

Venues With *Style*

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Castle in the Clouds



One of the first decisions you should make when planning your wedding is where the ceremony and reception will take place. It's a big decision, to be sure; the venue you select will provide the backdrop on your big day, appearing in your wedding photos and memories for all time. Check out our collection of the most chic and elegant wedding venues across North America. You never know; your perfect match could be on our list.



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Azuridge Estate Hotel

Priddis, Canada

Stone and timber beams are evocative of the Canadian Pacific Railway's Rocky Mountain train stations at this Alberta venue. The name Azuridge is a nod to Alberta's cerulean skies and to the rolling green foothills that stretch for miles around this peaceful estate. Opened in 2012, the Azuridge Estate Hotel's reputation as a top-notch wedding venue has grown quickly. Their exquisite gourmet fare is the perfect pairing to this hidden gem's refined luxury. The hotel's butlers are on hand to help you pull off your perfect day. Leave the details to them and watch your dream come alive.





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Bobak's Signature Events and Conference Center

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Stellar service from start to finish takes the stress out of planning a wedding day, and Bobak's Signature Events and Conference Center is lauded for their attentiveness, flexibility, and all-around excellent wedding planning skills. Their amber-lit rooms with dramatic 24-foot-high ceilings are soundproof, allowing you to forget the world beyond and focus on your fun, magical day. Seasoned chefs use the freshest ingredients to prepare meals from scratch. Their beautiful outdoor garden terrace, complete with gazebo and fountain, is a storybook backdrop for your ceremony.

Castle in the Clouds

Moultonborough, New Hampshire

Nestled in the Ossipee Mountains, the Castle in the Clouds is located in a charming storybook setting. The moment guests catch a glimpse at the blossoming garden and gilded age fountain, they will find themselves mesmerized. The historic 1914 estate overlooks 5,500 acres, adorned with cascading waterfalls, lakes and mountains. A trolley will serve as transportation to and from the ceremony site – a nice touch that is much appreciated by guests.



Adam Peschke



Crabtree's Kittle House Inn

Chappaqua, New York

This charming Chappaqua, New York restaurant and inn combines polished, professional service with critically acclaimed progressive American cuisine to deliver the wedding of your dreams. Daytime and evening weddings are available, with indoor/outdoor space for your ceremony and reception. The Main Dining Room can accommodate 120 with additional seating space available, and the Carriage Room on the venue's garden level can seat up to 225 guests; both spaces feature attached beautifully landscaped outdoor spaces and patios. Country charm and historic character offer an elegant yet relaxed atmosphere.



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 FMK's beverage program offers innovative craft
 cocktails made with locally pressed juices, herbs
 sourced daily, and small batch spirits pulled from
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ART
 FMK rotates its art collections regularly and hosts
 a weekly Artist in Residence Series, "Eat", where
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Fulton Market Kitchen

Chicago, Illinois

This creative, modern Chicago venue offers a one-of-a-kind backdrop that will surely capture the imaginations of your guests. Billed as a combined art gallery, craft cocktail bar, and restaurant, Fulton Market Kitchen combines inspiration from the 1980s New York art scene and Miami's Wynwood Walls. The cuisine is as inventive as the decor. Contemporary dishes using locally sourced ingredients are presented in playful arrangements, like the two tails entree—olive oil poached lobster tail and crisp pig tail. Works from several artists style the various event spaces, which range from a private dining room that seats 12 to the main dining room, which can accommodate a reception of 150.





Hotel del Coronado

Coronado, California

With more than a century of love stories, this iconic Victorian beach resort has hosted generations of newlyweds—and the friends and family who adore them—against a coastal backdrop that can't be found anywhere else. Go California casual with an effortless barefoot ceremony on The Del's private glittering beach, or channel the glamour of Old Hollywood among the grand wood-domed ceilings, elegant chandeliers, and heart-stirring views of the historic Crown Room or ocean-front ballroom with up to 720 of your closest friends and family. Every wedding deserves a legendary setting.







Key West

Florida

With a motto of “One Human Family,” you can rest assured that you will be welcomed with open arms in Key West. This two-by-four-mile island is packed with friendly vibes and unique and beautiful wedding opportunities. From a lush rainforest garden perfumed by fragrant orchids to lovely guest houses to stunning beaches, there’s no shortage of venue options in this southernmost American city. Perhaps you’d like to wed at the Monroe County Courthouse, where the first same-sex couple to be legally married in the Florida Keys tied the knot. No matter which location you choose, a destination wedding in Key West is sure to be beautiful and unforgettable.



The Merion

Cinnaminson, New Jersey

A wedding venue like no other, The Merion's renowned attention to detail and intricate interior design make it a truly beautiful and special setting for your wedding day. Choose from four exquisite ballrooms, each with its own cocktail room, private restrooms, and bridal suite. The Merion's combination of European and contemporary design, with its beautiful marble columns and immense spiral staircase, offer a chic and stunning backdrop. Whether you envision a day of traditional simplicity or upscale elegance, The Merion's impeccable personal service and their unparalleled cuisine, served by white-gloved and tuxedo-attired wait staff, ensure your fairytale wedding will be unforgettable.



The Preserve at Boulder Hills

Richmond, RI

Classic elegance and a beautiful natural setting offer an air of luxury and serenity for your wedding day. At this private retreat, your personal wedding concierge supports you from the first planning session to the moment you and your newly betrothed retire from the wedding celebration. The Preserve's grand ballroom and wrap-around deck overlook the property's pristine lawns, lush gardens, and cascading waterfalls and ponds. Up to 350 guests can be accommodated. The Preserve's professional food and beverage team will work with you to ensure their outstanding cuisine and attentive service is something your guests rave about for years to come.







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Oheka Castle

Huntington, New York

Reminiscent of the lavish opulence of the 1920s, this early 20th-century estate in New York offers a showstopping backdrop for your very special day. Oheka welcomes just one wedding per day, so when it's your day to shine, the focus will be entirely on you. The 115,000-square-foot French-style chateau's grand foyer can be decorated to your specifications to welcome your guests in style. You and your wedding party can enjoy the immaculately manicured gardens; the grand ballroom, where 165 people can dance the night away; and the terrace room, where up to 400 guests can gather over an elegant sit-down dinner.



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Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

The Trump name is synonymous with cosmopolitan luxury, and that's exactly what you'll find at the Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago. Located on the Chicago River, this 92-story Chicago skyline showpiece offers a bold, contemporary venue for your wedding day. In-house event planners work with you to customize every facet of your dream day. The tower's versatile ballroom, which can host your ceremony, your reception, or both, exudes sophisticated romance with its 24-foot ceilings and dramatic floor-to-ceiling windows that overlook the Chicago River, the city skyline, and Lake Michigan beyond. The Terrace at Trump, the hotel's outdoor terrace, offers a sophisticated backdrop for a customized one-hour cocktail reception as part of your wedding package.



Wildlife Conservation Society

Bronx, New York

Say “I do” at the zoo—the Bronx Zoo that is. From elegant to exotic, weddings here are wild. Sip cocktails alongside lemurs, Nile crocodiles, and other curious creatures, or mingle with your guests outside with California sea lions followed by fine dining. Choose from the Schiff Family Great Hall, which can accommodate up to 200 guests, or the Congo Gorilla Forest, where you can fete with 80 of your closest friends and family. Make your green go further—all event proceeds help support the Wildlife Conservation Society’s mission to help save wildlife and wild places around the globe.