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on Location

the most romantic wedding venues—ever!

Whether you're marrying in Michigan or Maui, searching for a fairy-tale castle or a soaring city loft, we've compiled a list of the dreamiest spots in the country to say "I do"

A sunset ceremony on the Valencia Lawn at Arizona's Montelucia Resort & Spa.



On Location

THE WEST

A seaside retreat, secret gardens, and even a tree house (!)—possibilities abound this side of the Rockies

HAIKU MILL

Maui, Hawaii

Owner Sylvia Hamilton Kerr has transformed this former sugar mill built in 1857 into a wildly romantic wedding venue with a *Secret Garden* feel to it. Get dressed with your bridesmaids in the white-on-white Shabby Chic cottage, then say your vows in the vine-draped gardens and rock out under the glass-covered pavilion; haikumill.com.



A glass pavilion means you can skip the rain plan!



ST. REGIS MONARCH BEACH

Dana Point, Calif.

If a dressy oceanfront wedding is your dream, this stunning Tuscan-style resort—with its awe-inspiring views and sweeping marble staircases—is for you. The Grand Lawn is ideal for outdoor vows, while indoor spaces range from the intimate Club 19 to the palatial Pacific Ballroom—complete with coffered ceilings, bronze chandeliers, and enough room to party with 800 of your nearest and dearest; stregismb.com.

MARVIMON

Los Angeles

This historic downtown loft space has become a favorite among SoCal's hip urbanites. Exchange vows in front of a 20-foot wall of succulents in the garden courtyard, then mingle beneath the twinkly lights strung overhead (they come with the venue) before heading inside to dine amid exposed brick and wooden beams; marvimon.com.

MONTELUCIA RESORT & SPA

Scottsdale, Ariz.

With its jaw-dropping views of Camelback Mountain and its Andalusian-luxe sensibility, this resort is the ultimate desert splurge. Luxuriate with your girls in the Moroccan spa, then tie the knot on the Valencia Lawn (amazing at sunset) or beneath the 18-foot cathedral ceilings in Castillo Lucena; montelucia.com.



DUNTON HOT SPRINGS

Dolores, Colo.

A heady mix of rustic charm and serious luxury, this former ghost town in the San Juan Mountains has emerged as one of America's finest small resorts. It's also the perfect place for a cowgirl-chic wedding: Think log cabins, an open-air chapel, and a down-home dance-hall reception; duntonhotsprings.com.

On Location



MIDDLETON PLACE

Charleston, S.C.

Southern belles dreaming of a *Gone with the Wind*-style wedding amid live oaks draped with Spanish moss need look no further than this legendary 65-acre property on the Ashley River. While you'll have your pick of 11 different wedding sites, we suggest a ceremony on the grass terraces overlooking the Butterfly Lakes (left), followed by dinner in the elegant Main Pavilion; middletonplace.org.



THE SOUTH

*Looking for a historic chapel? Or maybe a lush plantation?
Time to head south of the Mason-Dixon Line*

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BARR MANSION

Austin, Tex.

This beautifully restored Victorian mansion—complete with gingerbread trimmings—is the perfect setting for a country-chic wedding. The house makes a stunning backdrop for outdoor ceremonies, while the sleek barn-meets-ballroom, with its soaring 40-foot glass wall and views of the blooming gardens, provides a modern counterpoint for dancing; barrmansion.com.



THE CLOISTER

Sea Island, Ga.

With its avenues of ancient oaks, windswept beach, and magical chapel, The Cloister is one of the most coveted wedding sites in the South. The wood-paneled lodge is ideal for intimate weddings. Going big? Book the main ballroom, with its grand moldings and gleaming chandeliers. The in-house event team, florists, and caterers will make sure your big day is perfection; seaisland.com.

GEORGE PEABODY LIBRARY

Baltimore

A library may not be an obvious party site, but this stunning cathedral of books will change your mind. Weddings take place in the Stack Room amid six stories of rare tomes and gold columns that soar to a skylight 61 feet above; peabodyevents.library.jhu.edu.

RACE & RELIGIOUS

New Orleans

Comprised of two 1830s homes (a Creole cottage and a Greek Revival home), this eclectic space is ideal for artsy couples. Think fountains and courtyards lit by gas lamps—plus brick fireplaces and boho-fantastic antiques; raceandreligious.com.