

PARTY GIRL

There's no need to head to Vegas for a bachelorette party when the action in Vancouver can be just as wild, or not, depending on the bride's wishes, of course.

And, depending on the bridal party, what happens in Vancouver can also stay in Vancouver — so long as partiers restrict their social media postings to selfies. So while a party buses, male strippers and Jell-O shots might be a popular choice, the follow are five (mostly) photo-friendly alternatives.



Spa Day

Irene Lee, founder of Pure Nail Bar, says during wedding season each of her numerous locations across the city typically sees two to three bridal parties a day, a time when brides, bridesmaids and the people who love them flock to the salon for a little pampering before the big day. Lee allows groups of between six and 20 take over the salon for manicures, pedicures, gel nails and foot massages. (purenailbar.com)

There are many spas across the city that can accommodate bridal parties: check out Juliet Spa and Wedding (juilletspareresort.ca), Spa at the Wedgewood Hotel (wedgewoodhotel.com), Absolute Spa at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, and Red Cedar at Four Seasons Vancouver (fourseasons.com/Vancouver).

Pole Dance Stagettes

Tantra Fitness founder Tammy Morris, an exotic dancer for more than 10 years, has choreographed pole and lap dance routines ideal for the blushing bride and her BFFs. For the more modest, Tantra can customize the party to suit bridal parties more into fitness than sexy fun (tantrafitness.com).

Drawn to Men Art Party

As the Real Housewives of Vancouver discovered, there can be something quite liberating in sipping Champagne, eating strawberries and drawing an incredibly handsome man wearing nothing but a tube sock — even if no one in the bridal party has ever previously picked up a charcoal pencil. (Drawntomen.com)



High Tea

There's nothing quite like unfolding a pristine white linen napkin before sipping piping hot tea from a delicately painted, fine china cup to elevate an afternoon. And while those tiny cucumber sandwiches are still a staple on most high tea menus, today's version is just as likely to also offer everything from Champagne and caviar to lobster.

An added bonus is the mother-of-the-bride and mother-in-law to be will likely feel more comfortable holding a cup of Earl Grey than a stainless-steel pole.

In Vancouver, high tea is served at several locations including the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver (fairmont.com/hotel-vancouver), Wedgewood Hotel (wedgewoodhotel.com) and for a more casual experience, Truffles Café at VanDusen Botanical Garden (vandusen@trufflesfinefoods.com).



Butlers in the Buff

Handsome, and cheeky, party butlers will mix cocktails, wearing nothing but an apron and a smile, and ensure no one in the bridal party lifts a finger during these bare buns-themed bachelorette bashes. Butlers in the Buff takes care of the bride's every need in private homes, hotel suites, pool side or even on the beach (butlersinthebuff.ca).