



AN INTIMATE AFFAIR

A small, intimate wedding has loads of romance to it — as well as many other advantages. While the large wedding has become a staple of contemporary American culture, the small wedding is making a comeback, and for good reason.

Before you set your final budget and guest list, consider the following motivations for staying small.

GET MARRIED WHERE YOU WANT

Think of all the gorgeous venues you could either price yourself out of, or not be able to fit into due to the size of your party. Keeping your guest list small gives you more options.

It also opens up venues that don't traditionally host weddings — or charge “wedding prices.” Think of places such as an art museum, a zoo or a greenhouse.

SPEND MORE QUALITY TIME WITH GUESTS

An intimate wedding typically has less than 75 guests, which means you will have a lot more time to spend with each person.

Walk around to each table and personally thank people for coming. Depending on the size of your party, consider seating everyone at one long table — creating an intimate dinner party atmosphere.

DO MORE WITH YOUR MONEY

Small weddings can cost less, saving you thousands. Alternatively, you could spend the same amount as you would have set aside for a larger affair and splurge on the luxurious extras you want most.

A smaller wedding can be a way for you to ensure your guests have a night they will always remember, and that you have the wedding you always dreamed about.

PUT YOUR MONEY TOWARD YOUR FUTURE

Your wedding day is a magical day and will most likely always hold a distinct place in your heart. But remember, it is just one day.

Hosting a smaller wedding means you are free to put additional money toward future goals, such as putting a down payment on a house or saving to start a family. Remember, your lives together are just beginning.