

# THE VINTAGE ROSE BARN



TIPS FOR CHOOSING THE PERFECT VENUE... PLUS MORE!

# W E L C O M E

Congratulations on your engagement and thank you for considering our venue for one of the most important days of your life. We're here to help make your vision a reality using our extensive experience and this beautiful space.

At The Vintage Rose Barn, we always take the time to get to know each of our couples. We want to find out more about your story and how you would ultimately like your wedding day to look and feel.

We are also more than happy to assist with suggestions and referrals should you need a little help with the planning process.

We look forward to discussing your wedding day in more detail and answering any questions you might have.





A GUIDE TO CHOOSING  
**THE PERFECT VENUE**  
FOR YOUR **big day**



Of all the decisions you will make in the months leading up to your wedding, selecting a venue is one of the biggest and most important. Finding the perfect venue isn't easy either – there are so many options to choose from.

What does help is knowing how to go about it in a more structured way. The following tips will ensure your hunt for a wedding venue is exciting and as stress-free as possible.

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#### CHAT WITH YOUR PLANNER

If you are enlisting the help of a planner for your wedding, take some time to speak to them first. In fact, if your planner already knows what you're looking for, they can provide you with venue recommendations. If you have just started working with a planner, you can always take them along to view potential venues. They can tell you more about the specific capabilities of a space.

#### GET CLEAR ON YOUR VISION

Choosing a wedding venue becomes a lot easier once you know what aesthetics you have in mind. Select a venue that fits in and enhances the theme of your wedding – this will make everything look and feel more connected.

#### GO IN WITH A BUDGET

There is no point in hunting for a wedding venue when you don't know what you're willing to spend. Your budget will help you narrow down your options quite significantly, which can also make the process a lot less stressful.



## HAVE A ROUGH GUEST LIST IN PLACE

While there is no need to have a final guest list when you start weighing up wedding venues, it does help to have an idea of the numbers. Not only does this help you choose the ideal venue, but it will help you plan out other costs too, including catering. Don't forget to keep your guests' experience in mind too. Can a specific venue comfortably accommodate the number of people you want to invite?

## CONSIDER WHAT'S INCLUDED

Every venue's costs are a little different. Some include more in their packages than others, so make a point of asking about what's included when viewing a potential venue. Get as specific as you can, while keeping your overall theme in mind. The venue might include crisp white chair covers, but does this fit in with your aesthetics?

Over and above these considerations, stay true to yourself. By focusing on what's truly important to you and your partner, you will always make the right wedding venue choice.





## TIPS TO HELP YOU DECORATE YOUR **wedding venue**

Now that you've chosen a wedding venue, you get to focus on how you want it to look. Décor choices can be overwhelming though, so where do you even start?

These tips will help you get started and make some decisions.

## 1. START WITH SOME RESEARCH.

If you don't have a look and feel in mind, it's best not to start making décor decisions just yet. You will only be left with an overwhelming number of ideas, all of which will be mismatched. Start by selecting a theme. From there, you can move onto a color scheme before you get more specific about your choices.

## 2. HAVE A BUDGET.

This same advice applies to every wedding-related decision. Don't start without a budget. Having a budget makes the planning process and post-wedding life a lot less stressful. Plus, it stops you from falling in love with options you can't afford.

## 3. CONSIDER THE FEATURES OF YOUR VENUE.

Your venue might have a lot more to offer than you might think. Before you start spending money on flowers and other décor items, take a walk around your venue to see what you can use. Some venues even include a few décor items as part of their packages.







#### **4. LOOK AT WHAT YOU HAVE AT HOME.**

Once you start looking around your home with your wedding theme in mind, you might be surprised at how much you can use. Anything from pillows and rugs to photo frames can all be used to add personal touches to your venue.

#### **5. FLOWERS AREN'T EVERYTHING.**

Flowers and weddings go hand in hand, but you really don't need to spend large amounts of money on dramatic floral centerpieces to have beautiful décor. Flowers are one of those items you can experiment with. There are great options available for every budget. However, there is no need for flowers to make up the bulk of your décor budget either.

## 6. REPURPOSE CEREMONY DÉCOR.

Another great way to save some money is to repurpose your ceremony décor. Moving a few items from your ceremony into your reception area is something your wedding planner or the venue can help you with. There's no need to double down on décor when you can shift it around.

## 7. USE LIGHTING TO YOUR ADVANTAGE.

Using lighting, you can bring attention to specific venue features that you wouldn't otherwise notice. This simple trick can be the very thing you need to transform a room without spending extra money. Light backdrops also make for an affordable but eye-catching finishing touch.

## 8. USE STATEMENT PIECES.

Sometimes you don't need a lot to perfectly decorate your wedding venue. Statement pieces stand out and you don't need many to make an impact at your venue. Consider adding one or two larger items to the mix instead of spending more on smaller items.

## 9. DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE CEILING.

Lastly, don't forget that you can do a lot with the ceiling of your venue too. Lights are just one option. There are also pom poms and bunting, which are fun and affordable.

Your décor does build on the theme of your wedding day but keep in mind that simple can be beautiful too. Ultimately, wedding guests are there to see you and your partner, eat good food, and have some fun. Something to keep in mind as you plan your wedding décor.





# P R I C I N G P A C K A G E S

- **Friday Wedding. \$3750 (up to 125 guests)/\$4250 (126-200 guests)**

Friday wedding may book time to decorate the Thursday before for an additional price of \$100/hr with access to the barn at 1pm. Rehearsal included and may take place on Thursday from 5-6pm.

- **Saturday Wedding. \$4500 (up to 125 guests)/\$5000 (126-200 guests)**

If a Friday wedding is booked, Saturday weddings desiring a rehearsal (included), may do so on Thursday evening from 6:30-7:30pm. If there is no event booked for Friday evening, Saturday weddings can have access to the barn on Friday at 2pm or after for set-up for an additional \$100/hr; rehearsal may also take place then on Friday evening, but must be concluded by 7pm.

- **Sunday Wedding. \$3000 (up to 125 guests)/\$3500 (126-200 guests)**

Venue rental is 10am-10pm. Sunday weddings desiring a rehearsal may do so on Thursday evening from 6-7pm if there are no other rehearsals taking place during that time. If rehearsal is unable to be held on Thursday due to other events, a rehearsal may take place on Wednesday from 6-7pm.

- **Weekend Wedding Package. \$6250**

Access to the barn on Friday at 9am for set-up with rehearsal on Friday evening, but must be concluded by 7pm. Saturday event 9am until midnight with additional time on Sunday to clean up. Clean-up must be completed by Sunday at 11am with all vehicles vacated from the parking area .





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# QUESTIONS EVERY COUPLE SHOULD ASK WHEN CHOOSING A WEDDING VENUE

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Now that you're engaged, the hunt for a wedding venue can begin. It's one of the many exciting decisions you will make during this time, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't take a logical approach. It's essential to have as much information as possible before you pay a deposit.

Here are some of the questions you should ask before you make a final call on a venue.

## THE WEDDING DATE

1. Is my date available and if not, what are some of the other available dates?
2. Also, how far in advance can I reserve my date?

## WEDDINGS PER WEEKEND

3. Will ours be the only wedding on our date or do you host multiple weddings?

## VENUE HIRE

4. What is the venue hire cost and what's included?
5. Can I also get the price list for any extras that you offer, including décor and catering?

## DEPOSITS AND PAYMENT

6. How much is the deposit for the venue and what is the payment schedule for the remainder of the cost?
7. Is there a cancellation policy in place?

## VENDORS

8. Do you have an approved list of vendors that we need to use, or can we bring in our own?
9. Also, what are the costs involved with bringing in our own vendors?





## VENUE LOGISTICS

10. How many bathrooms do you have on-site?
11. How much parking is available for guests?
12. Are there any noise restrictions or cut-off times to be aware of?

## VENUE SPECIFICS

13. What spaces are available to use on the day.
14. How many people can the venue comfortably accommodate?
15. Are there any restrictions in terms of décor?
16. When can vendors arrive on the day to set up?

## CATERING

17. Is there an in-house caterer we can use and what are the costs involved?
18. Is there a minimum in terms of food and beverages?
19. Are we able to bring our own liquor onto the property?

## POINT OF CONTACT

20. Who is our point of contact going forward and on the day, and is it possible to meet them?

By asking these 20 questions, you will have a much clearer idea of whether a wedding venue is right for your big day.







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## COMMON VENUE MISTAKES TO AVOID MAKING

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Choosing a wedding venue is a significant part of the planning process.

Unfortunately, it's not impossible to make some costly errors. It's best to be aware of some of the most common mistakes that couples make before you start searching for your dream venue.

Here they are...

### **MISTAKE 1: NOT HAVING A BUDGET.**

It's not difficult to dream of beautiful wedding venues. However, it's easy to be disappointed once you start looking at venues you can't afford. If you have some venues in mind already, ask to see a full breakdown of the costs to ensure it meets your budget. This will also help you avoid any hidden costs later on.

### **MISTAKE 2: NOT ASKING ENOUGH QUESTIONS.**

You should always have as much information as possible about a venue before you pay a deposit. A venue's policies can leave you with additional costs you might not be able to afford. For example, can you bring in your own vendors at no cost? Do they charge for additional services such as restrooms and parking? Is there a cancellation policy in place? These are just some of the questions you should be asking.

### **MISTAKE 3: USING PICTURES TO DECIDE ON A VENUE.**

What you see on a venue's website versus what it looks like in person can be two very different things. Never base your decisions on images alone – images can be edited. Always take an in-person tour of a venue before making a final call.

### **MISTAKE 4: NOT HAVING A ROUGH GUEST LIST**

There is no need to venue shop with a finalized guest list, but you should have a basic idea of numbers. Your guests are an integral part of your day & you want them to be comfortable. Make sure the venue you have in mind can comfortably accommodate all your guests at every stage of the day.

### **MISTAKE 5: NOT CONSIDERING THE WEATHER**

Your chosen venue should always have a backup plan, a plan B for if the weather takes an unexpected turn. Where will you get married if it decides to rain on the day? If your reception venue is in the open, how will your guests be protected from harsh weather conditions?





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