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Décor: Enhance your wedding décor with rustic lanterns, wooden boxes, ceramic dishes, terracotta bowls, ice sculptured urns, or even vintage family heirlooms!

~Monique Atwell, asignaturewedding.com

ENTERTAINMENT: BE SURE TO INCLUDE FUN, CASUAL EVENTS WITHIN THE WEDDING WEEKEND, SUCH AS A CARNIVAL-THEMED REHEARSAL DINNER, A GROUP BIKE RIDE ALONG THE BEACH OR A MINIATURE GOLF TOURNAMENT.

~Kathy Mazza & Susan White, bellaweddings-events.com

TRANSPORTATION: PARTY BUSES, VINTAGE AND NOVELTY CARS, DECORATED GOLF CARTS, AND EVEN A SINGLE HORSE ARE TRENDY.

~Deborah James, bellavitaevents.com

Budget Wise:
Your cake table and sweetheart/head table are your money shots. Make sure you spend a little extra on the floral and linens for those tables.

~Ngoc Nguyen,
skyboxeventproductions.com

Favors:
Pick your own favors! Buy five or more different favors and create a station for guests to choose their favorite.

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DÉCOR:

DON'T LET YOUR CLEAR GLASS VASES GO NAKED! ADD COLORED WATER OR GEL, CUT CRYSTAL GLASS, CHUNKY STONES, OR SUBMERGED LED LIGHTS FOR EXTRA SPARKLE.

~Monique Atwell, asignaturewedding.com

Fashion:

Colored wedding gowns with embroidered colored accents make a fashionable statement.

~Deborah James, bellavitaevents.com

Budget Wise:

It all starts with the guest count. You lower the bottom line by lowering the number of people.

~Deborah James, bellavitaevents.com

Budget Wise:

Serving only beer, wine and a signature drink will limit your bar cost.

~Kathy Mazza & Susan White, bellaweddings-events.com



Favors:

Out with the personalized and in with the practical and *eco friendly*; plant a tree, or a love bloom.

~Deborah James, bellavitaevents.com

Catering:

Go family style! Caterers are getting really creative with making budget-friendly, family style meals classic and fun for the guests.

~Ngoc Nguyen, skyboxeventproductions.com

Budget Wise: Use more candles, less lighting.

~Mary Dann-McNamee, marydann.com



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Transportation:
Consider non-traditional wedding transportation, such as a double-decker bus or a trolley car.

~Kathy Mazza & Susan White, bellaweddings-events.com

ENTERTAINMENT:
TAKE YOUR MUSIC TO THE NEXT LEVEL BY MIXING LIVE MUSICIANS TO PLAY ALONGSIDE YOUR DJ. ONCE YOUR GUESTS HEAR THE CONGAS TAPPING TO THE DANCE BEAT, THEY WILL BE SURE TO KICK UP THEIR HEELS EVEN HIGHER!

~Monique Atwell, asignaturewedding.com

BUDGET WISE: DESIGN YOUR FLOWERS IN A WAY THAT THEY CAN BE USED FOR BOTH THE CEREMONY AND RECEPTION DÉCOR; BY UTILIZING THEM DIFFERENTLY IN EACH AREA, YOUR GUESTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE IMPRESSED!

~Monique Atwell, asignaturewedding.com

Favors: Hire a silhouette artist. The artist cuts the silhouette on two sheets of paper at the same time; one is placed in a scrapbook for the bride and groom and the other is placed in a glassine envelope for the guest's favor. See cutarts.com.

~Kathy Mazza & Susan White, bellaweddings-events.com

Fashion: Have your bridesmaids wear the same color, but let each choose a style that is most figure-flattering to them.

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ENTERTAINMENT: CARIBBEAN DRUMS MAKE GREAT ENTERTAINMENT, ESPECIALLY FOR A BEACH WEDDING. THE MUSIC IS MELLOW AND THE DRUMS LOOK BEAUTIFUL FOR GUESTS TO ENJOY.

~Ngoc Nguyen, skyboxeventproductions.com

Budget Wise: Even if you prefer the “Do It Yourself” approach to wedding planning, do not overlook how you plan to enjoy your wedding day. A professional wedding coordinator is vital for day-of services to execute your wedding vision so that you can be in the moment.

~Monique Atwell, asignaturewedding.com

Décor: Add vinyl customization to a glossy dance floor and add over-sized ornate mirrors in the ballroom to make your wedding shine.

~Mary Dann-McNamee, marydann.com

Favorite: A new favor favorite is a video from My Video My Voice. It is a video memory card that holds up to 45 minutes of video. After the couple gets married and makes their grand entrance, the footage is edited immediately. Guests leave with an unforgettable keepsake and a 15-20 minute video montage of your special wedding.

~Mary Dann-McNamee, marydann.com

Transportation:

For a casual wedding, use cute vintage bikes for the departure.

~Ngoc Nguyen, skyboxeventproductions.com

Fashion:

Bright colored shoes are hot, and they look great in photos.

~Ngoc Nguyen, skyboxeventproductions.com

FASHION: BIG FLOWERS ARE EVERYWHERE... WEDDING DRESSES; HAIR ACCESSORIES; I'VE EVEN SEEN THEM ON SHOES!

~Ngoc Nguyen, skyboxeventproductions.com