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# UNEXPECTED **DRIVABLE** DESTINATIONS

Nothing is better than a road trip. Good snacks, music and the wind in your hair just feels right. Countless movies have been made about the adventures and fun that happens when you hit the road.

When it comes to road tripping for your wedding, there are countless reasons to consider it. As we navigate our way around gathering restrictions, it allows you to have a bit more control than traveling abroad. Guests are able to come and go as they please and, depending on the distance, it can really save your friends and family money. It also allows you to bring along décor and personalized details without worrying about baggage fees.

Regardless of the reason, we've identified a few destinations that might not be on your radar – no matter if you're wanting seaside or mountain top. From the tiny town of Seabrook, Washington and its Norman Rockwell vibe to upscale luxury in the Northeast in the Berkshires, you'll find something to inspire you to get behind the wheel.





# Marry Like the Stars in WEST HOLLYWOOD



WORDS BY LAUREN ERTL

Imagine cruising down the famous Sunset Boulevard, taking in the sights and sounds of an area many of your favorite movie stars call home. You are with the love of your life on the way to your own exclusive event as the guest of honor. Finally, you arrive at The London West Hollywood at Beverly Hills, ready to say “I do” with an incomparable view of the “City of Angels.”

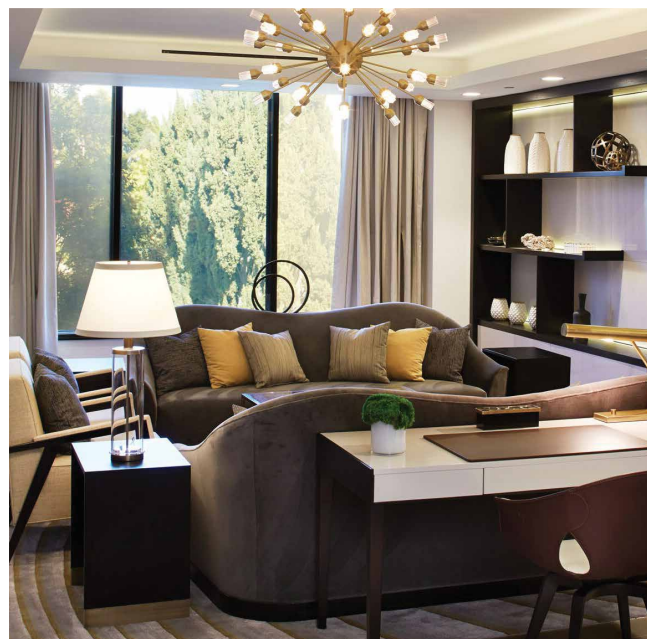
This five-star hotel abounds in luxurious amenities fit for the famous, including the pristine rooftop pool, all-suite accommodations, oversized bathrooms, private balconies and traditional British afternoon tea. It’s no wonder the likes of Chris Pratt, Kim Kardashian, Justin Bieber and Oprah Winfrey have all graced these halls. On your wedding day, however, you get to play the star.

Choose from five venue spaces, including an English-style urban garden with downtown Los Angeles in the distance. Perhaps the most favored of the five venues is the award-winning West End Rooftop terrace: 3,800 square-feet of glamorous, private space overlooking iconic Beverly Hills. No matter which venue you select, The London’s team of wedding professionals will be there to deliver a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



Fearless leader of The London’s signature restaurant, Boxwood, Executive Chef Anthony Keene works with couples to customize a menu all their own. “I always try to meet the couple to put faces to their names. That makes it personal for me,” says Chef Keene. Whether it’s a stand-up, plated or buffet reception, all foodies can rest assured they will be tasting top-of-the-line cuisine.

The best part about getting married here stretches beyond the hotel’s walls. At the crossroads of West Hollywood and Beverly Hills, there is so much entertainment



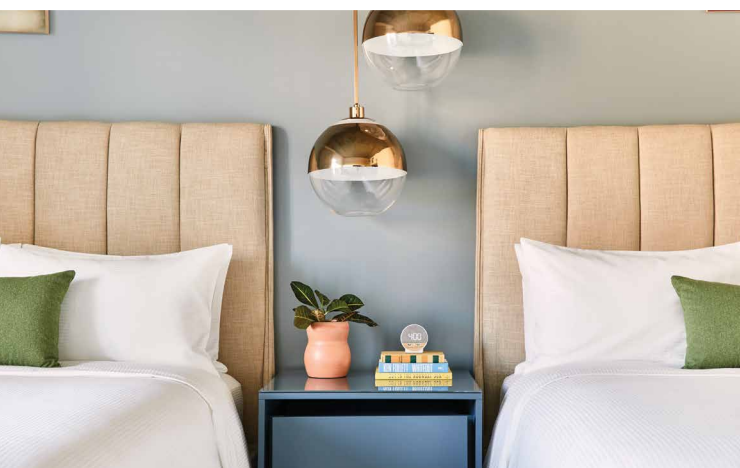
packed into a two-mile radius that there truly is no need to hop in a car.

For a genuine Hollywood experience without leaving the property, rent a pool-side cabana equipped with a mini fridge, television and bottle service. Fire pits and cozy couches beckon you to relax and soak up the SoCal sun during the day, and be mesmerized by the lights of the city at night.

If you love the idea of getting married like a movie star, look no further than The London West Hollywood at Beverly Hills.



# Starry Nights and Desert Dreams in SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA



WORDS BY JENNIFER STEIN

The sprawling landscape of the desert has become quite popular for destination weddings. The endless sunshine, moderate climate and beauty of the Southwest make for a perfect (and reliable) wedding away.

One new kid on the block is ADERO Scottsdale. This Autograph Collection hotel is the only resort in the area located in a “Dark Sky Community,” allowing guests to stargaze without light pollution. On select nights, ADERO invites visitors onto their Stargazing Lawn for canapés and cocktails, while experts from the Star Dudes give guests a firsthand look at the night sky through binoculars and telescopes.

Destination weddings here are second nature. The culinary and events team have played host to celebs and discerning couples, so you’re in good hands. Plus, the flawless views of the surrounding mountain vistas enable you to allow your surroundings to be your main décor.

Attractions like Old Town Scottsdale are only a 20-minute drive, while mountain biking and hiking are available on-site. ADERO has partnered with REI to provide guests of all skill-levels with guided excursions on and around the resort.

Golf and spa lovers in your group? You’re covered there too. The on-site spa offers an assortment of treatments just steps from your room and award-winning golf

courses abound in this region, so make sure to pack your clubs.

When it comes to accommodations, you can rest assured you’ll enjoy every moment in your modern, minimalist guest room. With oversized windows showcasing the expansive desert landscape and starry night sky, as well as spa-like showers in every bathroom, you’ll feel rested and rejuvenated. The resort is only six stories tall (allowing it to feel like an extension of the destination it’s in), but has a total of 177 rooms and 16 oversized suites, giving everyone in your group room to roam.

Scottsdale is an easy drive from many destinations in the West, so when you’re ready to say your destination “I do’s,” hop in the car and caravan with your nearest and dearest to this desert paradise.

Photos courtesy of ADERO Scottsdale





# Cliffside Charm in SEABROOK, WASHINGTON



WORDS BY HARMONY WALTON

If a destination wedding on an expansive beach sounds idyllic, you don't have to head out of the country to enjoy gorgeous wedding day views, seaside town charm, and the communal feeling of a family reunion with loved ones just steps away. Seabrook, Washington is the Pacific Northwest's up-and-coming walkable community on the water. A three-hour drive from Seattle, this cliffside community is unique – you won't find any hotels or Airbnb's, but a centralized reservation system for private homes ranging from charming farmhouses to expansive beach houses. Every guest, no matter their budget or family size, will experience the same level of standardized quality, giving your group the freedom to book what fits and peace of mind knowing your wedding weekend will be special for all.

For the coastal town's best ceremony spots, Crescent Park could take the cake. Ideal for larger weddings, the lush green park is hugged by cedars, giving you the privacy your ceremony calls for. The park also comes complete with two large fire pits and a landing ideal for tents, dinner or dancing. Book



Horseshoe Park and rent the houses surrounding it for what will feel like a private hotel buyout, complete with volleyball, bonfires, and your "I do's." For something extra special, plan a wedding parade through town as you make your way to your reception. There's even a Town Hall that can act as a catering kitchen for groups who prefer to travel with their own culinary team.

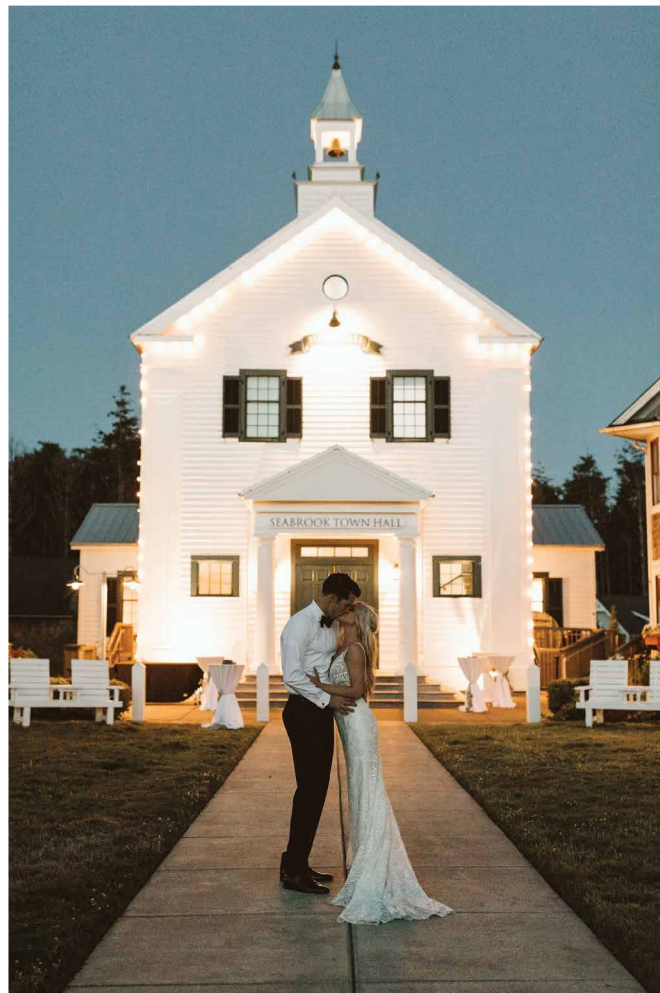
For groups who embrace the outdoors, there's a famous surf beach nearby,

cultural guided hikes, kayaking trips, fishing, tennis, pickleball and more. Koko's Restaurant and Tequila Bar offers an unforgettable brunch for the morning after the big day and a visit to The Sweet Life ice cream and candy shop is a must-visit for a nostalgic kickoff to your wedding weekend.

Bookend your adventure outside the city with a stay in Seattle and you've got a destination wedding and mini-moon planned to perfection.







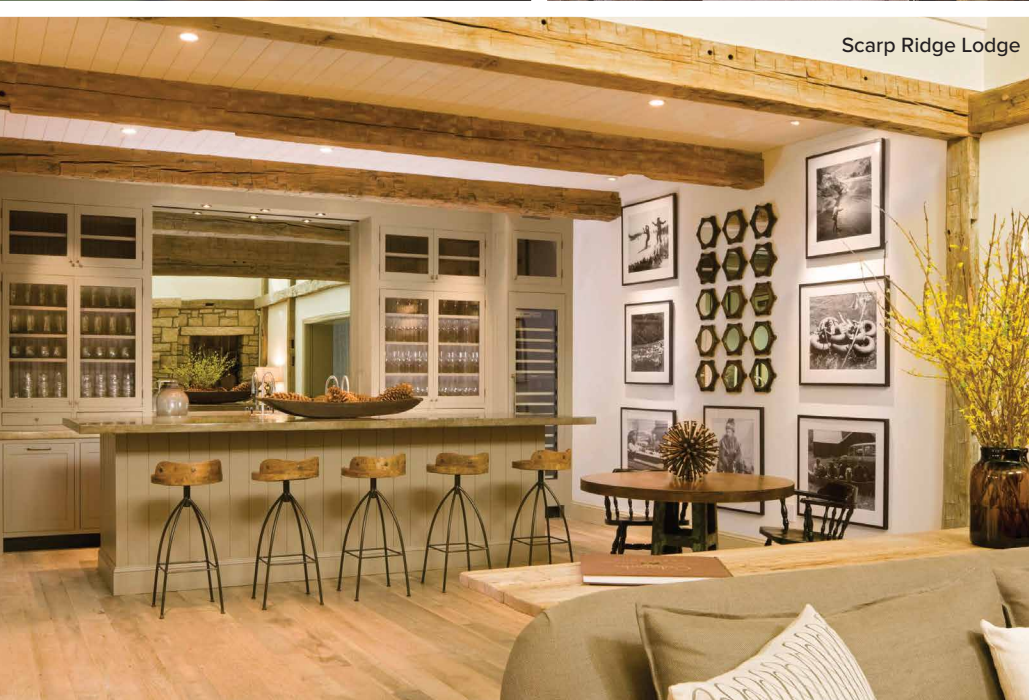




Taylor River Lodge



Taylor River Lodge



Scarp Ridge Lodge



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# Wed in the Wildflowers

## CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO



WORDS BY HARMONY WALTON

Colorado is no stranger to destination weddings and domestic honeymoons, but the Rocky Mountains are seeing their share of overcrowding lately...unless you know where to look. If you love the rustic luxury of the Rockies, but seek a spot a little less traveled, then consider Crested Butte, Colorado. It's known as the Wildflower Capital of the state, making it a beautiful natural backdrop for a destination "I do." A short drive from Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport (and four-plus hours from Denver), the small-town charm of this old mining village is ideal for groups who want to stroll down a historic main street and settle into a swanky, BBQ-style rehearsal dinner.

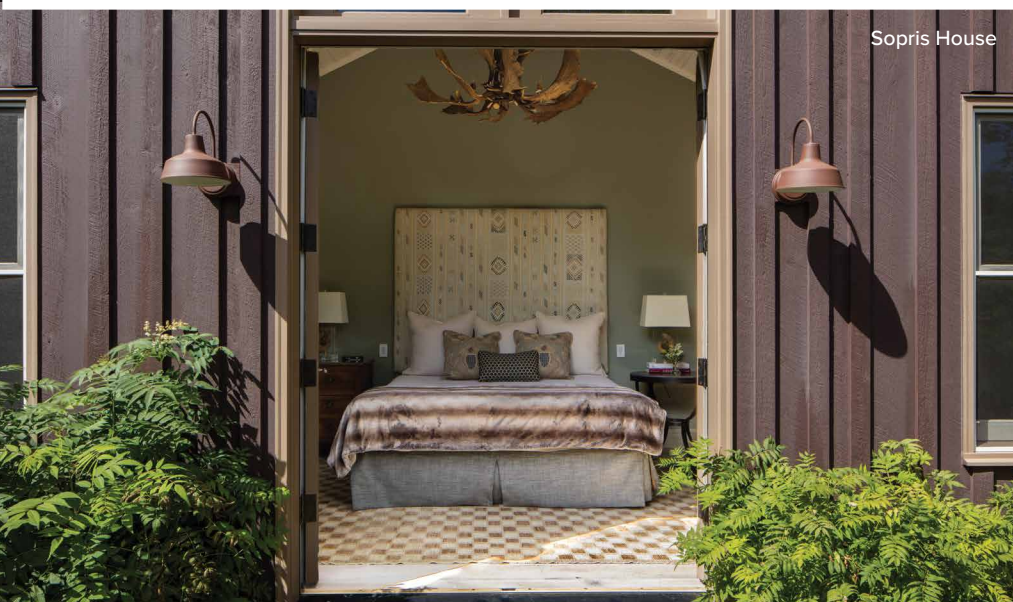
The big day could take place in the expansive surroundings or an intimate courtyard at Sopris House. For a buyout stay great for small groups, Scarp Ridge Lodge by Eleven Experience (sleeps 20) means living like you're in a posh hotel within the communal surroundings of a loved one's home. What was once the Croatian Hall where miners drank and danced, is now an ultra-luxurious boutique hotel offering inclusive adventures like snowcat skiing, guided hikes and ice climbing. If you want to get out in nature on wheels, then your group can enjoy the largest single track trail system in the U.S. for mountain bikes. Or you can paddle board down the river and then stroll into town for live music at Public House. On the other hand, you could hang in the indoor saltwater pool or fan-favorite rooftop Jacuzzi at Scarp Ridge Lodge and watch the stars (a must after all that exercise). Entry into this elevation will be a breeze with their oxygen-enriched air system and heated floors. But the best part is the great outdoors – with over 1,000 exclusive back acres for cat skiing in winter. Once you've tied the knot, let the honeymoon begin!

For unforgettable quality time with friends and family, no matter the season, consider taking your group to Crested Butte for a little old-fashion fun, combined with the all the modern luxuries your wedding deserves.



Public House

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Sopris House



# Making Music in NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

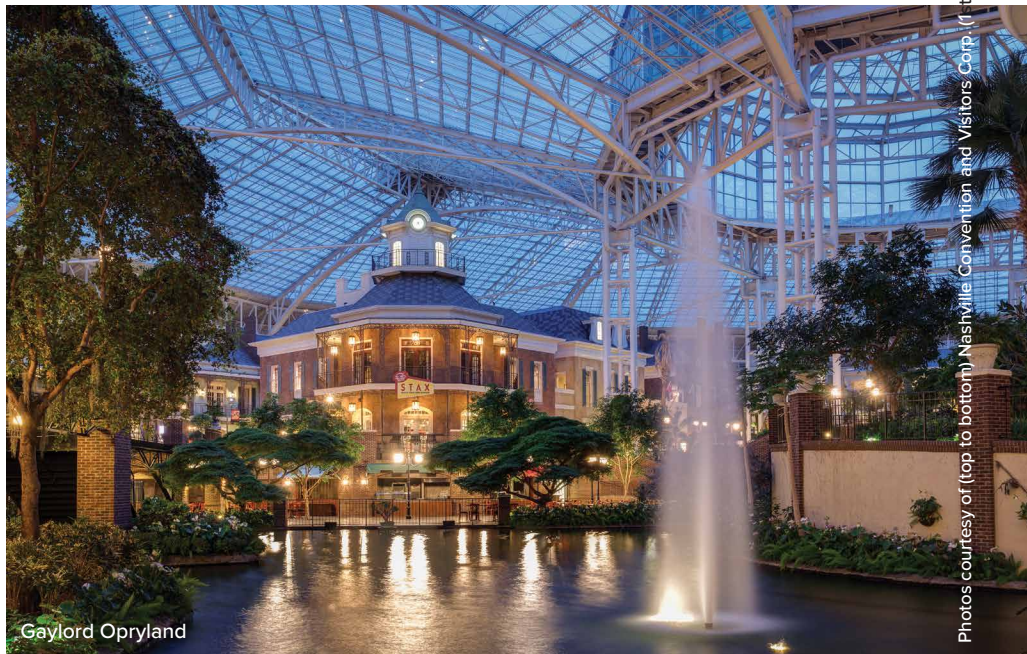
WORDS BY VICTORIA ABBOTT RICCARDI

From its wild guitar jams to honky-tonk nightlife, Nashville's a magnet for music fans. But the city attracts plenty of honeymooners and destination wedding couples, too. Aside from crazy good food (barbecue anyone?), the city has tons of hip neighborhoods overflowing with cafés, artist-run boutiques and sites to explore. There are fantastic museums, including the new National Museum of African American Music, and crowd-clapping bars where you can sway to the beat of country, jazz, pop and rock. Add parks for running and biking and a warm Southern spirit, and it's no wonder Tennessee's capital has become a hotspot for celebrating one's nuptials and saying, "I do."

One of the city's coolest hotels is Dream Nashville, nestled in two historic buildings in Printer's Alley, known for its nightlife. The hotel has 168 art deco-inspired rooms and suites, many outfitted with Turkish rugs and birch-wood closets. Perfect for newlyweds, the Guest House boasts 1,400 square-feet of room to stretch out overlooking the Cumberland River Basin. The furnishings are plush and the suite comes with unique amenities such as Dream's custom "Printer's Abbey" brew on tap and a combo dining room-ping pong table. Another luxurious option is the Terrace Suite, outfitted with an outdoor grill and an optional BBQ Butler on call. For wedding couples, both rooms offer snazzy spaces for cocktails or even an intimate rehearsal dinner.

Whatever you do, don't miss the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. It tells the history of country music from its origins to today and then dives deeper with various temporary exhibits. For an added fee, you can tour Historic RCA Studio B, where legends like Dolly Parton and Elvis recorded their soon-to-be hits.

Once the sun goes down, head to lower Broadway, packed with honky-tonk bars. Locals love the quality gigs at Acme Feed & Seed and Tootsies Orchid Lounge, circa 1960. The Ryman Auditorium features big-wigs like Keith



Gaylord Opryland

Urban, while the Grand Ole Opry is a live country music stage concert that has been broadcast weekly on the radio since 1925. Call ahead for tickets.

No trip to Nashville is complete without BBQ and some of the best comes from Martin's Bar-B-Que Joint, which slow-roasts whole hogs for their signature pork dishes. Rolf and Daughters serves standout locavore fare, like rigatoni with heritage pork ragu, while Lockeland Table excels in Southern specialties, like grilled fish with cheesy grits. Want to splurge? The Catbird Seat has hyper-seasonal tasting menus and Yolan inside The Joseph Hotel serves refined Italian fare.

For sheer fun, visit Pinewood, a mash-up restaurant, cocktail lounge, bowling alley and pool. Also, check out Justin Timberlake's new, multi-level lounge, bar and restaurant, The Twelve Thirty Club. Newcomers Tennessee Brew Works has live music and Assembly Food Hall dishes up everything from homemade doughnuts to pad thai.

In many ways, Nashville is like a never-ending party with endless things to see, do and taste. Know that whatever you miss this time around, you can save for an anniversary visit.



Laura Turner Concert Hall



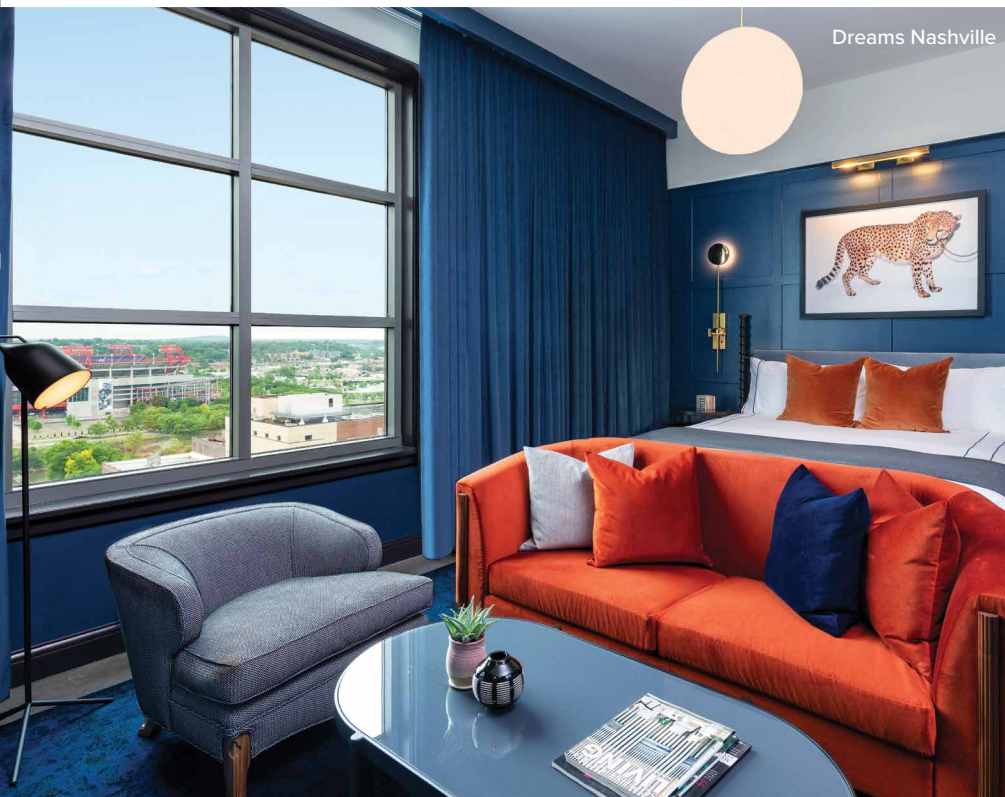
Stateside Kitchen

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Honky Tonk Highway



Dreams Nashville



Vatos Tacos





The Greenbrier

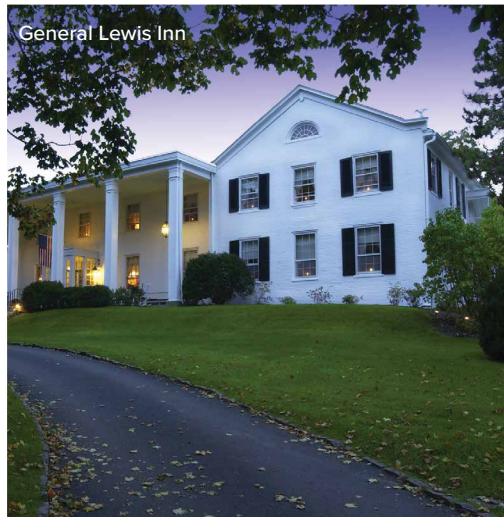
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The Greenbrier



General Lewis Inn



The Greenbrier

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# Three Ways to Tie the Knot in WEST VIRGINIA



WORDS BY SUSAN MOYNIHAN

If you think you know West Virginia, think again. The Mountain State is rugged and diverse; home to charming small towns, world-class outdoor adventure, and one of the country's most famous resorts. Here are three ways to approach tying the knot in southern West Virginia, whatever your wedding style.

## FOR THE TRADITIONALISTS: THE GREENBRIER

Resorts don't get much more classic than The Greenbrier. It dates to the 1770s, when vacationers first came to this valley to soak in the waters of White Sulphur Springs. Those humble beginnings have grown into an Old-World hotel with glorious common spaces, historic cottages and 700-plus rooms.

**Ceremony and reception:** A property this size has loads of options, with ballrooms, flagstone patios, off-site lodges and a hunting club. But for the classic Greenbrier experience, swap vows in the white clapboard chapel with its

stained-glass windows and a copper-topped steeple. The curved Chesapeake Terrace and adjacent Chesapeake Bay ballroom are ideal for indoor-outdoor receptions, while the elegant, pink-and-gold Cameo Room is a showstopper year-round.

**Group bonding:** Spa days and golf scrambles are easily arranged, but for something different, take over the bowling alley, go geocaching, or puzzle your way out of the *Titanic*-themed escape room.

## FOR THE OUTDOORSY: ADVENTURES ON THE GORGE

Kick off your new life together at our nation's newest national park, New River Gorge National Park and Preserve. The river cuts a deep canyon through the Appalachian Mountains and Adventures on the Gorge near Fayetteville is the perfect base camp. With lodging options from luxury homes to comfy cabins and even tent and RV sites, there's something for every budget.

**Ceremony and reception:** You want a venue that takes in the epic scenery and the wooden Ceremony Deck delivers. It was purpose-built for events, overlooking the woods and the gorge beyond. Then move into the timber-frame Smokey's for dinner and dancing, while a bluegrass trio adds the sound of Appalachia.

**Group outings:** The New River is one of the world's top whitewater rafting spots and guests can try it by comfort level. For a different adrenaline rush, tether up for the Bridge Walk, which takes you across the catwalk beneath the iconic New River Gorge Bridge.

## FOR FOODIES: GENERAL LEWIS INN

Living up to its reputation as "America's Coolest Small Town," Lewisburg combines a thriving food scene with easy access to the outdoors. The historic General Lewis Inn is a 24-room boutique hotel located just a block up the hill from the heart of downtown, so guests can leave their cars and wander the shops, galleries and eateries downtown with minimal effort.

**Ceremony and reception:** The inn's owners, who wed at the General Lewis five years before buying it, deliver with a gorgeous back garden that easily transforms into a wedding venue. Retreat a few steps down for cocktail hour on the patio, and then do dinner and dancing under a marquee tent, or indoors in the historic Dining Room. The setting is historic, but their approach to food and drink is modern.

**Group bonding:** Tell your guests to bring their appetites, because there are plenty of places to sate them. Set up a welcome dinner at Stardust Café, known for fantastic housemade pastas, or get a taste of Europe at The French Goat, which puts a twist on classic bistro ingredients. Want something more spirited? Hire a driver for a boozy tasting tour.



# Discover Wedded Bliss in THE BERKSHIRES

WORDS BY STACEY MARCUS

East Coast couples seeking a destination that blends natural beauty with history and fine dining will fall in love with the Berkshires. Nestled between New York and Boston, the Berkshires is a true gem, with six towns spread across rolling hills and wildflower fields. Your guests will be welcomed by farm-to-table fare, a bounty of art and cultural experiences, and an opportunity to renew your body, mind and soul. Whether you tie the knot in a Gilded Age mansion, honeymoon in a restorative haven or enjoy a romantic weekend in a quintessential New England town, you'll find bliss in the Berkshires.

Couples who dream of hosting a fairytale wedding will have their wish granted at Blantyre, one of only 12 remaining Gilded Age mansions in the Berkshires. The Relais & Châteaux property's European vibe exudes a classic elegance reminiscent of the late 19th century. Blantyre's bespoke settings include a light-filled music room, covered terraces and 110 acres of lush lawns. The Blantyre team is eager to curate custom experiences for your guests, including pastry and cooking classes and bonfires. Blantyre's 24 elegant accommodations, housed in the Manor House, Carriage House, and four expansive cottages are perfect for buyouts.

Couples looking to renew their minds and bodies post-wedding will discover a slice of nirvana at Miraval Berkshires Resort & Spa. The restorative haven features dynamic wellness programs including golf, fitness, yoga, meditation, culinary, equine, nutrition and art. Whether spending time in the stables enjoying equine therapy, kayaking on a local lake or following footbridges through forests, Miraval will take your breath away. A highlight of the property is the Miraval Berkshires' Life in Balance Spa featuring 29,000 square-feet and 28 treatment rooms.

The Williams Inn in Williamstown is a sweet spot to spend a romantic weekend in a classic New England college town. The stone and wood inn feels like a New



England farmhouse. Art lovers can walk to the Clark Art Institute, while golf fans can hit the greens at Taconic Golf Club.

The Berkshires is an ideal destination for couples who relish elevating their senses. Listen to the music at iconic spots like Tanglewood, taste the local flavors, smell the sweet scent of nature and fall in love all over again in the Berkshires. ①



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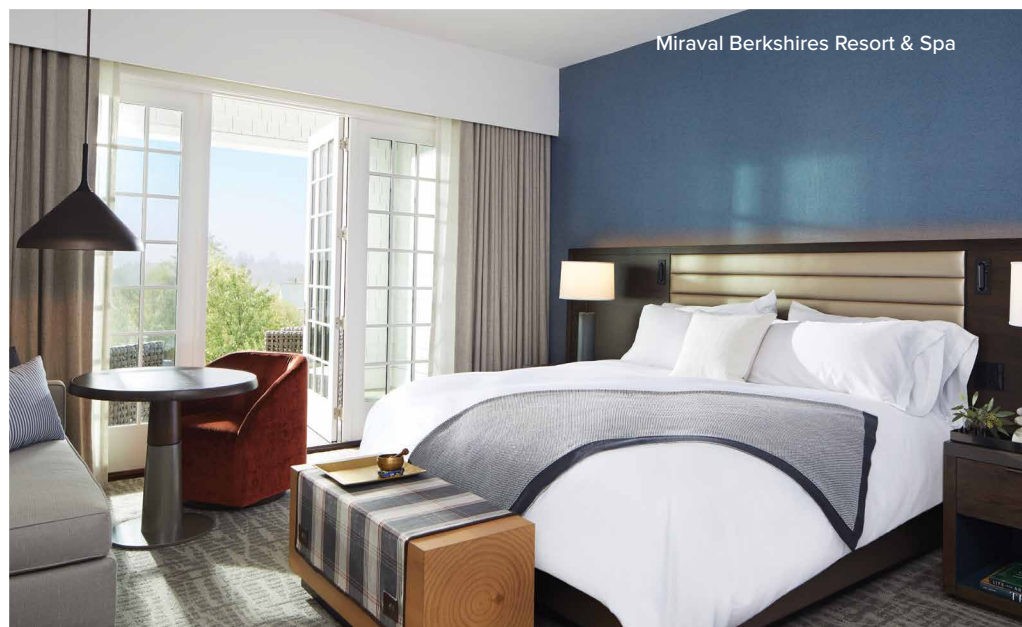
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