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Presidential Receptions

The Historic Gettysburg Hotel is the idyllic setting to unify in your once in a lifetime love. The Grand Ballroom, originally the Gettysburg National Bank built in 1814, maintains its original class and elegance, featuring an exquisite, 28' foot, hand-painted ceiling, inlaid with gold and accentuated with the original Grecian border. Sweeping velvet evergreen draperies and 19th century chandeliers add to the charm and character of this historic space. The Grand Ballroom offers you and up to 240 of your guests all the luxuries of the modern age while enjoying the rich heritage of years gone by.

Historically Charming

The Gettysburg Hotel's history is vast, dating to 1797 when we opened as Scott's Tavern. Over the years, we have remodeled and expanded our property, enhancing our rich heritage. The bank vault in the ballroom has a long history, but older still is the vault door in the Atrium, dating back to the bank's opening in 1814. The seascape was hand painted over 200 years ago by York Safe & Lock Co. and was hidden in the basement until 2001, at which time it was given its prominent location to be enjoyed by all. On your wedding day, imagine your guest's awe as they are welcomed into the ballroom vault to explore the space. It's also a delightful location to house your gift table.



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Hospitality

Your guests will instantly feel at home when we welcome them into your cocktail hour with Chef's delicious culinary creations, fine wine and spirits. They will enjoy the relaxing atmosphere and time to socialize while being catered to by our attentive and professional staff. Every aspect of your reception will be handled with attention to detail to ensure that each guest feels like royalty.



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Unique Ceremony Locations:

We proudly offer a variety of spaces for you to tie the knot!

Looking for an indoor and unforgettable space? Consider getting married in the Grand Ballroom in front of our elegant and iconic bank vault. This space accommodates up to 240 guests theatre style.

Prefer a less formal space? Our Eisenhower Room is ideal for smaller parties, seating a maximum of 130 guests.

Do you prefer an intimate ceremony? Our College Room overlooks the town square and is bright and lovely throughout the year and overlooks the town Christmas Tree during the holidays. This space is ideal for elopements and parties under 30.

How about an outdoor ceremony in the heart of downtown? The Gettysburg Lincoln Railroad Station, conveniently located two doors down from the Gettysburg Hotel, offers a unique option in their covered pavilion behind the building. The Railroad Station is best known as the location where Abraham Lincoln arrived when he gave the Gettysburg Address and would serve as the perfect starting point on your new journey together. The pavilion seats up to 160 guests under cover.

Relax as Newlyweds

After you are done partying with your closest friends and family, imagine yourselves curling up in front of a roaring fire in your honeymoon suite or relaxing in the enormous Jacuzzi tub. Enjoy complimentary champagne, wedding cake and snacks as you reminisce about the excitement and perfection of your wedding day.



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Joseph Holmes

Executive Chef

Joseph Holmes began his culinary career more than 30 years ago. His humble beginnings began when he was just 15 years old and was offered a position as a Saucier/Chef at an up-and-coming restaurant in Claremont, NH. Since then, Holmes has served as Executive Sous Chef and Executive Chef at numerous locations throughout the country. He has received a number of accolades including the coveted AAA Four Diamond Award and is known in the community for cultivating and enhancing culinary talent.

Cheers!

While staying at the hotel, be sure to enjoy food and drink in One Lincoln, our award winning restaurant. The mahogany bar, known as the Van Tromp Bar, was brought over the ocean from merry England over a decade ago. With its embossed cut glass panels and pub feel, it will create a welcoming atmosphere for you to entertain your guests before and after the wedding.



Vacation Destination

Conveniently located in the heart of downtown Gettysburg, the hotel is close to all of the major attractions, including shops, restaurants, galleries and of course, the battlefields. Your guests will enjoy having so many wonderful options to choose from when they make your wedding weekend a vacation to remember. Encourage your guests to take advantage of all that town has to offer. Contact Destination Gettysburg and they will provide complimentary gift bags with town maps, tourist information and restaurant guides that our staff will be happy to distribute upon check in. From there, guests may choose to learn about our history on informative carriage ride through the battlefields, enjoy a glass of wine at one of three local wineries, take a dip in our rooftop pool or see a show at the Majestic Theater just next door. We are eager to make "Our History...Your Destination".

Put Your Name in Lights!

Looking for a unique backdrop for your wedding photos and a little bit of stardom? Be famous for the day by putting your name in lights on the marquee at the Majestic Theatre, located right next to the Gettysburg Hotel. Contact Bob Brown at the Majestic Theater for more information.



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Testimonials

“Our guests STILL cannot stop raving about how gorgeous our venue was! They loved the food, the atmosphere, and the comfort of spending the night right upstairs. We would get married here again in a heartbeat!”

-Ellen James

“When looking for venues, we knew we wanted to have our reception at a hotel to make it convenient for not only us but our guests as well. The Gettysburg Hotel offered that and so much more! The ballroom was amazing and the location allowed us to go out after our reception to the bars located in the square. Everything was so easy and smooth. Highly recommend this venue!”

-Alex Daigle

“My husband and I are very excited about how personalized we were able to make our wedding reception. We had been warned about vendors being controlling, but the Gettysburg Hotel was not that way at all. The Hotel and staff were extremely easy to work with, very professional and friendly; the experience was virtually stress-free! Weeks later, our families and friends are still raving about the beautiful set-up and the delicious food. I had a lot of fun planning with the Hotel and enjoyed everything about my reception there.”

-Olivia Sauers



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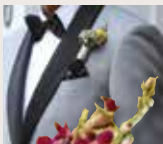
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As a newly engaged couple, deciding on your venue is the very first and the most difficult process of planning your wedding. Comparing prices, décor, the coordinator, the dates, the distance for friends and family, and your ceremony location can be quite stressful.

While barns, wineries, orchards, museums etc., are beautiful and unique settings for the big day, there are many factors to consider. There is the rental of the space, the hiring of a caterer and staff, renting your own linens, tables and chairs, and being responsible for your own setup and cleanup. Not to mention, hiring an outside coordinator to take care of all of your wedding day needs, renting a shuttle to take guests back and forth to the hotel, and reserving a hotel block. Yes, the pictures will be beautiful, but why go through all of that extra added stress when you can go to a place that just does it all?

That's where the benefit of having your wedding in a full service hotel comes in. Many hotels are just as beautiful and unique as the above places mentioned, and no matter what hotel you choose, there are plenty of options not only for you and your fiancé, but for your family and friends as well. Hotels have the catering and alcohol on site, so you get to pay one price per person, which includes a lot of amenities. The linens, the ballroom, the staff, and (with a lot of hotels), the wedding cake is all included in that price as well. Hotels also have a coordinator on site to help walk you through the process, and be there the day of to set up your décor, and handle every step of the way in between.

There are usually options for ceremonies on site as well.

You and your bridal party can wake up and get ready at the hotel, and not worry about moving a muscle! Most hotels offer your guests discounted room rates as well, so not only can they enjoy your special day, but a weekend getaway too! If a guest needs to change their shoes, or forgets your card, or is just ready for bed, all they have to do is get on an elevator, and they are good to go! You can even have a get together with everyone the next morning for breakfast at the restaurant on property.

When making the choice where to host your wedding, take in to consideration the value of the venue you are choosing. If you go with a full service hotel, truly all of your needs for the best day of your life can be met in one location, and can be celebrated all weekend long with your loved ones!

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