



Getting Married in Salem

Salem is a unique city for your very special event. Select from traditional or contemporary venues to make your event memorable.

- There is no residency requirement for marriage in Massachusetts. You must be 18 years of age or older, not be married to anyone else, and not be related closely by blood or marriage
- A couple must both appear in person and submit an application called a Notice of Intention of Marriage for a license and pay a fee to any city or town clerk in Massachusetts they are being married in minimally, three days before the wedding. A blood test is not required. Proof of age, money to pay for the license. Cash is recommended.
- After a three-day waiting period, the couple returns to the town clerk for the license to give the celebrant and hold their ceremony within 60 days.
- Give the license to the celebrant, minister, or justice of the peace to fill out, sign and send in to the town clerk's office.
- The town clerk will register the marriage and the couple can receive an official certificate of their marriage. Some towns or cities charge for a copy.
- No witnesses are required in Massachusetts' civil ceremonies. Some religious traditions do require this so check with your celebrant for this information.

Planning For October Weddings

October is the peak of tourist season in Salem.

Halloween festivities welcome thousands of visitors to the city. Here are some considerations to keep in mind while planning your ceremony in October. Contact Destination Salem or any of the vendors listed here for information on navigating this fun time of year.

Travel

- Allow extra time to travel to and from Salem and park. Parking fills up early in the day.
- Weekend street activities affect pedestrian and automobile flow.
- Derby and Essex Streets have limited access during weekends
- The first Thursday evening of October, downtown streets are closed for the Haunted Happenings parade.
- On Columbus Day Weekend, a street fair on Essex Street happens. The street from the pedestrian mall to the Salem Common area is closed for the weekend.

Photography in Public Spaces

- Salem will be busy with costumed visitors which can interfere with outdoor photography.

Accommodations

- Salem is home to several hotels and inns and it is advisable to book months in advance for reservations

Vendors

- Ensure your vendors are aware that travel, loading and unloading may take longer than usual

A Guide for Planning Your Wedding in Salem

You can do it all in Salem. Venues to makeup, rings to flowers, cakes to photographers, inns and hotels for your attendants and a great destination for your guests— each vendor in Salem will work with you to make your wedding day all you imagined it to be.

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CoffeeTimeBakeShop.net

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salem.com/pages/SalemMA_Clerk/marriage

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JaredCharney.com

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LightshedPhoto.com

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LouiseMichaud.com

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PeacockAlleyHairSalon.com

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WickedFringe.com

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KTTransportation.com

Mahi Mahi Cruises
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MahiCruises.com

VENUES/ CEREMONY

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ColonialHallAtRockafellas.com

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HamiltonHall.org

Hawthorne Hotel
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HawthorneHotel.com

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978.744.0991
7Gables.org

Peabody Essex Museum
978.542.1615
PEM.org

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PickeringHouse.org

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SalemWaterfrontHotel.com

The Gazebo on Salem Common (Parks & Recreation)
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AdriaticRestaurantAndBar.com

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CaffeGraziani.com

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FinzSeafood.com

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SalemOpus.com

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SchoonerFame.com

Turner's Seafood at Lyceum Hall
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Turners-Seafood.com

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VillageTavernSalem.com

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