

wedding tent hire east london

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Tent hire East London starts at around R1 500 for a basic 3m x 3m gazebo for a day, but a proper wedding setup runs between R8 000 and R35 000 depending on size, flooring, and lining. That range covers most suppliers operating across Buffalo City, from Nahoon Beach to Gonubie, and it is the figure you should budget against before you start comparing quotes. Smaller party tents in the 6m x 6m range typically land at R3 500 to R6 000, while 10m x 15m marquees for larger receptions push past R15 000 once you add sides, lighting, and a dance floor.

How much does it cost to hire a tent in East London?

The price depends on three things: square metres, duration, and extras. A 6m x 9m tent (about 54 m²) for a single day event in East London usually costs R4 500 to R7 000 delivered and installed. Add a wooden dance floor and you are looking at another R1 800 to R3 000. Lining and chandeliers for a formal wedding can add R4 000 or more. Weekend hires, from Friday setup to Sunday strike, typically cost 20% to 30% more than a single day. For a 100-guest wedding with seating, a 9m x 12m tent is the standard choice, and that sits at R8 000 to R12 000 before upgrades.

What size tent do I need for 100 guests?

For 100 guests seated at round tables of 10, you need roughly 110 to 130 m² of floor space. That means a 9m x 12m tent (108 m²) works if you keep the dance floor outside, but a 9m x 15m (135 m²) is safer if you want the band and dance floor under cover. Cocktail-style for 100 people only needs about 70 m², so a 6m x 12m tent is enough. Always tell the supplier your guest count and seating style; reputable hire companies in Beacon Bay and Vincent will calculate the exact footprint for free before you commit.

Do you provide delivery and installation?

Yes, delivery and installation are standard across East London, and the cost is usually baked into the quoted price for locations within 30 km of the city centre. That covers Quigney, Southernwood, and most of the suburbs. If your venue is further out, like Mdantsane, Duncan Village, or near East London Airport, expect a delivery surcharge of R500 to R1 500 depending on distance. Installation takes two to four hours for a medium tent, and the crew returns to dismantle and collect. Make sure the quote states whether strike-down is included; some budget suppliers charge an extra R800 to remove the tent the next morning.

What is included in a tent hire package?

A standard package in East London includes the tent structure, side walls, and basic installation. Most suppliers also throw in a groundsheet or flooring underlay at no extra cost. What is not included is

usually the furniture, lighting, and décor. A complete wedding package with tables, chairs, linen, and LED lighting runs R18 000 to R30 000 for 100 guests. If you are planning a garden party at Orient Beach or a corporate event in Gonubie, ask specifically about side-wall options - clear walls for sea views cost about R500 per 3m panel extra, and solid walls are better for wind protection along the coast.

Can I hire a tent for a day event?

Yes, day hires are the most common booking type in East London, especially for garden parties and small gatherings. A 6m x 6m tent for a birthday or family function costs R3 000 to R4 500 for a 10-hour day, with setup at 07:00 and collection by 18:00. Evening events attract a small overtime fee of R300 to R500 per hour if the crew has to return after dark. Book at least two weeks ahead for a Saturday in peak season (October to April); during December and over Easter, four to six weeks is safer because suppliers in Buffalo City run at capacity.

FAQ

****Do I need a deposit to secure a tent?**** Most East London suppliers ask for a 50% deposit at booking, with the balance due on installation day. A few accept 30% for small tents under R5 000. Cash or EFT are standard; card payments often carry a 2% surcharge.

****What happens if it rains on my hire day?**** Tents are weatherproof, so rain is not a problem for guests under cover. However, high wind is the real risk on the coast. Reputable suppliers will not install a tent if sustained winds exceed 50 km/h, and they will reschedule or refund your deposit in that case.

****Can I hire just the tent without installation?**** Some suppliers in East London offer dry hires (tent only, self-install) for about 30% less than the full service rate. This works for experienced DIY setups, but most clients choose delivery and installation because a poorly pegged tent on sandy ground near Nahoon Beach can collapse in an afternoon breeze.

Frequently asked questions

How much does it cost to hire a tent in East London?

Prices vary based on size and package, but a basic 3m x 3m tent can cost from R500 to R1 500 per day, while larger marquees for weddings can range from R5 000 to R20 000.

What size tent do I need for 100 guests?

For 100 guests seated at round tables, you'll need a tent of about 12m x 9m (108 square meters). For a cocktail style, a 12m x 6m tent may suffice.

Do you provide delivery and installation?

Yes, most tent hire companies in East London offer delivery, setup, and takedown services. Delivery fees depend on your location within the Buffalo City Metro.

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