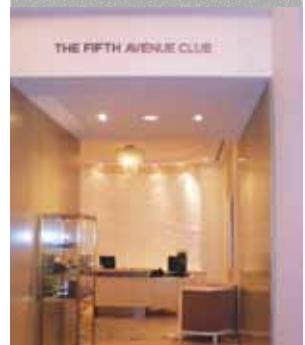


HOT BRIDESMAID'S Bounty in Boston

Indulge your bridesmaids in an extravagant weekend while selecting the finishing touches of your bridal style. Spoil them with shiny jewels, colorful gifts and fabulous food. Pamper them with a day at the spa and a night at a luxurious hotel. Let your bountiful love flow through to your best friends, and it will return in the beautiful details of your big day.



PERSONAL GIFTS AT LOVE LUXE & BLISS

Before you meet up with your girls to spoil them rotten, pick out their colorful bridesmaids gifts at Love Luxe & Bliss in Walpole. Present them with brightly colored monogrammed tote bags to fill during their weekend in Boston. Stuff them with personalized bathrobes and cosmetic bags that come with color coordinating flip-flops for your day at the spa. Don't forget to peek in the "secret cabinet" for spicy bachelorette things. This shop is also the place to find magnificent stationery for your post wedding day thank-you notes.

STAY A FEW NIGHTS AT THE ELEGANT AMES HOTEL

Pamper your bridesmaids in sophisticated elegance at the AMES Hotel. You'll know when you walk into the lobby, with its mobile full of sparkling metallic discs, that you're in for a chic getaway. Although AMES is a short walk to Faneuil Hall and Newbury Street, you can ride the complimentary bicycles with baskets on the handlebars into the city, and feel like you're kids in the neighborhood.

After arranging the magnificent details of your bridesmaids' attire, tell love stories in the sun with a handcrafted cocktail at Woodward Park, the alfresco dining area at AMES. Chef Mark Goldberg will delight with elegantly prepared seasonal ingredients.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT: SAKS FIFTH AVENUE CLUB

For a great alternative to a bridal boutique, make a day of it at Saks Fifth Avenue on Boylston Street. Call ahead for an appointment at the Saks Fifth Avenue Club, an in-store lounge with private fitting rooms, where your style guru will tailor to your wedding taste while you eat muffins and sip tea. Choose dresses from the evening collection to match in color, but differ in style, complementing each body type in your party. A consultant will get to know you and your wedding party and will help select unique items to grace your wedding look.

VISIT ELISHA DANIELS TO ACCESSORIZE IN STYLE

Boston's well known wardrobe consultant, Elisha Daniels, will custom design ultimate jewels for you and your bridesmaids that harmonize with your wedding colors. At her accessory boutique on Newbury Street, she'll match your jewels with one of her silk shantung or organza shawls. Daniels also offers bright flowers to clip into your hair, and coordinating colored hats.

GET "BLISSED"

Get "blissed" at the Bliss Spa, at W Hotel in the theater district. Begin preparing for the big day with one of 17 Bliss facials. If slimming and detoxifying is what you're after, Bliss offers treatments to jumpstart a weight loss plan so you and your girls can fit into your carefully chosen dresses. Visit the nail lounge for a manicure, then relax with a 75-minute deep tissue body massage. By the end of the day, you will be on your way to starting your new life.

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ABOVE: The Bliss Spa at the W Hotel in Boston is a calming getaway for a bride and her bridal party. Perfect for a mani/pedi or deep-tissue massage. Photos courtesy of Bliss Boston.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Mod guest room at the sophisticated AMES Hotel; lobby of the AMES with its sparkling, metallic disc mobile overhead; view into the Saks Fifth Avenue Club; alfresco dining space of Woodward Park at the AMES.

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