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The Ultimate Guide to
Start Planning Your
Jackson, Michigan Wedding

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The wedding planning process can often be overwhelming. That's why Experience Jackson is here to help you get things started. In this guide we'll help you discover venues, book your hotel room block, provide your out-of-town guests with activities to do, and give your hotel guests welcome kits.

Start your planning by considering venue options by focusing on locations that match your personality. To help narrow down your search we have put together a list of some of the best venues in the Jackson area.





Visit ExperienceJackson.com/wedding for vendor recommendations, general inquiries, and more!



Rustic or Shabby Chic

Hilltop Manor Inn in Clarklake is the perfect location for an elegant, sit-down dinner or down home barbeque. The barn's interior boasts high ceilings and gorgeous hardwood flooring. The grounds also provide a beautiful backdrop for picture taking.

517.474.0786 | HilltopManorInn.com

The **Eyry of the Eagle Farm** features a modern reception hall, a charming 125-year-old restored barn, wedding pergola, pond, windmill, wooded area, flower gardens and unique farm animals. This venue combines modern conveniences with farm surroundings.

517.522.3705 | EyryoftheEagle.com

Some brides even arrive on horseback
or horse drawn carriage!

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Iconic Jackson

The Cascades is the quintessential place to get married in Jackson. After the ceremony, the reception can be held at the **Cascades Manor House**, voted Best Banquet Facility in Jackson. With seating for up to 250, guests will have plenty of room to dance the night away.

517.788.4320 | ExperienceJackson.com/Cascades

517.784.1500 | CascadesManor.com

Ella Sharp Park is a great place to hold your outdoor wedding. Showcase the beautiful nature of the park when getting married in the rose garden or rotunda.

517.788.4040 | EllaSharpPark.com





The **Ella Sharp Museum** provides an intriguing experience for guests as they walk through the museum to see the exhibits. Their Grand Community Room features an outdoor patio, stage, catering kitchen, and a large arched window that overlooks the surrounding park.

517.787.2320 | EllaSharpMuseum.org

The **Michigan Theatre** sets the stage for an unforgettable wedding. This picturesque location is considered one of the most marvelous theaters in the state. The carved walnut furniture, heavy damask draperies, and stained-glass light fixtures elude romance and elegance.

517.783.0962 | MichiganTheatre.org



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Historic, Yet Unexpected

Venue 634 offers a unique atmosphere because of its industrial feel. Originally built in the 1850s as a wagon and carriage factory, today it has been completely restored and is used as a center for the arts.

517.499.9585 | Art634.com

For a more traditional and historic venue, **Celebrations Wedding Chapel** is a beautiful Victorian church in Horton. Formerly the Billingsgate Restaurant, this event center is perfect for intimate gatherings of up to 50 guests.

517.879.0370 | CelebrationsWeddingChapel.com

Waterloo Farm Museum offers both a trendy rustic wedding and an authentic historic venue. With a beautiful 19th century farmhouse, a rare restored Perkins windmill, a log cabin, and of course the barn, there is no shortage of unique photo ops.

517.596.2254 | WaterlooFarmMuseum.org

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Waterloo Farm Museum



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Sandhill Crane Winery | Chelsea Brown Photography



Cherry Creek Winery

Wine & the Great Outdoors

Sandhill Crane Vineyards was voted Jackson's Best Winery, and boasts a great selection of tastes to satisfy any palate. The beautiful banquet room features high ceilings, lots of light, a beautiful copper-topped bar, and of course a delicious farm-to-table menu including many vegetarian options.

517.764.0679 | SandhillCraneVineyards.com

Cherry Creek Winery located in Irish Hills is in a historic 1870s schoolhouse surrounded by beautiful vineyards. The pergola outside provides a great venue for guests to dance among the vines into the night. **Their wines have even been served to First Lady Michelle Obama!**

517.592.4663 | CherryCreekWine.com

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Must-Know Tips When Reserving Hotel Room Blocks

1. Book Early! Once you sign your venue contract it's time to book your hotel block, about 6-9 months before the big day.
2. Make sure the check-in time doesn't conflict with your ceremony start time. **If it does, negotiate an earlier check-in time.**
3. Choose a hotel that's near your ceremony and reception locations.

Room Block Reservations Made Easy!

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 ExperienceJackson.com 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.

**Request Your Hotel
Room Block**



Welcoming Out-of-Town Guests

Make out-of-town guests staying at a hotel feel right at home as soon as they arrive in Jackson with a welcome kit and a list of activities to do to fill downtime.

Welcome Kit

Experience Jackson can create a welcome kit full of brochures that your guests will love and will help to make for an unforgettable weekend. We can even deliver them to the hotel for you! Request your welcome kit on ExperienceJackson.com. Give us a call at 517.764.4440 with any questions.

Request your welcome kit!



Ultimate List of Jackson Activities for Wedding Guests

- » Schedule a tour of Michigan's First State Prison with The Original Jackson Historic Prison Tours.
- » Taste a Jackson-style Coney dog at Jackson Coney Island, where they have been serving them for over 100 years.
- » Stroll through Sparks Park, then enjoy an evening light show at The Cascades.
- » Sip award-winning Michigan wine along the Southeast Michigan Pioneer Wine Trail.



For more things to do around Jackson, download the Experience Jackson Tours app or go to ExperienceJackson.com/play

We hope this guide has helped you to start planning your Jackson wedding. Visit **ExperienceJackson.com** for more ideas and tools to help you along the way. If you have any questions please email Experience Jackson at admin@experiencejackson.com or call us at **517.764.4440**.

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