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15 Destination Wedding Venues for the Adventurous Bride

These nontraditional spaces are right up your alley.

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Ballrooms and beachfronts used to reign supreme when it came to **wedding venues**, but that's hardly the case anymore. If you're tired of the standard hotel reception, are bored by the tradition of a chapel ceremony, or hate the unreliable weather of a beach wedding, fear not; alternative options are on the rise.

More hotels and resorts are upping the ante by catering to the bride in search of something nontraditional, providing unique venues that blow any ballroom away or coordinating vendors, services, and suggestions for nearby local landmarks. Want a zenlike feel? Opt for a Thai house spa to channel your inner yogi. Have an **ecofriendly conscience**? Tie the knot at a sustainable farm retreat, with fresh farm-to-table service. If you're all about the locale, look for a resort set in an adventurous environment—like a desert or tropical jungle.

Part of the reason alternative venues are so ubiquitous these days is in large thanks due to sites like Splacer, which aggregates event spaces around the world (use them to find your industrial warehouse, museum, or library reception!), or Home Away and Airbnb. You might know the last two as vacation rental sites, but did you know they're also the perfect place for you to find your dream venue? Hail historic charm in an English country home or an Italian villa, or **be a true indie bride** and tie the knot at camping grounds. Of course, if the listing doesn't specifically state anything about weddings, you'll want to first inquire with the host about your intentions for renting the place and get approval. If you're lucky, he or she may know how to work some wedding magic by having the perfect vendor connections and offering some coordination assistance.

Seriously—you can get married practically anywhere these days. We've rounded up 15 nontraditional choices across the globe that will have you saying "I do!"

Thai House Spa



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Zemi Beach House

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Thailand, meet the Caribbean. **Zemi Beach House** in Anguilla's Zemi Thai House Spa—an authentic 300-year-old Thai house, transported from Thailand to Anguilla in the 1980s—makes for one blissful and tranquil wedding venue. Receptions are arranged outdoors on the Thai House Spa Deck, featuring a small vitality pool and serene views of Anguilla's world-famous Shoal Bay Beach. Seriously, what's better than two worlds in one?

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