

# THE BEST VENUES IN AMERICA

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.

Blue Hill at Stone Barns in  
Pocantico Hills, New York

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## BEST VENUES

Clubhouse at Baywood Greens  
in Long Neck, Delaware



# 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](http://baywoodgreens.com).

### **THE BARN AT FLANAGAN FARM** BUXTON, MAINE

Elegant chandeliers and master caterers make for the most refined barn wedding in the East. [barnatflanagannfarm.com](http://barnatflanagannfarm.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](http://hiddenpondmaine.com).

### **GEORGE PEABODY LIBRARY** BALTIMORE

The cast-iron columns and gold-leaf embellishments are perfect photo ops. [peabodyevents.library.jhu.edu](http://peabodyevents.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

### **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](http://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](http://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](http://gramercyparkhotel.com).

### **THE PLAZA** NEW YORK

Decadent beaux-arts decor and recently renovated guest rooms make any wedding at this storied hotel one for the ages. [theplazany.com](http://theplazany.com).

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### **BLUE HILL AT STONE BARN** POCANTICO HILLS, N.Y.

Locavore brides swoon over menus brimming with ingredients fresh from the property's working farm. [bluehillfarm.com](http://bluehillfarm.com).

### **THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF PHILADELPHIA** PHILADELPHIA

Say your vows in the medicinal herb garden of this grand colonial building, home to the Mutter Museum of medical history. [eventsatcpp.org](http://eventsatcpp.org).

### **BELLE MER** NEWPORT, R.I.

Walk down the aisle on this preppy resort's Ocean Lawn and celebrate in its sunlit ballroom. [longwoodevents.com](http://longwoodevents.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. [mountaintopinm.com](http://mountaintopinm.com).

—Lambeth Hochwald



George Peabody Library  
in Baltimore

FROM TOP: ROB KORB PHOTOGRAPHY; EDWARD WINTER/READYLUCK



# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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. [westinsunsetkeycottages.com](http://westinsunsetkeycottages.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](http://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. [seaisland.com](http://seaisland.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](http://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](http://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. [pphgcharleston.com](http://pphgcharleston.com).



Meridian House in Washington, D.C.

**HOUSTON STATION**  
NASHVILLE

The raw space in this restored 19th-century factory is your canvas, and the awesome acoustics beg for a jamfest. [houstonstationnashville.com](http://houstonstationnashville.com).

**NASHER SCULPTURE CENTER**  
DALLAS

Art installations and a Wolfgang Puck menu make for a next-level garden party. [nashersculpturecenter.org](http://nashersculpturecenter.org).

**ROSEWOOD MANSION ON TURTLE CREEK**  
DALLAS

This romantic hotel in a century-old mansion is a Dallas icon for a reason: The staff's hospitality is legendary. [rosewoodhotels.com](http://rosewoodhotels.com).

**CRYSTAL BALLROOM AT THE RICE HOTEL**  
HOUSTON

With 35-foot ceilings and a rich history, this formal space is beloved by go-big-or-go-home Texas brides. [crystalballhouston.com](http://crystalballhouston.com).

"The historic architecture is breathtaking!"  
—Ashley M., married 2014

★ **PIPPIN HILL FARM & VINEYARDS**  
NORTH GARDEN, VA.

Dig into some of the best local fare below the Mason-Dixon in this boutique winery's elegant on-site barn. [pippinhillfarm.com](http://pippinhillfarm.com).

—Anna Price Olson



Pippin Hill Farm & Vineyards in North Garden, Virginia

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# THE MIDWEST

LOOK NO FURTHER FOR DISTINCTIVE SPACES BRIMMING WITH CHARM



Franklin Park Conservatory  
in Columbus, Ohio

twinkling lights and paper lanterns included. [bluedressbarn.com](http://bluedressbarn.com).

**GRAND HOTEL**  
MACKINAC ISLAND, MICH.  
Say "I do" on the hotel's geranium-lined porch overlooking the Straits of Mackinac. [grandhotel.com](http://grandhotel.com).

★ **MCMANARA 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://fpconservatory.org).

★ **MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM**  
MILWAUKEE  
Take portraits outside this striking postmodern building in front of a sparkling Lake Michigan. [mam.org](http://mam.org).

"We 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](http://villabellezza.com).

—Carly Fisher

★ **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](http://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](http://cityofchicago.org).

**LAUREL HALL**  
INDIANAPOLIS  
The imposing stone facade and dark antique wood give this 1916 mansion a distinctly *Downton Abbey* feel. [laurel-hall.pkpfoundation.org](http://laurel-hall.pkpfoundation.org).

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

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# THE WEST

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



Brush Creek Ranch in Saratoga, Wyoming

**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](http://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](http://calistogaranch.aubergeresorts.com).

*"There's nothing 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. [maliburockyosaks.com](http://maliburockyosaks.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](http://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](http://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](http://haikumill.com).

**THE MODERN**  
HONOLULU  
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](http://themodernhonolulu.com).

★ **MANDARIN ORIENTAL**  
LAS VEGAS  
Vegas isn't just for bachelor-ette parties! This hotel mixes the beat of the city with the service of a luxury resort. [mandarinoriental.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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



Parker Palm Springs in Palm Springs, California

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