

THE 2023 *wedding + celebrations* GUIDE



Weddings are back in a big way. By that we mean elaborate parties, plenty of color, and bucket-list honeymoons. Planning your nuptials? Congratulations!

Here are the key trends to keep an eye on this year. Have fun making them your own.

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SEVEN POPULAR IDEAS TO CONSIDER WHEN DESIGNING YOUR BIG DAY.



1: DESTINATION EVENTS

Zoom weddings are a thing of the past. Now, couples are thinking global: They're planning weddings in far-off locales where they can organize a week of festivities instead of a single-day celebration.



2: ENVIRONMENTAL FOCUS

From choosing eco-friendly venues and decor to plant-based menus to recycled paper invitations and sustainably made wedding dresses, modern weddings are more in tune with Mother Nature.



3: SMALL WEDDING PARTIES

Less is sometimes more. Couples are opting for intimate wedding parties to keep stress down and make the experience more special.



4: BLURRY PHOTOS

Call it love drunk—or social media's influence—but candid, blurry images of, say, your sister chasing the ring-bearer or your new spouse spinning you on the dance floor add a documentary feel to your photos. Plus, they're a nice break from all the posed shots.



5: PRIVATE LAST DANCES

Savor the final minutes of your once-in-a-lifetime day by opting for a final dance with just the two of you and, yes, your photographer.



6: OVER-THE-TOP AFTER PARTIES

Most venues need to shut things down before midnight. But you can keep the party going with a late-night bash focused on great music and yummy snacks. (Espresso martinis may be necessary.)



7: DELAYED HONEYMOONS

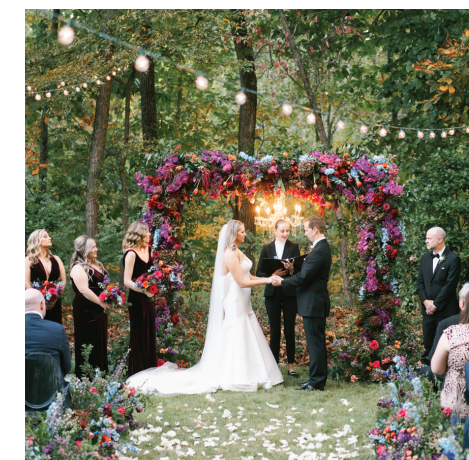
More couples are choosing to set off on bucket-list, multi-destination trips months after their nuptials. It gives them time to unwind after the festivities—and celebrate all over again when the honeymoon date finally arrives.

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say yes to the dress RIGHT

WEDDING DRESSES ARE AS UNIQUE AS THE BRIDES WHO WEAR THEM. BUT THESE SIX DESIGN DETAILS ARE IN VOGUE:

SLEEVES

Lace, bell, Juliet, bishop—whatever style you choose, gowns with dramatic sleeves are oh-so-chic.

COLOR AND FLORALS

Subtle pops of color and flower-inspired prints can reflect a bride's personality.

SHORTER HEMLINES

Mini, midi, and even high-low designs are in, whether for the ceremony or as a reception outfit.

SHEER FABRICS

Transparent layers and ethereal designs took over bridal runways this year.

BALLGOWNS.

A timeless silhouette. Add a slit for a contemporary accent.

EMBELLISHMENTS

We're talking beading, crystals, feathers, and bows.

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IT'S ALL IN THE DETAILS

Four design elements to consider for your ceremony and reception.



THE COCKTAIL EXPERIENCE

Couples still love developing signature cocktails, but you can take things a step beyond with mini cocktail lounges focused on specialty moments, like smoked drinks. (Mocktails welcome!)



MORE COLOR

Maximalism is in. Embrace vibrant colors and textures in everything from your floral arrangements to your linen choices. Need some inspiration? Pantone's color of the year is the joyful Viva Magenta.

A CHAMPAGNE TOWER

Pop goes the bubbly! Make the toasts a little more fun for everyone with a champagne tower centerpiece. <<

STATEMENT AISLE

Walking down the aisle is one of the most significant moments of any wedding, so why not make it personal? Whether inspired by nature, fashion runways, or even interior design, wedding planners are putting more of an emphasis on creating showstopping aisles. **Bonus:** They make for great photo-ops (for guests, too). •



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