

Here's Where to Host a Wedding Reception

<i>Company</i>	<i>Person to contact</i>	<i>Room capacity</i>	<i>Events possible</i>	<i>On-site catering</i>	<i>Outdoor party area?</i>	<i>Ceremony site?</i>	<i>Average price range</i>	<i>Description</i>
Brooklake Country Club 139 Brooklake Rd., Florham Park (973) 377-2235	Carol Landers	300	1	Y	Y	Y	\$\$\$\$	Windowed ballroom overlooking lake, fountains, golf course, garden gazebo.
The Bernards Inn 27 Mine Brook Road, Bernardsville (908) 766-0002	Tracey Mancini	225	1	Y	N	Y	\$\$\$\$	Reminiscent of a small European hotel, the inn offers fine dining and luxurious guest suites.
The Hilton at Short Hills 41 JFK Parkway, Short Hills (973) 912-7975	Bonnie Schleimer	350	1	Y	Y	Y	\$\$\$\$	Located across from Mall at Short Hills, resort-style setting, luxurious accommodations, European spa.
Holiday Inn Select of Clinton 111 Route 173, Clinton (908) 735-2112	Stephanie Abruzzese	250	1	Y	N	Y	\$\$	Sensational staircase, garden courtyard and tropical poolside setting for ceremony, event, wedding pictures.
The Madison Hotel 1 Convent Road, Morristown (973) 285-1800, ext. 523	Catering office	350	2	Y	Y	Y	\$\$\$\$	Savings for parties booked at times other than Saturday night; Bellwood Mansion on 15 acres for up to 250.
Meadow Wood Manor 461 Rt. 10 East, Randolph (973) 537-5454	Catering Sales	270	1	Y	Y	Y	\$\$\$\$	
Olde Mill Inn & Grain House 225 Route 202, Basking Ridge (908) 696-2315	Sales and catering	240	1	Y	Y	Y	\$\$\$\$	Mansion on 15 acres for up to 250. Charming country inn, a must-see for even the most discriminating.
Skylands at Randolph 792 Route 10W, Randolph (973) 328-8600, (800) 834-7926	Bridal consultants	1,000	2	Y	N	Y	\$\$\$	20-acre park-like setting. Spiral staircase, imported crystal chandeliers.

Key to price: \$\$ - \$45-\$70, \$\$\$ - \$70-\$90, \$\$\$\$ - \$90+

Help your out-of-town guests get there

Planning to get married any time soon? It's true what they say — your wedding day is one of the most important and defining moments in your life. How do you envision yours?

In a perfect world, everything will go like clockwork. At exactly 1 o'clock, the music will start to play, all the guests will arrive on time and anxiously wait for the bride to appear. Then they'll hold back tears as she marches down the aisle on her father's arm.

In reality, however, it's more likely that there will be some snags. The person delivering the flowers and decorations could be late, pushing the ceremony back an hour. The hired photographer could have written down the wrong date and not show up at all. Or even worse, your out-of-town guests won't show up on time either because they got stuck in traffic or were unable to find the ceremony.

Because for most weddings, a good portion of the guest list includes people from out-of-town, it is critical to be as detail-orientated as possible when helping them get from destination to destination.

Along with the invitation, include multi-view maps that will show guests where all the wedding-related events are taking place. You'll need one showing directions to the



The Bernards Inn is a popular hotel for out-of-town guests attending local weddings.

wedding venue from the hotel, the bride's parents' home and the airport. Another showing directions from the ceremony location to the reception hall.

Be sure to include a link to a traffic Web site, such as Traffic.com, at the bottom of any map you provide, as well as your wedding Web site. The site will be a great resource for your guests, as it shows the most direct route from place to place, and also provides real-time information on delays, traffic

jams and detours.

Guests can pre-plan their route by accessing the site from the hotel computer or their Internet-enabled cell phone. All they have to do is enter the address where they're staying and of the place they're going to, and the information they need will come back instantly.

Guests can also get the information they need through the (866) MY-TRAF (866-698-7232) traffic hotline.

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