner or date book.
- o Discuss your budget, and based on decisions, decide the style, date and time with your fiancé and parents.
- o Decide how expenses will be shared.
- o Compile your guest list. This will help you determine where you can have your ceremony and reception.
- o Choose a venue for the ceremony and the reception, and reserve it. (This will also determine the date.) Keep in mind that popular facilities will start booking up one year in advance.
- o Set a date with your officiant.
- o Select a bridal consultant/wedding coordinator.
- o Choose your Maid/Matron of Honor, Bridesmaids, Best Man, Groomsmen, and Ushers.
- o Begin shopping for a bridal gown and bridesmaids dresses.
- o Select a caterer (if necessary), baker, photographer, florist, musicians/entertainment and video service.
- o Arrange lodging for family and out-of-town guests.
- o Register for gifts.
- o Decide on a color scheme.
- o Create maps with directions to ceremony/reception sites.

4 – 6 Months Prior to your Wedding

- o For a destination wedding, send your guests a newsletter of your engagement, wedding plans and information on lodging and transportation. (Note: this does not take the place of your invitations, it's just an idea of how to inform your guests that you will be having a wedding in a location other than in your home town.)
- o Select formal wear for groom and attendants.
- o Select and order invitations and stationery.
- o Start to plan the rehearsal dinner.
- o Make necessary arrangements for bridesmaid's party/luncheon.
- o Plan the honeymoon.
- o Announce your engagement in the newspaper.
- o Reserve rental supplies for ceremony and reception.
- o Order favors.
- o Arrange child care services - adult reception/out-of-town guests.

Wedding Timeline

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2 – 3 Months Prior to your Wedding

- o Buy wedding rings.
- o Discuss all details of your ceremony and reception with your event planner, including flowers, photographs, music, aisle runner, rental equipment, etc.
- o Send invitations 6-8 weeks prior to the wedding.
- o Schedule the rehearsal a day or two before the wedding and notify all participants of exact date time and location.
- o Purchase accessories such as toasting glasses, cake knife and server, ring pillow, garter, candles, etc.
- o Confirm ceremony details with officiant.
- o Make an appointment with a hair stylist and make-up artist for a consultation.

One Month Prior to your Wedding

- o Finalize details with your event planner for the photographer, florist, musicians, caterer and baker.
- o Get marriage license.
- o Confirm honeymoon trip reservations.
- o Have final gown fitting.
- o Send thank you notes as gifts arrive.
- o Purchase gifts for attendants.

Two Weeks Prior to your Wedding

- o Contact people who have not yet responded.
- o Confirm all details with your event planner.
- o Finalize details for the rehearsal dinner.
- o Check bridal attire for fit, comfort and repairs.
- o Pick up wedding rings to insure proper fit and engravings.

One Week Prior to your Wedding

- o Give event planner or caterer your final guest count.
- o Treat yourself to a facial, massage, a manicure and pedicure.
- o Make sure your wedding shoes are comfortable.
- o Pack for honeymoon.
- o Host bridesmaids' party/luncheon.
- o Place fees in envelopes for final payment to vendors on wedding day.
- o Appoint a punctual friend (or coordinator) to bring guest book, toasting glasses, cake knife, etc. to the wedding.
- o And most importantly, put your mind at ease, and let your event planner handle the rest!

The Day Before

- o Attend the wedding rehearsal/dinner.
- o RELAX! Take a long, hot bath and get a good night's sleep.

Natural Beauty



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Bride

- Personal Stationery
- Groom's Wedding ring
- Wedding gift for groom
- Gifts for attendants
- Attendants' Dresses (optional)
- Lodging for out-of-town attendants (optional)
- Gift for parents
- Bridesmaids' luncheon

Bride's Attendants

- Bridal shower
- Bridesmaid's dress, shoes & hosiery
- Lodging
- Airfare/transportation

Bride's Family

- First engagement party (optional)
 - Wedding gift for newlyweds
 - Entire reception
- Rental of sanctuary or chapel
- Bride's wedding attire and trousseau
 - Parents' wedding attire
 - Invitations and Announcements
- Personal Stationery- Thank you notes and postage
 - Wedding programs
- Engagement and Wedding photographs
 - Musicians/vocalists
 - Videographer
- Aisle carpets and/or canopy and decorations
 - Bridesmaids' bouquets
 - Flowers for flower girl
 - Flowers for church
 - Flowers for reception
- Transportation for bridal party to ceremony and reception
 - Security and insurance for gifts
- Welcome buffet or cocktail party for out-of-town guests (optional)

Financial Responsibilities

Groom

- Bride's rings
- Honeymoon
- Transportation to airport
- Wedding gift for bride
- Bridal bouquet and going away corsage
- Boutonnieres for all men in wedding party
- Mothers' corsages
- Gift for parents (optional)
- Gifts for best man, groomsmen and ushers
- Groomsmen's attire (optional)
- Gloves, ties or ascots for men in wedding party (optional)
- Lodging for out-of-town attendants (optional)
- Marriage License
- Fee for officiant

Groom's Family

- Engagement Party (following party given by bride's family)
 - Travel Expenses and hotel bills
- Groom's personal stationery, thank you notes
 - Groom's wedding attire
 - Parents' wedding attire
 - Rehearsal dinner
 - Wedding gift for newlyweds
- Shipment of wedding gifts to the couple's new home
- Welcome buffet or cocktail party for out-of-town guests (optional)

Groom's Attendants

- Bachelor party
- Formalwear rental
- Lodging
- Airfare/ transportation



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Wedding Planning Worksheet

Name of person planning wedding: _____

Mailing

address: _____

Daytime telephone: (____) _____

Cell phone: (____) _____

e-mail: _____

Home phone: (____) _____

Preferred wedding date: _____

Alternate date: _____

Estimated attendance at wedding: _____ Reception: _____ Rehearsal Dinner: _____

Do you wish to hold the wedding ceremony in the Bald Head Chapel? Yes _____ No _____

Additional meals or events anticipated: _____

Estimate of room accommodations needed:

<u>Type of accommodation</u>	<u>Number needed</u>	<u>Number of nights</u>
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Individual homes (3-6 bedrooms)	_____	_____
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Condominiums (1-3 bedrooms)	_____	_____
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The Elements & Sun & Moon	_____	_____
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Method of payment for advance bookings _____

Please call, fax or mail this information to us ASAP, so we can lock in your dates and begin to make your dream wedding a reality.

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