

Unique locations to tie the knot

Couples must make a multitude of decisions when planning a wedding. One of the more significant decisions concerns where to tie the knot.

The decision of where to get married was once a given. Indeed, the majority of weddings used to be held in houses of worship. A 2020 report in the Church Times estimated that 85 percent of all weddings in the early twentieth century were religious ceremonies. Many faiths require those seeking a religious wedding to get married in a house of worship, so one can reasonably conclude that a significant percentage of married couples in the early twentieth century said "I do" within a house of worship. The Church Times report indicated that percentage dipped to

49 percent by the late 1970s, and a recent report from The Knot indicates that 16 percent of couples who wed in 2023 did so in a religious institution or house of worship.

Many couples still prefer to get married in a house of worship, but those with no such preference can consider a wide range of venues when trying to decide where to tie the knot.

- **Rustic setting:** The popularity of the rustic aesthetic boomed in home interior design in the early decades of the twenty-first century, and that appeal also seems to have affected couples deciding where to get married. The Knot reports that more couples tied the knot in barn wedding venues (17 percent) than

houses of worship in 2023, making these charming and often scenic venues worthy of consideration.

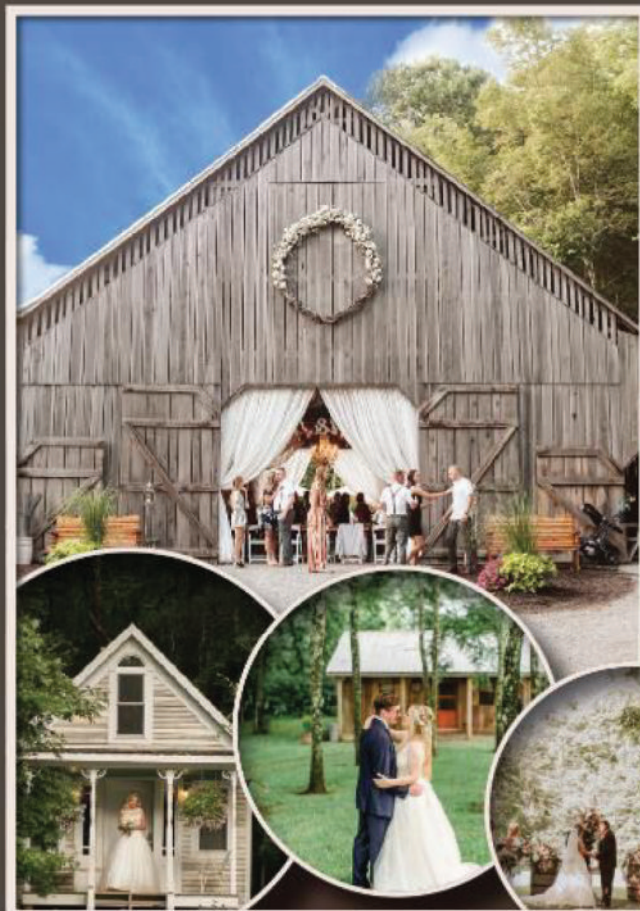
- **Historic locales:** History buffs may feel there's no greater place to say "I do" than a location that calls to mind bygone eras and notable events. Estates dating back centuries that feature expansive and awe-inspiring landscapes or mansions built during the Gilded Age can make for unique settings to tie the knot and celebrate into the wee hours.

- **Oceanfront venues:** Perhaps no backdrop makes for more awe-inspiring wedding photos than the ocean. Beautiful photos, not to mention pleasant temperatures and laid back vibes, undoubtedly contribute to the appeal of oceanfront weddings.

Couples considering oceanfront venues may be surprised to learn that just 5 percent of weddings took place on the sand in 2023, which could make it easier than some think to book these idyllic locales.

- **Botanical gardens:** Floral arrangements feature prominently in many weddings, but what about saying "I do" in a venue where nature serves as your florist? Botanical gardens offer numerous spots for stunning photographs, and a formal garden can make for an impressive backdrop for the wedding ceremony.

There's no shortage of stunning locations for couples to tie the knot. Before choosing where to say "I do," couples can explore a wide range of prospective venues.



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