



7 FUN STAGETTE *Party Ideas*

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Planning a bachelorette party without the usual barhopping or night at the club? Here are a few ideas for some memorable and unique girl-time that everyone is sure to love!

GET PAMPERED

A day of pampering is always a good idea. If you're seeking rest, pampering, care and beauty, head to **Spa Utopia** in Langley, North Vancouver or at the **Pan Pacific Hotel**. From massage therapies and spa treatments to body care and salon and beauty services – they have it all. If you're looking for something more classic, why not have a spa party? **Spa Utopia's** Picture Perfect Bridal Party package will ensure that 'spa day with the girls' is extra special. If you're feeling stressed, or need a pick me up, drop-in for a 20 minute massage at their new concept store, **Body & Salt**, located at Guildford Mall...you'll be glad you did!



DO A WINE TASTING

Wine tasting is a fun, sophisticated way to get a buzz and feel cultured at the same time. **Vancouver Wine Tours** offers wine tasting at five award-winning wineries in the Fraser Valley. You can also opt for a decadent lunch afterwards at the **Bacchus Bistro**. Or if you prefer not to stray too far from Vancouver, head out to the **Salt Tasting Room** in Gastown, where you can pair wines with artisanal cheese and charcuterie.



HAVE A SLUMBER PARTY

A classic way to enjoy some girl time, hosting a classy slumber party is a laidback and memorable way to spend an evening. Have it at home or check into a suite at a hotel of your choice. Watch movies, sip cocktails, gossip and have a great night in! Just be sure to stock up on goodies (**Thierry** is a good place for snacks of the chocolate variety). To make things more exciting, consider hiring a physio or a tarot card reader to read your fortunes.





CRUISE AROUND

For a bachelorette party to remember, why not book a boat cruise? Golden Eagle Charters offers a number of options for bachelorette parties. Sail around Vancouver for a day of sightseeing and champagne with your girls. Or enjoy a scenic cruise at night – either way, the views are sure to be spectacular, perfect for photo-ops!



GO FOR AFTERNOON TEA

Another girl-time classic, afternoon or high tea is top on the list if you're looking for a sophisticated time out. (And not to mention, some delectable treats!) More popular than ever, there are some great places to choose from. Fairmont Vancouver's tea service remains a popular choice. Patisserie Fur Elise in Yaletown is another great option, with its yummy treats and fairy tale-like ambience. Finally, another place to check out is the Neverland Tea Salon in Kitsilano, where you have the option of booking a private party.



HAVE AN ADVENTURE

For thrill seekers, there are a lot of activities to try that are sure to get your heart racing! Destination Tours offers a special Whistler Adventure Stagette Package that includes a gift certificate for white water rafting, zip lining, ATV or the Treetrop Adventure Course. Or if the bride-to-be loves the great outdoors, another adventurous option could be to plan a short camping trip with the girls.

HIT THE SLOTS

You don't have to fly to Vegas to hit the slot machines. Vancouver has a couple of casinos that should do the trick. You could either head to the River Rock Casino Resort in Richmond or the Hard Rock Casino Vancouver in Coquitlam for a girls gambling night. Both have great restaurants and shows to check out once you're done playing the tables. If you want to go all out, you could decide on a theme and dress accordingly! (James Bond anyone?)



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