

WEDDINGS AT SOFITEL CHICAGO WATER TOWER 2016

Sofitel Chicago Water Tower has been hosting elegant events since 2002, utilizing its distinct French hospitality to make each bride's dream come true. Designed by award-winning, Paris-based architect Jean-Paul Viguier, the stunning 350,000-square-foot, prism-shaped structure features 32 floors, each with a spectacular view of the Chicago skyline on Lake Michigan. Once built, was instantly named "the best new building in Chicago in the last 10 years" by the American Institute of Architects.

Sofitel Chicago lives by the phrase, "Cousu Main", meaning "tailor made" in French and services are customized to each guest's individual wants and needs. Each bride's special day deserves careful attention to detail, impeccable service and flawless execution that only Sofitel's team of highly experienced catering and banquet professionals can provide.

SETTING

The Grand Ballroom is a dynamic space, featuring a sloped ceiling with floor-to-ceiling windows on the southeast side. The 19-foot-tall, gently curving windows offer views of the John Hancock Building and surrounding Gold Coast neighborhood. Just outside of the ballroom, the spacious Grand Foyer offers an open and airy ambiance, with an abundance of natural light. The entire ballroom area is easily accessible from the translucent grand staircase and nearby elevators. In the lobby of the hotel, guests will be welcomed by original artwork by Paris-born artist Didier Equer and a grand staircase sparkling with brilliance and technical precision. It softly illuminates with 3,150 fiber optic bulbs as a contemporary living arts tribute to the majestic staircase in the Paris Opéra. It is also a very popular location for bride and grooms to capture an elegant photo.



BRIDE AND GROOM

When Jean-Paul Viguier designed Sofitel Chicago Water Tower, he wanted to leave his imprint on the city's already rich architectural history. One of Chicago's landmarks, the John Hancock Tower, is very close to the hotel. Viguier observed that the black steel tower gives the appearance of a groom and set out to design its bride. Viguier draped Sofitel Chicago Water Tower in white glass like a shimmering wedding gown. When the hotel was constructed, its unique prism shape created the illusion of a bride leaning in to kiss her groom. Viguier created the perfect pair.



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CUISINE

At Sofitel Chicago Water Tower, each menu is created by award winning Executive Chef Greg Biggers to reflect the highest standards of culinary excellence and can be tailored to fit the unique personality of the bride and groom. Beautiful presentations, complete with market-fresh ingredients, are prepared by a creative, world-class team of chefs. A complimentary menu tasting is offered for up to four people to ensure the perfect dining experience on the night of the wedding. Four varieties of culinary and beverage packages are available for consideration. Each includes a selection of hors-d'oeuvres, four-hour bar, Champagne toast, three-course dinner menu, white and red Bordeaux wine poured tableside, and a custom-designed wedding cake. A number of enhancements, including themed culinary stations, premium bar packages, and décor options, are available.



SERVICE AND PACKAGES

French elegance is experienced throughout the property where the very best event is presented through unparalleled service, exquisite cuisine, and unique surroundings. Every wedding package includes restaurant-style dinner service, where one server is placed for every ten guests. Tables are set with designer, floor-length linens and dinner napkins, in addition to glass chargers and modern white bone china that comes in a variety of shapes. Every table is paired with comfortable, plush chairs. For all weddings, a complimentary ceremony space and black lacquer dance floor are provided. As an added touch, votive candles and silver-framed table numbers are placed at each table.

PRIVATE DINING

A unique private dining room, Cigale, is available for a number of events, including bridal showers, rehearsal dinners, farewell brunches, anniversary parties, and any other business or leisure function. The space can accommodate anywhere from 10 to 50 guests for a sit-down event, or up to 75 guests for a reception. Cigale is a modern yet elegant room that features an optional open chef's kitchen, floor-to-ceiling windows with views of the prestigious Gold Coast neighborhood, and soft, plush chairs. Additional amenities include built-in Bose Surround Sound®, an iPod adapter, and private bar available upon request. For any event, personalized menus are available from the hotel's experienced culinary team.



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ACCOMMODATIONS AND AMMENITIES

The hotel offers 415 luxurious accommodations on 32 floors including deluxe guestrooms, one-bedroom suites, and a glamorous Presidential suite. Each room offers custom Parisian-designed furniture and original pieces of art. Spacious marble bathrooms offer a separate glass-enclosed shower and luxury bath and shower amenities. For the wedding night, Sofitel offers a complimentary Bridal Suite, as well as a complimentary upgrade for parents of the bride and groom. In addition, a discounted rate for luxury guestroom accommodations is available for friends and family. For additional ease, two complimentary changing rooms are provided for use in preparation for the big event.



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