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Love under the California Sun: Outdoor Weddings in the Golden State by [Kindra Leomiti](#)

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California has so much to offer residents and tourists alike. The bright lights of Hollywood, the grandeur of the Golden Gate Bridge, the luxury of Beverly Hills—these are some of the state's more prominent attractions. It doesn't end there, though, as the Golden State also has other fine features that soon-to-be newlyweds will appreciate.

Having an outdoor wedding in California can be a dream come true. Monterey beaches and Newport beaches, for instance, have been the backdrop of many weddings since a lot of couples want beach ceremonies. Napa Valley is no stranger to "I do" as well. However, although everything looks picture perfect on the day itself, a great deal of planning is required to pull off a dream wedding against the breathtaking landscapes of Napa Valley or on the shores of Monterey and Newport.

With the number of possible California venues, couples should make a list of the places they have in mind. They should also prepare a budget for the venue so they can immediately cross off those that have steep prices from their list. The sooner this is done, the sooner they can move on to other details.

Having an outdoor wedding at Napa Valley, Newport, or Monterey beach should be based on the season and weather. Spring and summer are good times for outdoor weddings as there are lesser chances of rain and thunderstorms. Couples should have a back-up plan if the weather turns bad—alternative locations for the wedding ceremony should be secured before booking the event.

After gathering information about Napa Valley, Newport, or Monterey wedding venues, securing the guest list comes next. This would help the couple and the wedding coordinator plan the seating arrangements for the ceremony and the reception. It would also help them choose the ideal size for the venue and the amount of food to be served. The couple should keep their guests in mind; they should choose a place that is easily accessible, especially if guests will be flying in and staying in hotels.

The good thing about having outdoor weddings is the natural views that can be used for photo backdrops. Although the wedding party can take pictures in private studios, Newport beach wedding venues, Monterey shores, and Napa Valley destinations would surely add that magnificent feel to the pictures taken of the special occasion. It is therefore a must for couples to explore the venue beforehand so they can find picturesque spots.

Knowing what to look for would help couples find the location of their dream wedding more easily. For a more detailed guide in choosing Newport, Monterey, or Napa Valley wedding venues, you can take a look at the following article at http://www.ehow.com/how_4635_choose-location-wedding.html.

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