

Checklist

Download this handy guide to help you ask the right questions and find your winter wedding venue. Perfect for bringing to your next venue tour!

Basics

- ☐ Is the venue available on your preferred winter date (Jan–Mar)?
- ☐ Can it legally host civil ceremonies indoors?
- ☐ Is the venue accessible in poor weather conditions?
- ☐ Are nearby or on-site accommodations available for guests?
- ☐ Are there plenty of car park spaces available?

Heating & Comfort

- ☐ Is there efficient, zoned heating throughout all guest areas?
- ☐ Are any outdoor spaces (smoking, drinks) heated or sheltered?
- ☐ Are restrooms easily accessible and heated?
- ☐ Are blanket baskets or warming stations allowed?

Lighting & Ambience

- ☐ Does the venue have ambient lighting options (fairy lights, candles)?
- ☐ Are candle flames permitted? If not, are realistic LED options provided?
- ☐ Are there large windows or glass features for daylight?
- ☐ Is there a plan for safe candle use and fire safety?

Power & Backup

- ☐ Does the venue have a backup generator?
- ☐ Can it handle additional lighting or heating equipment?
- ☐ Are vendors informed of the venue's winter power needs?

Photography

- ☐ Are there attractive indoor photo locations in case of rain or snow?
- ☐ Are any outdoor photo spots winter-proof (e.g., gravel, wooden walkways)?
- ☐ Can the venue recommend photographers who've shot winter weddings there?

Styling & Set-Up

- ☐ Can you access the venue the day before for styling?
- ☐ Are there indoor-safe décor options (e.g., ceiling hooks, mantelpieces)?
- ☐ Can you use seasonal décor like evergreens, berries, or dried flowers?

Catering & Bar

- ☐ Are warm winter drinks (mulled wine, hot chocolate) an option?
- ☐ Can the menu include seasonal, comforting dishes?
- ☐ Are winter-specific cocktails or drink packages available?

Contingencies

- ☐ What happens if there is snow or ice on the day?
- ☐ Does the venue have a snow/ice clearance plan?
- ☐ Is there a plan if key suppliers are delayed?



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