

Ask the Experts

Great tips from the best wedding industry experts in and around the city.

SPRING HOUSE HOTEL

PRICE: Starting at \$75 per person

HEAD COUNT: Up to 300 standing

The Spring House, Block Island's largest and oldest hotel, brims with blueblood lore—the seaside estate hosted Ted Kennedy Jr.'s 1993 nuptials on its lawn. The two Victorian houses boast wraparound verandas, gorgeous rooms, and mansard roofs. 52 Spring St., Block Island, RI, 401-466-5844, springhousehotel.com.

VERMONT

CASTLE HILL RESORT AND SPA

PRICE: Starting at \$70 per person

HEAD COUNT: Up to 250

Originally built by a Vermont governor, this resort lies in the heart of the Green Mountains. The stone building and its environs provide plenty of photo opportunities, while an Aveda spa offers brides the perfect place to primp. Ceremonies take place in the hotel's library or in the flower garden, and when you book a wedding, you'll be the only bride around. 171 Castle Hill Dr., Proctorsville, VT, 802-226-7361, castlehillresortvt.com.

THE ESSEX RESORT & SPA

PRICE: Starting at \$2,500

HEAD COUNT: Up to 250

This 18-acre Vermont inn and resort's mountain setting brings new meaning to the phrase "green wedding." Ceremonies take place on the east lawn in front of a gazebo surrounded by colorful flowers, and dinner is served in the Atrium, a glass-enclosed room that overlooks the gardens. 70 Essex Way, Essex, VT, 802-878-1100, essexresortspa.com.

GRAND SUMMIT HOTEL AT MOUNT SNOW RESORT

PRICE: Starting at \$45 per person

HEAD COUNT: Up to 500

From slopeside ceremonies to indoor receptions, the Grand Summit Hotel at Mount Snow offers choices for adventurous ski bunnies and traditionalists alike. Nestled within the Green Mountain National Forest, the resort boasts a gorgeous snow-white landscape in the winter and pristine mountain views year round. It also offers pre-vow activities like golf outings and spa packages. 89 Grand Summit Way, West Dover, VT, 802-464-1100, mountsnow.com.

THE KEDRON VALLEY INN

PRICE: Upon request

HEAD COUNT: Up to 75

One of Vermont's oldest inns, Kedron Valley has welcomed visitors for nearly 200 years. The lawn area offers ample space for revelers to spread out and mingle. 4778 South Rd. (Rte. 106), South Woodstock, VT, 800-836-1193, kedronvalleyinn.com.

PHINEAS SWANN BED & BREAKFAST

PRICE: Starting at \$5,995 (all-inclusive)

HEAD COUNT: Up to 125 seated

With only one wedding per weekend, packages at this boutique bed-and-breakfast can be purchased for intimate elopements or all-inclusive celebrations with your friends and family. Ceremony locations include an on-site garden or the banks of the scenic Trout River, each furnished with rustic farm benches and a white birch trellis. Dinner is served in a reception tent on the grounds. 195 Main St., Montgomery Center, VT, 802-326-4306, phineasswann.com.

ROUND BARN FARM

PRICE: Starting at \$150 per person

HEAD COUNT: Up to 200

Nestled in the picturesque Mad River Valley, this more than 100-year-old former dairy barn will wow guests with its vaulted ceiling, wrought-iron chandeliers, and lush grounds, which include five ponds and extensive gardens. Adding to its rustic charm is a focus on farm-to-table New American cuisine incorporating organic produce grown right on the property. 1661 E. Warren Rd., Waitsfield, VT, 802-496-2276, theroundbarn.com.

STOWE MOUNTAIN LODGE

PRICE: Upon request

HEAD COUNT: Up to 300



Dan Aguirre Photography

Be Present During the Planning

While it is easy to want to dive into the planning and make decisions quickly, it is important to take your time finding the right vendors for your special day. Be present in each moment and enjoy every step of the process!

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boston.regency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/weddings

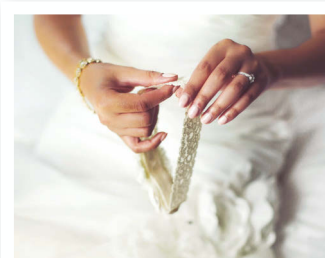
Stay Looped In

While wedding planners are able to take care of a great majority of your special day needs, it is important to stay looped in to what your vendors will be doing at your wedding—mistakes can happen, and as the bride you are ultimately the decision maker!

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Be Strategic

A strategic timeline is important! Cut the cake earlier to allow time to cut, plate, and serve immediately after the entrée—when it's most likely to be enjoyed!

Royal Sonesta Boston

617.806.4200 | sonesta.com/boston

Experience Matters

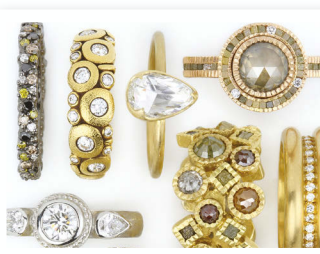
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Quadrum Gallery

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