We asked 847 brides to rate their wedding location on everything from the food to the view. The result: the 50 most unforgettable places to say “I do” from coast to coast.
THE NORTHEAST
GO FOR A GLAM CITY AFFAIR, OR HEAD NORTH FOR A MOUNTAIN GETAWAY

BAYWOOD GREENS
LONG NECK, DEL.
Before your ballroom reception in the clubhouse, ride to the 18th hole for portraits. baywoodgreens.com.

THE BARN AT
PLANAGAN FARM
BUXTON, MAINE
Elegant chandeliers and master caterers make for the most refined barn wedding in the East. barnatplanagfanfarm.com.

HIDDEN POND
KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE
It doesn’t get more romantic than I do’s in the woods or gardens of this luxe, laid-back resort. hiddenpondmaine.com.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOSTON
Beantown pairs flock to this perennial winner for its marble staircases and lush courtyard. Bonus: Guests can take a private tour of the historic building. bpl.org.

CHATHAM BARS INN
CHATHAM, MASS.
Get hitched on the beach at this classic Cape Cod hotel, then party under a sailcloth tent on the sweeping bay-view lawn. chathambarsinn.com.

THE GRAMERCY PARK HOTEL
NEW YORK
Tuck into a meal catered by renowned chef Danny Meyer in the contemporary-art-filled rooftop terrace. gramercyparkhotel.com.

BLUE HILL AT
STONE BARNS
POCANTICO HILLS, N.Y.
Locavore brides swoon over menus brimming with ingredients fresh from the property’s working farm. bluehillfarm.com.

THE MOUNTAIN TOP
INN & RESORT
CHITTENDEN, VT.
Spend your wedding night in a rental cabin on this secluded hotel’s grounds, then hit 300 acres of wooded trails before joining your guests for brunch. mountaintopinn.com.

BELLE MER
NEWPORT, R.I.
Walk down the aisle on this preppy resort’s Ocean Lawn and celebrate in its sunlit ballroom. longwoodevents.com.

THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF
PHILADELPHIA
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Say your vows in the medicinal herb garden of this grand colonial building, home to the Mütter Museum of medical history. eventsatcpp.org.

GEORGE PEABODY LIBRARY
BALTIMORE
The cast-iron columns and gold-leaf embellishments are perfect photo ops. peabody events.library.jhu.edu.

“...When it was time for the reception, staffers opened the huge wooden double doors to the library, and we watched our guests’ mouths drop. They were in awe.”
—Jennifer H., married 2013

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THE SOUTH

HAVE YOUR PRINCESS MOMENT AMID OLD-WORLD ELEGANCE

THE HAY ADAMS HOTEL
WASHINGTON, D.C.
If you think the panoramic views of the National Mall from the rooftop are stunning, check out the White House from the presidential suite. hayadams.com.

MERIDIAN HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.
Love vintage details? They’ll mesh perfectly with the decor at this Louis XVI–style manse. meridian.org.

THE BILTMORE HOTEL
CORAL GABLES, FLA.
This resort offers cathedral arches and a free wedding suite, complete with perks like champagne and a postwedding breakfast. biltmorehotel.com.

SUNSET KEY GUEST COTTAGES
KEY WEST, FLA.
Plan your big day on this private isle, a quick ferry ride from Key West, and have your guests fill the 40 pastel cottages. westensuskeycottages.com.

FOX THEATRE
ATLANTA
Get ready to see your name in lights at this Atlanta institution, where you can exchange vows in the opulent Egyptian Ballroom. foxtheatre.org.

THE CLOISTER
AT SEA ISLAND
SEA ISLAND, GA.
You’ll find oaks dripping with Spanish moss and a quaint chapel at this sprawling colonial resort. seatisland.com.

OLD EDWARDS INN
HIGHLANDS, N.C.
Unwind with a spa session after your wedding at this inn, with the most attentive staff in the South. oldedwardsinn.com.

THE INN AT
PALMETTO BLUFF
BLUFFTON, S.C.
Gorgeous guest suites on the saltwater May River (you can go dolphin watching!) make this the perfect place for an intimate bash. montagehotels.com.

LOWNDES GROVE PLANTATION
CHARLESTON, S.C.
Tap your inner southern belle as you say your vows overlooking the Ashley River at this 1786 estate in the heart of town. ppghcharleston.com.

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THE MIDWEST
LOOK NO FURTHER FOR DISTINCTIVE SPACES BRIMMING WITH CHARM

★CAFÉ BRAUER AT LINCOLN PARK ZOO
CHICAGO
Dance the night away in the zoo’s landmark atrium, with views of the Chicago skyline behind you. lpzoo.org.

CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER
CHICAGO
Nothing beats a twirl in the marble-mosaic ballroom under a jaw-dropping 38-foot Tiffany glass dome. cityofchicago.org.

★LAUREL HALL
INDIANAPOLIS
The imposing stone facade and dark antique wood give this 1916 mansion a distinctly Downton Abbey feel. laurel-hall.iphfoundation.org.

BLUE DRESS BARN
BENTON HARBOR, MICH.
This spot has all you need for a rustic barn affair—

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twinkling lights and paper lanterns included. bluedressbarn.com.

★GRAND HOTEL
MACKINAC ISLAND, MICH.
Say “I do” on the hotel’s geranium-lined porch overlooking the Straits of Mackinac: grandhotel.com.

★MCNAMARA ALUMNI CENTER
MINNEAPOLIS
It’s impossible not to make a grand entrance into Memorial Hall, an amazing wood-walled geometric space flooded with light. mac-events.org.

★BIG CEDAR LODGE
RIDGEDALE, MO.
Before exchanging vows at one of four chapels, have your rehearsal dinner on a yacht on Table Rock Lake. big-cedar.com.

★PEABODY OPERA HOUSE
ST. LOUIS
Glamorous art-deco design and a subtle rock ‘n’ roll vibe make this a fave among fun-loving couples. peabodyoperahouse.com.

FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY
COLUMBUS, OHIO
Get ready to save big-time on decor! This Victorian-era greenhouse features tropical gardens, iron gazebos, and a Venetian-style fountain. fpconservatory.org.

★MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM
MILWAUKEE
Take portraits outside this striking postmodern building in front of a sparkling Lake Michigan. mam.org.

“Had our rehearsal dinner at one of the best restaurants in Milwaukee, but the food at our wedding reception was even better!”
—Jenna B., married 2013

VILLA BELLEZZA
PEPIN, WIS.
This vineyard’s picturesque ceremony spots and top-shelf wine bring Sonoma style to the Midwest. villabellezza.com.

—Carly Fisher

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THE WEST
TAKE IN THE VIEW AND DANCE UNDER THE STARS AT THESE STUNNING SPOTS

SANCTUARY ON CAMELBACK MOUNTAIN
PARADISE VALLEY, ARIZ.
Swap vows facing Camelback Mountain at this stone-and-glass resort, a full-on desert paradise. sanctuaryaz.com.

CALISTOGA RANCH
CALISTOGA, CALIF.
Its tucked-away location and secluded ceremony spots make this brides’ top pick for a Napa getaway. calistogaranch.aubergeresorts.com.

“Nothing’s more romantic than dancing in the massive wine cave.”
—Diosselyn J., married 2014

MALIBU ROCKY OAKS
MALIBU, CALIF.
There are winery weddings, and then there’s Rocky Oaks. Marry on a helipad at 2,000 feet, then party on the Tuscan terrace. maliburockyoaks.com.

PARKER PALM SPRINGS
PALM SPRINGS, CALIF.
Listen up, design lovers: This Jonathan Adler–decorated hotel is full of poppy, retro details—great for photos. theparkerpalmsprings.com.

DEVIL’S THUMB RANCH
TABERNASH, COLO.
It’s the perfect Rocky Mountain wedding: log cabins, a Civil War-era barn reception, and spectacular views of the Continental Divide. devilsthumbbranch.com.

HAiku MILL
MAUI, HAWAII
Within the ruins of this historic sugar mill, exotic blooms and chandeliers join forces for a jaw-dropping ceremony. haikumill.com.

THE MODERN
OAHU, HAWAII
At this insanely chic destination hotel, it’s all about the optics: Cross an aisle over the rooftop pool to meet your groom. themodernhonolulu.com.

MANDARIN ORIENTAL
LAS VEGAS
Vegas isn’t just for bachelorette parties! This hotel mixes the beat of the city with the service of a luxury resort. mandarinoriental.com.

MAYSARA WINERY
MCMINNVILLE, OREG.
Head to the Willamette Valley for a pinot-noir-soaked wedding in the winery, built from reclaimed barrels and quarries on the property. maysara.com.

SUNDANCE MOUNTAIN RESORT
SUNDANCE, UTAH
Ski bunnies, mountain climbers, and nature lovers alike flock to this glamorous snow-capped chalet to tie the knot. sundanceresort.com.

THE EDGEWATER HOTEL
SEATTLE
The city’s only waterfront hotel sits over a pier with views of Elliott Bay and the Space Needle. edgewaterhotel.com.

HERBAN FEAST’S SODO PARK
SEATTLE
Industrial accents and soaring beamed ceilings make this 100-year-old repurposed factory a must for cool-girl Seattle brides. herbenfeast.com.

BRUSH CREEK RANCH
SARATOGA, WYO.
Get your Wild West on at this 30,000-acre ranch and wed in the wooden chapel in front of the Snowy Range. brushcreekranch.com.

“The head rancher arranged for a surprise horse ride for my husband and me before our rehearsal dinner.”
—Jennifer M., married 2013

—Alonna Friedman and Heather Lee

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