

## 9 Must-See Pennsylvania Venues

These can't-miss Keystone State locales set the scene for any celebration.

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### Historic Shady Lane

475 Shady Lane, Manchester, PA;  
(717) 855-4665; [Historic Shady Lane](#)

This century-old Central Pennsylvania estate may be historic, but it has all the modern amenities of an all-inclusive resort. With only one wedding held per day, you and up to 225 guests will have access to the entire grounds, from the rose garden and greenhouse to the refurbished barns for the ceremony, cocktail hour and reception. The bridal party will also get private use of the on-site Cottage, which includes a salon, private suite and bridal party suite. For the gents, there is the cozy Den complete with a foosball table, playing cards, darts and a fully stocked kitchen.

### Glen Foerd on the Delaware

5001 Grant Ave., Philadelphia; (215) 632-5330; [Glen Foerd on the Delaware](#)

Located just 20 minutes from downtown Philadelphia along the Delaware River, this Italianate-style estate is the perfect setting for an elegant affair. Riverfront ceremonies are held under a pavilion located between the water and the historic mansion, with space for up to 400 friends and family. After the vows, head with guests to the house's terrace for cocktail hour. There, they can gaze over the grounds as well as explore the venue's fully furnished rooms and art gallery before an on-site tented reception in the wellgroomed gardens.

### Faunbrook Bed & Breakfast

699 West Rosedale Ave., West Chester, PA; (610) 436-5788; [Faunbrook Bed & Breakfast](#)

Whether you're looking to stay the whole weekend or just the night, this West Chester bed-and-breakfast, built in 1860, can comfortably accommodate between 30 and 100 guests for your event, and has seven guest rooms. Exchange vows on the outdoor patio, where Victorian-inspired details surround an intimate ceremony space, then head to an alfresco reception under stately oak and chestnut trees. While the flower-

filled patio is scenic, our favorite detail happens the day after "I do," when a farm-to-table breakfast is served as your farewell brunch.

## Knowlton Mansion

*931 Rhawn St., Philadelphia; (215) 722-8082; [Knowlton Mansion](#)*

Even though this Victorian manor dates back to 1879, the fully restored house boasts 30-foot vaulted ceilings for a look that is both contemporary and cozy. Host 225 guests for dinner and dancing in the 4,050-square-foot space, and be sure to take a photo in the wine cellar!

## Pearl S. Buck Estate

*520 Dublin Road, Perkasi, PA; (215) 249-0100; [Pearl S. Buck Estate](#)*

This space once belonged to Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winner Pearl S. Buck, so delight your literary-obsessed guests by including a tour of the grounds during your cocktail hour. After your outdoor ceremony, celebrate with up to 300 guests in a tented reception, and serve s'mores for dessert at the on-site fire pits.

## Talamore Country Club

*723 Talamore Drive, Ambler, PA; (215) 641-1300; [Talamore Country Club](#)*

This classic country club features two ballrooms as well as outdoor gardens that can be utilized year-round, courtesy of on-site heaters. For historic flair, check out the turn-of-the-century fireplace and vaulted ceilings of the Magnolia Ballroom, which can host up to 150 guests. Bonus: On-site mixologists will create signature drinks to serve at your cocktail hour.

## Pennsbury Manor

*400 Pennsbury Memorial Road, Morrisville, PA; (215) 946-0400; [Pennsbury Manor](#)*

Outdoor weddings and receptions are held from May through October on this 43-acre riverfront property. It features an original Quaker manor home, plus gardens, stables, barns and enough room to accommodate parties of 500 for tented receptions.

## National Museum of American Jewish History

*101 S. Independence Mall East, Philadelphia; (215) 923-3811; [National Museum of American Jewish History](#)*

During the day, this historic museum welcomes curious minds, but at night, the fifth floor ballroom hosts wedding ceremonies and receptions for up to 550 standing guests (300 seated) with exciting views of Independence Mall. Friends and family can take in an expansive panorama from the accompanying

terrace during cocktail hour or wander a few floors down to the Freedom Experience, where floor-to-ceiling windows make admiring the view more comfortable during cooler months. Plus, the museum has an extensive list of kosher and nonkosher caterers and allows you to bring in your own alcohol.

## The Old Mill

*9 Old Mill Lane, Rose Valley, PA; (610) 892-0141; [The Old Mill](#)*

This rustic venue offers three very different reception spaces: a spacious ballroom with wood floors and ceilings, an ivy-covered courtyard and a tented terrace. We're partial to the bamboo garden to set the stage for a modern ceremony, then transitioning to cocktails and hors d'oeuvres under the terrace, which can be heated during cooler months. An added plus is that Conner Catering works with to-be-weds to develop a fully custom, one-of-a-kind menu that fits your taste, style and budget.