

FINDING YOUR CEREMONY SITE

The ceremony is the heart and soul of your wedding, so it's important to choose your location carefully. Remember, the ceremony is the entire reason your guests have gathered—they might stay for the champagne and dancing, but they come to see you and your fiancé declare your undying devotion to each other. Whether you plan to do it in the corner of a restaurant or in a Greek Orthodox church, the space requires careful consideration.



QUESTION	LOCATION 1	LOCATION 2
<p>■ Name, address, contact info</p>		
<p>■ How many guests can this space hold?</p>		
<p>■ Is my preferred date and time available?</p>		
<p>■ How long can we use the space?</p>		
<p>■ Can we schedule a rehearsal time?</p> <p>Many places of worship and venues will let you conduct rehearsals only at certain times.</p>		
<p>■ Are there rooms/spaces for the bridal party, including separate spaces for the bride and groom as well as their attendants for before the ceremony?</p>		
<p>■ Any restrictions on photography or videography?</p>		

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<p>■ Any restrictions or limitations on interfaith marriages?</p>		
<p>■ Is there a fee for the space? What does it include? What does it exclude?</p>		
<p>■ What are the rules regarding flowers, candles, and other decorations?</p>		
<p>■ Are there enough/accessible bathrooms for guests, or do I need to bring in portable facilities?</p>		
<p>■ Are there restrictions on music choice?</p> <p>Some places require you to use the church's organ player rather than your own outside musicians.</p>		
<p>■ Are there any rules on amplification of sound?</p>		
<p>■ Are there any restrictions on lights or where they can be set up?</p>		
<p>■ For a religious venue, are there any restrictions regarding clothing (e.g., arms and shoulders covered)? What about head coverings?</p>		
<p>■ What will I need to provide for the ceremony?</p>		

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<p>■ Are there any restrictions on how a chuppah or altar is decorated?</p>		
<p>■ Are there extra fees, such as for music?</p>		
<p>■ Is there a suggested donation for the minister, priest, or rabbi?</p>		
<p>■ Can chapel floral arrangements or banners be temporarily removed?</p>		
<p>■ Does the church parking lot require a traffic officer? Is there a fee?</p>		
<p>■ Can we offer water or non-alcoholic drinks before and after the ceremony?</p>		
<p>■ If there is an outdoor element, what's Plan B in case of bad weather?</p>		
<p>■ How much time do we have to clean-up after the ceremony?</p> <p>Some will require same-day clean-up.</p>		
<p>■ Are there any rules or restrictions I haven't covered that I should know about?</p>		