

THE TOP 100

Venues

2019

It's here:

City chic or
rural romance?

Stately home
or hip hotel?

Best of British or
tropical escape?

Ready, steady, look!

Perfect day?

STEP THIS WAY!

Venues

Big hitters



Lime Wood Hotel HAMPSHIRE



Laid-back luxury is the name of the game at this New Forest hideaway, which you can take over in its entirety during the week. Tuck into Italian-style sharing plates at the Hartnett Holder & Co restaurant before opening the glass roof of the courtyard to dance under the stars. Bed down in the Lake Cabin – cantilevered over the water, it feels like being on your very own private island. limewoodhotel.co.uk



Babington House SOMERSET



This is Soho House's original rural retreat – and it even has its own private chapel among the 18 acres of countryside. You'll have the run of the Georgian manor, which means dinner in the Orangery overlooking the lake, drinks in the club bar (the DJ will spin the decks as loud and late as you like; sheep for neighbours = no curfew) and treatments in the Cowshed spa. Like what you see? Register your wedding gift list at Soho Home. babingtonhouse.co.uk

Rushton Hall NORTHAMPTONSHIRE



This Grade I-listed country-house hotel in Kettering has a magnificent entrance hall, lavish ballroom, dazzling new Orangery that overlooks the gardens and a Picture Gallery that comes with a charming minstrels' balcony (it doubles up as the place for dancing and DJs). The events team can organise out-of-the-ordinary entertainment, too. Always wanted a Spitfire flyover or an ice-rink on your big day? Consider it done. rushtonhall.com



Hotel Château du Grand Lucé LOIRE VALLEY, FRANCE



This is surely the loveliest château in the Loire, all creamy limestone neo-classical architecture with orchards, a pool, potager garden, Orangery and a forest with trails that lead to centuries-old statues. From a grand wedding (the ballroom is the *pièce de résistance*) to *une petite soirée* in the garden with fireworks and dancing, the possibilities are endless. chateaugrandluce.com

