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Look no further than the stunning, breathtaking and peaceful venues in Arizona for the wedding of your dreams. Offering scenic views of Camelback Mountain, luxurious packages for every taste, and refined dining menus, guests will truly be immersed in some of the valley's most unique natural jewels.



Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia

Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia offers endless venue possibilities to say "I do" in the heart of a desert oasis, with a stunning backdrop of Camelback Mountain.

Where the Valencia Ballroom offers a more intimate atmosphere for you and your guests, the Castillo Lucena at Omni Scottsdale provides a fairytale venue with memorable and architecturally stunning details, such as cathedral ceilings accented with exposed wood beams and hand laid wood floors. The Valencia Lawn boasts captivating views of Camelback Mountain, as well as the ultimate in ease of traffic flow for your guests.

In addition, the resort offers wedding packages and custom menus that reflect exquisite taste, a wide array of styles, and price points to create your dream wedding. Some of the packages include the Traditional, the Elopement and the Bridal Bonus offer.

Traci Mead, director of catering for the resort, says, "the beauty and magic of having your wedding in a resort setting like ours is truly unique. Given the smaller size of the property it creates for a more intimate feel and allows for all of your guests to stay in one place. When you then have family and friends come from out of town and everyone is enjoying the amenities like the spa and restaurants it allows for more of the magical 'unplanned' moments to occur, the spontaneous get-togethers before your big day. With a space like the Montelucia you get the exclusivity and don't have to share your space with others like at a convention center space."

Celebrate a new beginning and feel like you're at an elegant resort in the Mediterranean! For more information on the venue, visit <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/scottsdale-montelucia/weddings>.

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Royal Palms Resort and Spa

Located at the foot of Camelback Mountain, in the heart of Phoenix and Scottsdale, Royal Palms' aura of romance makes it the venue of choice for the wedding of your dreams. The indoor, intimate wedding avenue combined with the cultured, aesthetic design and architecture of the resort, creates a unique atmosphere for all functions associated with weddings, including the ceremony, reception, rehearsal dinner, bridal lunch, and showers. With an award-winning Mediterranean-inspired cuisine and refined service, Royal Palms is the optimum choice for those who are planning an intimate gathering or a larger celebration. Enhanced with ornate décor, antique furnishings and accessories, vibrant gardens, indoor and outdoor fireplaces, Royal Palms combines the graciousness and sophistication of a Mediterranean villa with the intimacy and privacy of a secluded retreat.

Royal Palms offers a variety of wedding venues in Arizona to suit your needs, from Alegria Garden to Vernadero Lawn, Jardin D'Amore, Estrella Salon, Palmera Salon and Cervantes Room and Lounge.

The Alegria Garden, a private outdoor courtyard, accommodates for 120 guests. The garden features an elevated stone platform perfect for exchanging vows.

Vernadero Lawn offers seating for 180 guests and creates a beautiful venue for brunch, luncheon, and outdoor wedding ceremonies.

Jardin D'Amore allows for 40 seats in a quiet, intimate area and it provides a view of the Camelback Mountain.

Estrella Salon provides accommodation for 180 guests and features a salon of rich Mediterranean colors.

Palmera Salon accommodates 120 guests and provides a comfortable social area with an ornate fireplace.

Cervantes Room and Lounge allows for 40 guests and brings back in time the hotel's sense of history and architectural beauty with its carved fireplace and wood flooring.

Wedding specials include a \$1,000 discount when booking with a Royal Palms preferred Wedding Planner, as well as a complimentary two-nights promotion in an upgraded room on your wedding weekend, and a honeymoon promotion. More information on special wedding packages, specials, and booking information is available by contacting the resort's Wedding Team at 602.977.6466, emailing phxub-rfp@hyatt.com or visiting <https://royalpalms.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>



The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain

"Let us color your Tucson wedding with vivid desert hues."

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The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain is a dream destination wedding and honeymoon spot, set at 2,700 ft. in the high Sonoran Desert. Besides making the surrounding foothills incredibly scenic, the altitude also puts the area at a good six degrees cooler than Phoenix in the summer (for those contemplating warm weather vows). To make your wedding in Arizona a memorable experience, the resort provides a wedding venue that creates a sophisticated reception and ceremony location; spectacular outdoor wedding venues, four-wheel drive weddings and foothills receptions, luxurious overnight accommodations for guests and bridal party, and exquisite and customized menus from the resort's culinary team.

Following are some romantic highlights of the 850-acre resort.

- Wedding couples love involving the spa in their event activities. The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Dove Mountain is one of the world's top rated spas, with a couple's SkyStone Suite that features its own fireplace, living room lounging area, a spectacular fireside water feature, and the ability to enjoy couple's spa treatments either in the suite or in an outdoor couple's treatment cabana. The cabana sits next to the spa's stunning Serenity Pool, which features its own mid-pool tanning island. Many of the spa's treatments take advantage of ancient Native American healing rituals, and a whole series of them utilizes indigenous gemstones – including the famed Desert Gemstone Ritual.
- Couples can indulge in a variety of hikes within the area's lush Saguaro forest and foothills. Newlyweds can create first memories as a married couple sharing in highly photogenic discoveries of Native American petroglyphs and rock art, of breathtaking desert flora and fauna, of spectacular new birdwatching explorations, and even of nighttime scorpion hunts (using a black light) on fun summer evenings.
- The food is memorable as the resort will even provision a gourmet backpack-for-two for desert walks and hikes for couples – or four-wheel drive adventures in the 850-acres surrounding the resort center. Also, outdoor-loving brides can book a one-of-a-kind four-wheel-drive or horseback wedding.
- Customized wedding décor, with a specialty on spectacular staging of colors and textures, is a specialty of the resort's wedding concierge team.

In addition, the Ritz-Carlton offers comprehensive wedding packages to sit couples perfectly. One of them is The Dove Mountain Wedding Package (for a minimum guarantee of 20 guests) that includes several features such as three hour select open bar, custom wedding cake, banquet chairs, dance floor and staging, a complimentary menu tasting and many more. Click [here](#) for more information on the venue.



Warehouse215 @ Bentley Projects

Escape the bland hotel ballroom wedding! At Warehouse215, brides have the freedom to create a wedding that represents who they truly are. Located in the heart of Phoenix's urban-chic Warehouse District, the venue boasts 10,000 square feet of flexible interior spaces, and 1,500 square foot of beautifully landscaped patio. The renovated historic avenue captures the young, creative spirit of Phoenix and offers couples the freedom to transform the space into their own special vision.

Constructed in 1918, this gorgeous historic property was built as a commercial linen laundry, and is now a premier event venue. Its industrial details including polished concrete floors, crystal chandeliers expansive rooms, exposed brick walls, high exposed wood bow truss ceilings, and a beautifully landscaped exterior courtyard, are converted into modern, multi-functional spaces for an unforgettable wedding. Fantastic natural light, incredible architectural detail, and a variety of textures and shapes make your wedding possibilities endless. Two large rooms host the main event while other adjoining spaces transform into areas for cocktails, and other activities. The Warehouse also offers packages throughout your planning and your unique journey.

Warehouse215's proximity to Downtown Phoenix and its burgeoning food scene, nightlife and new hotels have crowned it as one of the Valley's most popular private event destinations. More information is available by visiting <http://warehouse215.com>

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The Farm at South Mountain

Overflowing with more than 100 pecan trees throughout 10 acres of lush green grass, the Farm at South Mountain provides a wedding dream oasis in the heart of the desert.

Since its establishment as a wedding venue, the farm has raised the bar for a traditional Arizona wedding. Replacing the standard ballroom venue, it infuses natural wooden elements with a plethora of organic greenery throughout two distinct venues. The property is the perfect space for the couple looking for an earthy, garden-to-table wedding. The farm is also a favorite spot to several local celebrities, and has been featured in episodes of "The Bachelor" and "Total Bellas" as a dream wedding venue.

The Farm offers two distinctly beautiful venues, each with their own refined elements. Spread across a vast 2,400 square feet, The Canopy in The Grove is filled with sweeping greenery. It is a magical space that can host groups anywhere from 50 to 250. Couples walk down the aisle under a canopy of pecan trees, and share their vows under a jasmine draped arch. Cocktail hour takes place just a walk down the grove where guests enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks on a flagstone patio with towering views of South Mountain as their backdrop. Guests dine on locally-sourced produce and dance the night away under an open-air tented canopy accented with wooden beams.

The second venue, Stone Grove, is surrounded by organic flowing walls handcrafted by a stonemason who compiled locally-sourced ancient granite stones together to create mortar-free architectural masterpieces. Built into the wall is a towering Le Panyol wood burning oven from France, perfect for wood-fired pizzas and breads as a late-night treat. It is a romantic European-style venue to dine, dance and enjoy your special night with family and friends.

From crawling cats claw vines, to the smell of jasmine floating through the venues, The Farm at South Mountain is truly a natural jewel in the valley, perfect for hosting a unique Arizona wedding. For more information on the venue, visit <https://www.thefarmatsouthmountain.com>



El Chorro

Honoring the heritage of an Arizona landmark, El Chorro in Scottsdale provides a unique desert setting at the base of Camelback Mountain and Mummy Mountain, a perfect location for a distinct wedding, special event, and dining experience.

The venue offers a variety of spaces including the Casa Paloma Pavilion, which opens onto a series of exterior patios, fireplaces, and gardens or the Classroom Bar, that has been carefully restored to reflect its legacy décor. The Casa Paloma Event Lawn is 6,500 squarefeet of pristine natural surroundings and unparalleled views. El Chorro's newest space, the Herb Garden, provides an intimate private setting with lush greenery and mountain views.

With a variety of wedding spaces, the venue can accommodate intimate groups and grand weddings of up to 300 guests. In addition to the gorgeous spaces at El Chorro, the venue's wedding specialist will help you create a timeless menu offering to delight your guests and enhance your memorable day. The venue's inspired menu options are perfect for any occasion from a formal sit-down dinner to a savory buffet. Let El Chorro be the perfect setting for the wedding of your heart's desire. This is your moment; a moment of a lifetime! More information on the venue is available by visiting <http://elchorro.com>

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Desert Botanical Garden

Nestled between Phoenix and Scottsdale, dotted by the one of a kind mountains of Papago Park, sits the Desert Botanical Garden. Its unique desert flora and mix of contemporary and historic architecture create the perfect hidden oasis. When contemplating your destination wedding, the astonishing spaces that the Garden offers must be on your list. From elegant affairs to extravagant celebrations, the natural landscape of the Garden is so stunning that it doesn't take much effort for your dream wedding to become a reality.

The Garden offers five different spaces in which you can host a wedding ceremony, reception or combination of the two, each with its own totally unique setting. The Garden does not have any food or beverage minimums and offers vendor flexibility, which provides you the opportunity to choose your price point for various wedding elements enabling you to decide how much you spend. The Garden, its caterers, and its preferred vendors can accommodate weddings of every budget, no matter how modest or elaborate your vision may be.

Aside from the stunning views and total flexibility, the Garden offers other great amenities. Included in your rental fee is admission for you and all of your guests for the entire day of your wedding. This is particularly beneficial if you have a lot of out of town guests or guests who have not been to the Garden and are need entertainment while you are getting ready. Additionally, you are provided with a Bridal touch-up room, on site venue coordination, event signage to help your guests find their way, complimentary parking and staff onsite 24/7 for security and first aid needs.

Whether your guest list is large or small, the Garden offers exquisite settings for both ceremonies and receptions of varying sizes. If you are interested in the quintessential desert wedding, look no further than the beautiful Desert Botanical Garden. More information is available at <https://www.dbg.org>



L'Auberge de Sedona

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L'Auberge provides a spectacular, magical venue for weddings, whether it's the tree-shaded Cottageside or Creekhouselawns on Oak Creek, the SpiritSong Terrace with awe-inspiring Red Rock views, or the Monet Ballroom with a private outdoor reception lawn. Because of the intimate, tranquil nature of its surroundings, intimate Sedona weddings are especially popular here.

One of the wedding venues is the Monet Ballroom, the largest space at L'Auberge, with room for a reception of up to 150 guests. Large windows, vaulted ceilings, wood burning fireplace and expansive patio doors make the ballroom light and airy with an indoor/outdoor feel. Another beautiful venue, Creekhouselawn, is a unique, private enclave perfect for wedding parties and families. The two-level suite showcases five bedrooms that all open onto a common area with a custom bar and patio doors that open to the large deck overlooking Oak Creek. Additional event spaces include Matisse Boardroom, Artists Cottage, Cottageside Lawn, SpiritSong Terrace, Creekside Reserve, Overlook Patio and Serenity Point.

L'Auberge offers an array of Sedona wedding packages for every type of taste, preference and wish. The packages include 'Elopement,' specifically designed as a private gateway for the two of you; 'Intimate,' a beautifully-intimate experience for seven to 19 guests; 'Inner Circle,' a celebration catered to your closest friends and family, and 'Fairy Tale,' that can accommodate up to 150 guests. More information is available by visiting <http://www.lauberge.com>



Queen Creek of Olive Mill

At Queen Creek of Olive Mill, guests will enjoy elegant cuisines, a delightful atmosphere, and memorable experiences. The 50-acre property hosts multiple spaces to accommodate any group or type of special occasion.

Queen Creek is the only family-owned and operated olive farm in Arizona featuring the Mill and Marketplace where public tours are available to learn about the Blossom to the Bottle Process and purchase some of the property's grown product. Most importantly, there is an on-site restaurant featuring Mediterranean cuisine, the number one reason couples select the Queen Creek Olive Mill for their special day. The culinary experiences range from Lunch and Learns, Pizza Creation Classes or Private Olive Oil Tastings. Guests can also build a custom package to fit their group's desire. In addition to the excellent cuisine, the venue features more than 7,000 olive trees, that provide charming locations for your first photos as a married couple.

To enhance the wedding experience, the Queen Creek Olive Mill offers sweeping vistas of the Superstition Mountains to the East and the San Tan Mountains to the West. The property has a handful of outdoor spaces for couples to plan their wedding day bliss. Included in the pricing is also an event coordinator to help plan the on-site logistics and execute your wedding day-of.

Couples will stroll through the farm's olive groves strung with Portofino lights, and watch the sunset turn the most beautifully warm shades of orange and pink. When visiting the property, brides, grooms and couples are taken back by the beauty of nature and how they can make their own wedding day dreams come true. A custom wedding experience awaits you and your guests at the Queen Creek Olive Mill. Click [here](#) for more information.



Wrigley Mansion

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Gorgeous flowers, elaborate table settings, grand entrances, delicious dining, and more, there are always special memories to be made at the recently renovated Wrigley Mansion.

Out of all the wedding venues in Phoenix, this iconic landmark provides the most stunning and complete, 360-degree views of the Valley from the ceremony venues to the reception spaces. Its architecture includes curated elements of Spanish, California Monterey and Mediterranean styles. The mansion can provide top tier amenities along with upscale, restaurant-quality food at fair prices. Geordie's Steak restaurant and Geordie's Lounge offers seasonal, Italian-accented menus and many specials. In addition, the exceptional staff will help to make couples and guests feel right at home. It's no wonder Wrigley Mansion is known for making wedding dreams become realities.

Visit <http://www.wrigleymansion.com> for more information.



Phoenix Art Museum

The Phoenix Art Museum offers a truly unique setting for your special wedding photos. The classically progressive design of the Museum's 203,000 square feet architecture, the Museum's 18,000-work collection of art from around the world, and the many traveling exhibitions will add excitement to your special day and give your guests much to talk about during cocktail hour.

Some of the museum's most stunning halls for weddings are Cummings Great Hall, one of the city's most dramatic multi-use spaces and the perfect space for a breathtaking indoor ceremony, and Greenbaum Lobby, that captures an urban view of Downtown Phoenix and the infamous desert sunset.

Let the Phoenix Art Museum be the showcase setting of your wedding! Visit <http://www.phxart.org> for more information on the venue.



Sanctuary on Camelback Mountain Resort

For brides and grooms to be, Sanctuary on Camelback Mountain Resort & Spa offers a unique experience to celebrate all the special moments leading up to the wedding day. From hosting exciting bachelorette parties to an elegant wedding, Sanctuary offers the ideal setting to ensure all occasions are special and memorable. Sanctuary Resort boasts a variety of mountainside settings, from Paradise Views, to the Wedding Lawn and the Spa House, guests will enjoy the natural splendor of the surrounding desert and mountain scenery.

The resort's Ceremony Package includes the perfect setting, valet parking for your guests, full use of the resort for your wedding portraits, changing room for the bridal party on wedding day, white folding chairs and Fiji water station for your guests. For weddings with 50 guests or more you will also receive a complimentary honeymoon suite with candlelight turndown and your choice of a personal training session to get you in shape for the wedding or a dance lesson to prepare you for your first dance together.

For a **bachelorette getaway**:

Nestled high into the heart of Camelback Mountain, the resort's **Spa House** features majestic, desert views and world-class amenities that offer brides-to-be the perfect, bachelorette getaway. This 3,500-sq.-ft. private mountain home provides groups of up to 16 with four luxurious bedrooms and four neighboring Terrace Casitas which include, private outdoor showers, patios with daybeds, a gas fireplace, and 12-foot-high glass walls that allow guests to relish in the sweeping views of Paradise Valley. With activities ranging from water aerobics in the private pool, sunrise yoga on the courtyard lawn and private fitness classes in the movement studio, brides and their parties are guaranteed to enjoy the ultimate, wellness retreat. In addition, a Spa Concierge is always at the ready to provide counsel and organize therapies whilst a Sensei in

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Residence is on-call to perform a selection of highly specialized treatments performed exclusively by Sensei therapists.

For the **groom**:

Paradise Views and the Lower Lawn are ideal venues for a carefree gentlemen's evening, with scenic vistas overlooking the inspiring mountains. The groom and his party can indulge in an evening of cigar rolling, a memorable dining experience or a relaxing spa retreat at Sanctuary Spa.

For the **big day**:

Brides can relax and refresh for their special day at the world-renowned **Sanctuary Spa**. Luxurious treatments, salon services and special packages are available exclusively for the bride and her bridal party. Packages include:

- Bridal Up-do: Starting at \$95, this service includes everything one needs to look their very best. Pampering includes an initial consultation visit and the perfect up-do.
- Bridal Makeup: Starting at \$70, this offer includes an initial consultation visit and wedding-day service. Brides that are being wed at the resort receive a 10 percent discount on hair and make-up services for both brides and the bridal party.

Sanctuary on Camelback has also launched an exciting new offering called **Bridal Balance**. Brides seeking a complete wellness experience before their big day can book the new package for a complimentary two-hour spa experience. Offer is tailored to the bride's personal needs/priorities and may include spa access, class access, skin or nutritional consultation and more. Say 'I do' in one of the most romantic and serene settings. Sanctuary Resort welcomes you to experience the premiere setting for your destination wedding in Arizona!

Visit <https://www.sanctuaryoncamelback.com> for more information on the venue.