



BEFORE YOU TOUR A VENUE

It's exciting to get engaged and plan a wedding! Finding a date and venue is typically your first step, but before booking any venue tours be sure to know your answers to the following six questions.





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WHAT TIME OF YEAR DO YOU WANT?

Do you like warm or cold weather? What colors do you envision in your wedding photos - the pastels of spring, oranges and reds of fall, cool tones of winter? Spring and fall are the most popular times of the year in Virginia - May, September, and October especially. These popular months typically book 12-18 months in advance or more. If your ideal date is booked, are you willing to consider other times of the year?



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ARE YOU OPEN TO FRIDAY OR SUNDAY DATES?

Does your wedding have to be on a Saturday? Saturdays are always in high demand, especially in the spring and fall months. If you are set on a particular month or season, are you open to a non-Saturday date? What about if your date was a 3-day holiday weekend where guests have off from work on Monday?



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DO YOU WANT A BARN STYLE VENUE?

If you want a “rustic” or “barn” wedding, what does that mean to you? On one end of the spectrum, you’ll find barns that are working farms or have animals on site. On the opposite end, some barns have been built brand new with modern finishes. Other barns, like 48 Fields, fall somewhere in the middle. We retain our original architecture and authentic character but also have updated amenities like heating and air conditioning, indoor restrooms, an elevator, and romantic lighting.



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WHAT IS YOUR OVERALL WEDDING BUDGET?

It's no secret that weddings can be expensive, and a venue and catering will likely be the biggest parts of your budget. The venue is often the first vendor to book for your wedding, so knowing how much you have to spend on a venue will be essential to know before you visit. It's always heart breaking to find a space you love only to realize it will cost more than you want to spend.



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WILL YOU HIRE A WEDDING COORDINATOR?

Many venues in the Northern Virginia area require couples to hire a wedding planner or “day-of” coordinator as part of the vendor team. Many of these venues will also have a preferred or required list of approved planners or specify that it be a professional vendor. Meaning it’s not likely they will allow friends or family members to take on this role without making a special exception.

READY TO SAY I DO?

Knowing answers to the questions in this guide will make your venue tours more efficient and will help ensure you are considering spaces that will be a good fit for your celebrations.

Thinking 48 Fields might be the right choice? We'd love to tell you more!

Email us at hello@48fields.com to start the conversation!

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