

# VENUE SELECTION

There are so many choices, how do you choose? Begin by selecting a location that accommodates your number of guests, your style, your wedding date, and your budget. Decide if you want your wedding hosted in one place from the rehearsal dinner to the gift opening, or if you want several locations. You may want to choose a place special to you and your fiancé. Think about the experience you want for you and your guests. Take a drive between the ceremony location and the possible reception sites. Consider your guests' drive between these locations, and the hotels you are reserving for out-of-town guests. Keep an open mind when choosing your venue, you can transform almost any place with the right décor. Most venues have a professional coordinator or event planner dedicated to helping you plan your special day. Ask them for a list of all the services that they have available to you and for their price list. If you need additional services, ask if they have a list of preferred vendors that they recommend. Most venues have established relationships with the wedding professionals they work with on a regular basis. There are so many choices, how do you choose? Consider the following ideas:

## HOTELS WITH GRAND BANQUET ROOMS

Hotels with grand banquet rooms are a popular venue for weddings because of their convenience and all of their wonderful amenities they have to offer to keep your wedding day stress free! You could have your rehearsal dinner, ceremony, reception, and morning-after brunch all in the same hotel if you desire. Your guests, both in and out-of-town, could stay at one location without having to worry about driving after a late night of celebrating.

## COUNTRY CLUBS

Country clubs are venues that offer stunning natural settings for outdoor ceremonies, followed by breathtaking views at the reception. Imagine the outdoor pictures you can capture on your wedding day without having to leave for a park! Afterward, the party can move inside into an elegant banquet room set up for dinner and the celebration.

## BANQUET HALLS

Consider banquet halls. They can offer an elegant celebration for you and your guests with a beautiful facility, full service catering and bars, friendly staff, ample seating, and outdoor areas for your complete satisfaction.

## COLLEGE CAMPUSES, MUSEUMS, AND HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Other popular venues are college campuses, museums and historic buildings. The character, charm, views, history, and ageless beauty of these venues will WOW your guests and leave them with plenty to look at and talk about!

## COMMUNITY CENTERS, FAIRGROUNDS, & LOCAL PAVILIONS

Community centers, fairgrounds and local pavilions can offer spectacular scenery and space without breaking the bank! These locations can welcome your guests with their small town charm and relaxed atmosphere.

## BARNS AND RUSTIC BUILDINGS

Barns and rustic buildings automatically set the theme if you are looking for some rustic country charm on your wedding day. Impress your guests by saying your nuptials on the sweeping beauty of the country landscape with the fresh smell of the outdoors! The inspiration will continue as guests celebrate the evening in the beauty of an old building or barn.

## LOCAL BAR RESTAURANTS

If you are looking for a more casual reception, then check out your local bar restaurants. The name says it all, they are your bar and restaurant all-in-one making planning easy and convenient for you. Ask about music, some bar restaurants hire weekend DJ's that your guests will enjoy too!