

# VALENTINA

WEDDINGS & EVENTS

A GUIDE TO FIND  
YOUR DREAM VENUE  
IN SAN DIEGO &  
SURROUNDINGS





## Choosing the perfect venue is one of the most important decisions you'll make as you plan your dream San Diego wedding.

Whether you envision an elegant ballroom, a garden wedding, a modern chic space, or a breathtaking destination, your venue sets the stage for the entire celebration. This guide is an introduction designed to help you navigate the process of finding and selecting a wedding venue that aligns with your vision and style. From understanding your priorities and logistical considerations to exploring amenities and personalization options, so much goes into selecting a venue and avoiding costly mistakes. While our venue search package offers you a comprehensive approach to personalized venue selection, I hope this guide can be an ally if you want to take over the entire venue search on your own!

**HI!**

I am Valentina,  
a full service wedding planner based in San Diego  
& Lake Como, Italy.

My most valuable asset is my background.

I know how venues operate, having worked on the venues' side of things gives me the knowledge to ask the right questions and tackle whichever problem that may arise before it is actually too late. Most importantly, I create timelines and production schedules that actually make sense for everybody: the couple, the venue and the vendors. My background in catering and hotels is a true blessing for my wedding planning company!



On top of that, I have a true passion for design and for turning my couples' vision into reality. As a Southern California wedding planner, I love mixing classic elements to new ones, I feel like it creates continuity and flow to the design. I take joy in creating a timeless look with touches of modern while telling your story with personalized details. I am a big fan of understated luxury, and a non pompous refinement that a good observer will notice.



## THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING A DESTINATION WEDDING IN SAN DIEGO

When choosing San Diego as a destination for your wedding, several factors can help you narrow down your options and ensure a memorable experience for you and your guests.

- Begin by envisioning the type of **atmosphere and setting** that resonates with you as a couple—whether it's a tropical beach, a historic castle, or a vibrant cityscape.
- Consider **the “experience”** you want to give to your guests. Is it a one day event or a full weekend event? Will you be infusing the event with local traditions and experiences? Take into account the cultural and recreational opportunities available in the area to enhance your guests' experience and provide them with memorable moments beyond the wedding day.
- Consider **practical factors** such as the accessibility of the location for yourselves and your guests, including travel time, visa requirements and ease of transportation within the destination. Research local wedding regulations and legal requirements early on to avoid any unexpected hurdles.
- Weather is another crucial factor; understand the **climate patterns** of the area during your preferred wedding season to plan accordingly.
- Lastly, establish a **realistic budget** that encompasses all aspects of a destination wedding, from the total guest count, to venue costs ensuring you can create the celebration of your dreams without financial stress.

By carefully evaluating these aspects, you can not only ensure that San Diego resonates with your wedding vision but also create a seamless and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

# TYPE OF WEDDING VENUES IN SAN DIEGO

When it comes to choosing a wedding venue, the options are diverse, offering something for every couple's style and preferences:

## **Non-Hotel Venue:**

These venues range from rustic barns and vineyards to modern lofts and private estates, providing unique settings for personalized weddings.

## **Hotel or Resort:**

Ideal for couples seeking convenience and comprehensive services, hotels and resorts offer on-site accommodations, catering, and often, event planning assistance.

## **Country Club:**

Known for their elegant ambiance and lush surroundings, country clubs provide a sophisticated backdrop with amenities like golf courses and scenic views.

## **Museum:**

Museums offer a blend of history and art, allowing couples to host their wedding surrounded by cultural artifacts and/or unique exhibits, adding a distinctive flair to the celebration.

## **Historical Villa:**

Perfect for couples dreaming of a romantic, old-world charm, historical villas boast architectural beauty and grandeur, often set in beautiful landscapes.

## **Tented Wedding:**

Tented weddings combine the beauty of outdoor settings with the comfort and flexibility of indoor spaces, offering protection from the elements while embracing natural surroundings.

## **Garden Venue:**

Gardens offer a romantic and picturesque backdrop with lush greenery, blooming flowers, and peaceful settings, ideal for couples dreaming of an outdoor wedding surrounded by nature.

Each venue type offers its own advantages and ambiance, allowing couples to select a setting that resonates with their vision and creates lasting memories on their wedding day.



## 5 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR SAN DIEGO WEDDING VENUE BEFORE BOOKING

### COST

Can you send me **full estimate** including rental fees, food & beverage, taxes, service fees, parking and other miscellaneous charges?

If food and beverage is not through the venue, you will need to get quotes from caterers.

### SERVICE

**How many weddings** do you have per day?

### FLOW

Can you guide me through how will the **event flow**?

### PLANNING

Is there any **big event going on** in the city location over the preferred wedding dates?

This will influence the cost of accommodations.

### BE PREPARED

At the best of your knowledge, will the venue be under **construction** over the next year?

### BONUS

If part of the whole wedding is outdoors, what is the **back up plan** for inclement weather?







**DESCRIBE YOUR WEDDING DAY, VIBE, STYLE AND COLORS  
IN A FEW SENTENCES**



Taking the time to carefully consider all the intricate details before signing a contract with your wedding venue is crucial to ensuring your special day runs smoothly and as you imagined. Rushing into decisions can lead to unforeseen challenges that may impact your overall wedding experience. By thoroughly discussing availability, costs, logistics, and services with the venue, you can clarify expectations and prevent misunderstandings. Remember, this is your opportunity to create cherished memories in a space that reflects your vision perfectly. Taking the necessary time to evaluate and confirm every aspect will ultimately contribute to a stress-free and unforgettable wedding day for you and your loved ones.

With my years of experience and local knowledge, I have created a custom service for couples who need help finding the right venue. Our venue research service was designed to help you find the perfect wedding venue that meets all or most of your needs and expectations.

## **DO YOU WANT MY HELP IN SELECTING YOUR SAN DIEGO DESTINATION WEDDING VENUE?**



## **WHY DO I OFFER VENUE SEARCH AS ADD ON TO THE FULL PLANNING EXPERIENCE?**

With over a decade of experience in hotels and venues, I bring a deep understanding of the intricacies involved in selecting the perfect wedding venue. Beyond offering comprehensive full planning services, I specialize in venue search and selection, leveraging my extensive background to navigate logistics, contracts, and all the critical considerations that go into creating a seamless wedding day. Having worked behind the scenes in hospitality, I recognize the importance of finding a venue that not only aligns with your vision but also accommodates practical needs and enhances the overall guest experience. My goal is to ensure that every aspect of your venue choice reflects your unique style and preferences, making your wedding day truly unforgettable.

## WHAT DOES OUR VENUE SEARCH COVERS?

- Setting priorities and preferences
- Determining wedding style
- Must-haves vs. nice-to-haves
- Budget allocation, vendor costs & venue costs
- Room block Considerations
- Location considerations
- Venue capacity, logistics, layout and flow, amenities
- Date availability
- Legal and contractual aspects
- Personal visits and final selection
- Customization and personalization
- Décor restrictions

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# WHAT OUR COUPLES SAY...

"Valentina is above and beyond what we could've dreamed of in a wedding planner. As soon as we started talking to her, my husband and I knew immediately this is who we wanted to work with. **She's down to earth, easy to talk to**, and we quickly felt like we could trust her completely. We utilized the full wedding planning and design package and worked with Valentina for over a year up until our big day. She helped us **refine our vision and determine what elements were most important to us, all while remaining respectful and conscientious of our budget**. She has an **extensive amount of connections** with quality vendors and years of experience to guide us. She worked hard to first understand the feel we wanted to give our guests, and then offer suggestions and insight on how to achieve our vision. We had the most beautiful wedding and definitely would not have been able to pull it off without Valentina! **She took away all the stress and work of wedding planning and made it a fun, enjoyable experience!** "

"...WHERE DO I START WITH THE WONDERFUL AMAZING VALENTINA?!  
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*"Valentina went above and beyond our expectations!! **We live in Sacramento and were completely dependent on her with planning and organizing** our Wedding Day in only six months! We have very demanding jobs and Valentina was extremely flexible with Zoom and email correspondence. **We had no idea how much work went into planning a wedding and she really diminished a lot of the stress** with how prepared she was in every step of the planning process. She is very organized, detail-oriented, and extremely knowledgeable in all things wedding planning"*



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