

Picking the Date for Your Wedding and Reception

Picking the Month

One of the first things to consider is the month in which to get married. Following are pro's and con's of each month:

June

June is the most popular month in which to marry. It also means that competition for facilities is at the highest. Since the San Diego area is practically in a perpetual summer all year long, there is no functional need to focus on June as your wedding month.

July, August and September

These months include the longest days of the year, with warm evenings.

- This is an ideal time to enjoy patios as part of your reception. Surround patio walls with votive candles and place your DJ or band under a trellis behind a dance floor.
- Children are out of school during most of this time, so expect more out of town guests to say "yes". This also means invitations need to go out a little early before summer vacation plans are firmed up.

October, November and December

There are numerous good reasons to consider getting married late in the year in San Diego.

- The weather is mild and tourists are at a minimum. This makes travel for out-of-town guests easier.
- Depending on where guests live, they may appreciate the early break from winter to join you on your special day.

January, February and March

These months include the coolest days of San Diego, but still not sweater weather.

- If it is going to rain, this would be the time, so best to plan on indoors for the reception and utilize patios as a bonus should the weather cooperate (it usually does in San Diego).
- Guests coming from the East Coast or the Midwest at this time of year will remember your wedding "warmly."

April and May

Spring in San Diego boasts the same weather as June, but with the advantage of yours being the first wedding of the season.

- Spring weddings may coincide with vacation or spring breaks for children, meaning more guests are likely to respond "Yes."
- San Diego is green and lush in the spring, adding an element of life and natural beauty all around.

Picking the Day of the Week

Saturday

- If you will have guests and family traveling in from far and wide, Saturday is the time-honored day to help by giving them a little extra time to navigate the airports and get settled into a hotel.
- Even better for out-of-town travelers is late Saturday afternoon or evening.

Friday

- Friday evening is a great time for a wedding reception. If it works for out-of-town guests to arrive a day early, both you and they are left with the entire weekend to enjoy in San Diego.

- Since most people get married on a Saturday, you'll see fewer limos driving around, perhaps making your wedding just that much more special.

Sunday

- If you just need a small wedding with a few guests, Sunday evening is a pleasant alternative to competing with the Saturday crowd.
- Having your wedding service in the late afternoon allows for the reception to land right on time for the dinner hour, as opposed to some traditional weddings in which food is served at an odd hour of the day.