

In-Suite Ceremony/Reception (Part 1)

Don't forget that you're not limited to having your wedding in a chapel, or your reception in a ballroom, restaurant, or other 'traditional' venue. There are numerous hotels and resorts on and off the strip with rooms large enough, and still affordable, to have your wedding, reception, or both in one of their suites. This is a very popular option as it saves money over a hotel chapel, you can bring your own photographer, you can often bring your own catering in (sometimes this is against the rules but may be possible to get away with anyway), you can choose the officiant you want rather than what the resort chapel would make you use, you can often have a fantastic view depending on how high up your suite is, etc. There are numerous reasons to have an in-suite and they're not always related to cost.

Here are some of the more popular in-suite options:

- [Cosmo Wraparound Suite](#) - this suite should accommodate up to about 40 guests. It's real claim to fame is the large outdoor balcony and incredible view of both the strip and Bellagio fountains.
- [Mandalay Bay's Vista suite](#) - this is a large suite that can overlook the strip or mountains; strip is the recommended view. I've heard of parties as large as 50 people being okay in this suite.
- [Mandalay Bay media suite](#) - this one is not often used for ceremonies and receptions for the reasons stated on the linked page
- [Mandalay Bay hospitality suite](#) - another popular ceremony/reception option however it does not have bedroom and it has some other limitations outlined on the linked page.
- [Planet Hollywood Boulevard, Apex and Panorama suites](#) - large suites that are center-strip at Planet Hollywood. Downside is you have to book through a wedding coordinator now which means tying you to their catering, etc.
- [Platinum](#) - large suites available up to 2200 square feet, and being a block or so off-strip, often at much better prices. Should be good for at least 40 to 50 guests.
- [THEHotel](#) - the H-suite and unlisted L-suite are both large suite options good for up to 50 or so guests, possibly more in an L-suite.
- [The Orleans Stardust Suite](#) - a huge 2500 square foot suite off-strip, but with great views, that you can rent by way of a food and beverage minimum if you have them cater it; so it can potentially save you a lot.

Others I've heard about but don't have much info on yet:

- New York New York penthouse suite - the information I have on these is that they're good for up to about 20 to 25 guests, outside catering will be no problem (just don't tell the hotel you plan to do that) and the elevators do require card access so factor that into your planning.

Some additional information specific to receptions is in my part 2 ([CLICK](#)) of this topic.

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