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BEST VENUES



Boston Public Library

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

"Our guests thought switching rooms for the ceremony, cocktails, dinner, and dancing was so cool."

—JENNIFER B.

budget? You won't need much decor for a ceremony in the park's gardens or in its gorge greenhouse, lush with ferns and palms. starrevents.com.

Providence Public Library

With columns, a wrought-iron balcony, and turn-of-the-last-century gilded details, the Grand Hall reads more "palace" than "library." Instead of walking the aisle, make your entrance down an elegant marble staircase. morins.com.

Mountain Top Inn

CHITTENDEN, VERMONT Kick off the day with a morning hike, then exchange vows on a hilltop or barn with major Green Mountain views. mountaintoppinn.com.

—Alonna Travin

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TAKE YOUR PICK OF CITY LANDMARKS, COUNTRY GETAWAYS, AND CLASSIC SEASIDE ESCAPES

Boston Harbor Hotel

BOSTON Wherever you wed—the 80-foot-dome rotunda, the dockside pavilion, the rooftop terrace—guests will be wowed by the awesome harbor views. bhh.com.

Boston Public Library ★

BOSTON Get hitched in the columned courtyard, then party in the book-lined main hall. Bonus: You can use the old-school reading tables for your candlelit dinner. bpl.org.

Chatham Bars Inn

CHATHAM, MASSACHUSETTS At this classic Cape Cod retreat, weddings are all about the sea, whether you make it official on the ocean-view lawn or dance in the beachside boathouse. chathambarsinn.com.

White Elephant

NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS Dress your guy in his preppy best for cocktails, cornhole,

and nautical-inspired vows on the hotel's lawn, followed by fresh oysters on the terrace overlooking the harbor. whiteelephanthotel.com.

LaBelle Winery

AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE A wine-country wedding in New England? Believe it. Say "I do" among the grapes, then toast your nuptials with bubbly or blueberry wine in the wood-beamed great room. labellewinerynh.com.

The Ashford Estate

ALLEN TOWN, NEW JERSEY Take over this 30-acre property and you and your squad will have full run of the mansion, 12 guest suites, manicured gardens, and a rustic barn chapel. theashfordestate.com.

Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa ★

MONTAUK, NEW YORK With a private beach and a tented deck overlooking the Atlantic, this newly

renovated hot spot at the tip of Long Island wins raves for its on-site planner and pastry chef. gurneysmontauk.com.

Gramercy Park Hotel

NEW YORK A favorite of the fashion crowd, this hotel draws brides with its chic rooftop garden (complete with a retractable roof), skyline views, and on-point Danny Meyer menu. gramercyparkhotel.com.

Blue Hill at Stone Barns ★

POCANTICO HILLS, NEW YORK Set on a working farm just north of New York City, this restaurant is known for its uberlocal cuisine and insane photo ops. Think wild gardens and rolling pastures, plus sheep, cows, and chickens! bluehillfarm.com.

Fairmount Park Horticulture Center

PHILADELPHIA Want to slash your flower

Fairmount Park Horticulture Center in Philadelphia



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