



WEDDINGS

Las Vegas is known as much for its weddings as it is for its bright lights and mega resorts. With approximately 75,000 marriage licenses issued annually and its 5-millionth issued on February 20, 2022, Las Vegas has the busiest marriage license bureau in the nation and is accordingly recognized as the “Wedding Capital of the U.S.”

Las Vegas is also a welcoming destination for LGBTQ+ weddings. On Oct. 9, 2014, Clark County began issuing licenses to same-gender couples. The 1,000th same-gender marriage license was issued on Jan. 7, 2015; the 5,000th license was issued on Dec. 30, 2015; and the 10,000th license was issued on Jan. 20, 2017. On May 16, 2019, the County celebrated the issuance of the 20,000th license.

Whether it's eloping on a secret rendezvous or planning an elaborate ceremony for hundreds of family and friends, there is no place quite like Las Vegas to tie the knot. Las Vegas' grand allure is offering the ultimate freedom of choice, ranging from an Elvis impersonator presiding over a chapel ceremony to a lavish soiree at one of the destination's premier resorts, and everything in between.

Those who marry in the Wedding Capital are met with the industry's top professionals who can create fully customizable ceremonies. Minimal pre-ceremony requirements and no waiting period make Las Vegas an ideal wedding destination for all couples to celebrate their nuptials.

COMING SOON

Forever Vegas: A Celebration of Love launches in Las Vegas Thursday, March 2 to Saturday, March 4, 2023. Couples from all over the world are invited to a three-day party culminating in the World's Largest Vow Renewal at **CAESARS FORUM**, Caesars Entertainment's newest conference center with the two largest pillarless ballrooms in the world. Other events include a Vegas Sunset Viewing Party at **Legacy Club** at **Circa Resort & Casino**, a Bellagio Fountain Viewing Party from **Chateau Rooftop** at **Paris Las Vegas**, and a brunch at **Eataly** at **Park MGM**.

CHAPELS AND VENUES

Nearly every major resort in Las Vegas has its own unique wedding chapel and ceremony spaces, offering an array of experiences from simple celebrations to elaborate affairs for every taste and budget.

The Little Vegas Chapel, an award-winning wedding chapel since 2013 located within downtown Las Vegas' Neon Gateway near the famed Arts District, recently expanded with the opening of a new ceremony venue, the Imperial Chapel. To accommodate for

the chapel's growth, the newly constructed ceremony venue adds 800 square feet of space to the existing chapel and can host up to 18 guests.

The Wedding Chapel at **ARIA Resort & Casino** features just one chapel to ensure exclusivity to the special couple and their guests. This venue combines sleek and modern design with lavish décor for an elegant and sophisticated experience. Lovebirds can also reserve other venues, including the Fireside Lounge and Poolside Verandah.

Right on the Strip, **Bali Hai Golf Club** is a tropical golf oasis that offers beautiful options for wedding ceremonies and receptions. The breathtaking landscape, lined in palm trees, features lush greenery and water features, with reception options including the venue's Aloha Room, Island Patio and two private dining rooms.

Home to two wedding chapels and several outdoor locations, **Bellagio Hotel & Casino** offers an intimate setting for couples seeking romance and beauty. Terrazza Di Sogno, "The Terrace of Dreams," is a popular choice and provides a stunning view of The Fountains of Bellagio and its surrounding Tuscan landscape. Wedding planners will time the famous water show to begin as the couple embraces for their long-awaited first married kiss.

From intimate weddings to grand affairs, **Caesars Palace** offers multiple venues for marriages and vow renewals. Classico is one of the largest chapels on the Strip, holding 196 guests, and can be found in the Augustus Tower. The property also has two outdoor locations, the Venus and Juno Gardens.

Voted "The Best Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas," by the Las Vegas Review-Journal readers' poll and "Best of Weddings" by The Knot, **Chapel of the Flowers** has made dreams come true for more than 50 years. With five chapels to choose from, Chapel of the Flowers specializes in vow renewals and customizable traditional wedding ceremonies.

Soar to new heights and seal love above Las Vegas inside the exclusive Wedding Suite at **The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas**. Purposefully designed without the traditional aisle and ceremony seating, guests stand in awe as vows are exchanged either in-suite or on the private wraparound terrace overlooking the heart of Las Vegas Boulevard. Couples can also opt for a ceremony inside The Chelsea, inspired by an abandoned glass factory, which provides a stunning combination of industrial grit and artistic glamour. Several other ceremony locations on property provide totally customizable and unique ceremonies.

The first traveling pop-up wedding company in the United States, Downtown Las Vegas' **Flora Pop** is a delightful and easy way to "get hitched." Pick the place and Flora Pop will send "The Teardrop," a built-by-hand mobile chapel modeled after a 1950s Kenskill trailer complete with a neon sign and flowers. From the middle of the desert to the Springs Mountain Range and anywhere in between, Flora Pop will meet the party wherever they wish.

Four Seasons Hotel Las Vegas is a non-gaming, luxury hotel on the Strip and offers several indoor and outdoor spaces that will make any ceremony unforgettable. Intimate outdoor ceremonies are booked on the Fountain Terrace, while the hotel's private pool

and PRESS patio can also be rented for weddings and receptions. The property's Grand Staircase has also become an iconic backdrop for wedding photos.

Open for more than 16 years and the only gay owned and operated wedding chapel in Las Vegas, the **Gay Chapel of Las Vegas** offers a wide selection of commitment ceremonies, weddings, themed weddings and vow renewals for couples from all walks of life. The chapel specializes in weddings that are custom fit for each couple and their desires.

Green Valley Ranch Resort & Spa boasts several perfect backdrops for couples, from the Piazza Grand Staircase to its Garden Amphitheater. The resort also features several ballrooms perfect for a grand reception.

The JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa, located a short drive from the Strip, offers 54 acres of lush gardens, waterfalls and streams. The property boasts multiple wedding locations, both indoor and outdoor. Once the newly wedded couple walks down the aisle, guests can celebrate in one of several reception venues.

Las Vegas Paiute Golf Resort stuns guests with its breathtaking backdrop highlighting the natural desert beauty and mountain range in the distance. The resort offers unique and elegant ceremonies and receptions, working with each couple's individual style and needs.

Lovers can also tie the knot atop **The High Roller** at **The LINQ Promenade**. The observation wheel provides spectacular views of Las Vegas for the couple and up to 38 guests. The High Roller is also a unique location for a wedding reception complete with an open bar inside a private cabin.

Since opening in 1942, **Little Church of the West** has become a legendary spot to say "I do." Betty Grable, Judy Garland, Mickey Rooney, Dudley Moore, Cindy Crawford and Richard Gere and many others have exchanged vows there. Listed on the National Registry of Historical Places, The Little Church of the West was originally built as part of the Last Frontier Hotel but has since been moved three times and still maintains its original integrity.

A Little White Wedding Chapel, known around the world as one of the most famous places to get married, has been the site of numerous celebrity weddings, including Frank Sinatra and Mia Farrow, Bruce Willis and Demi Moore, Sarah Michelle Gellar and Freddie Prinze Jr. and Michael Jordan.

Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino offers many unforgettable backdrops for a couple's special day, including Mandalay Bay Beach and Seascape Ballroom, with windows into the shark tank at the resort's Shark Reef Aquarium.

Those looking for something truly memorable on their wedding day should consider the volcano package at **The Mirage Hotel & Casino**. Daytime weddings offer a serene tropical setting, while evening weddings bring the heat as vows are exchanged overlooking the erupting volcano and cascading waterfall.

Everlasting love can be sealed with a kiss at several venues at **MGM Grand Hotel & Casino**, but a favorite is the Forever Grand Chapels. Professional wedding planners

help couples take a step back in time for a vintage wedding, complete with hair, makeup and dramatic lighting to mimic the ambiance of the 1940s. Those looking for an unparalleled intimate setting should consider Joël Robuchon's Parisian Terrace. This package includes a private dining room where the wedding festivities continue with a five-course dinner menu.

Located in the heart of Downtown Las Vegas, the **Mob Museum** is housed in the historic former federal courthouse and U.S. Post Office and was meticulously restored to its original grandeur. The Museum offers ceremonies and receptions with a truly unique backdrop as it presents a view of organized crime's impact on Las Vegas history and its imprint on America and the world through interactive and engaging exhibits.

Lovers inspired by the glittering lights of the Las Vegas Strip can promise forever surrounded by restored vintage neon signs at the **Neon Museum**. The vintage signs bask the ceremony and reception areas in colorful light creating a truly only-in-Vegas memory.

For thrill-seekers, imagine taking the plunge at 67 miles per hour, while riding the Big Apple Roller Coaster at **New York-New York Hotel & Casino**. Family and friends can join couples as they embark on the ride of a lifetime.

From Venice to Paris, lovebirds can say "je t'aime" atop the Eiffel Tower at **Paris Las Vegas**. This intimate ceremony includes the couple and their 12 closest friends and family, 460 feet above the Las Vegas Strip on the tower's observation deck. Couples can also select a guitarist or violinist to accompany their special day.

Red Rock Resort offers a beautiful ceremony space off the casino floor with access to a private pool area. This former club has been transformed into an event space, with the perfect lighting and sound system; it even includes a DJ booth.

For a beautiful desert setting, couples can opt for the **Reflection Bay Golf Club** in Lake Las Vegas. Just 20 miles from the Las Vegas Strip, the area features breathtaking views and incredible amenities to choose from.

With over 250,000 square feet of flexible space, **Resorts World Las Vegas** might just have a wedding ceremony and reception for every taste and style. In addition to six ballrooms, couples can also plan events at the hotel's pools, Ayu Dayclub, Zouk Nightclub, The Theatre at Resorts World, and its Rose Rooftop, which offers sweeping views of the Las Vegas Strip.

The Smith Center for the Performing Arts hosts some of the greatest acts in performing arts and wedding masterpieces. Ceremonies can take place in one of the complex's seven stunning Art Deco style locations, from the Grand Lobby to the Troesh Studio Theatre, creating an elegant and sophisticated backdrop for vows. For an over-the-top ceremony, the Carillion tower is the place to say "I do" as the bell rings during that special kiss.

The Chapel in the Clouds at **The STRAT Hotel, Casino & SkyPod** offers breathtaking views of the Strip and surrounding valley from over 800 feet above Las Vegas. Dine in the only revolving restaurant in Las Vegas, Top of the World, and raise the excitement for guests with a one-of-a-kind experience.

At **Tropicana Las Vegas**, couples are offered a tropical yet modern feel inside the resort's wedding chapel. Guests are taken to paradise with its white shutters, stylish palms and dark wooden chairs. The island oasis continues outdoors and through several additional venues onsite.

The Venetian Resort Las Vegas is most widely recognized for transporting couples to Venice for their vows in the White Gondola ceremony. A gondolier will perform the intimate ceremony complete with Italian song while gliding along the Grand Canal. Wedding planners also host lavish ceremonies at The Palazzo Waterfall Atrium, Venezia Pool Gardens, Wedding Terrace and other romantic indoor and outdoor venues.

The Wedding Salons at **Wynn Las Vegas** were inspired by an antique sterling silver box made by Buccelati, with a crème duchesse satin lining, elaborate design and decor. The extravagant Salons feature three elegant wedding locations, including two indoor venues and a beautifully designed outdoor space for wedding ceremonies or vow renewals.

Fun Fact:

The most popular wedding days in Las Vegas are Valentine's Day, New Year's Eve and dates with repeating numbers (for example, 10/10/10, 11/11/11, 12/12/12, 2/20/20). One of the most celebrated wedding dates of all time, 7/07/07, was a big day in Las Vegas due to its implied luckiness (it's the ultimate jackpot!) paired with the fact that it landed on a Saturday.

Requirements

- Proof of age (driver's license, passport or birth certificate)
- Must have a social security number; international visitors who exchange wedding vows in the U.S. may need additional or special documentation to guarantee the marriage is recognized in their country
- Parental consent and court order (if under the age of 18)
- No blood test
- No waiting period

Fees

- Marriage License/Clark County License Bureau: \$102

License Bureaus

- Clark County Marriage License Bureau
 - Address: 201 E. Clark Avenue
 - Main number: 702-671-0600
 - Web site: www.co.clark.nv.us/clerk/marriage_information.htm
 - Hours: 8 a.m. to midnight daily
- Laughlin, Nev. Marriage License Bureau
 - Address: 101 Civic Way
 - Main number: 702-671-0500
 - Hours:
 - Thursday - Saturday: 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 - Closed on holidays

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