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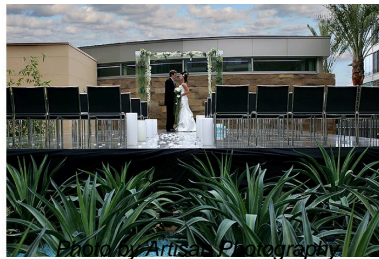
What better place to get married than sunny Arizona? Read on for some wedding venues that will make your day unforgettable.



W Scottsdale

W Scottsdale is a modern and stylish venue in Scottsdale with a staff who make sure your day is perfect as well as cater to your needs before and after.

Unique to W Scottsdale is their Whatever/Wherever service that caters to your every desire. Katie Brashear, marketing manager at W Scottsdale, says, "With a touch of a button your wish can be granted. As long as it is moral, legal and ethical, we will accommodate your wish." Brashear says the couple to be can take advantage of the Whatever/Wherever service upon arrival. The service can easily take care of booking spa treatments, arrange bachelor(ette) parties and attend to rehearsal dinner details.



Pre-wedding services include a personal onsite wedding planner and recommendations for botanical arrangements, photography, spa treatments, décor and more. The wedding day services include a complimentary room upgrade for the bride and groom, complimentary wedding amenity, triple start points to use on a future W hotel trip and more. Brashear says, "Our post-wedding services are one thing that makes us different from many other venues."

One service particularly unique is the Honeymoon Wish. This is a complimentary stay at one of W Hotel's tropical locations, which include Puerto Rico, Mexico City, South Beach, Bali, Mexico City and Maldives. Each Honeymoon Wish includes up to a four-night stay and a room upgrade depending on availability.

Another post-wedding service special to the hotel is the Anniversary Moment. Couples who wed at W Scottsdale will be invited back every year to celebrate their anniversary with a complimentary stay at W Scottsdale. "We want special moments to last a lifetime," Brashear says. "This is a great way to relive a magic moment." 480.970.2100, www.wscottsdalehotel.com/Scottsdale-Weddings.

The Boulders Resort

Carefree's The Boulders Resort will make your big day unforgettable with its stunning backdrop among 12-million-year old boulders. Couples will tie the knot at Promise Rock where the eternal strength and serenity of the boulders is breathtaking. The site is elevated 2,288 feet above ground level providing a view that will leave you awestruck.

The venue stays true to the natural beauty and history of the Sonoran Desert.

Promise Rock's entrance is marked by a welcome gate formed with natural latillas ("little sticks") and covered with blossoming rosebush vines alive with color.

The venue also features a rock sculpture of a couple holding hands that symbolizes the honor of marriage throughout civilization.



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The wedded couple can stay at the Villa Retreat that also stays true to the beauty of the Sonoran Desert. The design was inspired by the boulders with a sophisticated edge. The Villa Retreat offers more space and privacy than most grand hotel suites. The 5,000-sq.-ft. Villa offers all the luxuries of presidential suite combined with the privacy of a estate home. The Villa can be stocked with food, essentials and a butler upon request.

For more pampering, couples can dine at Latilla restaurant or relax at the Couples Spa Suite. Latilla screams romance with its hand-sculpted booths and large picture windows overlooking a large waterfall spilling from the boulders.

Within the Couples Spa suite, couples share a message in a private access 700-sq.-ft. room equipped with a private Jacuzzi, outdoor message table, steam showers and more.

The Boulders also offers couples a variety of alfresco activities to choose from. These include private hot air ballooning, couples moonlight bike rides, private secluded dining atop a mountaintop by helicopter and more. www.theboulders.com