



THE DO'S &
DON'TS OF:

venue visits

THE SPRINGS

WEDDINGS & EVENTS



DO ARRIVE ON TIME

It's advisable to make an appointment ahead of time and allot for 45 minutes to an hour at each location. Also, it is always kind to communicate if you're running ahead of or behind schedule.

DO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

You'll want one-on-one time with the venue staff - making an appointment ensures they can meet with you when they don't have another tour, a photo shoot, or an actual wedding occurring at the same time.

DO TAKE PHOTOS

Documenting the venue from your perspective will help you remember the things you liked and disliked about it. After 1 or 2 tours, the locations may start to get a little mixed up in your brain so this will help you remember each place visited.

DO EXCUSE YOURSELF

Picking a venue is a personal decision between you and your partner. There are lots of emotions and opinions that you're sure to feel along the tour, but may not feel comfortable discussing in front of the venue staff. Don't be shy to ask for the space you need to talk privately.

DO BRING A LIST OF QUESTIONS

Comparing apples to apples for venues can be hard. If you ask the same questions at each venue, it will help you compare side by side from your own perspective.

DO CHECK OUT REVIEWS

Read reviews and ask around. Google will give you a good idea of guest experiences, but Wedding Wire and The Knot will give you the intimate details from past couples. Bonus tip: seeing how the venue talks about bad reviews can tell you a lot about the business ethics of a company.



DO ASK FOR A FINAL QUOTE

If you've never heard the phrase "plus-plus," it's pretty standard that venues have a price, plus tax, plus gratuity. Get a quote that includes all additional fees and an example of a payment plan so you know the bottom line.

DO REVIEW PACKAGE OPTIONS BEFOREHAND

Check out the wedding package or service options before your tour. This will help you ask the right questions and get detailed answers about any extras. Knowing what's available makes it easier to find what fits your vision.



DO EXPLORE THE ENTIRE PROPERTY

Don't just focus on the main spaces—take time to visit the restrooms, kitchen, vendor parking, dressing suites, and other logistical areas. Also, explore every area you'll have access to on your wedding day. This helps you visualize how your day will unfold, from the first look to the grand exit.

Remember to ask about any additional buildings, like a chapel, that might be available for your use.



DO KEEP YOUR TOUR GROUP SMALL

Limit your tour group to just you, your partner, and a few key people. While other opinions matter, bringing a large group can be tricky, especially if another event is being set up. If you need to bring more people, consider scheduling your visit on a non-wedding day to avoid any disruptions.



DON'T FEEL PRESSURED

Yes, dates do reserve quickly, BUT you should never feel pressured into this decision. A deposit, retainer or (insert that venue's term for the first payment needed to save your date) is non-refundable. Move forward at your own pace - you will know when you are ready.

DON'T LEAVE WITHOUT A COPY OF THE CONTRACT

Weddings are fun! Contracts are serious. Read it without distractions or pressure in the comfort of your own home. Highlight anything you have questions about and follow up with the venue afterwards before you sign the dotted line.

DON'T FEEL SHY ABOUT ASKING FOR MULTIPLE DATE OPTIONS

A venue should be transparent with you about their dates and availability. It'll give you a good idea about how quickly the dates are really selling, which months are the most popular, and to see which dates you can consider if this is the place!

DON'T GO TO YOUR TOUR ON AN EMPTY STOMACH

It's hard to focus when you're hungry. We know this sounds obvious, but we've seen couples line up tours back to back and forget to allot time for lunch in between. Weddings should be happy. Tours should be happy. But ain't no one happy when they're hungry!



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Happy Planning!

xoxo, The Springs