

Girls Just Want To Have Fun

Bachelorette Guide

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Key Points for
Planning the Ultimate
Bachelorette Party

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When you think back or look at photos of the major celebratory life—events you’ve attended, what do you remember the most? It’s not how expensive the day was, or if you wore your hair perfectly, it’s all the feelings. ***The laughter, joy, gratitude, inspiration, fascination, serenity, hope, pride, awe and love.***

Cheers! Okanagan Tours understands you want to create those feel-good moments for your bride-to-be.

Stress-free events guarantee the most relaxing, happy vibes. In this guide, we deliver tips and tricks that make bachelorette party planning pleasant, painless, and straightforward so you can enjoy orchestrating the most fun-filled bachelorette party ever. A true, once-in-a-lifetime experience!

Bachelorette parties are one of the rare adult opportunities we get to get a bunch of our girlfriends together, and just focus on having fun and each other. They allow us the opportunity for ridiculous over-the-top party planning and celebrating someone we adore.

“ I highly recommend making Cheers your “Go To” for any event! @cheersokanagan Tour Company was a blast! I mean they surpassed the definition of a good time & outshine most in the customer service industry. Every little detail felt taken care of, from our belongings & purchases to the cutest picnic laid out by our delightful host, Kayleen. Who really was so much fun, it was like she one of the guests! Save yourself the stress, I highly recommend making Cheers your “Go To” for any event. I am eager to plan another event with the ladies soon, seeing how Cheers makes it so easy & such a memorable time! ”

– Relentless Rose, Kelowna, BC
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Averaging over 2,000 hours of sunshine every year, the Okanagan offers the longest, driest season in Canada. valley full of vineyards, orchards, rolling hills, and expansive lakes culminating in the most picturesque scenery in the country. Outdoor and open air venues for photos, swimsuits, breezy dresses, short shorts, strolls in the vineyards – and phenomenal Bachelorettes!





Who Plans This Thing?

The bachelorette party is often planned by the maid of honor. But let's be real: sometimes the MOH isn't much of a planner, or is say, a busy mom of infant twins. Politely let her off the hook and figure out who your most planner, type-A friend is, and let her/them run with it.

Get a Guest List from the Bride.

Do not make up the guest list yourself. It's possible that while the bride's mom insisted that her second cousins be bridesmaids, she may not want to kick it with them all weekend. Or maybe she wants to invite all her sorority sisters, and you don't know any of them. Don't make assumptions. Ask your lady of honor for her guest list. If she's busy, ask her for a realistic deadline when you can expect it by. You've got a party to plan!

What do you want the vibe of this party to be?

Once you have a potential guest list, it's time to have a heart-to-heart about what does the guest of honor want the vibe of this party to be. Does she want twenty women out for a night or weekend on the town? Or does she want five to ten people doing the slumber party thing? Be prepared if she defers to you. It's her party. It's her choice. Encourage the bride to do what feels best for her, and get creative.

Pick a Date.

Picking the date means coordinating with the bride and often liaising with the people that are most important to her on the guest list. If possible, pick a date that will work for her three to four very best people.

Set a budget with the bride.

A clear budget is one of the most crucial aspects of the planning! If the bride is thinking of a fabulous long weekend in the Okanagan wine touring, boating on the lake, golfing, galleries, hiking Myra Canyon, cycling the Rail Trail, spa treatments, or indulging at quaint, cool, craft breweries, cideries, and distilleries, make it easier for everyone on the guest list by sharing the vision or vibe and some potential budget numbers.

The perks of staying the night, or weekend in one of the Okanagan's quaint Airbnb's or luxury resorts, are being able to enjoy nightlife and waking up the next day with all your best friends to even more possibilities for fun! Don't let your perception of someone's financial picture cloud the invite. Resourceful girls will work a couple of extra shifts to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime party with their girlfriend while others will forsake their favorite coffee for a few weeks.

Reach out to everyone on the invite list to make sure it's within their budget range, and then stick to it. And if someone declines due to cost, don't take it personally. Remember, this once-in-a-lifetime party is all about the bride!

Details to consider: Is the bride paying for herself or is everyone chipping in? Confirm how everyone is going to pay their share well in advance. Do people need to bring cash? Will the restaurant split a group check? Best to figure it out before the drinks start flowing!

Once you get a sense of your group's budget, assess your resources. In rare cases, you might have a mom or sister or MOH or mysterious benefactor who's able to pay for a major party expense, like an Airbnb or a fancy meal out. If you have an offer like that on the table, by all means, take it.

“ 10/10! Felt welcome, lavished and treated like royalty.
I had the pleasure of booking a 5 hour wine tour with Cheers for a bachelorette party. From start to finish Allen, Lou and all of their employees were amazing. Incredibly accommodating and their knowledge of running a successful tour made the trip worth it. As if I wasn't already happy with their service, when I was stranded downtown with no cab to take my friends and I back, Lou and her bus came to our rescue to make sure we got home safe! 10/10 would recommend and would book with them in the future! - Chrissy W. Calgary, AB **”**

“ Made my day very special!
My sisters booked this tour for my stagette and I must say I was blown away. Our tour guide Allen was knowledgeable and very entertaining. He was laid back but also knew how to keep us on schedule. He made my day very special. We had such a GREAT time and I would come back and do the tour all over again!!! Highly recommended!!! - Jennifer C. Vancouver, BC **”**



“We had the most marvelous time for our friends’ bachelorette party on the sunset cruise! Captain Mark went above and beyond to ensure we had everything we needed. We had so much fun and it was one of the highlights of our weekend in Kelowna! Captain Mark’s sunset cruise provided beautiful scenery on his magnificent yacht. A must for any bachelorette party! Would definitely book again!” – Carly M. Edmonton, AB”



**Ask for Help – No one can whistle a symphony.
It takes an orchestra to play it.**

Once you’ve got a plan, a guest list and a budget, there’s no reason you can’t divide and conquer. A lot of work goes into planning a great party, especially for someone you love! Let people handle what they’re good at, too, versus trying to micromanage a million things on your own. If people feel pride working on a bachelorette, they will move mountains for its success! If someone is a big foodie, ask them to take care of brunch reservations; if another friend has creativity flowing from her veins, have that person come up with fun favors and games. You can even solicit help from friends and family who were invited, but unable to attend for one reason or another to see if they want to chip in for a round of appetizers one night or send a sweet card to be opened later.

Let people know what to expect.

Figure out a basic itinerary and send it out via email. Let people know what’s happening when, what the costs are, and how they’re expected to pay. People can refer to the itinerary throughout the weekend to know what to expect, and you won’t have to field unnecessary questions about what’s next.

Plan Downtime - Relax.

If you’re planning something longer than a night out, remember that the real joy of this party is getting friends from all walks of the bride’s life together and having a chance to hang out, away from the pressures of the wedding. (And for some, away from their families, kids, and career.) So while it’s tempting to plan a non-stop event, remember to plan for relaxing too.

People will want to catch up, gossip, play cards, dip their feet in the pool, stare into space, look at pictures of the wedding dress, fill in the blank. And those quiet moments may just be the ones that you remember most fondly, not the boozy dancing on the bar. (Though by all means, dance on the bar!!!)

Don’t Drink and Drive. Just don’t.

There’s no need to drink and drive when **Cheers!**
Okanagan Tours delivers seamless transportation solutions for any sized group.

- Airport Shuttle
- Private SUV Service
- Group Rideshare Service
- Concert Shuttles
- Minivan Service
- 15 and 24 passenger vehicles



Want to pub-crawl as a group? Enjoy the safe, clean, convenient pleasure of having your very own private coach and chauffeur always waiting curbside. Keep the group together and safe – all night long.

“**Absolutely the Best!!!**
We did a bachelorette party with Allen and his team and it was the absolute best way to start the wedding festivities! The prices were great! The level of organization and professionalism is not something you see often these days. It was so much fun! It was customized to our groups’ wine favourites and absolutely a great adventure! Thank you, Allen! - Mandy W. Red Deer, AB”



Golf anyone?

With more than 19 exceptional courses that range from easy-going to ego-shattering, there is something for every skill level. Rely on **Cheers! Okanagan Tours' Golf Transportation** to get you there and then safely home.

How to Get To Kelowna and Vernon.

We pick up anywhere from West Vancouver to the West Kootenays! From one night to the whole weekend, get on a **Cheers! Okanagan Tours' Party Bus** right from your home! Convenient Private Return Transportation. Let the party begin – at the beginning! Play your own playlists and let the good times roll on your very own **Bachelorette Party Bus!**

Airport Shuttle.

Kelowna International Airport (YLW) has Direct Flights from Victoria (YYJ), Vancouver (YVR), Cranbrook (YXC), Prince George (YXS), Calgary (YYC), Edmonton (YEG), Winnipeg (YWG), Toronto (YYZ), Whitehorse (YXY), Seattle (SEA), and Las Vegas (LAS). Remember to book the **Cheers! Okanagan Tours Airport Shuttle**.

Arriving early?

You're here to party, not stand around the lobby waiting for your room keys! Let the good times roll and we'll get you checked-in later. Get out there on a fun, informative, memorable Wine or Craft Tour right away. Or wear your bikini under cover and get out on the Boat or Yacht and soak up the Okanagan sunshine!

“ **Our Bachelorette was so fun - big thanks to Michael!!**
He was so accommodating and a great photographer and always helping us with what we needed - he even carried all our wine to the van!!!! Thank you so much Michael for the great day. Hope to do it again soon! Oh and the wineries were a bonus!!!! The charcuterie lunch was a delish treat! Thank you Cheers!
- Melanie C. Vernon, BC ”



Establish Guidelines for Social Media.

Not everyone wants every detail of her life posted to Facebook or is comfortable with her boss scrolling past a photo of her taking shots on Instagram. Before the weekend gets underway, ask the bride what she is and is not cool with having posted, and pass that Intel onto the rest of the party—before everyone's had four rounds of margaritas.

Can Pregnant Women Enjoy Wine Touring?

Fascinatingly, abstinent pregnant women enjoy our wine tours the most! More than the people swallowing! How?! Our witty guides love teaching guests in a fun and unpretentious way how to appreciate wines. The first inspirational lesson is: “Swirling, Sniffing, Slurping, Swooshing, and (maybe :) Spitting.” Imagine – swallowing isn't even on the list! Like a Master Sommelier, with all her wits intact to the end of the tour, a pregnant woman thoughtfully purchases all the wines she loves – but when that baby pops – then she starts popping corks! You should hope you're invited! :)

What is it that makes for a great tour? A Great Guide!

The single greatest influence on the atmosphere, pace, and tone of a tour of any kind is the guide. My tour guides, yacht and boat captains are obsessed with your enthusiasm. Demonstrating a nothing-is-too-much-trouble attitude, each helps you remember the laughter, joy, gratitude, inspiration, fascination, serenity, hope, pride, awe and love of your once-in-a-lifetime bachelorette event. Life's too short to take bad tours. Enjoy!

“ **Amazing day out with my Stagette**
We had a lovely day doing a wine tour with Cheers for my bachelorette! Our tour guide Michael was super on it and went out of his way at every opportunity to make the day amazing! Super fun, would definitely recommend this company for your wine tour. - Paige F. Vancouver, BC ”



Some Potential Budget Numbers

Cheers! Okanagan Tours delivers four distinctly different all-inclusive wine tour experiences from inexpensive to extravagant.



1 **DIY Tour**
Coach & Chauffeur
by-the-hour as low
as \$25pp



2 **Understated 3hr**
\$99pp Private Wine Tours



3 **Classic Top-Tier
Tours 4hrs**
matchless picnic experience
included, from \$169pp
(5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 hour options available)



4 **Private Luxury
Wine Tours**
Perfect for wine aficionados and guests
preferring more indulgent experiences.
We deliver the luxury wine tour of a
lifetime tailored exclusively to your tastes
and desires, starting at \$499 per person.

“**“A Bachelorette to remember - extremely fun!”**
My friends and I did a 6 hour long wine, beer and cider tour for our friends' bachelorette. Our tour guide was Michael and he went above and beyond to make sure we were happy with the route, food, and everything else! He made last minute changes to the route when we were feeling like drinking more wine instead of beer, and made extra stops so that we could take gorgeous photos with the bride to be. I would highly recommend this tour to anyone looking to plan a bachelorette or to those just looking for an extremely fun weekend activity. Thank you so much Michael! - Linda L. Edmonton, AB”

Phenomenal Boat and Yacht Adventures

Cruise hassle-free on our upscale Harris, Stingray, Campion powerboats boats, or our gorgeous 36 Foot Luxury Hunter Sailing Yacht, the largest sailing yacht on Okanagan Lake!

Consider blending an amazing boat and wine tour combination into a one day adventure.



2hr
**2-hours of bachelorette fun on
the lake from \$90 to \$150pp**



4hr
**4-hours of bachelorette fun on
the lake from \$165 to \$275pp**

For a slower pace, consider a leisurely 2-Hour Sunset Cruise, from \$90pp. Reminisce and enjoy some of the “nectar of the gods” you purchased while out on your Wine Tour or Distillery, Brewery, & Cidery Trifecta.

If you're not too old yet and can handle the stimulation, consider The Joie de Vivre Tour. The **Ultimate Okanagan Daytrip** featuring each of Kelowna's top tour experiences! **Hiking Myra Canyon** in the morning (awesome place for yoga!), **Matchless Charcuterie Picnic** and **East Kelowna Top-Tier Wine Tour** in the afternoon, dinner at **The Kelowna Yacht Club** overlooking the Marina from the longest 2nd story deck in the Okanagan, and a leisurely **2-Hour Sunset Cruise**.

The Joie de Vivre Tour - Our upfront all-inclusive fee (except liquor) is only \$399 per person for bachelorettes. No unwelcome surprises! No hidden fees! WOW! Talk about a fun, informative, memorable tour!

“**“Amazing Wedding Shuttle & Wine Tour!”**
We had such an amazing experience with Allen. We hired him as a shuttle for our wedding and everyone raved about how personable and fun he was. He got all of our guests home safely and his prices were amazing. A month later, I joined a wine tour for a bachelorette party for a friend who I recommended Allen to and we had an absolute blast. He even brought home-made cheesecake for the group! I would highly recommend Allen and Cheers Okanagan Tours to anyone looking for a wine tour or transport. Thanks again Allen. - Charly S. Vancouver, BC”

Why this Bachelorette Guide?

I developed this Bachelorette Guide because I care. I trust you will enjoy using it and ultimately share it with others to make life easier for them too. I echo Allen, the president of Cheers! who says, *"I applaud every event organizer. You're a remarkable person!"*



Chelssie Baker – Sales Manager and Brand Ambassador Extraordinaire. Born and raised in Kelowna, Chelssie studied art and business in Indonesia, and went on to work in television as a presenter and musician. With her substantial business acumen and limitless entrepreneurial drive, she then successfully managed her own tour and travel business in Bali while continuing to serve as a fitness trainer. Through her success, Chelssie enjoyed numerous opportunities to give back to the community through fundraising events, often with her daughter by her side every step of the way. On one such event they proudly raised money for an orphanage that needed a new building and sustainable food programs. Now happily back to her roots in the Okanagan, Chelssie joined the Cheers team and is active in the community sharing her strengths including networking, support and expressing her love of the Okanagan!

“Chelssie is heavily involved in the community - she's everywhere. I LOVE working with Chelssie and I believe we are lucky to have her in the Okanagan. Cheers! - Ginny Scott – SilverStar Mountain Resort”



TOUR DIFFERENTLY.

There's nothing 'standard' about touring with Cheers! Okanagan Tours. We're authentic, innately caring, family-owned, admittedly a little "nutty", and above-all, shamelessly obsessed with guest enthusiasm. Guests enjoy exceptional experiences that aren't available on other tours. Our introductions to amazing people, authentic encounters, hidden gems that guests likely wouldn't find on their own, extra personal touches and carefully chosen little surprises make our guests feel welcome, lavished and treated like royalty.



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