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Gorgeous places to host your ceremony in Missouri & Kansas.

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1 | CITY SITES

Modern romance unfolds at the state-of-the-art Club 1000 in Kansas City, where you can exchange vows beneath a canopy of twinkling lights in a soaring loft—it's a favorite of Mandy Phalen of Event Studio in Leawood. Club1000KC.com

2 | CASTLE DREAMS

Princess brides can make their fairytale wedding dreams come true at Renée Kelly's at Caenen Castle. Say "I do" within the castle's dramatic stone walls, or outside on the stone terrace. ReneeKellys.com

3 | CHAPEL OF LOVE

Want a classic church ceremony? The chapel at Hawthorne House in Parkville may have the answer to your prayers. Complete with

custom-made pews, Gothic windows, and a stained glass window salvaged from a European church, this non-denominational space evokes elegant simplicity. TheHawthorneHouse.com

4 | ART WORLD

Rich history and modern art combine at St. Louis' Mad Art Gallery—a 1930s police station turned industrial gallery. Josie Littlepage of Cosmopolitan Events in St. Louis is no stranger to vow exchanges in the Mediterranean-style courtyard. MadArtGallery.com

5 | GARDEN CHARM

Vintage-loving brides look no further. Say "I do" at The Gardens at Malmaison in St. Albans, a top pick of Drees Cline of An Affair to Remember in St. Louis, and you'll feel like you stepped into a French romance novel (it's

named for Napoleon and Josephine's country estate). GardensMalmaison.com

6 | RANCH RITES

Tiaras trump cowboy hats at Circle S Ranch & Country Inn (left) in Lawrence (recommended by Lynette Lee of Bliss in Kansas City). Nature-inspired brides can marry beneath a natural canopy where wildflowers bloom in the valley. CircleSRanch.com

7 | THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

No need to travel to France to wed in wine country. Couples can marry at Mount Pleasant Winery in Augusta—an 85-acre vineyard featuring 16 grape varieties—beneath the Arbor overlooking the Missouri River Valley. MountPleasant.com

8 | LUXE LIFE

Whether you want to exchange vows in a grand ballroom or alfresco in a gazebo surrounded by lush gardens, The Elms Resort & Spa can do it up in style. What's more, the legendary healing powers of the on-site excellent springs mineral waters could be just what a stressed-out bride needs. ElmsResort.com

9 | ESTATE GRANDEUR

If the phrase "the bigger the better" could describe your theme, look no further than the Linwood Lawn mansion in Lexington. Jenny Steffens of Occasions Entertaining in Kansas City considers this pre-Civil War estate and former plantation a true marvel of time. LinwoodLawn.com

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