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AND EVEN A
WATERFALL...



Where to WED & WHEN!


Season by season, the 100 best venues in the UK and abroad

COUNTRY ESTATES

vs *short-haul chic*

Keep it fresh and al fresco with a UK hotspot, or have fun overseas (you'll fly no more than four hours – promise!)

HIPPING HALL YORKSHIRE

 **LOCATED BETWEEN THE LAKE DISTRICT AND**

THE YORKSHIRE DALES, this 10-bedroom house prides itself on being a luxe home-away-from-home. It's not about grand ballrooms or lavish suites: this is an understated gem, a boutique bolthole with local food at its very heart (the Cartmel Valley rabbit is a particular delicacy) and intimate celebrations are the name of the game.

hippinghall.com

OR WHY NOT JET OFF TO...

MANDARIN ORIENTAL BODRUM TURKEY

  **THE MANICURED GARDENS HERE WERE**

BUILT FOR A SUN-SOAKED PARTY – you can even make your grand entrance on a traditional gulet sailboat. The hotel is super-sleek, with a modern hammam so huge (it's over three floors), you'll simply have to visit daily. Book the poshish Superjazz bar, which has a stage for a band. mandarinoriental.com

RIVER COTTAGE DORSET

  **EVER DREAMED OF GETTING MARRIED AT THE FAMOUS RIVER COTTAGE HQ?** Well, you can now celebrate your big day at Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's iconic house on the Devon/Dorset border. It's just as handsome as it looks on TV, with original flagstone floors, inglenook fireplaces and, of course, *that* kitchen. The best bit? The team of chefs will prepare and cook your feast in front of guests for a live, interactive catering experience. rivercottage.net

May/
June

ANASSA CYPRUS

350 IN POLIS, IN NORTH-WEST CYPRUS, you'll find a cluster of hillside villas, and a whitewashed hotel owned by family-run group Thanos. Whether you want a romantic dinner for two or a banquet for 100, everything here is catered for – there's even a free upgrade for the happy couple. Have photos on the terrace overlooking the azure Aegean sea, surrounded by white roses and candles. anassa.com (part of *Leading Hotels of the World, llw.com*)



CASTLE GREEN HOTEL LAKE DISTRICT

100 **562** A ROMANTIC GAZEBO BY A WILDFLOWER MEADOW, a recently planted orchard, and acres of woodland to frolic in – this is what you can expect in summer at this Kendal hotel. But seasonal wonders aside, the staff are at the heart of this family business. Resident wedding planner Nicola, in particular, will move heaven and earth to negotiate the best deals with suppliers (finding awesome live bands is her speciality). castlegreen.co.uk

THE SHEENE MILL CAMBRIDGESHIRE

180 **158** THE GORGEOUS GARDENS ARE THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS RIVERSIDE RETREAT in the heart of Cambridge. Surrounded by blooming daffodils when we visited and 200-year-old oak trees, set next to the River Mel, the 16th-century mill has plenty of character; the white clapboard exterior is especially charming. Marry in the garden conservatory, then serve champagne al fresco on the decking that stretches out over the water. thesheemill.com

SOHO FARMHOUSE OXFORDSHIRE

250 ULTRA-EXCLUSIVE AND ACHINGLY COOL, this famous private members' club has opened its arms to the country, and boy has it done it in style (warning: this place is *seriously* Instagram-tastic). Think cosy cabins, a three-bedroom cottage and a seven-bedroom farmhouse that's big enough to host weddings for 140 to 250 guests. Negroni in the minibar, a boating lake, vintage bicycles on your porch and, of course, the Cowshed spa, make this one of the most enviable venue hotels in the UK. It's exclusively yours from £65,000 – you'll get the ceremony, accommodation for 140 guests, cake, flowers, champagne, wedding breakfast, DJ, drinks, late-night munchies and a full English breakfast included. sohofarmhouse.com →



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