



Custom Weddings of Colorado

Average Wedding Costs



Wedding Budgets

Wouldn't it be nice to have an unlimited budget for your wedding? Let's be real: budgets often guide our decision making for basically.... well, everything in life. And, whether you have a \$5,000 budget or \$500,000 budget, it's still a budget.

The next page reveals some average price ranges you can expect from Colorado vendors for a typical 100-person wedding (for comparison).

Now, we specialize in small intimate wedding packages. If you are interested in receiving a budget guide for planning a wedding of 35 people or less (or an elopement!), please feel free to contact us at www.CustomWeddingsofColorado.com. Our packages start at \$5,200 and average around \$5,900 (elopements of 10 or fewer can be scaled-back).

Finally, if there is one thing to remember about wedding budget management, it is important to stay on top of all the expenditures **before** you start signing contracts!

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Estimates based on a wedding party with up to 10 attendants (5 on each side) and 100 guests. Actual prices vary greatly dependent on (1) number of guests, (2) extensiveness of service, and (3) quality of goods.

	Low	Middle	High
	<i>Starting at.....</i>	<i>Starting at.....</i>	<i>Starting at.....</i>
Day-of coordinators	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$2,600
Planners	\$3,500	\$8,000	12,000
Ceremony officiant	\$450	\$750	\$1,200
Ceremony site only	\$1,000	\$6,000	\$12,000
Reception site	\$2,000	\$8,500	\$15,000
Gown, tux, accessories**	\$800	\$3,000	\$10,000
Hair + Makeup **	\$350	\$900	\$2,000
Catering*	\$3,500	\$15,000	\$35,000
Beverage*	\$1,200	\$3,800	\$12,000
Bakers	\$400	\$750	\$1,200
Photographers	\$2,300	\$5,000	\$10,000
Videographers	\$2,000	\$4,500	\$8,000
Florists**	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Linens & chair covers**	\$600	\$1,800	\$3,500
Rentals, lighting & decor**	\$750	\$2,500	\$5,000
Ceremony musicians	\$450	\$750	\$1,200
Disc jockeys, emcees	\$850	\$1,400	\$1,900
Bands	\$2,500	\$5,500	\$10,000
Invitations & stationary	\$400	\$1,200	\$3,000
Limousine	\$750	\$1,200	\$1,900
Miscellaneous options ***	\$500	\$3,000	\$9,000

* Additional catering costs can include taxes, service fees, or gratuity (up to 22%) and other miscellaneous fees such as labor, chef-attended stations, cake cutting, bar-tending, setup fees, corkage, resort fees and more. We suggest estimating 35% for additional fees, and labor.

** **Additional cost** can include per-person fees, delivery, setup, tear-down, pickup, alterations, and cleaning. Costs vary greatly dependent or specifications and quantity.

*** **Miscellaneous options** can include ice sculptures, dove releases, honeymoon night reservations, attendant/guest accommodations and more.





Budgeting for a small intimate wedding or elopement

There are many destinations, lodging types, restaurants and private chefs. All will vary in prices depending on the luxury level, number of bedrooms, location-destination (i.e. ski resorts vs. National Park), and the season.

Colorado's peak seasons are the holidays, ski season (if at a ski-resort area) and summer months (June - September). Off seasons in the mountain areas run April-May and late-October through November. If you are considering a spring or late fall wedding and want to avoid "mud" season in the mountains, then a Denver, Boulder, Foothills or Colorado Springs wedding can offer some unique features and rock formations for backdrops.

Here are some price estimates. If you would like more specific information, we recommend our [Getting Started Site Report](#).

	Low	Middle	High
Intimate Wedding Package (elopements of 10 or fewer can be scaled-back) This depends on destinations, ceremony site, and additions (like florals, extra hours, chairs/benches, gondola tickets, etc.).	\$5,200	\$5,900	\$6,500
Travel: air, car rentals, activities This depends on your departure city, time of year and type of activities	Varies greatly.		
Lodging: hotels, lodge rooms, inns or condos. This depends on size, number of bedrooms, and level of luxury	\$185+ per night	\$295+ night	\$450+ night
Lodging: vacation homes This depends on number of bedrooms, destination, and level of luxury	\$750 + per night	\$2,300 + per night	\$4,800 + per night
Restaurants: ranges from pizza/pasta budgets to "sky's the limit" budgets. Things to consider: gratuities, taxes and alcoholic beverages.	\$35 + per person	\$95 + per person Note: some restaurants may also require private room rental	\$225 + per person
Private chef: many chefs will customize menus based on style of service. Things to consider for vacation home dinners: rental items (i.e. extra tables, chairs, china, glassware, etc.), parking, and event fees at houses.	\$75 + per person	\$125 + per person	\$185 + per person
Miscellaneous: attire, hair/makeup, marriage license, and any accessories you choose to purchase. Invitations are optional; since many of our clients are inviting only close family and friends, they invite by an old-fashioned	Varies greatly.		
	Colorado marriage license runs \$30 + for certified copies Hair/makeup starts at \$150 and runs up to \$450 +		