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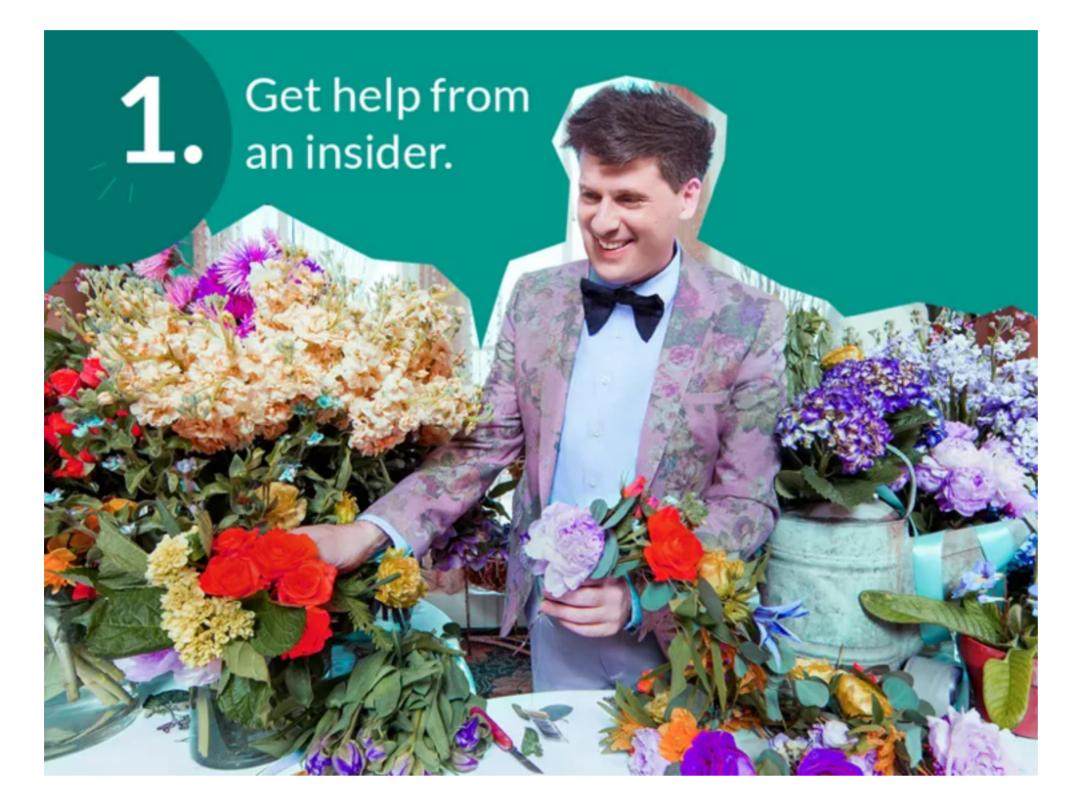
How to make the most of your destination wedding weekend—for everyone!



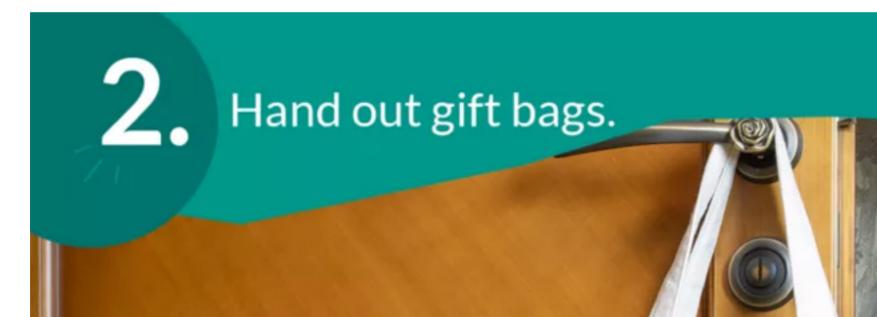


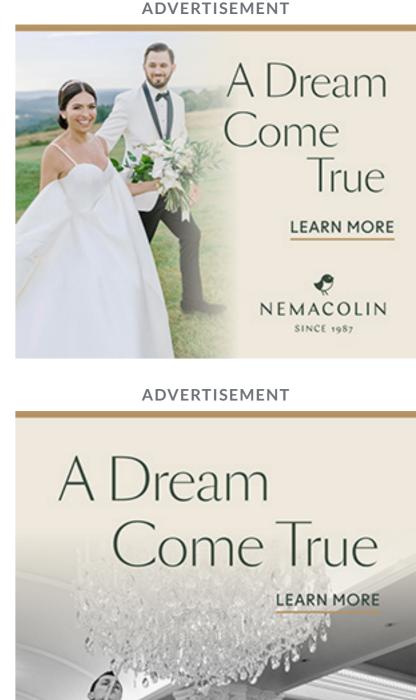
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One of the biggest perks of a destination wedding goes beyond the wedding itself: It's a chance to get away with your nearest and dearest by your side—enjoying delicious food, drinks and a gorgeous setting along the way. When it comes to choosing a location, the convenience of having everything in one place makes it easier for guests to plan and for to-be-weds to focus less on logistics and more on the exciting details that make everyone's stay memorable. That's why choosing a luxury resort like <u>Nemacolin</u>, nestled in southwestern Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands, is one of the best (and easiest) ways to ensure that your guests have an amazing time. Here's what else to keep in mind to plan a fun-filled getaway for your friends and family.



No matter how organized you are, it helps to have somebody on the ground at your destination, whether that's a local wedding planner or a designated events expert at a resort. They'll be key to helping you figure out the big-picture details—after all, they're the ones who know the property, local vendors and surrounding area best—as well as those little touches your guests will surely appreciate. Every wedding package at Nemacolin includes access to the Atelier, the resident creative events designer, whose job it is to execute your vision, from sourcing floral arrangements that complement the appliqué on your dress to finding hand-stitched linen napkins the perfect shade of ecru.



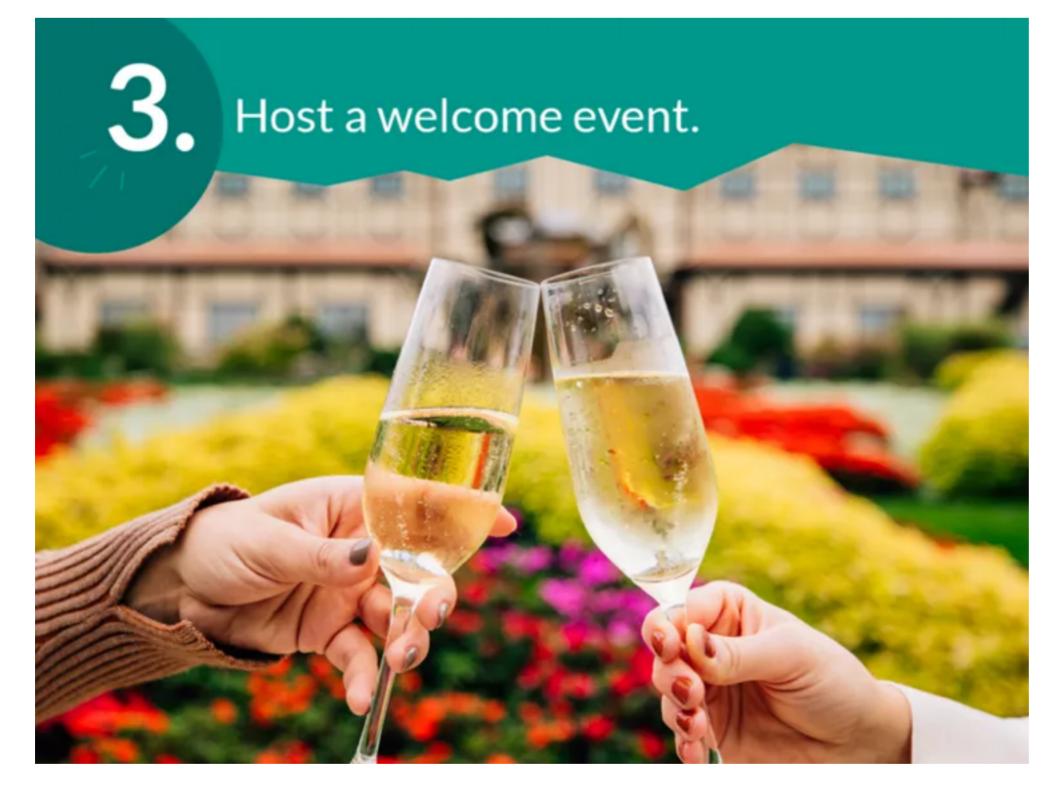




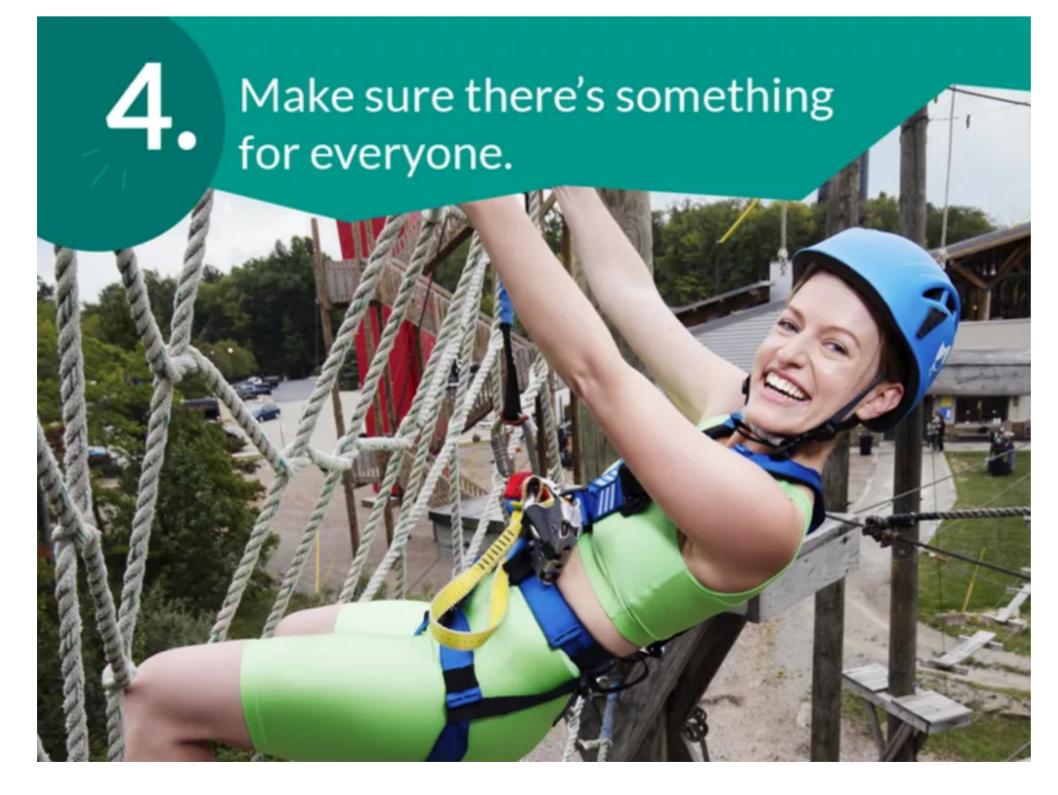
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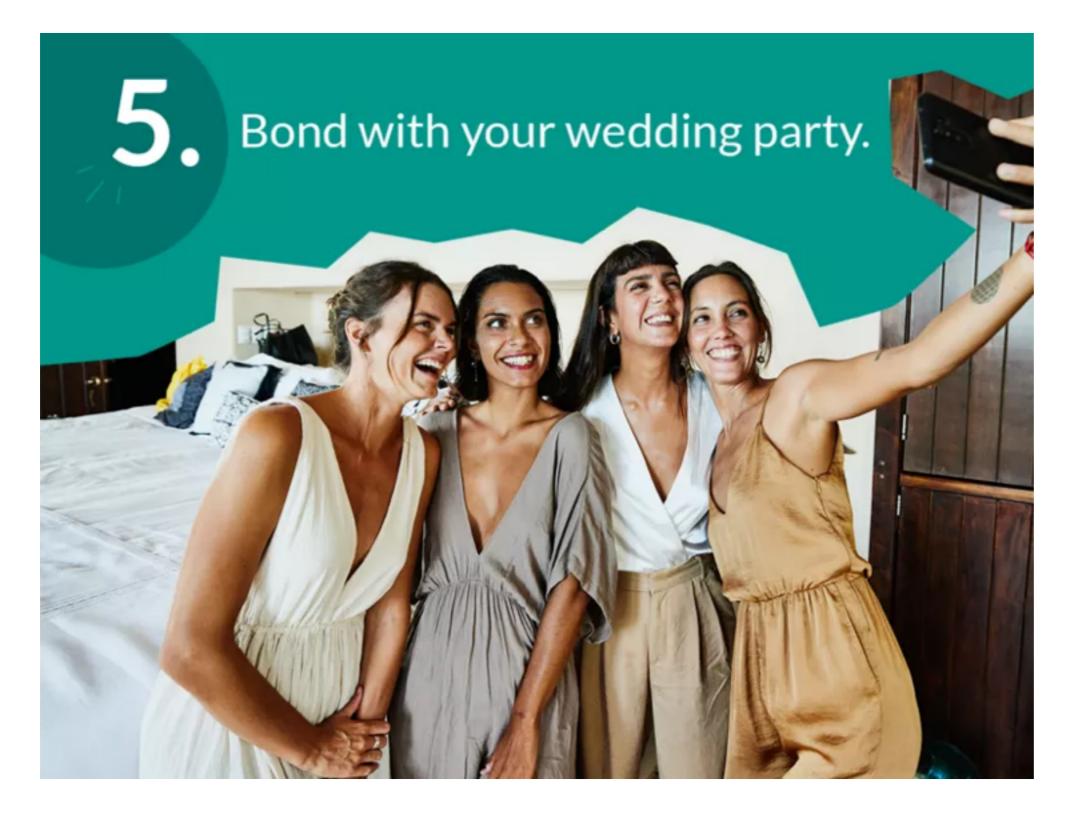
Welcoming guests with gift_bags is another special way to make them feel at home. Fill a personalized tote with a mix of practical and playful items, such as an itinerary of your wedding events, snacks, travel-size sunscreen and bug spray, and fun items like monogrammed water bottles or flip-flops to change into so they can dance the night away. Don't forget to include a list of suggested on-site activities; it's a subtle way to encourage everyone to attend the same yoga class or play in a group pickleball tournament (*hint, hint*).



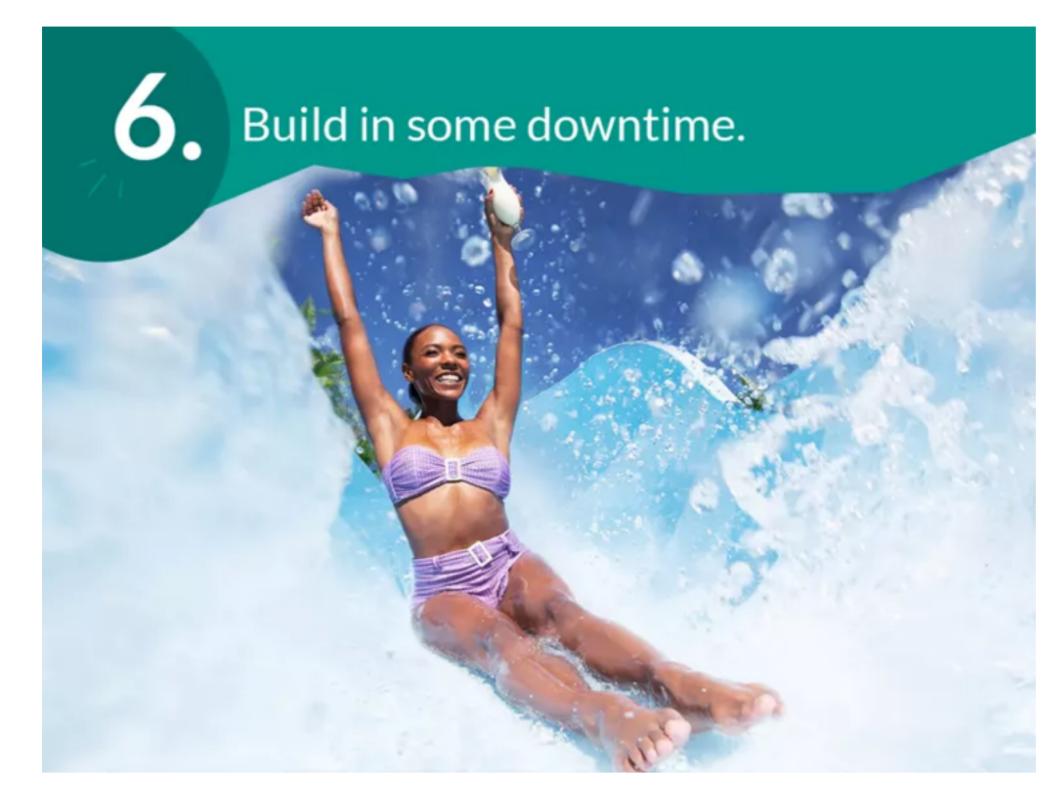
Getting the group together the first night gives everyone a chance to either catch up or get to know each other—setting the social stage for the rest of the trip. As your already-married friends can attest, the reception passes by in a flash and it's often hard to find time to chat leisurely with every guest. A welcome party lets everyone jump into the celebration (not to mention, *vacation*). At Nemacolin, that could mean kicking off the fun with a cozy Italian feast at Barattolo or inviting guests to mix and mingle lakeside at Mulligans.



When deciding where to get married away, the resort and its stunning scenery are certainly essential components, but the neighboring areas also come into play. Ideally, you want a wide variety of things to do so both Grandma and your 5-year-old niece are entertained. With that in mind, give your guests a heads-up and include a weekend itinerary or a list of suggested activities on your wedding website. While there's plenty to do along Nemacolin's 2,200 scenic acres, the surrounding Laurel Highlands area is loaded with history, culture and natural wonders to explore, too. You can plan an optional day trip to Ohiopyle State Park or Cucumber Falls or (for the daredevils) take a rafting excursion or book an off-roading adventure. And for those who prefer to stay on the grounds, there are dozens of activities for all ages to choose from, including paintball, bowling, zip-lining, an outdoor sculpture tour, and a kids' arcade, to name a few. While you don't necessarily have to foot the bill for these activities, giving your friends and family the option to attend saves them some research and offers a little built-in fun.



One of the most common pieces of wedding advice is to get plenty of R&R ahead of the big day, so break away from the larger group for a few hours of pampering with your closest crew. Bonus: This can also serve as your bach party if you're not planning a separate event. A resort with an on-site spa makes this super convenient and easy to book. Nemacolin's <u>Woodlands Spa</u> and <u>Salon</u> offers full-day and half-day immersions for optimal indulgence and relaxation, plus customized sessions based on your individual needs. Your squad can also head to the <u>Holistic</u> <u>Healing Center</u> for curated wellness packages, acupuncture, specialty massages, yoga classes and guided meditation. Plus, there's a full salon with manicure, pedicure and hair stations, so you can all return to get glam on the wedding day. The icing on the cake? Your furry friends can have pampering appointments, too, at Nemacolin's <u>Wooflands Pet Resort & Spa</u>.

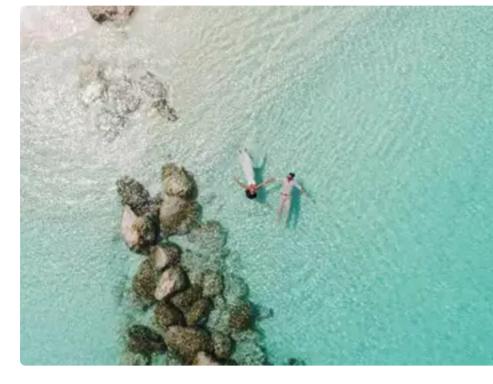


Yes, guests are traveling to the area for *your* wedding, but they'll also likely want some freedom to explore on their own. Resist the temptation to pack your wedding weekend full of activities and events. Both you and your guests will benefit from free time to reconnect with friends at the pool, take a snooze before dinner, hit the links or hike a trail with a cousin they haven't seen in forever. With eight dining options plus a classic ice cream parlor, four lounges and bars and countless activities on-site at Nemacolin, there are plenty of places where they can sneak away for some time to themselves. And when they're greeted with personalized butler service at their suite at <u>The Chateau</u>, you can bet they'll be thrilled they made the journey to your destination wedding.

Ready to start planning? From its variety of venues and range of accommodations (including areas that cater to <u>families</u> and <u>four-legged friends</u>) to its world-class dining options and luxury amenities, Nemacolin offers something for everyone to ensure a truly unforgettable wedding celebration. Learn more about <u>planning your wedding at Nemacolin</u>.

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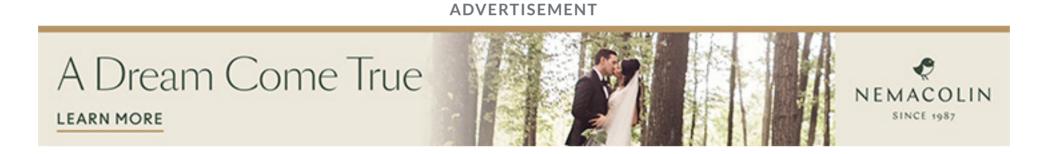


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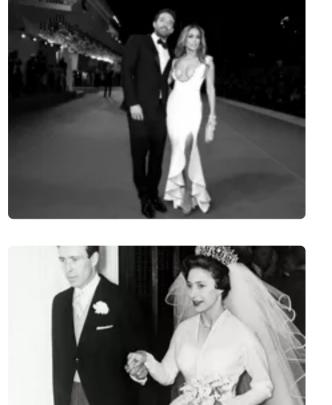


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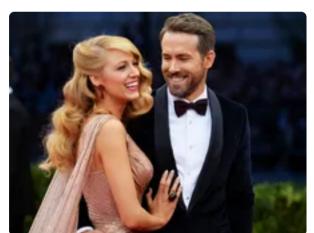
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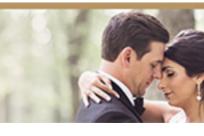
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