

## Finding the Reception Site

**Finding the right reception site or caterer doesn't have to be hard.** Just follow a few simple tips, after doing your research in local wedding magazines, bridal shows and on the Internet you need to schedule appointments and see the site for yourself. Never pick the location by price alone. Some locations may seem pricey and some less expensive. If a location quotes a lower price it might be because it isn't in a good location, doesn't have tables, chairs, dance floor, kitchen or ample parking or bathrooms. Maybe the price quoted is only for the room and doesn't include setting up, cleaning up or other items. Just make sure you know what is and what is not included. Ask a lot of questions.

**Here are a few questions to ask or think about when selecting a location or requesting a quote:** do they supply tables, linens, chairs, and dance floor if you need one? Does the location look great already or will you have to bring in a lot of decorations to make it look the way you want? Can you bring in your own alcohol (less expensive) or do you have to buy it from them? Do they set-up and clean up the area as part of the fee. Will there be someone available to accept deliveries ahead of time. How big is the kitchen? If you're bringing in your own caterer this is important. You might want a seated dinner for 100 people. If their kitchen is small and poorly equipped you'll need to change your plans or your location. Can the location seat all your guests and still have room to walk, dance or mingle. If it rains or it is cold, can everyone get inside and be together. Is it air- conditioned? Heated? Make sure everything that has been discussed is in the agreement before you sign it.