

# TOWN & COUNTRY WEDDINGS

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## REAL WEDDINGS WITH *RUSTIC* GLAMOUR

{*Plus*}

» THE RETURN OF  
THE SOLID  
WEDDING BAND

» GROOM  
ESSENTIALS

&

» THE SWEETEST  
TREND IN  
CAKES



# STYLE & SPY

## Girls Gone Mild

Personalized T-shirts, feather boas, inappropriate gag gifts... Bachelorette parties have become embarrassing events for all involved (but lucrative at the movies). We've picked four tamer, more tasteful alternatives to the Vegas Strip, from a subterranean Roman bathhouse in New York City to rustic yurts in the heart of Washington state.

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|               | URBAN ESCAPE   | WINE COUNTRY   | BEYOND THE SEA   | THE GREAT OUTDOORS  |
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| THE PLACE     |  |  |  |   |
|               | Aire Ancient Baths, New York City<br><a href="http://ancientbathsny.com">ancientbathsny.com</a>  | The Hess Collection, Napa, CA<br><a href="http://hesscollection.com">hesscollection.com</a>  | Vanessa Noel Hotel, Nantucket<br><a href="http://vanessanoelhotel.com">vanessanoelhotel.com</a>  | Cave B Inn & Spa, Quincy, WA<br><a href="http://cavebinn.com">cavebinn.com</a>  |
| WHAT TO PACK  | <br>Tom Binns for Lisa Hoffman Fragrance Collection necklaces (\$250 each), <a href="http://lisahoffmanbeauty.com">lisahoffmanbeauty.com</a>   | <br>Kiehl's Powerful Wrinkle Reducing Cream (\$50), <a href="http://kiehls.com">kiehls.com</a>   | <br>Thierry Lasry Perfidy sunglasses (\$435), Fred Segal Eyes, 310-394-1875  | <br>Tory Burch Jasmine loafers in Croissant, (\$285), <a href="http://toryburch.com">toryburch.com</a>  |
| THE PARTY     | Groups of up to 30 can rent the Aire Ancient Baths, a thermal grotto in Tribeca, for two hours or more. Pad from the Frigidarium pool (50 degrees) to the Caldarium (a balmy 102) to the salty Flotarium, where music is pumped through underwater speakers, and then pamper the party with massages.  | Refine your palate at the Hess Collection, a 600-acre, 35-year-old Napa institution. Taste the fruits of the vineyards (especially the 2009 cabernet), stroll among organic gardens, and stop by the art museum, whose vast collection includes works by Robert Motherwell and Anselm Kiefer.  | The bridal party can go to sea on a Nantucket Sound excursion with Endeavor Sailing ( <a href="http://endeavorsailing.com">endeavorsailing.com</a> ). The more seasoned sailors can pitch in and help the crew. For the beach bums in the party, the best sunsets on the island can be seen from Madaket Beach.      | Become one with nature as you go hiking and birding (look for both songbirds and raptors) on the grounds of the Cave B Inn & Spa. Or spend the afternoon at the property's natural rock swimming pool or fishing on the nearby Columbia River. A working farm and estate winery, Cave B offers tours and tastings, too. |
| THE WEEKEND   | After the baths, try the new outpost of beloved Sushi of Gari ( <a href="http://sushiofgari.com">sushiofgari.com</a> ), and then check into the cozy Greenwich Hotel (from \$525, <a href="http://thegreenwichhotel.com">thegreenwichhotel.com</a> ). The next day, after brunch at Locanda Verde, shop the curated selection of designer shoes and bags at Edon Manor ( <a href="http://edonmanor.com">edonmanor.com</a> ). | Stay in studios with private patios at the Solage Calistoga (from \$350, <a href="http://solagecalistoga.com">solagecalistoga.com</a> ), about 30 minutes outside Napa. After exploring the grounds or riding into town on complimentary bikes, enjoy yoga or a facial and massage at the 14-room spa and dine at the Michelin-starred Solbar. | The cozy Vanessa Noel Hotel (from \$330) features Frette linens, Hermès bath products, and a Noel shoe shop—perfect after a day on the sand. On Sunday, walk to the Boarding House for a brunch of fried chicken and Belgian waffles ( <a href="http://boardinghousenantucket.com">boardinghousenantucket.com</a> ). | Stay in one of 25 desert yurts—structured huts that comfortably sleep two. Though it's not quite camping, the floors do get cold at night, and you can see the stars through a hole in the roof.  |
| FOR THE BRIDE | <br>Karla Colletto belted buckle one-piece swimsuit in alpine (\$251), Rouge Boutique, 609-921-0280  | <br>Ralph Lauren Collection serape cross-body bag (\$1,950), <a href="http://ralphlauren.com">ralphlauren.com</a>  | <br>Agnès b. T-Shirt Cool (\$165), <a href="http://agnesb.com">agnesb.com</a>  | <br>Eugenia Kim Bianca fedora, (\$305), <a href="http://bergdorfgoodman.com">bergdorfgoodman.com</a>  |