

Wedding Venue Walk Through

Try not to stress! We got you. Just follow these suggestions below for what to consider in setting up your venue, and you'll be covered

- Consider how your guests will arrive. Is there parking? Is valet provided? Shuttle Service from ceremony to reception?
- Do you need to provide evening lighting? Consider the path to the ceremony, the location of aperitifs, etc.
- Are there restrooms available?
- Is the alter set up in the right location, and in the right way? Are the attendees sitting or standing, and how will they be organized? What about room for musicians?
- How will the officiant's voice get across? Does the venue provide enough echo for officiant or does he/she need to be miked?
- Where will you host a cocktail hour/aperitifs? (consider, musicians, bar tables, hors d'oeuvres, a table to display dinner card for seating arrangements, guest book, cocktail tables....)
- Is it a chillier time of year? Consider a coat check.
- Think about the reception layout - where to host the cutting of the cake, where the DJ or band will set up, bar station, table size and layout, etc.
- Consider where the catering company can set up and organize the food. Do you need to provide any equipment or supplies for them?
- Do you need additional electrical outlets for both ambient lighting and the musicians/DJ?
- Is there enough power in the facility, or should you supply the venue with a generator to support the additional power?
- How much time in advance can the reception venue offer you to set up? Are there any additional costs incurred by the venue for the setup?
- Ask the reception venue what rules they have for setup & deconstruction of the decorations. Some places might be strict with how to do it and in timing.
- Is the wedding outside? Consider if there could be any pesky insects (mosquito season!) or allergens present.
- Are there any parts of the venue that need to be changed or covered for your wedding? For example, a broken table/chair, stains in carpeting, landscape trimming, etc.
- If the room you would like to use requires too much "fix up," consider those costs in addition. This could really add up :-/