



Many couples have the ceremony on a deck overlooking the New River Gorge.



Photographers choose from many backdrops for wedding party shots.



The resort's staff works with every couple to ensure all details are covered.

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Weddings for Adventurous Couples at West Virginia's Adventures on the Gorge

Fayetteville, W.Va., March 15, 2016 - When couples sit down with wedding planner Jessica Campbell of [Adventures on the Gorge](#) (AOTG) to map out their wedding, Jessica often reminds couples to not have too much fun before the big event. At least not without using lots of sunscreen.

That's because an array of adventures beckon at this increasingly popular wedding venue, and it can be difficult to save the play until after the big day.

The resort is renowned for its stunning [wedding spots](#) - from decks overlooking the rugged New River Gorge, to [luxurious private vacation homes](#) for smaller ceremonies. AOTG also features a variety of accommodations and distinctive dining options. And it is easy and affordable for couples and their guests to get to the destination, which is [within a day's drive](#) of half of the U.S. population.

"There is more than one way to say 'I do,' and we believe that couples should plan a day that reflects their distinct style and interests," said Jessica Campbell, catering manager. "From recommending settings for the ceremony to creating the perfect wedding feast, we are dedicated to ensuring couples and their guests experience the wedding of their dreams."

And Campbell admits she often suggests that couples save the whitewater for the honeymoon to avoid sunburn lines showing through their picture-perfect wedding attire.

Adventurous Quality Time

Because of the resort's numerous adventure experiences, couples often build in extra time before or after the wedding to spend quality time with their guests. "I frequently hear from guests and couples that they had more fun than a typical wedding because they got to have fun with the couples and other guests than they would at a typical destination wedding," said Campbell.

"Weddings are also reunions, and wedding planners often add fun adventure options for their guests to experience together," she said.

International and Paparazzi-Free Appeal

Because of its convenient location, many weddings at Adventure on the Gorge are also international events, with guests coming from all over the country and the world to attend. "International guests can fly to Washington, D.C. or other major international airports and be at the resort in just a few hours," said Campbell. "When a West



After the ceremony it is time to play.

Virginia bride living in China married a NewZealander, guests came from more than 20 different countries.”

Adventures on the Gorge has also become a popular venue for celebrities, athletes and politicians seeking a break from the limelight for the big event, and the resort works to protect the privacy of those individuals and their families.

Inclusive Destination

The resort welcomes the opportunity to stage weddings for all couples. Adventures on the Gorge celebrated the booking of its very first gay wedding the same week the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the U.S. Constitution requires states to recognize marriage between people of the same gender.

The Big Day

Campbell and her team work closely with couples on every detail of the wedding, from selecting a site to choosing a menu. One of the most popular sites is the romantic setting of the [Canyon Falls Swimming Hole](#), an outdoor pool and patio area with rock formations and water features that blend into the woody surroundings of the resort. Many couples also choose to stage the ceremony on a deck overlooking the New River, and then move the reception to the pool or [Smokey's on the Gorge](#), the resort's signature restaurant. The pool, deck and surrounding patio combined provide nearly 13,000 square feet of space, allowing plenty of room for dancing and socializing. The resort also offers after-party options for couples who want to celebrate long into the night.

AOTG is serious about its food. Smokey's on the Gorge offers a wide selection of gourmet wedding reception menus such as Prime Rib with Horseradish Au Jus, Blue Crab Ravioli with Lobster Bisque and Chicken Piccata with Lemon Caper Sauce.

Adventures on the Gorge staff can also offer a vendor directory of preferred providers of music, photography, wedding cakes and flowers.

Pre-Wedding Parties

With its numerous adventures and wide range of accommodations - from campsites to deluxe cabins - Adventures on the Gorge is also a popular destination for [bachelor and bachelorette parties](#) and rehearsal dinners.

Rehearsal dinners can be held in one of the luxury vacation homes adjacent to the resort, Smokey's on the Gorge, poolside or on the Smokey's lower deck, or the more casual [Buffler's BBQ](#).

Adventures on the Gorge also offers a variety of getaway packages for couples, their guests and wedding parties. Guests can enjoy one of the many resort adventures such as whitewater rafting and ziplining and then party at one of the restaurants or in the charming town of Fayetteville, just a short distance from the resort.

Accommodations

AOTG offers [accommodations](#) for a variety of group sizes and budgets. High-end luxury homes with multiple bedrooms and spectacular views of the New River Gorge are often the top choice among couples and their families. There are also a variety of other cabins, including deluxe cabins with hot tubs, kitchens and multiple bedrooms. For guests on a budget and for those who simply like to sleep in the great outdoors, there are tent camping sites, platform tents already set up and bunkhouses that sleep up to eight people.

Honeymoons

Many couples choose to begin the adventure of marriage with a vacation at Adventures on the Gorge. The resort offers numerous packages that allow couples to play all day. Adventures include whitewater rafting on the New River and Gauley River; two zip lines; the Bridgewalk, a 3,000-foot-long catwalk under the New River Gorge Bridge with heights topping out at 852 feet; Timber Trek Adventure Park featuring a series of obstacles, bridges, swings and zip lines; fishing; lake kayaking; rock climbing; stand up paddle boarding; cliffside climbing and rappelling; paintball; mountain biking; horseback riding and ATV tours.

About Adventures on the Gorge

Adventures on the Gorge is an adventure resort located on more than 1,000 acres along the rim of New River Gorge near Fayetteville, W.Va. The resort is in a region with three national parks units. The resort provides an array of outdoor experiences including whitewater rafting on the New and Gauley Rivers; aerial adventures including two zip lines, the world's highest Bridgewalk and an aerial adventure park; rock climbing; rappelling; kayaking, stand up paddleboarding, fishing, mountain biking and hiking. The resort also features a variety of accommodations, restaurants and shops.

Travelers can find out more about Adventures on the Gorge [online](#), calling 1-855-379-8738, connecting on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Google+](#), [TripAdvisor](#), [YouTube](#), and [Vimeo](#) and signing up for AOTG [e-newsletter](#).

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