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# venues with a view

Wow your guests with some stunning surroundings. BY JAIMIE DALESSIO

## the parker palm springs

4200 East Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs;  
(760) 770-5000; [ParkerWeddings.com](http://ParkerWeddings.com)

From the Croquet Lawn (a perfect ceremony spot) at The Parker Palm Springs, you get the desert mountains in the backdrop and palm trees overhead. Spaces for the reception include Palm Court (a grassy knoll surrounded by palm trees) and a brand-new open, tree-lined field with room for anywhere from 600 to 800 people—big news, because the venue could previously only accommodate groups of around 200 or so.

## the crossings at carlsbad

5800 The Crossings Drive, Carlsbad;  
(760) 444-1800; [TheCrossingsatCarlsbad.com](http://TheCrossingsatCarlsbad.com)

Even though the property is a mile away from the beach, the view of the ocean from The Crossings is unobstructed. Say “I do” on the wedding lawn beside the clubhouse, watch the sun set while you toast on the veranda and then move inside to the main room for dinner, where you can still see the water from the floor-to-ceiling windows. If you get sick of that scenery, check out the mountains and golf course on the other side of the grounds.



## hummingbird nest ranch

2940 Kuehner Drive, Santa Susana; (805) 579-8000;  
[HummingbirdNestRanch.com](http://HummingbirdNestRanch.com)

Stepping onto this 140-acre private estate feels like walking into your own little city. Depending on the style you're after, get married on the steps of the Spanish villa, beneath giant trees or near the lake—all in the midst of the Santa Susana Mountains. Have cocktails by the gazebo before moving the festivities down to the great lawn for dinner and dancing. The best part: no curfew or noise restrictions. Party on. >>





### terranea resort

6610 Palos Verdes Drive South,  
Rancho Palos Verdes;  
(310) 265-2883; [Terranea.com](http://Terranea.com)

You may recognize Terranea from *Shedding for the Wedding* on the CW, which was filmed there. And Molly and Jason from *The Bachelor?* Their wedding too! Between the coastline location, Catalina Island backdrop and nothing-but-ocean views, we can see why Hollywood loves the place. Catalina Point is the most popular ceremony spot on the property, and the Catalina Room (with walls of windows and a private terrace and lawn) is just a short walk away for the reception.

### the london west hollywood

1020 North San Vicente Boulevard,  
West Hollywood; (310) 358-7749;  
[TheLondonWestHollywood.com](http://TheLondonWestHollywood.com)

Exchange vows on the grass-floor rooftop deck of this cosmopolitan-chic hotel, where the panoramic views reach from downtown to Santa Monica. Or have the reception up there—picture dinner under the stars for 250—and get married instead on the third-floor deck, a courtyard filled with white roses. If you're into ballrooms (or in case of rain), the neutral palette of the hotel's ballroom and its marble terrace is just as charming.

### shade hotel

1221 North Valley Drive, Manhattan Beach;  
(310) 546-4995; [ShadeHotel.com](http://ShadeHotel.com)

Watch the sun set over Manhattan Beach from this boutique hotel's open rooftop deck—with room for up to 50 guests for dinner (or 80 for cocktails) around the pool. Another intimate option is Zinc Terrace, an open-air space located off the hotel's wine bar. Have a bigger party in mind? Go for the courtyard, which fits 120.

### the university club atop symphony towers

750 B Street, Suite 3400, San Diego;  
(619) 798-9975; [UC-SanDiego.com](http://UC-SanDiego.com)

This just-renovated venue sits on the 34th floor of one of San Diego's tallest buildings. From the east wing, you see the mountains; from the west wing, you see the city, the bay and the ocean—all from floor-to-ceiling windows. Most couples start with a ceremony on the east side and head over to the west side when it's time for sunset.

### pacific edge hotel

647 South Coast Highway, Laguna Beach;  
(949) 281-5703; [PacificEdgeHotel.com](http://PacificEdgeHotel.com)

Have your ceremony on the beach or directly above the shoreline on the villa deck, where you'll still feel like you're right on the water. Tip: The beach can only accommodate 95 guests, because of city restrictions, but the deck fits up to 115. For the reception, set up tables and food stations inside the lounge area so you can keep the dance floor outside beneath the twinkling lights.

### the portofino hotel & yacht club

260 Portofino Way, Redondo Beach;  
(310) 798-5874; [HotelPortofino.com](http://HotelPortofino.com)

The Portofino guarantees great views from everywhere on the property—of both the marina and the ocean. Exchange vows within sight of the water, Palos Verdes and the Redondo Beach pier in the new, aptly named the Wedding Garden. For the reception, take advantage of floor-to-ceiling windows in both the Pacific (fits 120) and Bayside (fits 230) ballrooms.

### south coast winery resort & spa

34843 Rancho California Road, Temecula;  
(951) 587-9463; [WineResort.com](http://WineResort.com)

Treat guests to Temecula Valley wine country on this 38-acre vineyard estate. The Rose Arbor, tucked in the back of the property, is one of the best places for a ceremony. Take the shuttle back to the front of the winery for a champagne reception in the courtyard and dinner in the romantic barrel room.



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