

14 Ideas to Help You Find Your Ideal Wedding Venue

1. Shortlist your favorite season
2. Decide your budget range
 - This should include venue, food, ceremony, entertainment, decor, licenses, etc.
3. Shortlist your favorite venues
 - Complete a web search for nearby venues that match your vision
 - Ask friends and family for recommendations
 - Read on-line reviews
4. Schedule your venue tours
 - Give yourself at least an hour to tour each venue with your fiance
 - Be ready to walk around the whole venue
 - Share your preferred season and ballpark budget
 - Take lots of pictures and ask plenty of questions
5. Find out the capacity for each room
 - Then ask how they will arrange each room for you particular guest count
6. Ask about wet-weather contingencies if you want part of your event to be outside
7. Find out the cancellation policy
 - Is there a cool-off period after you sign the contract?
8. Discuss which amenities are included
 - Ask about catering and look at their event menus
 - Ask about parking
 - Check if parking costs extra, if valet is available, and how far parking is from your ceremony and reception spaces
 - Make sure the bathrooms are satisfactory
 - Is there a separate restroom in the get-ready suite?
9. Ask who will be your point of contact during the event
10. Ask if they offer any discounts
11. Ask for the FINAL price
12. Talk one-on-one with your fiance to make sure you both feel good about your decision
13. Book your venue!
14. Write a review to tell the world where you're getting married