Comparison & Research

Free Template



Venue Name	
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What we didn't love (cons):	
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Notes:	

Availability & Pricing Q's	Yes	No	Notes
Is my wedding date available?			
If my date is not available, what dates are available?			
What is the price for my chosen date?			
What is included in the price (get all details)?			
What are the different rates for different days of the week (or times of year)?			
What are the different packages that you offer?			
How many hours are included with our package?			
How much is the deposit?			
What is the payment schedule?			
When is the final payment due?			
What is the cancellation/refund policy?			

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Availability & Pricing Q's (cont.)	Yes	No	Notes
Are service fees, gratuities, cleaning fees, etc. included in the quoted price? If not, what are the details of those costs?			
Is there a cost if we make changes to our contract once we sign a contract?			
Is there any part of the property that is open to the public on our wedding date?			
Do you host other events the same day as our wedding? If so, how many other events?			
Guests, Food, and Drinks	Yes	No	Notes
How many guests can you accomodate?			
Is there onsite parking for guests? If not, how is parking handled?			
Are there special accommodations for disabled guests?			
How many bathrooms are available? where are they located?			

Guests, Food, and Drinks (cont.)	Yes	No	Notes
Do you offer in-house catering?			
Can we bring in our own caterer?			
Do you have a list of preferred caterers?			
If I provide my own caterer, is there a kitchen and/or storage area for them to use?			
Is there a food/beverage minimum?			
Are tables, chairs, linens, plates, glassware, silverware included? If so, what is the cost?			
Do you provide wedding cakes? If so, what is the cost?			
Can we bring in our own cakes/desserts?			
Is there a cake cutting fee? If we buy the cake from you, is there still a cutting fee?			
Do you have a liquor license?			
Can we bring in our own alcohol?			

Guests, Food, and Drinks (cont.)	Yes	No	Notes
Is hard alcohol allowed?			
If we have to purchase alcohol from you, how is it priced? Is there a minimum?			
If purchasing alcohol from you, is there an extra charge for bar staff?			
If providing our own alcohol, is there a corkage or service fee?			
General Venue Questions	Yes	No	Notes
Can we get ready at the venue?			
Are there getting ready spaces for both parties? Can we see the spaces?			
What time can we arrive on-site?			
Can we have our ceremony and reception at the venue?			
How many different ceremony locations do you have?			

General Venue Questions (cont.)	Yes	No	Notes
If the ceremony is outdoors, what is the backup plan if it rains?			
Do you have a space for cocktail hour?			
If the cocktail hour space is outdoors, what is the backup plan if it rains?			
Will there a person from the venue on site all day/night?			
Will anyone from the venue help with coordinating the ceremony and/or reception?			
What time do we have to get everything out of the venue after the reception?			
Is there heating/AC in all indoor locations?			
Can pets be included in the ceremony?			
Do you supply tables for programs, name cards, cakes, guestbooks, gifts, etc?			
Are there any noise restrictions?			

Vendors	Yes	No	Notes
What time are my vendors allowed on-site to set up?			
Do you have a preferred vendors list?			
Am I allowed to use any vendors that I want?			
Do you offer day-of coordination?			
Can you accommodate a live band?			
How much space will the band have?			
What does my band or DJ need to provide themselves (power, tables, etc.)?			
Does the venue provide and lighting or audio/sound services?			
Are there any restrictions on the photographers/videographers?			
How big is the dance floor?			
Where does the DJ typically set up?			

Reception & Decor	Yes	No	Notes
Are there any décor restrictions?			
Do you allow real candles?			
Do you have decor that we can use?			
Can we do a sparkler send off?			
Do you allow fireworks?			
Does someone maintain the restrooms and garbage cans?			
Is there a smoking area?			
Does the venue have a generator in case the power goes out?			
Does the venue help with moving decorations from ceremony to reception?			
Does the venue have security?			
Is there a coat check?			

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Rehearsal, Lodging, & Misc.	Yes	No	Notes
How do you do your ceremony rehearsals?			
Do you offer a space for the rehearsal dinner?			
What are the most common transportation methods people use for this venue?			
What hotels do most people use for their guests when using this venue?			
Do you partner with any hotels that might offer discounts or upgrades to your couples?			
Are there any renovations planned between now and my wedding date?			
Can we see photos that show a wedding at the same time of year as my wedding?			
Can you show us the locations that most people use for their wedding day photos?			
Can you walk us through an entire wedding day at your venue (getting ready, ceremony, cocktail hour, and reception)?			

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Venue Questions	Yes	No	Notes

Venue Comparison

	Venue 1	Venue 2	Venue 3
Venue Name			
Min/Max Capacity			
Location (City)			
Type Of Venue			
Available Dates			
Cost			
Rain Plan			
Getting Ready Spaces			
Ceremony Spaces			
Reception Space			
Lighting			
Bathrooms			
Parking			
Venue coordinator			

Helpful Wedding Resources

Wedding Shopping List



The ultimate resource page for items you might need for your wedding day

Getting Ready Robes | Pajamas

Guest Book Ideas | Vow Books

Jewelry | Veils | Ceremony Decor

Reception Decor | Cake Toppers

And More!

Check out the resource page here

