



experience  
jackson

# Wedding Guide



# venues

## *Rustic*

ART 634

Forty Nine South

Irish Hills Wedding Barn

Sauk Valley Resort

Westers Family Vineyard & Winery

Hilltop Manor

Eyry of the Eagle

Peabody Lane



Forty Nine South



Ella Sharp Museum

## *Historic*

Waterloo Farm Museum

Celebrations Wedding Chapel & Event Venue

Lost Railway Museum

Ella Sharp Museum

Ella Sharp Park Rose Garden

Michigan Theatre of Jackson

Whistlestop Depot

*this must be the place*



# Iconic Jackson

Cascades Manor  
Commonwealth Commerce Center  
Michigan International Speedway  
American 1 Event Center  
Gene Davis & Sons Banquet & Convention Center  
Veritas Ballroom  
County Tower Ballroom  
Weatherwax Hall at Jackson Symphony Orchestra



## Tip

Your venue should be one of the first things you book! From there, you'll secure a date, know what policies are in place for vendors, and will better be able to visualize your big day.



Find a venue that suits your style through the venue search on our website!

venues





The Five Forks

## Florists

Brown Floral Company Inc.  
Jo's Flowers  
LMF Flowers & Design Studio  
J. Alexander's Florist  
Beck's Flower Shop & Gardens  
Designs by Judy  
Angel's Floral Creations  
Peggy's Custom Floral Designs  
The Front Porch Jxn  
Windy Hill Creations  
Angel's Floral Creations

## Beauty

Five One Seven Salon/Spa  
Rumors Salon  
Headliners Design Studio  
Enhanced by Ash  
Megan Kathleens LLC  
Infinite Design Studio

## Photographers

Marry Me Photography LLC  
Wendy Lebel Photography  
Cherished Moments Photography  
Captured by Katie  
Rearview Photography  
Rod Soat Photography  
Chelsea Lusk Photography  
Cate Autumn Studios  
Jesslin Rae Photography  
Shawna Gerry Photography  
Miamee Jarrett Photography

## Desserts

The Blue Julep LLC  
By Grace Cakes  
RJ's Metropolitan Ice Cream Co.  
For Goodness Cakes  
SweetCakes & CheeseCakes  
The Five Forks  
Chelsea Cakes  
Sweet Indulgence

## Food Trucks

West Texas BBQ  
Baby Bear Burger  
Baxter's Dawgs & More  
Big Cheezy Grill  
Big Guy Catering  
Craveable Food Trailer  
Hot Rods Food Truck  
Junk Yard Dog  
K&D Southern Fixins  
Melted  
Mexi-Billy's On the Go  
NOM NOM Ninja  
PB&J's BBQ  
Rollin Hoagies  
Shorties Sweets, Eats, & Treats  
Tiki Sam's Pizza  
Grand River Brewery  
Doll n' Burgers  
Sweets on the Street  
Zero Bar & Lounge



# Planning

Leave It To Us  
Sweet Ceremonies by Candy LLC  
Save the Date Events & Decor  
Glitz & Glam Events Design LLC  
Ann Travis Events  
Worthy Occasions LLC  
Something Moore Decorating  
Ever After Event Planning

# Music

Pro DJs  
Exceptional Event Entertainment  
DJ ICE DJ Service  
Ghost Rider DJ

# Officiants

Euniquely Yours Wedding Officiant  
The Just Rite - Marriage Officiant  
Pro DJs  
Sweet Ceremonies by Candy LLC

# Caterers

Big Guy Catering  
KeniKakes & More Catering  
Gene Davis & Sons Catering  
Grand River Brewery  
Veritas  
Sylvia's Catering  
White's Restaurant & Catering  
Stoyanna's  
West Texas BBQ Co.  
The Crazy Cowboy  
Oak Tree Lounge  
One North Kitchen & Bar  
CCC Catering  
Shorties Sweets Eats & Treats

# Rentals

Kutcha's Tent Rental  
Jackson Rental Center  
All Star Rental  
Worthy Occasions LLC  
All American Portable Toilets  
Nevermore Decor Store  
Balloony Bin  
Joystick Mobile Gaming

# Transportation

Golden Limousine  
Norris Limousine  
Grand Limousine  
Rock Star Limousine  
Beyond Horizons  
Trolley Bus Tecumseh  
Getaway Tours  
B&W Charters

# Attire

AnnMarie's Bridal & Tuxedo Shoppe  
Something Blue Bridal  
Brooklyn Bridal & Prom LLC  
Men's Wearhouse

Looking for More?



# Vendor



Sylvia's Catering



Stay awhile

## Hotel Blocks

You have enough going on, let Experience Jackson do some of the leg work! We'll save you the trouble of calling every hotel to verify amenities, availability, and prices. All you need to do is fill out a short form on our website to tell us about your hotel needs. We'll review your request, contact you with questions if necessary, and send your information to Jackson County hotels. Within two weeks, hotels with availability will contact you directly to reserve a room block.

## Hotels

Courtyard by Marriott  
Towneplace Suites by Marriott Jackson  
Tru by Hilton  
Home 2 Suites by Hilton  
Holiday Inn Express & Suites  
Holiday Inn Jackson NW  
Hampton Inn  
Comfort Inn & Suites  
Fairfield Inn & Suites  
Colonial Inn  
Super 8 Brooklyn  
Travelodge of Jackson  
Baymont Inn & Suites  
Quality Inn  
America's Best Value Inn & Suites  
Joy Motel

## Welcome Kits

Experience Jackson can create a welcome kit full of brochures that your guests will love and will make for an unforgettable experience. We can even deliver them to the hotel for you!

Request your welcome kit on [experiencejackson.com](http://experiencejackson.com), or give us a call at 517-764-4440.

## Tips

- Book early! About 6-9 months before the big day.
- Make sure the check-in time doesn't conflict with your ceremony start time. If it does, negotiate an earlier check-in time.
- Look into a shuttle service that can accomodate your hotel and venue.







# Rehearsal Dinner Locations

\*Indicates that this space allows for outside catering

Grand River Brewery  
Veritas

\*Jackson School of the Arts

\*Chateau Aeronautique

Cherry Creek Cellars

Eagle's Nest

Bella Notte Ristorante

\*ART 634

One North Kitchen & Bar

Artesian Wells

The Hunt Club

Beach Bar

Knight's Steakhouse

Klavon's Pizzeria & Pub

*Tip*

Ask your venue if they have a rehearsal dinner space included in their package.







## 12-18 Months Before the Wedding

Set a date

Set a budget

Decide on a style/theme

Determine your guest list

Start researching vendors

Book your venue

## 8-12 Months Before the Wedding

Choose your wedding attire

Set the size of your wedding party

Start ring shopping

Book your vendors

Send save-the-dates

## 5-8 Months Before the Wedding

Order invitations and stationary

Register for gifts

Schedule engagement photos

## 3-5 Months Before the Wedding

Finalize details with your caterer

Research signature drinks

Call Experience Jackson to order Welcome Kits for guests

## 2-3 Months Before the Wedding

Finalize floral arrangements

Arrange transportation

Finalize music choices with DJ, band, or other musicians

Send invitations

Make rehearsal dinner arrangements

Decide on hairdresser and makeup artist

Finalize honeymoon arrangements

## 1-2 Months Before the Wedding

Confirm orders and finalize vendors

Order rental items (linens, decor, etc.)

Arrange fittings for wedding party members

Buy wedding rings

Purchase gifts for your wedding party

## Last Steps!

Pick up your marriage license

Organize all ceremony accessories (unity ceremony, ring pillow, etc.)

Establish final guest count (inform your vendors!)

Final fittings

Pick up wedding rings

Arrange seating chart for reception

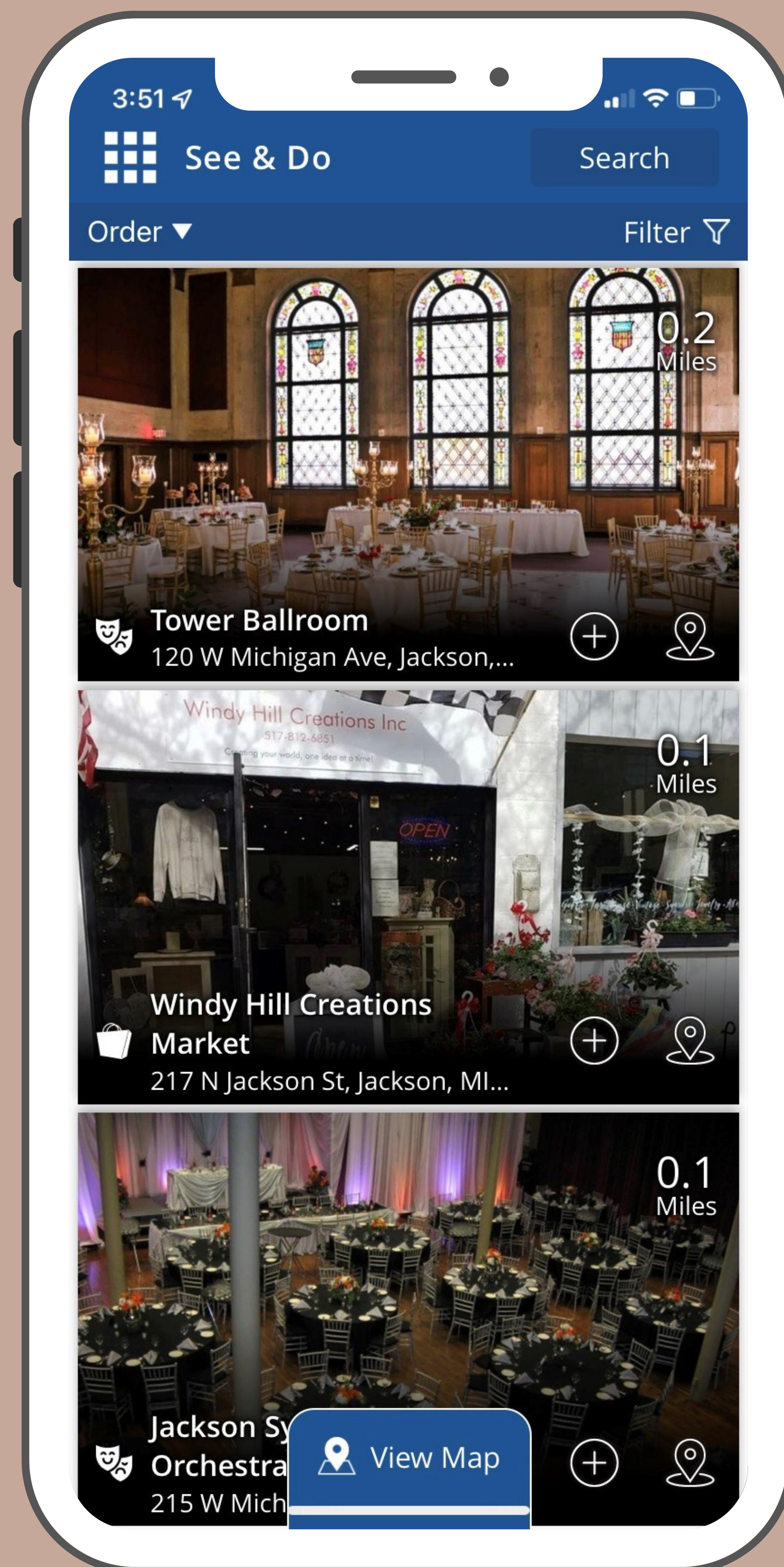
Prepare for wedding day expenses (tips, final payments, etc.)

Have your rehearsal and rehearsal dinner

Get some rest! The big day is almost here!



# Out of Town Guests



Download our App!

*Tip*

Add ExperienceJackson.com  
to your wedding website for  
guests to use while in town.

*While You're Here*



*Stay in Touch*



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