

## Top Wedding Venues in Marin County, California

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Plan ahead if a Marin County wedding is in your future. It's easy to see why the most popular locations have such a strong track record, appealing to both local and destination wedding couples. Combining the very best of what Northern California has to offer, Marin scores high on gorgeous scenery, year-round Mediterranean climate, proximity to San Francisco and romantic venues with imaginative, professional catering managers. On days when the fog horns blow, the city's signature mist typically dissipates as one drives north via the majestic Golden Gate Bridge. Sailboats dot the bay where ferries ply the sparkling waters of Marin's eastern edge, while Pacific surf meets the western shores. At Marin's northern border, the rolling hills and river valleys of neighboring Sonoma are covered with vineyards of wine grapes and orchards of olive trees.

## Casa Madrona Reimagined

A restored 1885 mansion built into a Sausalito hillside with sweeping views of San Francisco Bay is the latest rave for Marin brides. The entire venue can be hired exclusively. Completely restored in 2013, the mansion encompasses a 5,000-square-foot indoor/outdoor sleek space for stylish weddings. On the National Register of Historic Places, no detail has been overlooked in designing the gorgeous Alexandrite Suite with its floor-to-ceiling glass windows to bring the outdoors in. A full kitchen, outdoor grill, fire pit, private fitness room and two terraces are the centerpiece of the mansion and additional cottage accommodation tucked into the hillside. On the same property, Casa Madrona Hotel and Spa has a total of 63 bedrooms and an award-winning spa. Dock your sailboat right out the front door or hop aboard for one of the world's best ferry rides. Mediterranean-style restaurants and shops line the sidewalks here in the heart of Sausalito.