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WEDDINGS AWAY



Chatham Bars Inn.



Langham Hotel Boston.



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White Elephant Nantucket.

Legally Wedded Marriage licenses are required in Massachusetts. Couples must apply in person at the local Town Clerk's office. A proof of age, residency and if applicable a divorce decree or death certificate must be presented. Partners must each be able to verbally say her/his own name, your mother's maiden name and birthplace of your parents.

MASSACHUSETTS

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

Also known as the Bay State, this Northeast jewel is home to the winningest team in NFL history—the Patriots—and is renowned internationally for its elite universities, cultural institutions—the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum is a standout—and position in the country's founding. Massachusetts is equally robust in natural offerings and gorgeous settings. From the bucolic mountains of the Berkshires to the sparkling waters of Cape Cod and the cosmopolitan capital of Boston, here are some of our favorite spots to say "I do."

CHATHAM BARS INN

This grande dame Cape Cod hotel is also one of the state's first resorts. The historic property boasts all the charm of a classic beach getaway with a refined sense of service that's a regional standout. And the food here is among the best around, thanks to the resort's private gardens, direct access to local fish and seafood and inventive preparations. Wed at the boat- or beach houses and enjoy the epic views—boats, dunes and golden sands—for which the region is so celebrated. For a special beach excursion, get a farm-fresh picnic and take the resort's boat, *The Bartender*, to the uninhabited North Island (wedding packages start at \$400 per person; chathambarsinn.com).

LANGHAM HOTEL BOSTON

Once the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, this gorgeous 312-guestroom landmark is located just blocks from many of the city's most visited sights including Faneuil Hall, the North End and the revitalized waterfront. Accommodations are retreats with traditional furnishings and modern amenities, as are the menus at the hotel's two restaurants, which showcase delectably inventive preparations. Tip: The afternoon tea is a delight. Celebrations are classically designed to complement the historic setting. Choose from two grand ballrooms—the newly added Lincoln Ballroom literally sparkles thanks to skylights and twinkling chandeliers (wedding packages start at \$214 per person; langhamhotels.com).

WHITE ELEPHANT NANTUCKET

The tiny island of Nantucket was once the most important port of the entire United States. It was the capital of the whaling industry and thanks to that economy Nantucket is chically chockablock with charming lighthouses and sprawling historic homes set along cobblestoned streets lit by antique gas lamps. This boat-basin-view hotel, which is a combination of classic cottages and sumptuous rooms in a grand main house, is synonymous with the island's rich seafaring story. Weddings here extend that celebration with ocean-first menus and pampering service in an Insta-perfect setting (wedding fees start at \$7,500; whiteelephantnantucket.com).

WYNDHURST MANOR & CLUB

On the western portion of the state sit the ever photogenic Berkshires, where pastoral landscapes are dotted with small-batch breweries, farm-to-table eateries, art museums and concert venues and Gilded Age mansions. This new resort inhabits one such property, first owned by abolitionist Reverend Henry Ward Beecher. Weddings are hosted in mansion rooms and on the Great Lawn, designed by famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted. Hotel amenities include wellness programming at sister property Miraval Berkshires (wedding packages start at \$129 per person; wyndhurstmanorandclub.com). ■

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