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Winter Style

Your Go-To Guide for a Winter Wedding



The Little Nell



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A winter destination wedding is one romantic way to turn up the heat on your big day. Weddings in a cozy weather climate come with beautiful photo backdrops, fun twists on old menu favorites and festive fashion ideas to show off the snowy season. Here's what our experts say is hot in the cold, inside and out!

LOCATION, LOCATION, Location

What's Hot: Look for accommodations that have everything, like The Westin Monache Resort, Mammoth with full kitchens/kitchenettes in every room, located in the heart of the action and at the base of a chairlift. Their ski concierge can even book group lessons and private snowmobile tours before and after the big day.

Tip: Easy access for your guests: Select a location like Mammoth Lakes, California where loved ones can fly right to the foot of the mountain or drive in from major cities across the state in just a few hours. Seek destinations that offer complimentary in-town transportation and don't forget to give your group the

Mammoth Lakes



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The Ranch at Rock Creek

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true winter experience with a gondola ride up the slopes to a ceremony site at high elevation.

Fashion STATEMENTS

What's Hot: JLM Couture designer Allison Webb loves to layer! "Lace jackets are a great option for a more formal wedding and detachable skirts are another chic way to add drama to your look. If you're doing outdoor photos, a beautiful, cropped coat always looks striking against a cold-weather background."

Tip: Gift your maids and men boots and gloves to wear throughout the weekend. Gloves make a great formal winter fashion statement while keeping your crew cozy.

BIG DAY Design

What's Hot: Sandra DiDomizio, owner of Green Fox Events & Guest Services, loves the look of a ceremony dressed up. "Provide shawls, blankets or wraps at the ceremony that can double as a favor."

Tip: View your backup plan as your second first plan. Winter weddings can bring unpredictable weather, so design

your indoor plan B in such a way that you'll love it as much as your plan A if you have to say "I do" fireside instead.

WHAT'S ON THE Menu

What's Hot: "We love to add winter comfort food with a sophisticated and luxurious twist," says Melina Glavas, Senior Event Sales Manager at The Little Nell in Aspen, Colorado. She suggests their mini Morbier grilled cheese with tomato jam or their famous hot chocolate and warm chocolate chip cookies as guests depart.

Tip: Glavas also loves a regional spin. "We encourage our couples to add Colorado touches to their cocktail hour menu, such as our bison tartar on grilled filoni. That way, guests can get a little taste of high alpine cuisine in small bites rather than committing to it as their entrée choice."

UNFORGETTABLE Experiences

What's Hot: All-inclusive in the snow makes traveling a breeze. Consider properties like The Ranch at Rock Creek in Montana, that offer an all-in-one experience for your

guests, including snowshoeing, skating, ice fishing, sledding and even "snowga" yoga.

Tip: If skiing or snowboarding is part of the schedule, call on in-room fitting services like Black Tie Skis Rental Delivery who send a concierge to fit and deliver your gear right to your hotel room! If something isn't quite right, they'll meet you on the mountain to fix it.

THE Honeymoon

What's Hot: Couples massages after a day on the slopes are oh-so important. Book a location where the spa is a focal point too, like The Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch in Beaver Creek, Colorado, where you can relax and recover in an underground grotto together.

Tip: Book a romantic sleigh ride or dog sled for two for a once-in-a-lifetime honeymoon memory in the snow. The Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch can even whisk you away to a private dinner in Anderson's Cabin, a historic log cabin they repurposed for intimate gatherings and private parties.

Whether you wed or honeymoon in winter, let the magic of the season dress your wedding memories in total romance! **i do!**

