



6 WAYS TO UP YOUR GUEST EXPERIENCE

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LET'S BE HONEST...

We have ALL been weddings where the guest experience wasn't exactly what you pictured. Maybe the ceremony began 30 minutes late? Or maybe your table was in an odd space and you couldn't see the first dance or the cake cutting? Most of my couples tell me stories of how they're planning to do this or that during their wedding because they went to a wedding that didn't do "that" and they were just not very fond of it- and that's okay!

You know your crowd and what will keep them content and hanging around until the end of the night! Here are 6 ways that you can make sure that guests have the **BEST** experience possible at your special day!



1. TEMPERATURE CONTROL

Is it going to be **REALLY** hot? Place some fans on guests chairs, or even consider having your ceremony later on in the day. Ask your caterer to have water, lemonade, or a specialty cocktail ready to keep guests cool. During the colder months, I love it when my couples provide their guests with a nice, cozy blanket or seasonal drink like spiced apple cider or hot cocoa!

2. COCKTAIL HOUR

Cocktail hour is one of those times that you need to be really thoughtful about planning. You will likely take your "just married" photos right after the ceremony, so you will be MIA for at least part of this time. Make sure you have enough food (with fun options!) for your guests while you are off being cute with your new spouse! Specialty cocktails, lawn games, and photo booths are all great ways to keep your guests happy!



3. BATHROOM BASKETS

Give your guests some extra pampering and leave some goodies in the bathroom for them to use to freshen up! Mini Advil, deodorant spray, and Tide pens have come in **CLUTCH** at recent weddings. Want to save some \$\$? Ask your friends who have recently got married, or any of the consignment groups, for unsued products from their weddings!



4. ACCESSIBILITY

Is Grandma Harriett coming to your wedding? AWESOME! Does your venue have an elevator? Is it easy for guests to make it to your ceremony and reception? Will all of your guests be able to use the chairs you provide? Do any of your guests have epilepsy and will be impacted by your DJ's strobe light set up? I will always ask you during our logistics consult if there is anyone that might need some extra help on your wedding day!

5. FOOD CHOICES

Variety is the spice of life, right? Give your guests choices on what they can enjoy on your big day- whether it is a BBQ buffet or a 5-course meal!

Also, you know who is gluten free, who is allergic to shellfish, and who is a vegetarian. Make sure you provide your caterer and coordinator with a list of guests that will need some alternative options to keep them happy and fed!



6. PERSONAL TOUCHES

Make your wedding personal to the two of you! Guests remember the cute little touches that make your wedding unique. Name your signature cocktails after your pets, have your baker make your aunt's famous red velvet cake for dessert, put some photos of you two when you were young. Write a personal note to your guests and drop them in their welcome bags at the hotel or their reception tables, if that isn't your vibe, be sure to thank everyone for coming as part of your speech!