



The Mayton Inn

North Carolina

The Tar Heel State is full of Americana-inspired destinations from densely forested mountains and barrier islands to charming towns, all of which make for great year-round wedding escapes.

Old Edwards Inn & Spa

WHY HERE Located in the Highlands of North Carolina, this property's elegant European design is matched only by its stunning Blue Ridge Mountain setting. Rooms and cottages are dressed up with oil paintings, antiques and Persian rugs, and many have private porches. The Old Edwards is also steps from the town's main street, meaning guests can park their cars for the entire weekend and easily stroll to shops, cafés and hiking trails between wedding events. Tuck into the on-site spa for day-of pampering with your bridal party, or arrange an outdoor adventure. Foodies take note: Ingredients from the property's five-acre gardens are the stars of the menus. Consider incorporating elderflower in drinks like gin and tonics, a nod to the rare type of juniper berry that grows only at this elevation. The indoor/outdoor Barn and Pavilion, which seats up to 275 guests, is a frequent request thanks to its heart pine flooring, stone fireplace and Adirondack-style furnishings. (From \$178 per person; OldEdwardsInn.com)

SUITE PERK The Old Edwards treats brides and grooms to a complimentary dinner in its restaurant, Madison's, as well as a free honeymoon night in a coveted room.



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Sanderling Resort

WHY HERE Couples can get married on the beach or under a gazebo over the water at this classic Outer Banks resort. The property features cedar shake siding and big, inviting porches—local North Carolina's Currituck Sound. Venue options include the Grand House (up to 80 people), with a patio and a new fire pit; the tent-ready Event Lawn, which has its own observation deck and overlooks the Atlantic Ocean. The resort's cuisine, which is a S.O.A.L. (sustainable, organic, artisanal and local), includes options like an "I heart bacon" station and blue crab cake dinner plates. (Ceremony fees from \$1,000; Sanderling-Resort.com)

LOCAL FLAVOR Consider adding local favorite Duke's Peach Cobbler to your dessert table. Its cinnamon sugar and lemon curd and raspberry creations are a guaranteed show-stopper.

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WHY HERE Southern hospitality is second nature at this 45-room Georgian-style property just outside of Asheville. Members are happy to arrange wine tastings in a private cellar or prepare a classic Southern Sunday brunch with fried chicken and waffles and shrimp and grits, for a wedding send-off. There are four event venues to choose from: a 3,000-foot terrace that overlooks Cary's brand-new Towne Center Park, plus a stand-alone wedding suite with a double-sided fireplace and a Victorian bathtub. (From \$150 per person; event-space fees are waived with a food and beverage minimum; MaytonInn.com)

PREWEDDING ACTIVITY Sign your wedding party up for a cocktail-making class and learn to make the inn's signature drink, such as the bubbly Mayton Mimosa. >>