



SAY I DO TO

Richmond

Guests

There is something in Richmond awaiting each of your guest's interests. When your guests arrive in Richmond, they'll be welcomed by a city that is easy to navigate, inviting, and full of things to enjoy before and after your wedding. With convenient access to Interstate 75 and a variety of comfortable hotels available if they don't choose to join your room block, getting settled in is simple. Once here, guests will find charming local boutiques, cozy coffee shops, historic sites, and beautiful outdoor spaces that make exploring fun and effortless.

From strolling the Mill District and discovering hometown eats to visiting our vineyard, historic museums, and scenic parks, there's something for your guests' children as well as your grandparents. Richmond offers the perfect blend of comfort, charm, and genuine hospitality, ensuring your guests feel right at home throughout their stay.

For those guests staying the night in one of our accommodations, we are more than happy to supply them with a map and guide to our city, so they can explore while you're getting ready for your big day!



Rooted in Wild (Emily Nester)

The Richmond Difference

Richmond vows to be different from other destination wedding locations by offering something truly rare... authentic charm paired with effortless convenience. Richmond gives couples a place that feels warm, hospitable, and refreshingly personal. Every wedding here belongs, rooted in a community that genuinely celebrates your love story rather than treating it like just another event on the calendar.

What sets Richmond apart is its perfect blend of beauty, accessibility, and heart. You get stunning backdrops, unique venues, and memorable experiences without the stress or expense that often comes with bigger destinations. Local vendors take the time to know you and your spouse, the city invites your guests to relax and explore, and you're free to create a celebration that feels unique to you and your partner. In Richmond, you're not just choosing a location; you're choosing a place that's as genuine, thoughtful, and unforgettable as the day you're planning.

"My venue want list had things like a beautiful outdoor ceremony area...scheduling a tour was super easy and we were provided with a load of information...the owners are very friendly and were a pleasure to work with on creating the wedding of my dreams."



Nora Brewer, Kentucky '25 Bride



Black Box Media (Sarah Jeck)



Swiped Right to the Bluegrass: A Destination Wedding in Richmond

Jennie and James Hitchcock arrived in Richmond from Washington D.C. as a destination wedding bride and groom and left as newlyweds who experienced far more than the typical couple throughout their wedding weekend. From the moment they toured Lynwood Estate, the Hitchcock's knew they had discovered a place that felt timeless and, according to Jennie, "did not feel like a wedding factory".

It felt especially fitting James discovered their dream historic venue while scrolling online. After all, their love story began with a swipe on an online dating site. With a shared appreciation for historic architecture, their venue search was never about finding something trendy, but rather something meaningful. Jennie noted she and James both were drawn to venues with character and were ultimately searching for "a venue with an indoor and outdoor space with a real tie to a place in history".

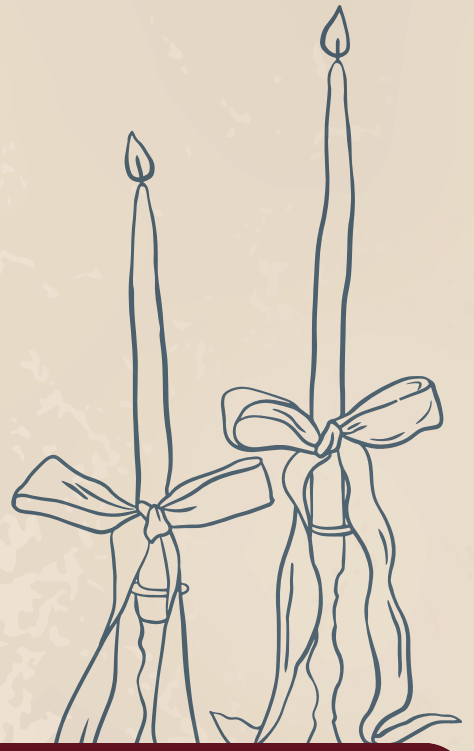
As the wedding weekend unfolded, Jennie credits its seamless execution to the vendors behind the scenes. "[Our vendors were] emblematic of community coming together," she reflected.

Jennie spoke warmly of Lynwood Estate owners Bryan and Melissa Tipton, describing their approach as "keeping you in the dark in the right way". When Hurricane Helene threatened to disrupt the celebration, the Tiptons and wedding coordinator, Lori, worked tirelessly to ensure the couple's vision remained intact. Plans shifted effortlessly, including relocating the welcome dinner and rehearsal to The University Club of Arlington on the day of, all without adding a single worry to Jennie's plate.

In the end, Richmond was not simply a backdrop for the Hitchcock's wedding; Richmond became part of their story.



Cameron French



“The experience was wonderful, and we felt so supported by everyone we worked with [at the Stone House at Silver Creek]. The day was full of emotions, and every aspect of it was so well coordinated on the venue’s part.”



Quinn Burrus-Sames,
Kentucky ‘24 Spouse

Megan Sweeting Photo + Video

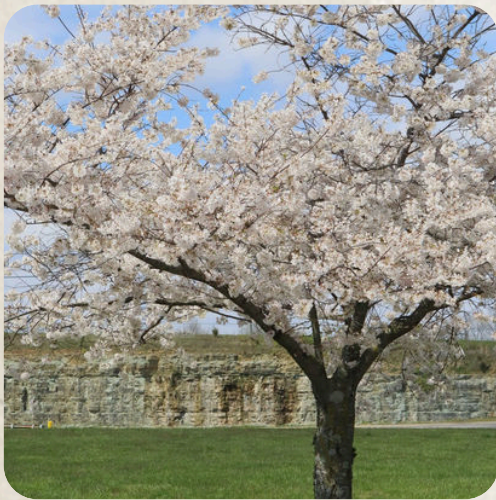
Richmond, Kentucky offers a gorgeous mix of historic charm and natural beauty, making us the perfect destination for brides dreaming of a scenic, stress-free wedding day. From elegant historic homes and romantic vineyards to rustic barns and modern venues, you’ll find the ideal backdrop for your style and vision.

Love is Always in Season in Richmond



Spring in Richmond is mild, colorful, and perfect for outdoor weddings.

Blooming flowers and gentle temperatures create romantic, and comfortable, backdrops for ceremonies.



Fall offers crisp air and stunning foliage in rich golds and reds. It's one of the most picturesque times of year, perfect for brides who love cozy elegance and dramatic natural color.

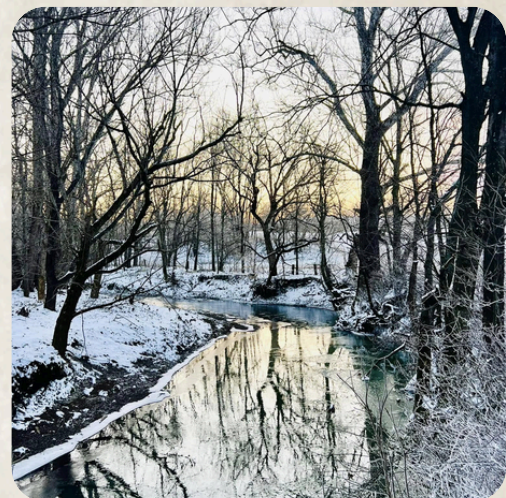


Summer brings warm, sunny days ideal for sunset vows and lively celebrations.

With breezy evenings and plenty of scenic views, it's a vibrant season for outdoor festivals.



Winter is serene, cool, and charming. With soft light, occasional snow, and beautiful indoor venues, it sets the stage for intimate, magical celebrations.





Airport Distances

Lexington Blue Grass Airport	35 mi
Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport	101 mi
Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport	103 mi
Knoxville McGhee Tyson Airport	159 mi

Driving Distances

Ohio

Cincinnati	106 mi
Columbus	213 mi
Cleveland	355 mi

Tennessee

Knoxville	147 mi
Nashville	226 mi
Chattanooga	255 mi

Georgia

Atlanta	357 mi
Athens	379 mi
Savannah	561 mi

Virginia

Charlottesville	425 mi
Alexandria	517 mi
Williamsburg	543 mi

Indiana

Indianapolis	212 mi
Fort Wayne	283 mi
South Bend	349 mi

Alabama

Birmingham	400 mi
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West Virginia

Charleston	177 mi
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New York

New York City	707 mi
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Missouri

St. Louis	360 mi
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Illinois

Chicago	395 mi
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Kentucky

Bowling Green	172 mi
Paducah	283 mi

North Carolina

Asheville	261 mi
Charlotte	375 mi

South Carolina

Columbia	408 mi
Charleston	517 mi

Travel to Richmond

Richmond is a convenient day drive from several major cities in the midwestern, southern, and eastern regions. Your traveling wedding guests can get here from there by car or plane, which grants them flexibility in choosing their preferred travel method.

Marriage Requirements for Madison County

Marriage licenses and certificates of marriage
can be purchased at the Madison County
Clerk's Office:

321 N Madison Avenue; Richmond, KY
40475

859-624-4703

Monday-Friday 8am to 4:30pm

Requirements

Both parties must be present with an
accepted photo ID. The license is valid for 30
days from the purchase date, and marriages
must take place in the state of Kentucky
within those 30 days for the license to be
valid.

There is a \$60 fee if paid with cash or check,
but the total will be \$62.50 if paid using card.

Additional Information:

[https://www.madisoncountyclerk.us/
marriage-license](https://www.madisoncountyclerk.us/marriage-license)

OR

Scan this QR code for a direct link to
the Madison County Clerk's website:



