



**LEFT:** Whitby Castle, designed by renowned architect Alexander Jackson Davis, was once a private residence for the Chapman family. **RIGHT:** Harvest on Hudson restaurant can seat 225 guests.

be treated like royalty from the moment you step into the Marble Hall, where a uniformed valet will escort the bride, groom, and a maximum of 150 guests to a private wing known as the Great Hall. The 40-foot vaulted ceiling, Tiffany-style stained-glass windows, and musician's balcony (all dating back to 1910) make this a truly enchanting ceremony site. A four-course dinner (including five hours of open bar) follows in the formal ballroom. And should the bridesmaids sip one glass too many of champagne, there's always the option of retiring to one of 31 luxurious guestrooms for the night.

**PARTY ON:** You'll have to drop some ducats if you desire a gala fit for a queen. In addition to the \$2,000 facility fee and 21 percent service charge, the per-person price for a Saturday-evening event is between \$185 and \$205. But you're worth it! **FINE PRINT:** Should you spend \$195 on a minimum of 100 guests, you and Prince Charming will receive 30,000 Delta SkyMiles that can be put toward your honeymoon, along with a complimentary suite for the night. (Just make sure you don't disclose that last detail to the aforementioned bridesmaids!) **DETAILS:** 400 Benedict Ave.; Tarrytown; 631-1980; castleonthehudson.com.

### Whitby Castle Rye

**WHY IT'S WEDDING WORTHY:** Nestled among the perfectly manicured hills of the Rye Golf Club, this 155-year-old castle provides a serene wedding setting. The 1,500-square-foot ballroom (with a moveable dance floor) can accommodate 240 people, and if you get married in the spring, guests can spill out onto the adjoining terrace. Once the sun begins to set, grab your photographer and snap some enchanting shots in front of the medieval-style portico. **PARTY ON:** Food and beverage director Charles Breed loves to provide options. "Middle Eastern mezzes, Spanish tapas, an Oktoberfest-inspired feast—as long as our chefs can cook it, we're happy to accommodate any special wish," he says. Prices start at \$145 per person for a buffet-style meal, and go up to \$165 for four served courses. **FINE PRINT:** Although general manager Scott Yandrasevich recommends booking at least 18 months in advance, Whitby Castle is, remarkably, a relatively unknown wedding venue. As such, they still have openings left for this year. **DETAILS:** 330 Boston Post Rd.; Rye; 835-3200; ryegolfclub.com.

### Harvest on Hudson Hastings

**WHY IT'S WEDDING WORTHY:** Who knew a dilapidated warehouse could be reincarnated into a rustic Mediterranean restaurant with gorgeous Hudson River views? Since it opened in 1998, couples have exchanged vows under the picturesque garden trellis—which can be covered and heated in case of rain or snow—and feasted on four sumptuous courses in a room that can accommodate 225. One might expect a setting this lovely to be unaffordable, but for \$120 per person (plus tax and gratuity), you'll receive a choice of six hors d'oeuvres, Tuscan-inspired entrées (like rack of lamb with rosemary polenta or grilled veal chops), an open bar, champagne toast, and one of 12 tiered cakes. **PARTY ON:** Wedding receptions are held in the restaurant on Saturdays from 12 to 4:30 p.m. and Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The ceremony, should you choose to have it on-site, will take place in the garden prior to the meal. **FINE PRINT:** Because they don't advertise as a wedding site, many couples are unaware of the number of options available. Besides the main Harvest dining