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Take in the magic hour from one of these unparalleled perches offering stunning sunset views. One couple shares their elegant wedding celebration in Virginia Wine Country. Check into the latest luxury hotel in Marrakech and check out the best place to host an elevated, activity-packed wedding weekend in Rhode Island.

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WEDDINGS AWAY



A Hobbit House at The Preserve.

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The Preserve Sporting Club & Residences

In every issue, we scout a spot that's perfect for tying the knot away from home. by Jenna Mahoney

One of the many joys of hosting a wedding weekend is the opportunity to have pure fun with friends and family in a grown-ups' sleep-away camp, making-memories-for-a-lifetime kind of way. Sprawling over 3,500 wooded acres in a quiet corner of Rhode Island, this luxury property promises nonstop options for hosting all manner of activities and upscale cuisine in an elevated environment.

The property, which encompasses a variety of wedding-perfect accommodations from tiny homes and oversized multi-room suites to spacious log-cabin-like luxury cabins, boasts an endless activity menu. Popular offerings include guided hiking and a rock climbing wall,



The private golf club.



Flying high.

archery classes and fishing, along with hunting opportunities. The spa, with its outdoor infinity pool perched over the picturesque property, is a delightful place to host a mani/pedi party and afternoon tea in the private room.

Additional wedding events can include Maker's Mark tasting experiences in the adorable Hobbit Houses or scotch-and-cigar tastings in safari-style tents. After-reception add-ons include fireside s'more making and slider and pizza stations (wedding packages start at \$225 per person and include one-hour cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres, two-course dinner, wine service, wedding cake, and four-hour open bar for up to 75 guests, plus a venue charge. Ceremony site and set-ups are \$3,750; preservesportingclub.com). ■



The pool and tennis courts are near the resort's front lawn.

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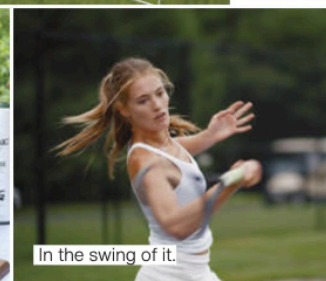
Ocean House This grande dame property on Rhode Island's glittering coastline is sister property to The Preserve. Service, cuisine and the views are superb.

The Dean Hotel A mod urban retreat with just 52 rooms, this hideaway encapsulates the rebirth of cool in capital Providence. It's a hip alternative to a more traditional event in a city hotel.

The Vanderbilt, Auberge Collection Wed at a bonafide mansion of the Gilded Age. Positioned within walking distance to downtown Newport, it's perfect for brides who want to explore the area with their guests.



Time for a taste.



In the swing of it.

Legally Wedded Marriage licenses are required in the state of Rhode Island. Couples must apply in person at the city or town clerk's office and be able to furnish proof of age and marital status. There are no blood tests or waiting periods. Licenses are valid for three months. Weddings must be attended by two witnesses and marriages need to be officially registered.