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of *San Diego Style Weddings* magazine re-launch! We are absolutely thrilled to bring this publication back to life and dive headfirst into the bustling world of weddings once again. After spending years away, our passion for celebrating love and showcasing the talents of San Diego's wedding industry has never been stronger.

With every page of this magazine, our goal is to shine a spotlight on the incredible vendors that make San Diego, Temecula, Palm Springs, and even parts of Mexico, such vibrant and enchanting wedding destinations. From photographers capturing precious moments to florists weaving magic with blooms, we aim to showcase the diverse range of talent this region has to offer.

Allow us to introduce ourselves: Alyssa, with over 25 years of experience in designing magazines, brings a keen eye for aesthetics and a deep understanding of what makes a publication truly captivating. Stacie, a seasoned wedding planner in San Diego for 20 years, brings her invaluable expertise in both the intricacies of wedding planning and the nuances of marketing. Together, we are dedicated to curating a magazine that not only inspires but also informs, guiding couples on their journey to their dream wedding day.

As we embark on this exciting new chapter, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for joining us on this adventure. Whether you're a newly engaged couple seeking inspiration, a seasoned vendor looking to connect with fellow professionals, or simply someone who loves love as much as we do, we invite you to immerse yourself in the beauty and romance of *San Diego Style Weddings*.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dena Nolen-Malasek for her remarkable 30 years of pioneering the *San Diego Style Weddings* magazine. We are honored to be able to take it into the next chapter.

We hope you enjoy flipping through the pages of our first issue as much as we've enjoyed putting it together. From real wedding features to expert advice columns, there's something for everyone. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your wedding journey.

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2 Burberry Rose Leather Clutch \$2,490, bloomingdales.com

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6 Jimmy Choo AZIA sandals in gold liquid metal leather \$950, us.jimmychoo.com

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10 Wedding Tips for the Bride & Groom

Every bride and groom knows how important the wedding planning phase is in creating and achieving both a luxurious and unforgettable wedding day. From elegant venues to detailed touches, check out 10 of our best tips and ideas:

- 1 Booking your venue should be one of the first items on your agenda so you can begin planning all other aspects of your celebration. Select a venue that fits your personality and style, complementing your uniqueness as a couple. For a memorable day, consider breathtaking locations and picturesque views.
- 2 Choosing a professional wedding planner will ensure your wedding day goes off without a hitch. A great way to find quality recommendations is through coworkers, family, and friends. Depending on what venue you choose, many times the vendors have a list of planners that they refer to or that come highly recommended.
- 3 For an epicurean dining experience, connect with a renowned catering company that delights your palate. Often, venues will have a list of caterers that they recommend. Perhaps add a specialty drink or gourmet station for that special touch.
- 4 When it comes to opulent décor, the sky's the limit. From elegant tablescapes and ambient lighting, to gorgeous floral arrangements and centerpieces, choose a floral artist who understands and articulates your vision, style, and signature.
- 5 Your wedding day is one of the most memorable days of your life. Capturing memories with a gifted and skilled photographer and videographer is a must! You may also want to incorporate drone photography for aerial shots of your venue.
- 6 The reception is an integral part of your celebration, so seek out top-notch entertainment or a popular DJ for a party that is fun, engaging, and memorable for both you and your guests.
- 7 First impressions matter, and your wedding invitation is the very first thing each guest will encounter. So, why not design and customize your invitation, making it uniquely you. It will set the tone and help your guests get a taste of your vision and anticipate what's to come on your big day.
- 8 Arranging special transportation for the bride and groom for a grand entrance and/or exit adds to the elegance of the day. Vintage cars are always a classic and nostalgic touch.
- 9 When choosing your hair and makeup artist, getting referrals is a great way to start. Make sure you look online for ideas and pictures. Before you book a trial run, check their availability for your wedding day. Shop around: Even if you really like the first artist, you may be more impressed with the second or even third. Tip to remember: When taking pictures, the camera never sees what our naked eye can see. With that in mind, don't be afraid to allow your makeup artist to fill in those brows and even wear false eyelashes.
- 10 Last but not least, make sure the wedding party takes time for relaxation and wellness before the wedding day. More and more brides and their bridesmaids are booking a special day at a spa or wellness center to meet up and unwind. For the guys, golfing is a popular weekend getaway, as is spending time on the bay, smoking cigars, and drinking their favorite celebratory spirits. 🍷

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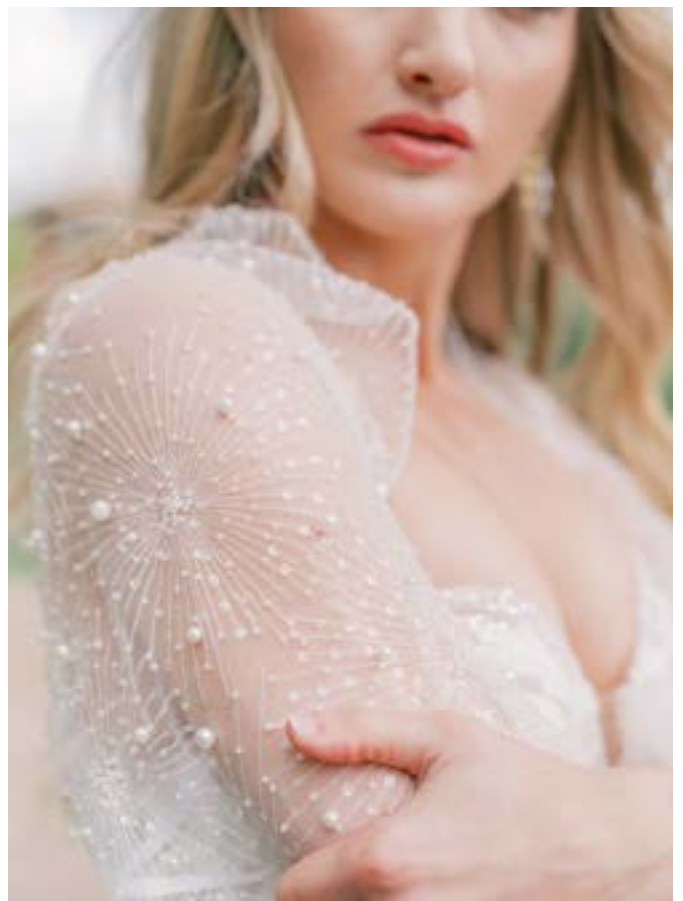
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Vibrant Vows

Mallory + Tony

SEAGROVE PARK & SUNSET TERRACE
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Mallory and Tony's wedding beautifully encapsulated their journey together, imbued with the vibrant colors and rich experiences of their travels through Spain, Italy, and France. Their love story, celebrated at Seagrove Park at L'Auberge Del Mar, was a heartfelt nod to the countless dates they enjoyed there, reflecting their desire to share the scenic beauty and joyful memories of San Diego with their guests. This setting, chosen for its stunning ocean views, was pivotal in creating an unforgettable experience for those coming from afar, including the United Kingdom. In homage to these adventures, the inclusion of citrus elements, particularly lemons, at the place settings and within the tablescapes served as a vibrant nod to their Mediterranean travels, beautifully integrating an essential visual element from their vacations into their wedding celebration.

The planning of their wedding was a testament to their partnership, marking their first major project as a couple. With a focus on collaboration and fun, Mallory and Tony effortlessly blended their individual tastes into the wedding's design, guided by the expert assistance of Adorations Botanical Artistry. The carefully chosen color palette, inspired by their Mediterranean adventures, was vividly brought to life, ensuring the day was a true reflection of their shared experiences.

In a thoughtful move, Mallory allowed her bridesmaids to select dresses that resonated with their individual styles, within a harmonious palette of dusty blues, bright pinks, pale pinks, and creams. This decision fostered a









sense of unity and respect for personal expression, strengthening the bonds between them.

Tony's engagement in the planning process was characterized by fun and dedication, with a mutual agreement to prioritize their relationship, even in moments of stress. This approach ensured the journey to their wedding day was filled with laughter and love.

A special moment shared between Mallory and Tony on the morning of their wedding, a reflective walk in Seagrove Park, symbolized their thoughtful approach to their union, emphasizing their hopes and dreams for their future together.

Central to their vision was ensuring each guest felt a personal connection and appreciation. Through individual letters that became seating assignment place cards, the couple expressed gratitude and the unique significance of every attendee, enhancing the sense of community and belonging at their wedding.

Mallory's advice for future couples is to focus on joy, select supportive vendors, and personalize the wedding day to reflect their unique story. Their celebration was a testament to this philosophy, showcasing their personalities, the depth of their relationship, and the strong connections with their loved ones. Through careful planning, personal touches, and an inclusive spirit, Mallory and Tony's wedding was not just a union of their lives but a vibrant celebration of love, adventure, and collective joy. 🌿

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Gathering in Green

Katie + Bruno

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Katie and Bruno held their stunning July 2023 wedding at the Japanese Friendship Garden, a jewel hidden inside San Diego's historic Balboa Park. Amidst the Garden's verdant backdrop, the couple exchanged their vows and celebrated with beloved family and friends in an environment that married modern sophistication with classic beauty. A color palette of lush greens and soft whites created a romantic ambience that set the stage for a dream day skillfully coordinated by Marina Miller of the Japanese Friendship Garden, assisted by Kiss Sweet Events.





The Vendors

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Expertly captured by Sara Whittaker of Desert Born Studios, the style of the couple and their wedding party added richness to the aesthetic. Katie was the picture of perfection: The loveliness of her lace gown was accentuated by an unforgettable cathedral veil. Each of her bridesmaids wore a dazzling dress of regal green in various fabrics and design. Bruno and his groomsmen dressed handsomely in classic black tuxedos. The personal florals, fashioned in all white and lovingly crafted by Selena Arellano of Sun Flor Co, were organic in feel: Katie's and her bridesmaids' handheld bouquets were a voluminous mixture of Playa Blanca roses accented by white anemone and delphinium, tied in delicate ribbons. For the ceremony, the couple was framed by a grand all-white floral arch that incorporated the flowers of the day. "We wanted to create something special and luscious that highlighted the beauty of Katie and Bruno," shared Selena Arellano.

The dinner reception echoed the visual elegance and sense of community of the ceremony. Catered by Ranch Events, guests enjoyed a delicious meal at expansive family tables that created an opportunity for conversation and relaxation, while the couple enjoyed dinner at an intimate sweetheart table. Each table was adorned with graceful tablescapes of white hydrangea and roses appointed in glass vases, interspersed with white taper candles to create a warm and loving ambience. Under the direction of DJ John of the Wedding Entertainment Collective, dancing and merriment lasted far into the night. 🌿





An Expression of Affection

Julia + Jeff

LA JOLLA WOMAN'S CLUB

The wedding of Julia and Jeff was a celebration of love styled in a theme of quiet luxury. The breathtaking ceremony took place at St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, followed by dinner and dancing at the historic La Jolla Woman's Club.

The couple's design inspiration stemmed from a variety of influences. A love of the ocean and garden. An appreciation for the juxtaposition of casual and elegant. An admiration for the style of iconic designers, such as Ralph Lauren. With an eye on marrying classic tradition with hints of glamour, Julia and Jeff partnered with acclaimed event planner Heather Balliet of Amorology Weddings to build on an aesthetic that was authentic to their interests.

The attire set the tone. Julia wore an Alexandra Grecco gown fashioned with a stunning bateau neckline that harkened a feeling of timeless elegance. Her bridesmaids selected navy blue dresses by Jenny Yoo that were of







varying but complementary style. Jeff and his groomsmen donned classic black tuxedos. The personal floral, created by the incomparable Annette Gomez Flowers, highlighted the look: a handheld bouquet of gardenia for the bride, and bouquets of white roses for the bridesmaids.

“Julia and Jeff wanted their reception to feel effortlessly refined. We wove approachable textures, like distressed wood and iron, with garden elements to create a space that was both humble and grand,” explained Heather Balliet. Guests were greeted at the cocktail hour with a playful display of escort cards tucked in garden soil. A wooden cabana with custom linen valances was built to frame the head dining table. Guest seating mixed both round and rectangular tables with wooden and wrought iron chairs to accentuate the garden atmosphere. Linens in bone velvet and a blue leaf pattern, punctuated by blue ticking stripe napkins, enhanced the style. Annette Gomez created centerpieces that incorporated arrangements of white garden roses, lily of the valley, sweet pea, and magnolia leaf with rustic pots filled with herbs that were repurposed to Julia’s home garden.

Dinner was prepared by the renowned Toast Catering. Wanting to offer the lighthearted and unexpected, Julia and Jeff chose a menu of hamburgers and other fun fare. The day’s events were impeccably captured by photographer Shannon Moffit and the videographers of Black Shutter Media. Music throughout the evening was provided by Tyler Grant and JM Entertainment.



The Vendors

Venue: La Jolla Woman’s Club
@lajollawomansclub

Ceremony: St. James by-the-Sea
sjbts.org

Planner: Amorology Weddings
@amorology

Photographer: Shannon Moffit
@shannonmoffit

Videographer: Black Shutter Media
@blackshuttermedia

Floral Design: Flowers Annette Gomez
@flowersannettegomez

Bar: Barworks @barworkscatering

Catering: Toast Catering
@toastcateringsd

Rentals: BBJ La Tavola @bbjlatavola,
Folklore Event Rentals @adorefolklore,
Bright @brieventrentals, Catalog
Atelier @catalogatelier

DJ/Emcee/Band: Tyler Grant
@flatpicktyler, JM Entertainment
@jordanmusicentertainment

Makeup/Hair: KC Witkamp
@kcwitkamp

Cake/Desserts: VG Donut & Bakery
@vgdonut

Stationary: Perfect Press Printing
@perfectpressprinting,
Four Things Paper @fourthingspaper,
Scriptura @scriptura_nola

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A Glamorous Affair

Raquel + Yonah

CORONADO ISLAND MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA

Raquel and Yonah's glamorous summer wedding was set on the waterfront grounds of the Coronado Island Marriott. This love affair was a true match for the "crown city." A first look and kiss under the arch of the iconic Coronado bridge set the scene for romance and timeless beauty. Raquel remembers Yonah whispering in her ear during that moment, "You are the love of my life. I can't wait to marry you and spend the rest of our lives together."

Held on the bayside lawn, the ceremony backdrop honored the couple's shared love of the ocean, both growing up by the water. An abundance of all-white flowers lined the pearlescent aisle while hanging crystals met the sway of a light breeze. South African, American, and Jewish traditions were lovingly incorporated throughout the day. Vows were exchanged under a floral canopy, with the cerulean bay and city skyline melting into the horizon. An intimate selection of family and friends





The Vendors

Venue: Coronado Island Marriott Resort & Spa @coronadomarriott

Planner: Jenny Kdoshim, JK Events Team @jennykdoshim

Photographer: Gloria Mesa Photography @gloriamesaphotography

Videographer: Sergio Anthony Films @sergioanthonyfilmworks

Floral Design: Narine Events @narine_events

Invitations: Marlene Widawar, Invitation Maven @invitationmaven

Ceremony and Reception Dress: Ysa Makino, at Here Comes the Bride @herecomesthebride_sd

Surprise/First Dance Dress: Handmade by Judy Renfield

Men's Formalwear: Jay Cuffs @jaycuffs

Ketubah: Ketubahs by Melody @ketubahs_by_mm

Hair: Hannah @Hannahhair_sd

Makeup: Gabriela Brianna Quijas @glam_bygabriela

Engagement Ring: Robbins Brothers @robbinsbrothers

Here Comes the Bride has more than 30 years of experience in the bridal gown industry. They know just how to make a trip to try on dresses feel like an unforgettable experience. It isn't just about finding a gorgeous gown to wear. It is about putting on that dress, having that feeling of certainty that it is the one thing you can't wait for your future spouse to see you in while walking down the aisle. It is the dress that you want to be photographed in. It is that perfect combination of satin, tulle, lace, beading, and/or bows that makes you feel absolutely beautiful.

Imagine saying "I do" at **Coronado Island Marriott Resort & Spa** while feeling a warm evening breeze fresh off the San Diego Bay at sunset. The hotel makes every effort to make Coronado Island wedding planning successful, magical and exceptional. Choose from our elegant indoor and charming outdoor wedding venues, all expertly supported by professional management staff, cutting-edge audiovisual technology and delicious catering.



from all around the world surrounded the couple in elegant attire. Raquel's brothers sang a beautiful Jewish blessing to the couple during the ceremony.

The ballroom was transformed into a luxurious wonderland of sparkling lights and florals, accented with gold and silver touches for the reception. Sophistication, sentiment, and glamour were designed into every element by the talented JK Events Team. Crystal-beaded chandeliers met the soft candlelight of the tablescapes, enhancing the romantic ambiance. Enchanting arrangements of orchids, roses, and peonies curated by Narine Events cascaded through the room in shades of blush, ivory, and champagne.

A professional dancer and singer, Raquel choreographed a surprise wedding dance for her groom, while her love of fashion was meticulously woven into each part of the night. "I wore a gorgeous, dreamy ball gown designed by YSA Makino for the ceremony, a timeless, elegant dress for the reception, and a fun, sequined mini-dress designed by Judy Renfield for the surprise dance and party," shared Raquel.

The lavish setting reflected the intensity of energy and love felt by Yonah and Raquel all evening. "Golden Hour" played as the sun set on their unforgettable wedding weekend. 🌿



Creatives Make Their Mark

Meet three San Diego wedding industry insiders who have turned their passion into their profession



THE STATIONER

PAPERMADE STUDIO

As a San Diego native, Kayla Ursillo, owner and designer of Papermade Studio, grew up loving the beauty of the Southern California coast. The spectacular scenery of her surroundings was an ideal inspiration for a creative career. Her passion for design and her love of weddings led her to the world of stationery design and, ultimately, her own studio. Located in Ranch Santa Fe, Papermade serves clients throughout the San Diego region and across the United States. With over a decade of design experience, Kayla has assisted thousands of clients with their stationery needs and built wonderful relationships with top print vendors and local wedding industry professionals. Clients most appreciate her attention to detail and exceptional customer service.



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THE CAKE CREATOR

CONNOR'S CRAFT CAKES

Connor Mansberger's story began in Bend, Oregon. His road to the culinary world and the San Diego wedding industry took a few turns, first to the United States Air Force and then to a career in civil engineering. However, his heart was always in the kitchen, crafting delicious desserts with passion and precision. In 2022, he traded in his corporate role for the joy of baking. Connor calls every culinary creation a labor of love, inspired by the unique desires of his clients and the style of their wedding. Pouring his heart and soul into crafting unique flavors and stunning designs, Connor aims to make every couple's dream cake a reality.



THE MAN BEHIND THE LENS

DANIEL TOMCZAK

A San Diego local, husband, and father of two girls, Daniel Tomczak has a handful of passions: family, the great outdoors, traveling, 60s movies and, finally, photography. His love of the camera and what it can produce inspired him from an early age to craft art that evokes inspiration and captivates emotions. For Daniel, weddings transcend mere events: They are enchanting, intimate moments that deserve capturing in a magical light. Daniel draws from his extensive background in television, film, and years of expertise in the wedding industry to approach each opportunity to document love as a chance to elevate couples into the main characters of their unique love story. Whether he is taking pictures or shooting video his goal is always to transcend the reality of the day, showcasing love in its purest form. 📷



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Saying Yes to the Dress!

You've already said yes to the proposal. Now it's time to say yes to the dress! Most brides would agree that choosing a dress is one of the most important decisions you will make – and the most exciting! Here are some tips and shopping ideas to make this experience be all you've ever dreamed it would be.

Decide Your Wedding Style

If you haven't already, purchase a few bridal magazines (like this one!) to get inspired. Take pictures on your phone of the styles that jump out at you. Online bridal boutiques, social media, and Pinterest are always great options for inspiration. Tap into your personal flair! Have you always loved dresses that are A-lined, lacy, or voluminous? Whatever your choice, bring all those ideas to your appointment.

Set Your Budget

Dress prices vary greatly. It's best to have your budget in mind prior to your first appointment. That way, your consultant will be able to help you stay within your price range. You certainly wouldn't want to be disappointed if you end up trying on a dress that exceeds your budget. Don't forget to factor in the cost for shoes, jewelry, and accessories. Typically, these costs can run approximately 10-15% of your dress budget.

Shop Early

Many bridal dresses take four to nine months to produce. Once it is ready for you to try on, factoring in more time for alterations and accessorizing is key. However, if you have less time than that between choosing your wedding date and shopping for a dress, don't stress! You can call ahead to see if the boutiques you have chosen can accommodate your timeline. Many shops can expedite alteration requests, usually for an additional fee.

Enjoy the Experience

The best time to shop for your dress is on a weekday as most boutiques are overwhelmed on weekends. Schedule your appointment early in the day so you don't have to rush through the experience.

Select one to two special people in your life whom you love and trust to come along and give you

their honest opinion. Too many people in your entourage may cause a bit of confusion or frustration. Furthermore, you want to ensure just a few people see your dress. Save the “wow” factor for your guests on your wedding day.

Keep an Open Mind

More often than not, women come into a bridal store and find that the style they had in mind was not flattering on their body type or just wasn't “The Dress.” Allow the consultant to share different styles with you. Be open when you enter a boutique; you may be surprised to find that a style you never thought you would like looks fabulous on you and becomes “The One.”

Ignore the Size

Don't be discouraged by the size of the wedding dress you find in the salon. Most gowns you try on will be one to two sizes larger than what you normally wear. Make sure you choose a dress in your current size. Even if your goal is to lose weight prior to your big day, just remember one important fact: It's much easier for the seamstress to take a dress in than to make it larger.

Don't Ignore the Comfort

Be sure you choose a dress that is comfortable. Sit down in the dress, walk around a bit, and even try a few dance moves to ensure that it fits well, you feel confident and beautiful, and it represents YOU.

Bring Your Accessories

If you have a family heirloom or special piece of jewelry that you will be wearing, bring them with you to try on with your dress. Most salons have shoes you can use. However, it's even better to bring your own. More than likely, you won't have the shoes you'll be wearing on your wedding day, but it's a good idea to bring a pair similar to what you think you may wear, whether that's a pair of stilettos or flats.

Have fun!

Finally, remember: When shopping for your wedding dress, this experience is all about YOU. Take time to be in the moment and enjoy! 🍷





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Beauty Tips for the Big Day

Your go-to guide to getting that “I do” glow

You were born to be a blushing bride! Still, there are some tried-and-true tricks to getting that gorgeous wedding day glow. Here, Aly Rose at Aly Rose Beauty offers her top tips to help you put your best face forward on your big day:

Exfoliate, exfoliate, exfoliate: Start by using a gentle exfoliator, like a sugar scrub, on your face and body three times a week to get your skin in tip-top shape. Don't forget to exfoliate and hydrate your lips – FRESH Sugar Lip Polish and Sugar Lip Treatment are great products – to prep them for that big “I do” kiss!

Hydrate: Dehydration is a real drag – on your hair, skin, and whole body. Look your bridal best by eating hydrating fruits – like watermelon, cucumbers, and strawberries – reducing foods high in sodium and iodine and drinking half your body weight in water daily. Don't forget to moisturize.

Think ahead: Your wedding day is not the time to make a drastic style change. Want to try out a new haircut, style, or color? Do it at least six months in advance to allow for adjustments. Planning to plump or smooth your skin with fillers or Botox? Allow at least eight weeks for it to settle.

Care for your hair: Seek out a licensed professional to apply lashes and/or microblade your eyebrows (at least six months prior). Boost hair and nail growth with healthy supplements like biotin and iron. For the best big-day hair, wash it the night before and keep it product free for styling perfection. 💕



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There is no better way to create charming, fun and romantic wedding photos than to live those feelings in the moment. Stylish props serve as a creative backdrop to carry the personality and flow of your pre-ceremony shoot. Express your hobbies or showcase your love story while allowing for spontaneity and freedom to flow. Plus, it's fun to kickstart the celebration with your friends and family in style.

What props would add flavor to your pre-wedding shoot? Dreaming and frivolity are not only allowed but rewarded. Is your style quirky, luxurious, classic, outdoorsy? Roll up, boat up or show up in a way that celebrates you. Your photos will look like you are having the best day ever — because you are. 🌿

"A surfer accidentally walked into our wedding photos on the beach and held up his board as a prop around the wedding party. It turned out to be my favorite photo from our wedding!" —Jenna, former bride

BICYCLE

Showcase your love of the outdoors with a tandem bike.

SPARKLERS

Create a sparkler tunnel for the your introduction or nighttime exit.

CAR

Capture your timeless love story with a classic car.

PETS

Your best little buddy wants to be with you during your special day. Make it a pet party and they will love you forever (either way).

BOAT

Pontoon, sail or paddle your way to the aisle.

BALLOONS

In an arch, along the wall, tied with photos; the classic balloon never fails.

BUBBLES

A simple bubble machine adds endless fun and youthfulness to your day.

UMBRELLA

Posh people with parasols parade around the party or escape a drizzle.

SCOOTER

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Whimsical and White

Grace + Alex

THE INN AT RANCHO SANTA FE

Grace had no idea that a springtime getaway to New York with a few friends and family would end up being one of the most important and romantic events of her life. Alex had planned on proposing to Grace on their last day amidst the beautiful and scenic Central Park. Walking through winding paths and sunlit gardens, Grace and Alex were suddenly all alone, just as planned. As the couple continued, they made their way nearby a charming little pond and an old wooden bench constructed from knotted oak branches, where Alex got down on one knee and proposed. Grace shares, "I love that he chose Central Park, as it will always be a place where we can visit forever."





The Vendors

Venue: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe
@theinnatrsf

Coordinator: Forever Refined
Events @forever_refined_events

Photographer:
Camila Margotta Photography
@camilamargottaphoto

Floral Design: To Be Designed
@tbdsandiego

Rentals: To Be Designed,
Nuage @nuagedesignsinc,
BBJ Linens @bbjlinen

Entertainment: Chiara
Copobianco (Harpist)
@capobianco.chiara,
DJ DreMotion @djdremotion

Makeup/Hair: KC Witkamp
@kcwitkamp

Cake: Frost Me Cafe and Bakery
@frostmecafeandbakery

Invitations/Stationery: Forever
Refined Events & To Be Designed

Dress: Newwhite @newwhite_bridal

Men's Formalwear: Men's
Warehouse @menssuitwarehouse

Photo Booth: Selfie Station
@selfiestationco

Videographer: West Coast
Weddings @westcoastwed

Forever Refined Events is a boutique wedding production company helping couple express their unique vision and personal style. The team uses artistic styling, immaculate attention to detail, and professional execution to fulfill every desire that their clients have for their wedding. They are known for their fresh and innovative approach. This business offers couples sound advice on traditional and contemporary trends, infusing weddings with cutting edge artistry and imagination. The team takes pride in its high standards of customer service.



Camila Margotta Photography is a romantic, soft, and timeless style wedding photographer based out of San Diego. Camila will do anything to make your day go as seamless as possible. She realized how important photography is, and moreover, how a photographer can play such a big role in telling your story. Camila found a way to bottle the emotions and love in photos she takes.



The couple desired a wedding celebration that reflected their love story...romantic, classic, elegant, and everlasting. Imagine a whimsical wedding of white florals and greens, cascading crystal lanterns, and twinkling lights under a starlit sky.

Adjacent to an enchanted tree, beautifully situated in the center of lush and fragrant gardens is where the ceremony was held. A corridor of white florals graced the edge of the walkway that led to the tree and enveloped the trunk as if to say they had been flourishing there forever. Grace wore an exquisite white gown that flowed and even glistened in the sun's light as she walked toward her groom. Alex was quite dashing in his classic black suit as he awaited his soon-to-be-bride.

Under a streaming canopy of twinkle lights, the guests enjoyed a delectable feast. The tables were embellished with delicate white florals, candles, and gold-trimmed dishes as the guests enjoyed the fellowship of family and friends. The wedding cake, a showpiece of white tiers, was adorned with a delicate mixture of florals and greenery, perfectly arranged to represent the sweetness of the couple's love for one another.

As the evening drew to a close, the couple's exit was nothing short of incredible! With dancing, props and late night snacks, the guests were entertained by Grace's cousin, an award-winning opera tenor. The night ended with a champagne toast to the couple's future. Their wedding celebration was only the beginning of their lifelong adventure together. 🌿





An Enchanted Celebration

Hope + Julian

ESTANCIA LA JOLLA HOTEL & SPA

Ivy wreaths and fall florals in hues of peach, ruby and buttery yellow adorned tabletops; midnight blue and gold accents were echoed in sapphire and gold glassware and cutlery; patterned textiles draped over the backs of chairs provided texture; and candles, staggered in height, illuminated the lavish table scape from below, while Moroccan lanterns cast a lacy light from above.

For Hope and Julian Scott, their wedding “was a rich tapestry of details: the beautiful florals; the amazing rustic reception tables; the sumptuous place settings and menus; our gorgeous wedding cake, the beautiful flamenco guitar,” the bride said. “It was a feast for the senses.”

The couple’s vision for the evening was “Bohemian Eclectic” with Spanish and Moroccan influences, playing beautifully off of, and inspired by, the Spanish-style hacienda and gardens at the Estancia La Jolla Hotel & Spa.







Once Hope and Julian saw the 10-acre property, perched high above the Pacific Ocean in Torrey Pines, they knew it was the perfect backdrop for an intimate event where their guests could gather and meet – most for the very first time. “Our wedding was about stitching them together,” Hope said. “The most important detail was creating a backdrop where everyone could get to know each other.”

The couple invited 30 people to the celebration, a small guest list that gave the bride and groom the opportunity to spend meaningful moments with each and every one of them. And since “aesthetic is everything” to Hope, having a smaller wedding gave them flexibility in the budget to splurge on the rich and highly intricate details that made the evening so extraordinary, all of which were brought to life by wedding coordinator Cara North from Luxe Events.

“Cara was so much more than a coordinator: she was our wish fulfiller, dream maker and fairy God-ninja,” Hope said and laughed. “We could not have had an event this amazing without her. Looking at our beautiful guests around the wedding table, watching everyone laughing and making merry together – that was pure joy and bliss,” Hope said. 🍷



The Vendors

Venue: Estancia La Jolla Hotel & Spa estancialajolla.com

Planner: Luxe Events
[@luxeeventssd](https://www.instagram.com/luxeeventssd)

Photographer: Shewanders Photography [@shewanders](https://www.instagram.com/shewanders)

Floral Design: Flowers Annette Gomez [@flowersannettegomez](https://www.instagram.com/flowersannettegomez)

Rentals: The Chiavari Guys
[@thechiavari guys](https://www.instagram.com/thechiavari guys),
Archive Rentals [@archiverentals](https://www.instagram.com/archiverentals),
To Be Designed [@tbdsandiego](https://www.instagram.com/tbdsandiego)

Linens: Archive Rentals
[@archiverentals](https://www.instagram.com/archiverentals)

Invitations/Stationery: Brightly Designed [@brightlydesigned](https://www.instagram.com/brightlydesigned)

Cake: Michele Coulon Dessertier
[@dessertier](https://www.instagram.com/dessertier)

Musician: Anthony Garcia
[@agarciaflamencoguitar](https://www.instagram.com/agarciaflamencoguitar)

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Grand Royale Nuptials

Angel + Jacob

FAIRMONT GRAND DEL MAR

Under the California sun, amidst the luxury of the Fairmont Grand Del Mar, a love story unfolded where richness permeated every corner. This Italian wedding brought warmth and a zest for life, as loved ones gathered to celebrate the union of two hearts. This was the bride's dream come true, saying "I do" at this magnificent venue.

The air shimmered with romance. Extravagant floral arrangements, the soulful melody of a violinist, the smooth sounds of saxophones, and live music set the mood perfectly.

A touch of elegance flowed throughout the ceremony, cocktail hour and reception. It was a beautiful tapestry woven with black and white, accented by luxurious velvet green and touches of gold.







At the cocktail hour, guests were delighted to use the phone to leave a heartfelt personalized congratulations to the newlyweds. It added a special and intimate element to the celebration. As guests ventured into the reception, they got to have fun at the photobooth, capturing joyous moments and creating lifelong memories. It was a theme that spoke volumes about the couple—a classic foundation with a touch of modern flair, a perfect reflection of their personalities and their journey together.

No detail was left untouched in this grand wedding. Every element was presented with meticulous care. From the guests' seating cards to the chandeliers casting their warm glow throughout the space. From the whiskey and cigar bar that spoke of old-world charm to the gourmet coffee station...from the exquisite dinner menu, which was a culinary delight for every palate, to the black-and-white checkered dance floor, beckoning all who would desire to enjoy and celebrate the bride and groom's union. Each moment was a masterpiece of delight, leaving the guests immersed in a world of luxury.

The entire evening was a testament to the couple's love story. It was a celebration that resonated with the warmth of their family, the joy of their union, and the promise of a lifetime of happiness together. It was a night that painted a beautiful picture – a couple, perfectly matched, embarking on their life together, hand in hand. 🌸



The Vendors

Venue: Fairmont Grand Del Mar
fairmont.com/san-diego/

Planner: Susanne Duffy, Crown Weddings @crown_weddings

Photographer: Michael & Anna Costa
@michaelandannacosta

Videographer: 618 Studios
@618studios

Floral Design: Jennifer Cole Florals
@jennifercoflorals

Photo Booth: Selfie Station
@SelfieStationCo

Hair/Makeup: Meagan Brown
@meaganmua

Hair: Jordan Hix @hairbyjordanhix

Makeup: Danielle Pavia @makeupbydpav

Dress: Inez de Santo, The White Dress

Suit: Micheal Kors, Vega's Tailor Shop & Tuxedo

Cake: Hey there, Cupcake!
@heytherecupcake_

Paper Goods/Signage: Wendy Ware
@wendywaredesigner

Ceremony Music: Sophie Graf
Camden, Sophisticated Harp,
Daniel Morris @danielmorrismusic

Band: The Lowdown, West Coast Music
@westcoastmusicbevhill

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@thetipsytuktuk

Dance Floor/Aisle: Chiavari Chairs of San Diego @chiavari_chairs_of_san_diego

Escort Wall: Cavalier Bars
@cavalierbars

Guest Book: Fete Phone @fetefone

Linens: Nüage Designs
@nuagedesignsinc, Theoni Collection
@theoncollection

Draping/Carpeting: Hire Elegance
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Rentals: APR event Rentals
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A Musical Legacy

Bonnie Foster Productions hits a high note at any celebration



CHERNOGOROV PHOTOGRAPHY

Bonnie Foster, devoted musician and daughter of well-known pianist Wayne Foster, has been serving up San Diego with her very own take on Big Band music with genres varying from classical to today's Top 40. The artist created Bonnie Foster Productions in order to continue the legacy of her talented parents, Wayne and Marin Foster.

As a young girl, Bonnie remembers how music had always been an integral part of their family DNA. She recalled watching her parents perform on stage, witnessing the happiness their music brought to so many. At age six, Bonnie began performing with the band on stage singing, dancing and entertaining the crowds.

Despite being blind, her father's musical talent and success reached the hearts of many, and he even performed for big names such as Oprah Winfrey, Shaquille O'Neal, Harrison Ford and Zoey Deschanel, among many others. Just as her father did, Bonnie continues to spread the joy of music through her own business. Bonnie Foster Productions performs a diverse range of musical styles at different venues, such as weddings and private or corporate events as well as fundraisers. They will even include custom lyrics and songwriters upon request. They also offer dance bands, hybrid packages, and DJs that incorporate recorded as well as live music. They are known for providing their clients with full-service packages that makes the event planning process easy.

Bonnie states, "I have been fortunate enough to have and use the wisdom of my parents' 50-year-old company and apply fresh ideas to create a contemporary product, with the help of an expert crew to make celebrations and events hip, memorable and stress free."

Including the musical legacy of Bonnie Foster Productions into your next event, whether



it be a wedding celebration or a corporate party, will bring much joy to you and your guests. 🎵

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Katharine McPhee, David Foster,
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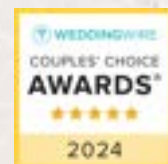
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Start your journey to happily ever after at one of these top honeymoon destinations



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Embark on a journey of romance and adventure as we explore some of the world's most captivating honeymoon destinations. From the timeless allure of Paris to the exotic landscapes of Thailand, each destination promises to ignite the flames of passion and create memories to last a lifetime.

Paris: It's true what Audrey Hepburn said, "Paris is always a good idea." Known as the "City of Love," you cannot find a more iconic backdrop for your honeymoon than Paris. Imagine sitting on your hotel balcony with your lover, sipping Champagne, with the Eiffel Tower sparkling in the night behind you.

Thailand: Thailand's diverse landscapes offer the perfect balance of pristine beaches, unique culture and magnificent cuisine. Known as "The Land of Smiles," Thailand's world-famous hospitality is sure to spoil any couple. For exotic wildlife plan a once-in-a-lifetime journey to Chiang Rai for a stay at Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp.

French Polynesia: The iconic overwater bungalow is a top request for honeymooners. A tropical paradise awaits you after only an 8-hour flight from LAX. Imagine the romance, privacy and tranquility as you toast sunsets from your private plunge pool. Consider the luxurious Four Seasons Bora Bora where you can hop from your bedroom to your plunge pool and step straight into the lagoon from your own private deck.

Cruise: Imagine a floating boutique hotel with gourmet cuisine, award-winning entertainment and over-the-top suites taking you to fabulous destinations around the world. Not only is cruising an excellent value, it's an efficient use of time as you cruise between destinations while you sleep. Like more time in port? Check out Azamara Club Cruises, where every voyage features longer and overnight stays in port, so you can experience your destinations at all hours of the day.



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Adults-only All-inclusive: Adults-only all-inclusive resorts are abundant in Mexico and throughout the Caribbean. Whether it's resorts focused on wellness, spa or golf packages, couples have plenty of options for their individual style. Accommodation choices range from swim-up rooms to suites with your own private plunge pool. The best part about an all-inclusive resort? You know exactly how much your honeymoon costs before you arrive.

Italy: Take a Vespa ride through the streets of Rome, admire Michelangelo's statue of David in Florence and top it off with a romantic gondola ride through the canals of Venice. From history to cuisine, Italy offers an endless amount of options to experience la dolce vita and is a perfect destination for a European honeymoon.

Africa: A destination full of culture, captivating sunsets, untamed wilderness and extravagant accommodations – Africa is one of the best honeymoon destinations in the world offering the most romantic luxury safaris. Imagine dining at breakfast with your loved one and having a beautiful giraffe as your special guest at Giraffe Manor. Africa provides a romantic backdrop for adventurous honeymooners and an unforgettable once-in-a-lifetime experience. 🦒

— AIMEE LEON, AVANT-GARDE TRAVEL

Destination Wedding... On a Cruise!

Your wedding day is one of the most significant days of your life. Why not make your special day extra memorable by getting married on a cruise ship!

Many cruise lines offer services to help you plan a shipboard or shoreside ceremony, offering a private reception for your guests at a great value. Plus, it is followed by your romantic in location honeymoon. Here are a few of Avant-Garde Travel's favorite cruise line wedding packages:

Princess Cruises

Princess offers "Tie the Knot" packages on all ships, and most have dedicated wedding chapels. They offer three wedding packages. One includes the ship captain as the ceremony officiant. Another allows you to get married on a glacier in Alaska. How romantic! This line also features state-of-the-art technology that allows you to broadcast the ceremony live, via webcam, to friends and family on land.

Cunard

Couples that enjoy British influence, like historic charm and formality are drawn to this cruise line for their royal ceremony at sea. Cunard's wedding package includes many perks like flower arrangements, invitations, a White Star Bellman to escort the bride to the ceremonial room and many more extras.

Disney

With Disney Cruise Line's "Fairy Tale Weddings" packages the ceremony can be onboard or on Castaway Cay, Disney's private Bahamian island. With this cruise line there are many little details that must be considered, like the wedding license and number of guests that can attend the ceremony, but it is perfect for a small wedding, a Disney aficionado couple, or second marriages that involve young kids.

— MINERVA PADILLA, AVANT-GARDE TRAVEL



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A Language of Love

5 ways to make your vows match you and your love story

Every couple seeks to make their wedding day truly special, and one way to achieve this is through personalized wedding vows. These promises, exchanged between partners, serve as the foundation of a lifelong commitment—promises made to withstand the test of time. From simple and traditional to poignant and personal, here are five samples to customize with your personal touch.

Traditional Elegance

"I promise to love, honor, and cherish you, in sickness and in health, for richer or poorer, as long as we both shall live."

Poetic Romance

"In the dance of life, I choose you as my partner. With every beat of my heart, I promise to write a love poem that echoes through the rhythm of our days."

Adventure Awaits

"I vow to be your co-pilot on this grand adventure, exploring the peaks and valleys of life. Together, we will navigate storms and bask in the sunshine, hand in hand."

Promise of Friendship

"I promise to be your confidant, your partner in crime, and your biggest supporter. Let's laugh together, cry together, and grow old together, always as the best of friends."

Modern Simplicity

"I promise to love you unconditionally, to support your dreams, and to cherish the simple moments that make our life extraordinary."

Remember, your wedding vows are a personal expression of your commitment to each other. Whether you choose to embrace tradition or forge a path entirely your own, let your words resonate with the love that binds you together, creating a memorable foundation for your lifelong journey as partners. 🌿



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From Hotels to Wineries, Here's Where All Your Wedding Dreams Come True

San Diego, with its stunning coastal landscapes, perfect weather, and vibrant atmosphere, offers an abundant offering of enchanting venues for couples seeking a dream wedding. Here, we present a curated list of 76 locations to consider. From breathtaking ocean views and lush gardens, to luxury hotels and chic cultural spaces, San Diego's venues offer diverse options to suit every couple's taste and style.

HOTELS

Exceptional hotels in San Diego offer the perfect blend of luxury, ambiance, and convenience, ensuring that your wedding day is nothing short of spectacular. Whether you envision a beachfront ceremony, a garden celebration, or a contemporary urban affair, San Diego's diverse hotel offerings cater to every couple's unique vision for their dream wedding. Choose the one that resonates with your style and personality, and embark on a journey to create cherished memories that will last a lifetime.

FAIRMONT GRAND DEL MAR

Location: Carmel Valley

Highlights: Mediterranean-inspired luxury, picturesque landscapes, and upscale amenities

Website: fairmont.com/san-diego

Nestled in Carmel Valley, Fairmont Grand Del Mar offers Mediterranean-inspired luxury right in San Diego's backyard. The resort's picturesque landscapes, stunning architecture, and upscale amenities create a fairy-tale setting for weddings. From intimate ceremonies in lush gardens to grand receptions in opulent ballrooms, every detail exudes sophistication.

ESTANCIA LA JOLLA HOTEL & SPA

Location: La Jolla

Highlights: Sprawling gardens, hacienda-style architecture, beautiful courtyards, and elegant ballrooms

Website: estancialajolla.com

Elegance meets tranquility at Estancia La Jolla with its historic Spanish architecture, greenery, terra cotta brick adorned garden spaces and elegant ballrooms provide a romantic backdrop for weddings. Immerse yourself in the warm ambiance, surrounded by lush landscapes, creating moments that reflect the beauty of your love.

OMNI LA COSTA RESORT & SPA

Location: Carlsbad

Highlights: Spanish-colonial charm, golf course views, and spa amenities

Website: omnihotels.com/hotels/san-diego-la-costa

Embrace the Spanish-colonial charm of Omni La Costa Resort & Spa in Carlsbad. Surrounded by golf course views and offering spa amenities, this venue sets the stage for a wedding filled with elegance and relaxation. Valley Promenade is a favorite of couples - a scenic outdoor venue for up to 350 guests, set in a secluded garden lined by palm trees - offset by a backdrop of lakes, fairways and California mountains. Create lasting memories in this luxurious and picturesque setting.

L'AUBERGE DEL MAR

Location: Del Mar

Highlights: Coastal chic, panoramic ocean views, and intimate garden settings

Website: laubergedelmar.com

Perched atop coastal bluffs, L'Auberge Del Mar provides panoramic ocean views and a romantic, relaxed atmosphere. Intimate garden settings, elegant ballrooms, and coastal chic décor make it an ideal venue for couples seeking a blend of luxury and natural beauty.

PARK HYATT AVIARA RESORT, GOLF CLUB & SPA

Location: Carlsbad

Highlights: Lavish surroundings, a golf course backdrop, and upscale amenities

Website: hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/california/park-hyatt-aviara-resort

Indulge in luxury at Park Hyatt Aviara, located in the coastal town of Carlsbad. The resort's lavish surroundings, a backdrop of a pristine golf course, and upscale amenities provide an elegant canvas for a romantic wedding replete with timeless sophistication.

HOTEL DEL CORONADO

Location: Coronado Island

Highlights: Historic charm, beachfront elegance, and iconic architecture

Website: hoteldel.com

Steeped in history, Hotel del

RANCHO VALENCIA RESORT & SPA

Location: Rancho Santa Fe

Highlights: Spanish-style villas, lush gardens, and a serene, romantic atmosphere

Website: ranchovalencia.com

Escape to the enchanting enclave of Rancho Santa Fe, where Rancho Valencia's Spanish-style villas and lush gardens create an intimate, romantic ambiance. Say "I do" amidst vibrant flowers; celebrate in private courtyards; and enjoy the resort's dedication to personalized service and an unforgettable wedding experience.





The US Grant, a Luxury Collection Hotel

Coronado boasts Victorian charm and beachfront elegance. With iconic turrets and stunning ocean views, it's a romantic haven for timeless weddings. The Crown Room, adorned with crown-shaped chandeliers and an impressive arched ceiling, offers a regal setting, while beach ceremonies on the sand capture the essence of coastal romance.

PENDRY SAN DIEGO

Location: Gaslamp Quarter

Highlights: Modern luxury, rooftop venues with city views, and contemporary design

Website: pendry.com

In the heart of the Gaslamp Quarter, Pendry San Diego offers modern luxury with a touch of urban sophistication. Rooftop venues with panoramic city views, contemporary design, and upscale amenities make it an ideal choice for couples seeking a chic and vibrant wedding celebration.

THE US GRANT, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL

Location: Downtown San Diego

Highlights: Timeless elegance, opulent ballrooms, and historic grandeur

Website: marriott.com/en-us/hotels/sanlc-the-us-grant-a-luxury-collection-hotel-san-diego

Downtown sophistication meets historic opulence at The US Grant. Its ornate ballrooms, featuring crystal chandeliers and grand architecture, set the stage for luxurious weddings. Immerse in a timeless atmosphere where old-world glamour and modern amenities converge for an unforgettable celebration.

THE WESTGATE HOTEL

Location: Downtown San Diego

Highlights: European-inspired elegance, rooftop terrace, and classic ballrooms

Website: westgatehotel.com

European-inspired elegance defines The Westgate Hotel in downtown. Featuring classic ballrooms and a rooftop terrace, this venue transports you to your own personal fairy tale. With its timeless charm and refined atmosphere, it offers an enchanting setting for couples to celebrate their love.

THE LODGE AT TORREY PINES

Location: La Jolla

Highlights: Craftsman-style architecture, golf course views, and natural beauty

Website: lodgetorrey.pines.com

Craftsman-style elegance meets scenic beauty at The Lodge at Torrey Pines in La Jolla. With golf course views and a breathtaking atmosphere, this venue offers an intimate escape for couples seeking a wedding surrounded by the tranquility of nature and the charm of timeless architecture.

THE GUILD

Location: Downtown San Diego

Highlights: Ballroom or urban garden oasis at a luxury boutique hotel

Website: theguildhotel.com

The Guild Hotel is a reimagination of the iconic, historic Armed Services Building. With its rich YMCA history in the heart of downtown San Diego, it seamlessly blends historic charm and modern amenities. High ceilings, original tile work, elegant archways, and exposed brick walls complement the Riviera-style courtyard and Grace Garden, which serves as an outdoor urban oasis suitable for romantic soirees. The Guild has a variety of uniquely restored, creative indoor and outdoor event spaces, all of which inspire visitors to uncover experiences that will last a lifetime.

KIMPTON ALMA

Location: Downtown San Diego

Highlights: Modern sophistication, rooftop venues, and stylish accommodations

Website: stayalma.com

Discover modern sophistication at Kimpton Alma in downtown. With rooftop venues providing breathtaking cityscape views, stylish accommodations, and a contemporary atmosphere, this hotel offers a vibrant backdrop for couples looking to celebrate their special day in trendy elegance.

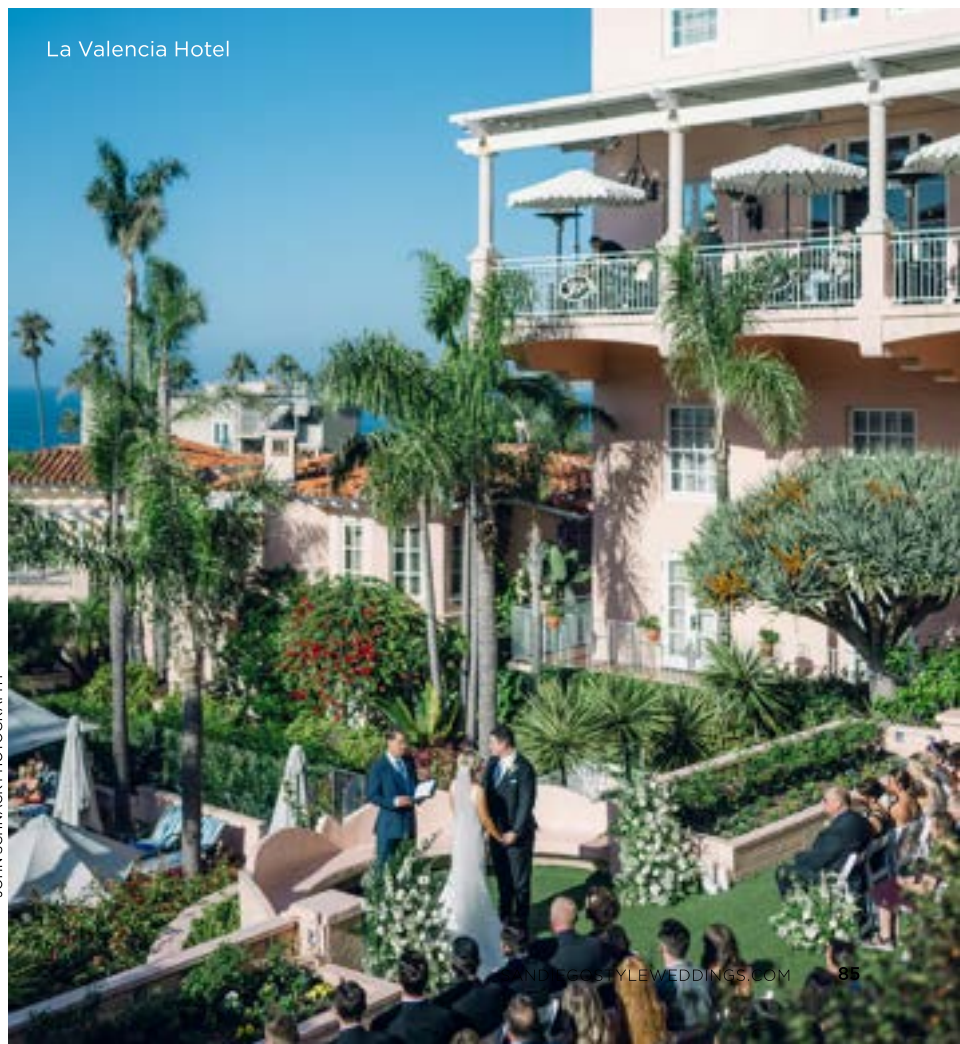
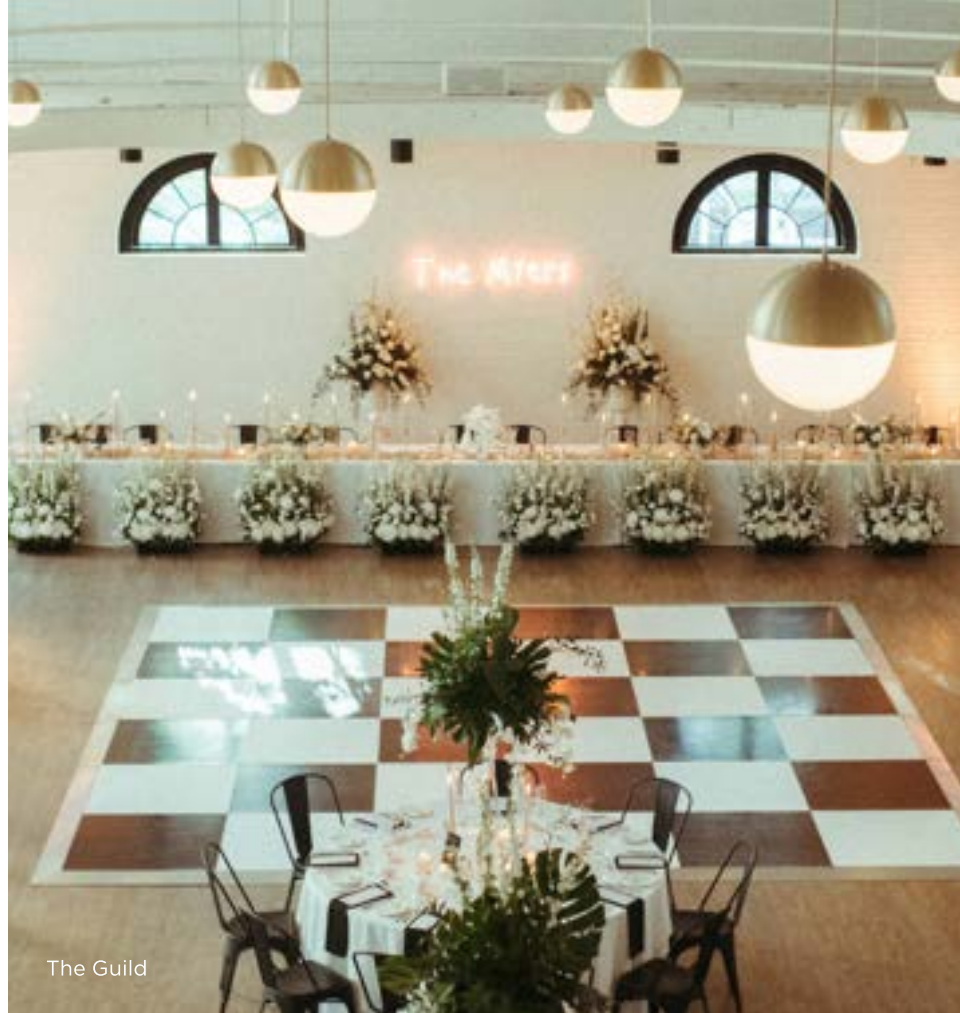
LA VALENCIA HOTEL

Location: La Jolla

Highlights: Mediterranean-style architecture, ocean views, and timeless romance

Website: lavalencia.com

Overlooking La Jolla Cove, La Valencia Hotel is a jewel of a destination, exuding Mediterranean-style charm by the sea and it's a beautiful pink. With panoramic ocean views this venue offers a captivating setting for weddings. Exchange vows in the garden or celebrate in classic ballrooms, where every moment will be infused with grandeur, glamour, coastal charm and timeless grace.



THE PEARL HOTEL

Location: Point Loma

Highlights: Retro-chic, poolside charm, and a unique, intimate atmosphere

Website: thepearlsd.com

Celebrate in retro-chic style at The Pearl Hotel in Point Loma. Its poolside charm and unique, intimate atmosphere make it a distinctive choice for weddings. Embrace the unconventional in a fun setting that blends nostalgia with contemporary flair.

MANCHESTER GRAND HYATT SAN DIEGO

Location: Downtown San Diego

Highlights: Waterfront location, cityscape views, and luxurious event spaces

Website: hyatt.com/grand-hyatt

Boasting a waterfront location in downtown San Diego, the Manchester Grand Hyatt offers luxurious event spaces with panoramic views of the city and the bay. With its upscale amenities and elegant ambiance, it provides a sophisticated setting for couples desiring a chic and memorable wedding in the city's urban center.

BAHIA RESORT HOTEL

Location: Mission Bay

Highlights: Tropical paradise, bayfront settings, and versatile event spaces

Website: bahiahotel.com

The Bahia Resort Hotel creates a tropical paradise for weddings. Enjoy bayfront settings, versatile event spaces, and a relaxed atmosphere. With lush landscapes and a serene ambiance, it's an ideal location for couples seeking island vibes San Diego style.

SHERATON SAN DIEGO HOTEL & MARINA

Location: Harbor Island

Highlights: Waterfront sophistication, marina views, and expansive spaces

Website: marriott.com/en-us/hotels/sansi-sheraton-san-diego-hotel-and-marina

On Harbor Island, Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina offers waterfront sophistication for weddings. Enjoy marina views, expansive event spaces, and modern amenities at a venue that provides a perfect blend of coastal charm and urban convenience.

KONA KAI RESORT & SPA

Location: Shelter Island

Highlights: Nautical charm, private beach, and waterfront venues

Website: resortkonakai.com

Soak up the sun and nautical style at Kona Kai Resort & Spa on Shelter Island. With a private beach, waterfront venues, and a relaxed atmosphere, this venue offers a unique setting for romantic coastal weddings infused with maritime allure and picturesque surroundings.

THE DANA ON MISSION BAY

Location: Mission Bay, San Diego

Highlights: Lush gardens or elegant indoor venues right on the waterfront

Website: thedana.com

The Dana on Mission Bay provides waterfront wedding venues with picturesque bay views. Choose from elegant ballrooms, outdoor terraces, and lush gardens to create a serene and coastal atmosphere complete with a sandy beach setting.

LOEWS CORONADO BAY RESORT

Location: Coronado Island

Highlights: Bayfront luxury, panoramic views, and diverse event spaces

Website: loewshotels.com/coronado-bay-resort

Located on Coronado Island, Loews Coronado Bay Resort offers bayfront luxury for weddings. Enjoy panoramic views, diverse event spaces, and upscale amenities. This resort provides an idyllic setting for couples seeking a blend of coastal elegance and modern sophistication for their special day.

HARD ROCK HOTEL SAN DIEGO

Location: Gaslamp Quarter

Highlights: Rock-and-roll flair, rooftop venues, and a vibrant, energetic atmosphere

Website: hardrockhotels.com/san-diego

Rock out with romance when you say "I do" at Hard Rock Hotel San Diego. Bringing rock-and-roll flair, rooftop venues, energetic atmosphere, and stylish accommodations. Choose from 40,000 square feet of event space, ranging from mural-bedecked cubbies to outdoor terraces with a bird's-eye view of downtown San Diego. It's an ideal choice for couples looking for a lively and unique celebration.

UNIQUE VENUES

Think outside the ballroom with these non-hotel venues, which offer a range of atmospheres—from natural beauty to historic charm—providing diverse options for couples seeking the perfect setting for their San Diego wedding.

SAN DIEGO ZOO SAFARI PARK

Location: Escondido

Highlights: Memorable and unconventional setting, extraordinary venues, wildlife and animal encounters

Website: weddings.sandiegozoo.org

Exchange vows with exotic wildlife as witnesses in this unique setting. The Safari Park offers a blend of adventure and natural beauty, providing an unforgettable experience for couples seeking a one-of-a-kind wedding celebration. And nothing completes one of their special events like a furry, feathered, or scaled guest of honor.

THE PRADO AT BALBOA PARK

Location: San Diego

Highlights: Spanish-inspired courtyards and elegant indoor spaces

Website: dinecrg.com/weddings-events/

Situated in the heart of Balboa Park, The Prado offers Spanish-inspired courtyards and elegant indoor spaces, ideal for couples who appreciate historical charm and are seeking a timeless setting for their wedding.

THE CROSSINGS AT CARLSBAD

Location: Carlsbad

Highlights: Stunning golf course backdrop with ceremony lawn, ballrooms, and a veranda with panoramic views

Website: thecrossingsatcarlsbad.com

Overlooking the Pacific Ocean, The Crossings at Carlsbad provides a stunning golf course backdrop for weddings. Gorgeous surroundings, impeccable service, and world class cuisine. The venue's modern clubhouse and outdoor spaces offer a contemporary and scenic setting for couples seeking an elegant coastal celebration.

VASA

Location: North Park

Highlights: Private rose garden and 5,000 sq. ft. main ballroom with exposed wood ceiling

Website: vasasandiego.com

Experience the unparalleled beauty and versatility of VASA San Diego, a premier event venue located in the heart of North Park. With over 8,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor space, our venue offers a



stunning backdrop for a wide range of events in one of San Diego's hippest neighborhoods.



DARLINGTON HOUSE

Location: La Jolla

Highlights: Mediterranean-style estate with colorful tiled patios and lush gardens

Website: darlingtonhouse.org

Located in the picturesque coastal neighborhood of La Jolla, the jewel of San Diego, Darlington House is a historic Mediterranean-style estate with stunning gardens. The venue's timeless architecture and lush surroundings create an intimate atmosphere for weddings with a touch of European charm.

GREEN GABLES WEDDING ESTATE

Location: San Marcos

Highlights: Earthy, light, airy and feathery, in the shade of a lush, landmark forest

Website: trademarkvenues.com/green-gables

Step into a fairytale setting at Green Gables Wedding Estate in San Marcos, with its Victorian architecture, ivy-covered arbors, blooming rose gardens, trickling fountains, picturesque statuary, and thousands of bright twinkling lights. A grand bridal parlor and vintage gentlemen's speakeasy, outfitted with timeless, charming accents and furnishings, provide the perfect vintage-inspired space for romantic couples dreaming of an enchanting wedding.

THE THURSDAY CLUB

Location: Point Loma

Highlights: Panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean. Indoor, outdoor and garden spaces

Website: thethursdayclub.org

Perched on Point Loma, The Thursday Club boasts panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean. This charming venue offers both indoor and outdoor spaces with a classic, coastal feel, providing an elegant setting for weddings with a touch of seaside romance.

THE HAVENS COUNTRY CLUB

Location: Vista

Highlights: 18th-century gates and Columns, gorgeous views mixed with rustic charm

Website: thehavenscc.com

Escape to the hills of Vista for a country club wedding at The Havens Country Club (formerly Vista Valley Country Club). Surrounded by rolling greens, a lake, and a grand clubhouse, this venue offers a sophisticated and scenic backdrop for couples desiring a classic and elegant celebration.

MT. WOODSON CASTLE

Location: Ramona

Highlights: Historic charm, Craftsman-style architecture, and picturesque grounds

Website: mtwoodsoncastle.com

Step into a fairytale at Mt. Woodson Castle in Ramona. With its medieval-inspired architecture and beautiful gardens, this castle provides a magical setting for weddings. Ideal for couples who dream of a romantic and storybook celebration.

MARINA VILLAGE

Location: San Diego

Highlights: Marina backdrop and multiple waterfront facilities

Website: marinavillage.net

Set on Mission Bay, Marina Village offers waterfront venues with marina views. This versatile location allows couples to choose between outdoor and indoor spaces, providing a flexible canvas to create a customized and memorable wedding.

ULTIMATE SKYBOX AT DIAMONDVIEW TOWER

Location: San Diego

Highlights: 4,500 square feet of versatile indoor/outdoor space in East Village

Website: theultimateskybox.com

For a cityscape wedding, the Ultimate Skybox offers panoramic views of downtown San Diego and Petco Park. This modern and stylish venue, located in the DiamondView Tower, provides a sophisticated and urban setting to dine, dance, and toast amid the dazzling cityscape.

BRICK

Location: Liberty Station

Highlights: Historic building, modern venue, blank slate

Website: brick.828venues.com

Located in historic Liberty Station, Brick offers an industrial-chic setting for weddings. With exposed brick walls, high ceilings, and an outdoor courtyard, this venue is perfect for couples seeking a modern and trendy, yet historic and charming, space for their celebration.

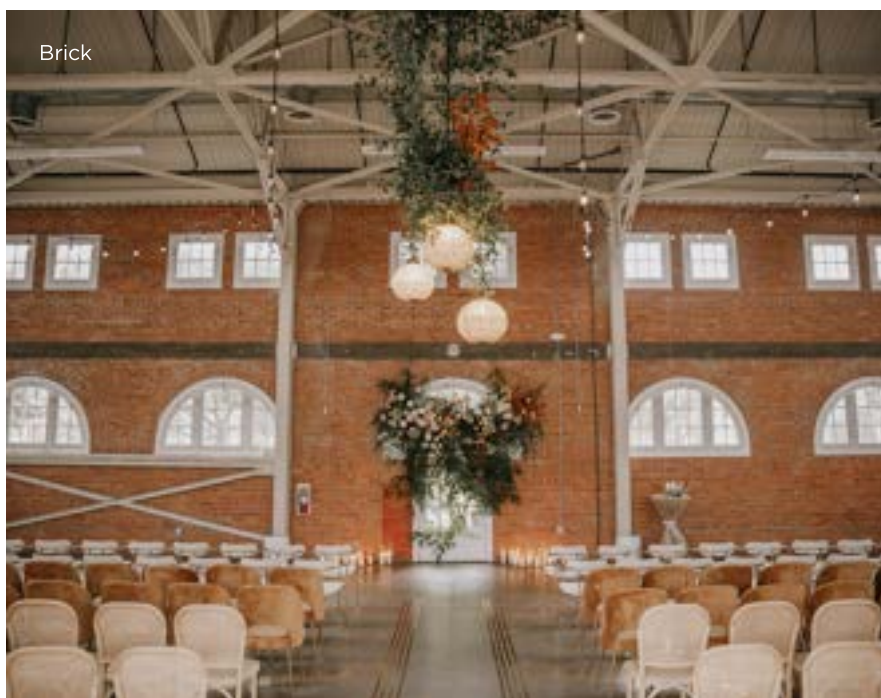
TOM HAM'S LIGHTHOUSE

Location: Harbor Island

Highlights: Three unique rooms, San Diego Bay locale with views of the Downtown skyline and Coronado Island

Website: tomhamslighthouse.com

Perched on Harbor Island, Tom Ham's Lighthouse provides panoramic



views of the city skyline and harbor. The ceremony site features a unique metal sculptural arch framing the San Diego downtown skyline. Couples can celebrate in the waterfront ballroom or on outdoor terraces, combining coastal elegance with a touch of nautical charm.

CUVIER CLUB

Location: La Jolla

Highlights: Oceanfront ceremony options, private open-air courtyard, and a modern reception hall with pitched ceilings and hardwood floors

Website: wedgewoodweddings.com/cuvierclub

Set alongside the spectacular San Diego coast, Cuvier Club by Wedgewood Weddings provides breathtaking ocean views. With its enchanting botanical scenery and immaculate ambiance, your wedding is guaranteed to be nothing short of spectacular. Plus, nestled in the heart of La Jolla, this location means easy access to incredible lodging,

HARBOR VIEW LOFT

Location: Harbor Island

Highlights: All-inclusive packages with a stunning view

Website: harborviewloft.com/

An ideal waterfront location with indoor and outdoor facilities. Views of the Harbor, Marina, Coronado Bridge, and twinkling city lights. Harbor View Loft is all about the views! It features a wraparound balcony, patio, ceremony and cocktail hour area, and panoramic windows.

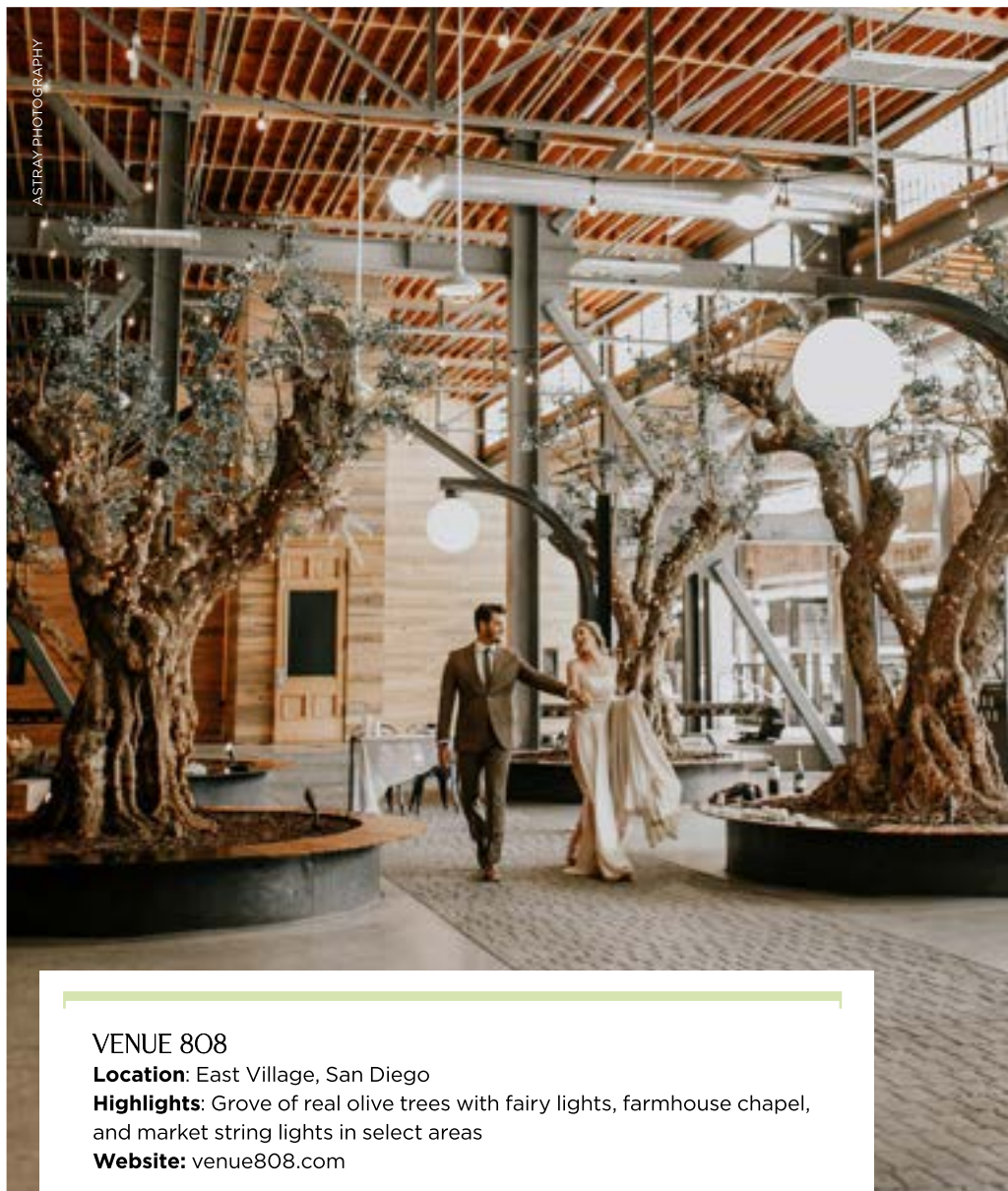
CANOPY GROVE

Location: Escondido

Highlights: Chic barn-style reception hall with soaring ceiling, exposed rafters, polished concrete floor and a retractable window wall, indoor and outdoor spaces, manicured ceremony garden, and lusciously curated landscape

Website: wedgewoodweddings.com/canopygrove

You'll love the panoramic views and tranquility at this luxury modern barn. Canopy Grove is a ranch-style wedding venue offering breathtaking views, up-to-date amenities, and the highest-quality details. With everything you need for the perfect celebration in one idyllic location.



VENUE 808

Location: East Village, San Diego

Highlights: Grove of real olive trees with fairy lights, farmhouse chapel, and market string lights in select areas

Website: venue808.com

An amazing urban event venue nestled in Downtown San Diego's East Village, Venue 808 is a setting unlike any other. Modern industrial architecture complements an elegant selection of rooms and areas to accommodate any wedding. Its 18,000 sq. ft. indoor space combined with exquisite dining options and legendary service will ensure your event is unforgettable.



LA JOLLA COVE ROOFTOP

Location: La Jolla

Highlights: Unobstructed ocean views, luxurious lounge areas with cozy fire pits

Website: wedgewoodweddings.com/lajollacoverooftop

This modern open-air rooftop combines elegant styling, a stunning oceanfront location, and the convenience of onsite hotel accommodation. Set in the heart of La Jolla Cove granting easy access to the iconic attractions.

SCRIPPS SEASIDE FORUM

Location: La Jolla

Highlights: Unparalleled waterfront location, modern facilities, and award-winning architecture

Website: scripps.ucsd.edu/about/venues/seaside-forum

Perfectly poised just steps from La Jolla Shores, Scripps Seaside Forum consists of a multi-purpose auditorium with balcony, four separate ocean view conference rooms, breakout areas,



Adams Avenue Theater

and an outdoor garden plaza to enjoy the fresh ocean air, the Scripps Seaside Forum will meet your every wedding need.

ADAMS AVENUE THEATER

Location: Normal Heights

Highlights: Historic theater with famous marquee, 6,100 square feet of open space and beautiful white interior

Website: adamsavetheater.com

Situated in bustling Normal Heights, this location offers an elegant setting which provides couples with an easy-to-transform space that allows newlyweds the ability to mark their milestone moment in a way that fits them. The historic building that has been thoughtfully refurbished with an industrial yet sophisticated vibe.

LUCE LOFT

Location: East Village, San Diego

Highlights: Historic, industrial-chic venue with high-arched barrel ceilings

Website: luceloft.com

Once a dairy warehouse, this historic building has been transformed into a stunning venue that is perfect for couples seeking an industrial-chic setting. History meets contemporary style. The main space has high-arched barrel ceilings, poured concrete walls and flooring, and ambient string lighting for an ideal celebration.



Luce Loft

FALLBROOK ESTATE

Location: Fallbrook

Highlights: Immaculately manicured lawns, gorgeous Spanish architecture, and sweeping views of the golden Southern California countryside, stunning courtyard with fountain and bistro lights, grand ceremony views

Website: wedgewoodweddings.com/fallbrookestate

Tucked away in the hills of northern San Diego County, Fallbrook Estate offers a trifecta of easy access to ocean views, city lights, and idyllic win country. Explore the venue's dramatic courtyard featuring oversized beams, a dramatic stone fountain, live palms, and remarkable views. Head down to the newly created ceremony area with a grand pergola, and mingle with your friends and family in the outdoor cocktail area or lounging bar, before heading to the beautiful grand ballroom, featuring spectacular views all augmented by decorative fixtures and fittings.



GARDENS

San Diego is home to numerous beautiful garden venues, each offering a unique and enchanting setting for weddings. Here are a few of the best garden locations.

SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Location: Encinitas

Highlights: Victorian gazebo, lush greenery, vibrant florals, and breathtaking views

Website: hsdbg.org

The garden offers secluded vistas to sprawling garden lawns, immerse yourself in nature and explore 37 acres of botanical bliss. Perfect for nature lovers, San Diego Botanic Garden has an idyllic Victorian Gazebo Lawn, historic Lawn House Garden, an intimate Waterfall Deck, and a magnificent glass-enclosed Conservatory, offering an indoor/outdoor multi-use space filled with exquisite rare and unusual plants.

JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN

Location: Balboa Park, San Diego

Highlights: Tranquil ponds, traditional Japanese landscaping, cherry blossoms, a serene and picturesque setting

Website: niwa.org



Nestled in Balboa Park, the Japanese Friendship Garden offers a serene haven with traditional Japanese landscaping and cherry blossoms. The tranquil ponds and authentic design create an idyllic backdrop for couples seeking a peaceful and culturally rich atmosphere for their wedding.

THE FLOWER FIELDS

Location: Carlsbad

Highlights: Whimsical and lively barn or garden setting with flowers in bloom

Website: theflowerfields.com

Available year-round, The Flower Fields offers three venues (Paul Ecke Jr. Barn, The Pavilion, and Mediterranean Garden) in Carlsbad. Showcasing lush greenery, a colorful array of flower gardens—including ranunculus blooms seasonally from March to May—and impressive outdoor spaces, whimsical backdrops, this vibrant, colorful venue offers a lively atmosphere perfect for couples seeking a burst of springtime charm for their wedding.

LEO CARRILLO RANCH HISTORIC PARK

Location: Carlsbad

Highlights: Outdoor rustic country charm with gorgeous agave plants, bougainvillea, Birds of Paradise, an abundance of trees, numerous varieties of colorful flowers, and brilliant peacocks

Website: leocarrilloranchweddings.com

Located in Carlsbad, Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park boasts gardens with native and non-native plants, along with stunning peacocks roaming the grounds. The venue's vintage charm and whimsical atmosphere make it a unique and captivating setting for outdoor weddings.

WINERIES

Three cheers to the rich allure of the San Diego region's abundant vineyards! The area's temperate climate makes winery weddings a wonderful choice for couples looking to exchange vows amidst lush grapevines, enjoy world-class wines, and create timeless memories in a picturesque setting that perfectly captures the essence of romance and celebration.

EUROPA VILLAGE

Location: Temecula

Highlights: Three locations inspired by the landscapes and architecture of Spain, Italy and France.

Website: europavillage.com

Experience the charm and romance of Temecula's wine country at Europa Village. Select your dream wedding venue in Spain, France or Italy! With breathtaking views, award-winning wines, and impeccable service, it's the perfect venue for your dream wedding celebration. On-site accommodations are available for your convenience.

PONTE WINERY

Location: Temecula

Highlights: Ceremony sites steps away from the vines, award-winning hotel accommodations, and onsite catering

Website: pontewinery.com

Ponte Winery offers a rustic yet elegant winery wedding experience. With vineyard views, a charming ceremony site, and versatile reception spaces like the Barrel Room and Vineyard Pavilion, couples can enjoy award-winning wines and create timeless memories in Temecula's famous wine country.

ORFILA VINEYARDS & WINERY

Location: Escondido

Highlights: Mediterranean setting with vintage wine barrels, sprawling vines, and stunning mountain views

Website: orfila.com

Orfila Vineyards & Winery, located in San Diego County, provides a serene and Mediterranean-style setting. Couples can take photos and exchange vows in the vineyard, enjoy a cocktail hour on the patio, and celebrate in the picturesque courtyard, under a twinkle-lit tent, or in the barrel room, creating an elegant, intimate, and unforgettable winery wedding.

BERNARDO WINERY

Location: Rancho Bernardo

Highlights: Rustic setting with vineyards and gardens

Website: bernardowinery.com

Nestled in Rancho Bernardo, Bernardo Winery offers a historic and rustic setting with vineyards and gardens. Couples can exchange vows under the olive trees and celebrate in the Barrel Room or charming outdoor spaces, creating a romantic winery wedding in San Diego's picturesque inland North County.

MOUNT PALOMAR WINERY

Location: Temecula

Highlights: Italian-inspired terraces and breathtaking hilltop views

Website: mountpalomarwinery.com

Set upon the hills of Temecula, Mount Palomar Winery offers a romantic and Tuscan-inspired backdrop for weddings. Couples can choose from multiple ceremony and reception sites, including the Barrel Room and Vineyard Garden, creating a timeless and enchanting winery celebration.

SOUTH COAST WINERY RESORT & SPA

Location: Temecula

Highlights: Gardened landscapes, acres of rolling vineyards, and the luxury of a world-class resort

Website: southcoastwinery.com

South Coast Winery Resort & Spa treats guests to views of the vineyards while celebrating under the Temecula sun in a Tuscan-inspired atmosphere. Complemented by Southern California's quintessentially ideal weather, the property boasts over 30,000 square feet of flexible space, suitable for every stage of a wedding—from the rehearsal dinner all the way to the reception.

MILAGRO FARM VINEYARDS & WINERY

Location: Ramona

Highlights: Enchanting vineyards, beautiful patio, ceremony lawn with an oak tree and exquisite barrel room

Website: milagrowinery.com

Milagro Farm Vineyards & Winery, located in the rural beauty of Ramona in northeastern San Diego County, offers a rustic yet elegant winery wedding experience. Couples can



South Coast Winery Resort & Spa

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celebrate amidst the vineyards, oak trees, and gardens, creating a serene and romantic atmosphere for their special day.

CALLAWAY VINEYARD & WINERY

Location: Temecula

Highlights: Rolling hills, lawns, open air decks, and sprawling vineyards

Website: callawaywinery.com

Callaway Vineyard & Winery provides a scenic backdrop with lush vineyards and a Mediterranean-style courtyard. Couples can choose from various ceremony and reception sites, including the Barrel Room and Meritage Restaurant, creating a refined and picturesque winery wedding experience.

BEL VINO WINERY

Location: Temecula

Highlights: Boutique winery for a country wedding with elegant design and charming rustic touches

Website: wedgewoodweddings.com/belvinowinery

Nestled in the heart of Temecula Wine Country, Bel Vino Winery offers a

beautiful outdoor wedding ceremony site and an alfresco reception area. Experience the romantic bistro lighting, red paved courtyard, dance floor, and elevated stage. Couples can exchange vows in the garden gazebo, followed by a reception in the Barrel Room or the picturesque outdoor venues.

LORIMAR WINERY

Location: Temecula

Highlights: Rustic surroundings with vines and bistro lighting

Website: lorimarwinery.com

Lorimar Winery offers a wine country escape with vineyard views and a touch of rustic charm. Couples can say "I do" on the Vineyard Lawn and celebrate in the Barrel Room or the Vineyard Pavilion, surrounded by the beauty of the renowned Temecula Wine Country. As an added bonus, The Lorimar Coach House is a rustic private estate featuring a large house (accommodating up to 9 guests) with a wraparound balcony overlooking Lorimar Winery's vineyards, garden pond, and the Oak Room, the location's indoor event venue.

MUSEUMS

With more than 80 museums in San Diego County, there's a unique cultural option for couples with all interests. Surrounded by art, history, or science exhibits, couples can exchange vows in captivating settings, creating a distinctive and memorable celebration amid the city's vibrant and sophisticated cultural landscape.

SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART

Location: Balboa Park

Highlights: Elegant indoor spaces and an outdoor sculpture garden surrounded by artistic masterpieces

Website: sdmart.org

Immerse your wedding celebration in cultural opulence at the San Diego Museum of Art. With exquisite indoor spaces and a sculpture garden centrally located in the city's iconic Balboa Park, couples can exchange vows surrounded by timeless masterpieces, creating an artful and sophisticated celebration.

USS MIDWAY MUSEUM

Location: Downtown San Diego

Highlights: Bayfront location with unique indoor and outdoor spaces

Website: midway.org

Downtown San Diego's USS Midway Museum is a maritime marvel. The historic aircraft carrier's deck provides a unique and patriotic atmosphere with stunning bay views and the city skyline as your backdrop.

THE SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Location: Balboa Park, San Diego

Highlights: Indoor and outdoor event spaces surrounded by exhibits on natural history

Website: sdnat.org

Located in Balboa Park, The San Diego Museum of Natural History offers a uniquely stimulating setting for weddings featuring stunning architecture inside and out. Surrounded by exhibits showcasing the wonders of

the natural world, the venue creates a fascinating and educational backdrop for your celebration.

THE NEW CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Location: Downtown San Diego

Highlights: Colorful and interactive exhibits with vibrant and modern spaces

Website: thinkplaycreate.org

The New Children's Museum transforms into a whimsical playground for weddings. Located in Downtown San Diego, the 50,000-sq. ft. architecturally renowned urban venue utilizes one, two, or three of its spacious levels for events. Ideal for couples with a playful spirit, the vibrant and interactive exhibits offer a colorful and artistic backdrop for a joyful and unconventional celebration.

MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS (MOPA)

Location: Balboa Park, San Diego

Highlights: Minimalist style with dramatic 24-ft. ceilings, skylights, porcelain travertine flooring, and first-class photography exhibitions

Website: mopa.org

Nestled in Balboa Park, MOPA combines artistic vision and contemporary design. Its modern architecture, coupled with innovative photography exhibits, provides a visually stunning and culturally rich backdrop for couples seeking a creative and modern wedding.

MINGEI INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM

Location: Balboa Park, San Diego

Highlights: Balconies overlooking Balboa Park, an intimate courtyard, a wide variety of environments to curate a unique experience.

Website: mingei.org

Mingei International Museum's newly transformed, award-winning building celebrates the artistry of folk and traditional crafts. Accessible from the Plaza de Panama and Alcazar Garden, it has upper-level terraces overlooking Balboa Park's historic Plaza de Panama, new commons level and adjoining courtyard for large parties. Its eclectic exhibits and vibrant ambiance create a culturally rich and unique setting for couples seeking a wedding surrounded by global creativity and artistic expression.

SHE WANDERS



San Diego Museum of Art



SHE WANDERS



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MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART SAN DIEGO (MCASD)

Location: La Jolla and Downtown

Highlights: A contemporary art, modern space, and oceanfront setting

Website: mcasd.org

With locations in La Jolla and Downtown, MCASD brings contemporary chic to wedding venues. Modern galleries and oceanfront settings offer couples a sophisticated and trendy atmosphere for art lovers seeking an innovative and stylish celebration.

OCEANSIDE MUSEUM OF ART

Location: Oceanside

Highlights: Modern contemporary setting surrounded by art

Website: oma-online.org

The Oceanside Museum of Art offers a coastal setting with a focus on modern and contemporary art. Couples can enjoy the blend of cultural sophistication and oceanfront charm for a unique and stylish celebration.

FLEET SCIENCE CENTER

Location: Balboa Park, San Diego

Highlights: Gallery photo opportunities, a majestic outdoor fountain, engaging science exhibits

Website: fleetscience.org

Balboa Park's Fleet Science Center offers a dynamic and interactive setting for science-inspired weddings. Engaging exhibits and a planetarium create a modern and innovative backdrop for couples seeking a celebration with a touch of cosmic inspiration.

CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ESCONDIDO

Location: Escondido

Highlights: 12 acres of beautiful land two enchanting courtyards, the Great Green, concert hall, theater, and distinctive museum space and several glamorous ballroom areas

Website: artcenter.org

California Center for the Arts, Escondido is a unique wedding venue with modern dramatic architecture,

a peaceful ambiance, and a variety of beautiful spaces for weddings and events. Their diverse, multifaceted, and alluring spaces is a perfect place to host a wedding and with exceptional services and professional staff, this venue is sure to give you everything you need to have your dream wedding experience.

BIRCH AQUARIUM

Location: La Jolla

Highlights: Gorgeous views of the water beyond plus featured exhibits and 60 diverse marine habitats

Website: aquarium.ucsd.edu

On a Californian bluff, Birch Aquarium is home to different types of exhibits with various species. Couples may choose to tie the knot by the fishes in the Giant Kelp Forest or have a grand celebration with up to 500 guests under the open air within the Tide Pool Plaza. Other event locations include the entrance courtyard, accommodating 300 people, and the Galleria, suiting up to 400 guests.

PALM SPRINGS

The Palm Springs area combines stunning scenery, favorable weather, luxurious venues, cultural attractions, accessibility, and recreational opportunities to make it a truly exceptional location for couples seeking to celebrate their love in a desert dreamscape.

THE PARKER PALM SPRINGS

Location: Palm Springs

Highlights: Unique standalone villas and resort buyouts plus soaring palm and citrus trees and beautiful gardens, blending whimsical design with timeless sophistication

Website: parkerpalmssprings.com

A lush oasis with picturesque gardens and vibrant décor, The Parker offers unique highlights that include its iconic lemonade stand, secluded fire pits, and a glamorous ballroom for receptions. Perfect for couples seeking a whimsical, yet sophisticated ambiance for their special day.

COLONY 29

Location: Palm Springs

Highlights: Tranquil location, iconic architecture and panoramic views, offset by beautiful botanicals.

Website: palmspringseventhomes.com/colony29hidden

Nestled against the backdrop of the San Jacinto Mountains, Colony 29 offers a blend of rustic charm and modern elegance. Its sprawling estate with six free-standing homes features lush gardens, romantic courtyards, and stunning panoramic views, ideal for couples envisioning a romantic outdoor celebration.

THE RITZ-CARLTON RANCHO MIRAGE

Location: Rancho Mirage

Highlights: Outdoor ceremonies held against a sweeping desert backdrop or in an elegant ballroom

Website: ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/pspps-the-ritz-carlton-rancho-mirage

Perched atop a bluff overlooking the Coachella Valley, The Ritz-Carlton Rancho Mirage exudes luxury and sophistication. With its elegant indoor ballrooms and picturesque outdoor terraces, couples can enjoy breathtaking vistas and impeccable service, creating unforgettable memories for their wedding day.

LA QUINTA RESORT & CLUB, CURIO COLLECTION BY HILTON

Location: La Quinta

Highlights: Spanish details with spectacular mountain views for a wedding under the stars

Website: laquintaresort.com

At La Quinta Resort & Club, your wedding dreams come to life amidst a stunning array of venues. Whether you envision a ceremony by an enchanting waterfall, an intimate reception in one of the elegant ballrooms, or a grand banquet under the stars, the unique layout offers the perfect setting for your special day. With 45 acres of meticulously landscaped lawns boasting panoramic views of the Santa Rosa Mountains, as well as secluded courtyards and historic guesthouses, every corner of the resort exudes romance and charm.

KORAKIA PENSIONE

Location: Palm Springs

Highlights: Historic, petite Moroccan-inspired retreat consisting of bungalows, guesthouses, gardens and pools for intimate weddings with stunning views

Website: korakia.com

Transporting guests to a Mediterranean paradise, Korakia Pensione is a hidden gem offering intimate courtyards, lush gardens, and Moroccan-inspired architecture. With its serene ambiance and bohemian charm, it's the perfect venue for couples seeking a romantic and relaxed atmosphere that evokes an international vibe.

THE LIVING DESERT ZOO AND GARDENS

Location: Palm Desert

Highlights: Six breathtaking wedding ceremony sites and seven exceptional wedding reception venues

Website: livingdesert.org

For couples looking for a truly unique and unforgettable wedding venue, the zoo offers a one-of-a-kind experience. Exchange vows surrounded by exotic wildlife and lush botanical gardens, creating an exotic and unforgettable celebration amidst the quintessentially Southern California desert landscape. 🌵



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In March the San Diego chapter gathered at the beautiful remodeled Inn at Rancho Santa Fe. Director Merilee Hennings of Ever After Events coordinated a three-course brunch and a workshop. In an elegant dining room filled with stunning florals by Jennifer Coles, they ate, drank, laughed, learned and enjoyed the extra-special touch of live watercolor painting by Karla. 🎨



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Before the "I Do's"

12 Month Countdown Checklist

12+ MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- ☐ Celebrate with your loved ones—you're engaged!
- ☐ Choose a wedding date (or have a couple of options, depending on your venue availability)
- ☐ Talk about the budget and decide who's contributing.
- ☐ Be inspired! Follow us on Instagram for local inspiration.
- ☐ Start pinning! Find endless wedding inspiration on Pinterest. Share your with board any close friends and family who you want on your planning team.
- ☐ Choose the style/theme/color palette of the wedding.
- ☐ Pick (and ask!) your wedding party.
- ☐ Schedule engagement photos.
- ☐ Start compiling the guest list.
- ☐ Research venues for the ceremony and reception.
- ☐ Research vendors – Wedding Planners, Caterers, musicians, photographers, videographers, etc.
- ☐ Research wedding dress styles and plan a shopping trip!

10-12 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- ☐ Create a wedding website
– Wedding Wire and Zola are options.
- ☐ Book your wedding venues—both ceremony and reception, if they're at different locations.
- ☐ Book officiant.
- ☐ Research wedding invitation designs.
- ☐ Book desired vendors.
- ☐ Research wedding florists.
- ☐ Purchase wedding dress and veil.

8-10 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- ☐ Finalize the wedding guest list.
- ☐ Mail save-the-dates.
- ☐ Research hotels near your venue and reserve a block of rooms for out-of-town guests.
- ☐ Choose bridesmaid attire and accessories.
- ☐ Register for gifts. Usually, your wedding website will offer a place to create a wedding registry as well!
- ☐ Book a florist.

6-8 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- ☐ Decide on a wedding cake style and flavor (Tastings time!)
- ☐ Research wedding favors
- ☐ Research hair and makeup styles for your wedding day and book your stylist. (Consider booking a trial run as well if you are wanting an intricate hair-do.)
- ☐ Meet with your officiant and start planning the ceremony.
- ☐ Start planning your honeymoon!
- ☐ Choose groom and groomsmen attire.
- ☐ Book day-of transportation for the wedding party.
- ☐ Purchase wedding bands.
- ☐ Book rehearsal dinner venue.

4-6 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- ☐ Order your wedding invitations.
- ☐ Order a wedding cake—or cakes! We love the traditional cake alongside a funky groom's cake.
- ☐ Book lodging for your wedding night.
- ☐ Book honeymoon travel and lodging.
- ☐ Finalize bouquets and floral arrangements with your florist.
- ☐ Plan wedding welcome bags for out-of-town guests with unique local items they'll enjoy.
- ☐ Schedule dress fittings with your seamstress, most gowns need alterations.
- ☐ Put together a playlist (including a do-not-play list!) for your DJ or band.
- ☐ Order personalized wedding favors!

3 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- ☐ Finalize the timeline for your ceremony and reception.
- ☐ Purchase wedding décor and accessories. (Such as table numbers, place cards, the ring bearer pillow, flower basket, etc.)
- ☐ Order gifts for the bridal party, parents and each other.
- ☐ Finalize the reception menu with your caterer.
- ☐ Order menu cards.
- ☐ Order rehearsal dinner invitations.

2 MONTHS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- ☐ Mail invitations.
- ☐ Develop a system for organizing RSVPs.
- ☐ Begin writing your vows.
- ☐ Review ceremony details with the officiant.
- ☐ Decide on content for wedding programs.
- ☐ Apply for a marriage license.
- ☐ Finalize day-of timeline.
- ☐ Finalize seating arrangements.
- ☐ Finalize playlists with musicians
- ☐ Finalize fittings and attire for the wedding party and your parents.
- ☐ Create a day-of schedule the distribute to vendors.
- ☐ Decide how to integrate "Something Old, New, Borrowed and Blue."
- ☐ Book beauty treatment for the bridal party.
- ☐ Order personalized cocktail napkins, cups and stir sticks.

1 MONTH BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- ☐ Final dress fitting.
- ☐ Pick up your wedding bands
- ☐ Confirm honeymoon reservations and pack for paradise!
- ☐ Check in with vendors to confirm the date, times and location. Provide them with the day-of vendor schedule.
- ☐ Pick up your marriage license.
- ☐ Order thank you notes.
- ☐ Delegate wedding day set-up and clean-up duties. (Gift table, guestbook, tux returns, any other rental return, etc.)
- ☐ Start breaking in your wedding shoes!

1-2 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- ☐ Follow up with any guests who haven't RSVP'd.
- ☐ Give the final headcount to your caterer.
- ☐ Make arrangements for and needed pet care during your wedding day and honeymoon.
- ☐ Make sure the band or DJ has your playlists.
- ☐ Get a final haircut and color.
- ☐ Have final payments and cash tips ready for all vendors.
- ☐ Provide any readers with the necessary scripts.
- ☐ Deliver a must-have image list to your photographer and videographer.


THE DAY BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- ☐ Make sure everything is laid out and packed for the big day. (Your gown, shoes, the rings and marriage license.)
- ☐ Deliver wedding welcome bags to the hotel.
- ☐ Get a mani/pedi.
- ☐ Attend the wedding rehearsal.
- ☐ Enjoy your rehearsal dinner!
- ☐ Get your beauty sleep—don't stay up too late!

ON YOUR WEDDING DAY

- ☐ Eat a healthy, hearty breakfast.
- ☐ Give the Best Man your wedding rings and officiant fee.
- ☐ Take a deep breath! Relax and enjoy the day you've spent so much time planning.

AFTER THE WEDDING

- ☐ Enjoy your honeymoon!
- ☐ Send thank you notes to guests and particularly helpful vendors.
- ☐ Live happily ever after and enjoy your marriage! 

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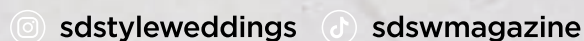
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