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Getting Hitched In **NORTH CAROLINA**

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Luxury and southern hospitality come together in these wedding-perfect hotels.

Who knew North Carolina could have so many fantastic options for your destination wedding? Whether you prefer the majesty of the Blue Ridge mountains, a more modern art-meets-nature vibe, or the romance of a historic luxe country inn, North Carolina has the perfect resort location for your wedding. From rehearsal dinner to ceremony and reception, all three of these luxurious properties in the Tar Heel State can make your wedding feel elevated and authentic.

THE OMNI GROVE PARK INN

Located in the famed mountain town of Asheville, the Omni Grove Park Inn is a 100-year-old historic hotel with huge fireplaces and stunning views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Host your wedding cocktail hour on the Mountain View Terrace—the sunset will wow your guests and create the most beautiful backdrop for your wedding day photos. The on-site subterranean spa with healing pools, an outdoor hot tub, steam room, and sauna will prepare you and your bridesmaids for your big day. (Tip: Check in about an hour before your treatment to enjoy the expansive spa. We warmed up in the steam room and sauna before our hot stone massage.) During your wedding weekend, guests can tee off at the Donald Ross-designed golf course, play tennis and take on-site yoga and fitness classes at the 50,000 square foot Sports Complex. Just a few minutes from downtown Asheville, your wedding guests can enjoy the local craft brewery scene or a bourbon tasting at one of the many local pubs.

THE UMSTEAD HOTEL AND SPA

Are you a serious foodie with a taste for uncomplicated luxury? Consider hosting your wedding at the Umstead Hotel and Spa in Cary, North Carolina. Executive Chef Steven Greene envisions creative menus with ingredients sourced from the hotel's local farm, One Oak Farm. Whether you want an intimate or extravagant wedding, the terrace overlooking the lake, manicured lawn, ballroom, and wooded campus will make your wedding feel elegant and elevated. The hotel's extensive art collection featuring

local Raleigh artisans adds artsy sophistication to the venue. The hotel spa is the perfect place to relax and primp before your big day. Decorated in a neutral palette, the spa at the Umstead has a large selection of treatments. (We tried the signature Falling Waters—an exfoliating treatment that starts with a Vichy shower, miming the falling rain sensation. It was beyond relaxing). Fresh, modern, and elegant, the Umstead hits all the high notes when hosting a luxurious wedding.

FEARRINGTON HOUSE BY RELAIS & CHATEAUX

Located in Pittsboro near Chapel Hill, North Carolina, the grounds at Fearington House make you feel like you're in the English countryside. The Inn offers distinguished rooms, often with in-room fireplaces and soaking tubs. Say "I do" in one of five garden venues and then host your reception at the gorgeous Barn. More chic than shabby, the barn has a vintage flair while maintaining all you expect from a Relais & Chateaux property—exceptional cuisine, elevated cocktails, and on-site wedding planning. The pastry team at Fearington can make the wedding cake of your dreams—or serve up individual servings of their famous chocolate soufflé. The relaxed spa and cute shopping village curated with unique local finds round out a perfect Southernchic destination wedding.

Go to VisitNC.com for more information about planning your North Carolina wedding or getaway.

