

There's no denying that the wedding landscape has been more competitive than ever in recent years. An increased number of suppliers, born out of a wedding boom once nuptials were back on post-pandemic, has meant a wealth of choice for couples over the last few years, and a challenging time for venues and other services.

Overseas weddings are more popular than ever, and with a shift towards super customised, memorable experiences over conventional formats, we're seeing a surge in popularity of non-traditional venues too.

That's why it's more important than ever for wedding venues to understand what couples are looking for, and to pro-actively stay on top of key trends in order to stay competitive and relevant.

Moving into 2026 and 2027, we expect to see couples continuing to go beyond traditional constraints to plan weddings that are deeply personal and technologically enhanced. Formats will range from micro celebrations, or split ceremonies and parties, to vibrant, supersized events. Immersive videography and content creation will be commonplace, and ceremonies will be hyper-personalised.

Wedding businesses must understand:

- The rise of digital content and creator culture
- Increasing demand for personalised, experiential celebrations
- A growing emphasis on interactive entertainment
- Shift towards more intimate, meaningful gatherings

We hope the trends to follow provide you with the inspiration and insider insights to give you a competitive edge that will keep you thriving a few steps ahead of the rest.

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Trend One

Hyper
personalisation

Couples are seeking a wedding day that truly reflects who they are. By personalising every detail — from the invitations to the thank-you notes — they weave their story into the celebration, sharing a piece of their journey with every guest.

Personalised details may include:

- Bespoke wedding ceremonies and use of celebrants
- Custom illustrated or painted stationery
- Expressive elements that evoke nostalgia and fun
- Wedding day newspapers
- Reading personalised vows



## Trend two Whated but far from basic

Whilst we expect to see weddings in 2026 embracing pastel and pale shades, décor overall will be far from basic. Statement centrepieces, striking floral displays, eyecatching table settings and Bridgerton-style drapes will create a dramatic scene for wedding guests to discover.

### Emerging trends feature:

- Pale or neutral flowers and lots of them
- Muted tones or monochrome sophistication
- Retro inspired wedding cakes
- Custom designed stationery

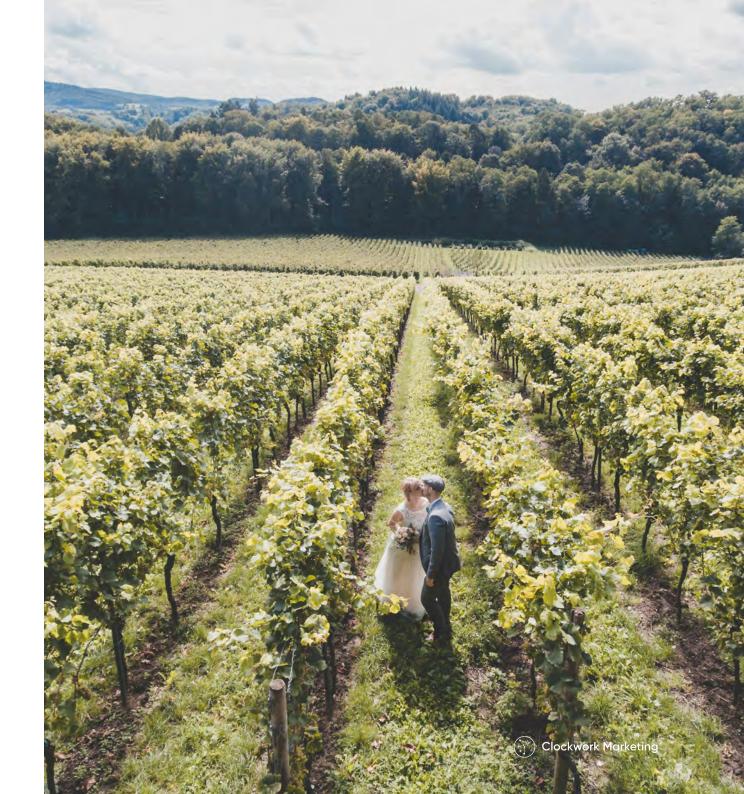


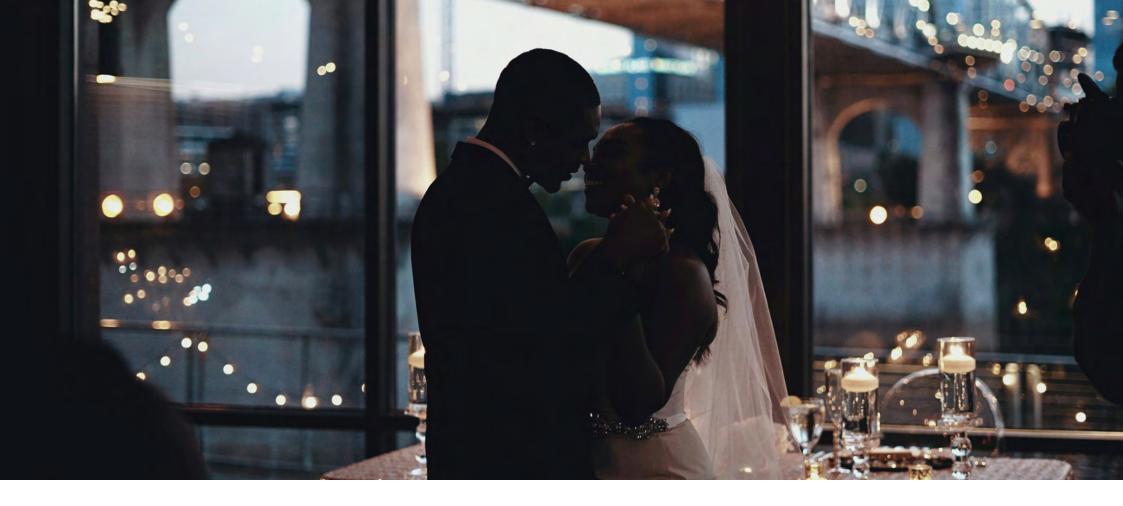
# Trend three Wedding Videography reimagined

Wedding videography has transformed from simple documentation to cinematic storytelling. Advanced technologies are allowing for the creation of immersive, narrative-driven wedding films that capture the emotions of the day. There's also a resurgence in popularity of old 90s camcorders for capturing candid footage.

Innovative approaches include:

- Drone cinematography
- Multi-camera storytelling
- Documentary-style narratives
- Professional wedding content creators
- Capturing candid footage with 90s camcorders





Trend four Weddings & Atter-parties

Micro weddings continue to adapt, becoming more sophisticated and intentional. These intimate celebrations prioritise quality over quantity, offering deeply personalised experiences. More recently these have been paired with an after-party at a later date. A chance for couples to celebrate in a more informal way with a wider circle of friends and family.

### Trends include:

- High-end, small-scale catering for after ceremony dining
- Informal, fun catering for parties
- Split or multi-day celebrations
- Separate after-party outfits



## Trend five Immersive Wedding experiences

Weddings are evolving from traditional ceremonies to unique, multi-sensory experiences. Couples are seeking celebrations that engage and entertain guests through unique settings, interactive elements, and memorable moments that transcend conventional wedding formats.

Experience-driven concepts include:

- Interactive entertainment and catering
- Live sketching and painting
- Audio guest books
- Wedding karaoke or bandeoke



### Top marketing tips

Highlight the unique qualities of your venue and experiential opportunities

Build partnerships with videographers and content creators

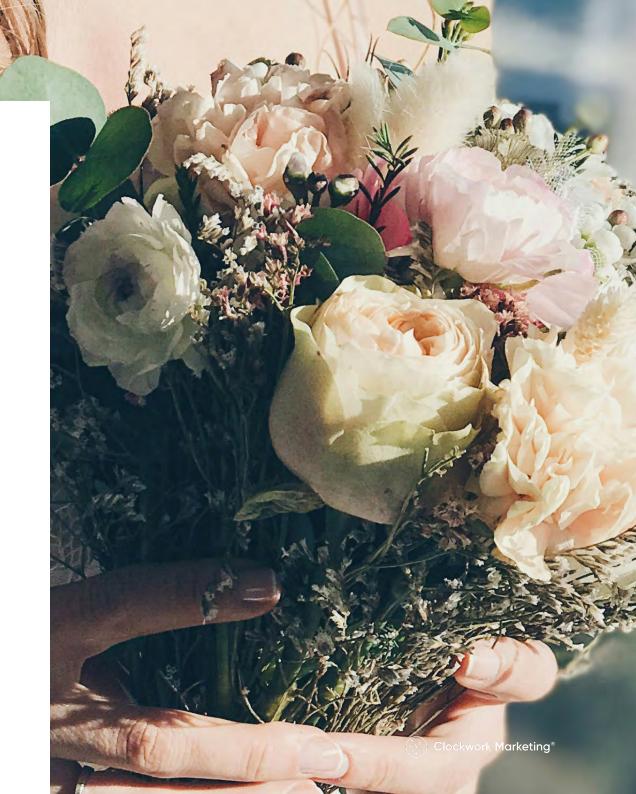
Create flexible packages that cater to both micro and full-scale celebrations

Be aware of innovative entertainment and interactive experiences available in your area

Showcase your venue decorated in the trending décor across your marketing channels

Showcase vibrant, colourful celebration possibilities

Design marketing materials that tell immersive wedding stories





### Let's talk about your wedding business's future.

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