



# Are you ready to party?

Bachelorette parties are not the same as they used to be. Gone are the days of heading to the maid of honor's house for drinks and party games, because modern brides are looking for more sophisticated ways to celebrate before their weddings.

Here is a look at some of the hottest trends in bachelorette parties.

## *The Weekend Getaway*

More and more women are opting for a weekend out of town for their bachelorette parties. A trip to an exciting location like Las Vegas or New York means that the bride-to-be can have more than one night out on the town.

The party can go shopping and sightseeing together during the daytime, and enjoy dinner and drinks in the evenings. This is a great option for a bride who is inviting guests from different parts of the country.

Everyone can meet in a central location, and no one guest will have to spend more than the rest on hotel rooms and car rental.

## *The Champagne Brunch*

Older brides and women celebrating a second marriage are opting for the less raucous champagne brunch. It is a more

sophisticated and elegant way of celebrating an upcoming wedding.

This should not be confused with a wedding shower; it is meant for the bride's closest friends and not her entire family.

Typically, this party takes place at an upscale restaurant, and all of the guests dress for a semi-formal event.

## *A Day at the Spa*

Many modern brides see a day at the spa as a great way to celebrate and unwind just before the wedding.

The entire bridal party can get their nails done together, so everyone has a uniform look for the big day. Many upscale salons offer drinks and light snacks, creating an atmosphere that is perfect for a relaxing day for the bride and her party.

Brides should steer clear of facials, chemical peels, or any new treatments immediately before the wedding to avoid any irritation that might affect wedding photos.

## *The Party Bus*

Pub-crawls are not new for bachelorette parties, but many brides are opting for a bus, trolley, or stretch SUV to carry the party from one location to the next.

Drinks can be served on board the party bus, meaning that the party doesn't have to stop just because everyone has left the first bar.

It is also a responsible way to have fun, as no one in the party has to worry about driving.

## *Combined Bachelor/Bachelorette Parties*

Some couples are opting to combine their bachelor and

bachelorette parties. Instead of separating the guys and the girls, everyone enjoys a pre-wedding celebration together.

This is ideal when the bride or groom has opposite-sex friends who would otherwise not be able to attend.

Couples who choose this option should make sure that they are in absolute agreement before planning this party to avoid any resentment or regrets later.

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