

CHOOSING YOUR ITALIAN WEDDING VENUE




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Less is more when looking for a wedding venue in Italy. It can be tempting to search high and low for venues as they are never ending. But in reality most venues aren't perfect for weddings.

To make sure you nail it, it's important to start with your criteria:

- 1.** Which regions of Italy suit the style you're looking for and have the transport links you need for your guests?
- 2.** How close do you want guests to be? All in one location, or within 10 mins drive?
- 3.** Does the location need to have accessibility for certain guests?
- 4.** What sort of spaces do you want the venue to have? A view, a courtyard, a terrace...list your ideal spaces.
- 5.** What's your budget? If your guests will be paying for their stay you could calculate this by adding: number of guests x cost per night that you think is fair at this point x nights = wedding budget. Potentially adding a surplus you'll pay yourselves.
- 6.** Is it important to you that you can bring in any suppliers? Or if the venue uses their own catering for example, is this OK? And what would your ideal budget be for that?
- 7.** Is late music important to you?
- 8.** Do you need to be able to host a civil ceremony here or have a town hall/church nearby?



Now that you've got your criteria nailed, it's time to find your venue. We've done the hardworking for you and have shortlisted only the best wedding venues Italy has to offer. They're caring, fair and have all the things that the experts know make a good wedding venue. We're constantly growing our community so be sure to check back for more venues.

Other places to look for venues include:

1. lalista.com
2. La Lista's facebook community full of couples who've already chosen their venue
3. Directories
4. Google maps - you can use this to search keywords Villa/Borgo/Castello and see what comes up if you're fixed on a certain region. This can also be useful for finding local accommodation for guests.
5. Planner sites - often the venues are given fake names (we're not sure why, they're not a secret and we all know them!)
6. Instagram - following hashtags or following planners and seeing the venues they work at

Doing your own research can be fruitful but it can also be very time consuming. Even popular venues aren't always good wedding venues and without expert guidance, you could fall in to a costly trap.

We recommend speaking to an expert planner to cut through the noise, take out any unsuitable venues and get you straight to 'the one'. Some planners offer a venue finding package or simply a free consultation to chat you through things. This is well worth doing to save time, energy and sometimes a costly mistake. On [lalista.com](https://www.lalista.com) you'll find planners you can trust, with the knowledge and expertise to back that up.




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“We created a huge spreadsheet of venues, full of information. But it wasn’t until we spoke to our (now) planner that we could really understand the locations. They knew every single one! And when talking them through, they bought every single one to life so we could understand whether it would be for us. We were quickly able to add a few more to our list, then shortlist and get to Italy to pick our perfect venue.”

Once you've got your shortlist, it's time to nail the details. You may head to Italy to see the venues, or do this part virtually with the help of someone based in Italy. We can't stress enough how important it is to get all the info about a venue before you book it. No surprises later on, thank you.

Here are the questions to ask:

- 1.** Location. Proximity to a town and amenities.
- 2.** Distance from airports and accessibility by road, train etc.
- 3.** Are flight times regular here at the time of year you'll host your wedding?
- 4.** Number of beds
- 5.** Is there accommodation nearby with varying prices and of good quality?
- 6.** Costs: accommodation and wedding fee
- 7.** Any other fees: kitchen use for wedding day, extra cleaning, linen rental, hosting of other events?
- 8.** Can external guests come and use the pool? (if that's what you want!)
- 9.** Are there any suppliers that the venue asks you to use?
- 10.** Who is the main contact at the villa?
- 11.** What ceremony types can take place at the location and how close is the town hall/church if relevant?
- 12.** Are there music limits?
- 13.** What is the latest party end time (and are there any fees to go this late?)
- 14.** Are all the lights/decorations you see in person/photos included in the price?
- 15.** What's the accessibility like?
- 16.** If you're having a civil ceremony, check what times the town hall allows weddings. Usually these are fixed times in the day and can be different for each town hall.



You can find all this info and a venue comparison tracker and calculator in our Italian Wedding Tracker. Designed by Italian Wedding planners and couples who've got married in Italy, the *Italian Wedding Tracker* is the tool you need to get organised and enjoy faff-free planning. It'll save you time and money.

And don't forget to visit [lalista.com](https://www.lalista.com) to see well known venues and hidden gems that make for perfect Italian weddings. Who knows, 'the one' could be waiting for you.

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