

# new england

**AGRICULTURE MEETS** architecture in New England, where the menu is locavore-friendly, and sites range from renovated barns to historic seaside manors. The vibe? Crisp and classic—the bridal gowns are generally bling-free, the guys wear blazers and khakis, and the decor is either vintage (in the interior) or preppy (on the coast).

## YOU KNOW YOU'RE AT A WEDDING IN NEW ENGLAND WHEN...

- the bridesmaids are rocking short blue dresses
- hydrangeas star in the bouquets and centerpieces
- the soup course is chowder (corn, clam, or fish)
- photos feature a lighthouse or a white steepled church
- there's a lobster bib at each place setting

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## FOCUS ON NANTUCKET, MA

The rehearsal dinner? A clambake. The theme? Nautical chic. The ride? A tugboat or yacht that deposits the bride at the beachside ceremony site. It's tough to think of a place filled with more iconic wedding traditions than this Massachusetts isle, where the groom inevitably wears Nantucket red trousers and the signature drink is—what else?—the Nantucket Red (champagne, vodka, and cranberry juice).



## FOCUS ON VERMONT

In a state where you can buy feta, havarti, and brie from the dairy down the road, *cheese station* takes on a new meaning. (Add maple syrup, figs, and sweet corn to the locavore list of menu must-haves.) Barns are the go-to spots for receptions, while earthy-vintage (birdcage veils, burlap table runners) is the default party vibe. The time to wed? Fall, when the blazing foliage makes picking your wedding colors a cinch.

LEILA BREWSTER (PROCESSION); RED RIBBON STUDIO (COUPLE KISSING IN CHAIRS); GETTY IMAGES (LIGHTHOUSE); KARIN VON VOIGTLANDER (COUPLE HOLDING HANDS); SIMPLY BLOOM (THE IN-CAN); NYI AGRAY PHOTOGRAPHY (COUPLE WITH CAB, BEER BOTTLES); CHARLOTTE JENKINS LEWIS (BOUQUET); LAURA EATON (LOVE SIGN).