



W and H Exclusive

Horsing Around at *your Wedding*

Equestrian-themed weddings are somewhat limited! If you are renting a ranch for your venue like Blame Her Ranch, it is relatively easy to incorporate horses into practically all facets of your wedding. But forget it if you are thinking about the classic ballroom ceremony unless you have a big “pooper-scooper”.

While BHR is very western given its location in New Mexico, interestingly, Indian weddings where the groom rides in on his favourite steed to meet his bride (called a Baraat) have happened twice at our ranch. It is truly a beautiful and romantic pre or post-ceremony event that includes spicy music, beautiful attire and of course, the groom with the traditional sword.

We have also seen more rural equestrian activities like the Tequila donkey which serves all the guests tequila from the back of their saddle. Here are a few more ideas to inspire your horsey wedding!

MAKE A GRAND ENTRANCE

Create a show-stopping moment on your wedding day by arriving at your venue, or even into your ceremony, upon a noble steed. You do not have to be a professional horse rider, but it is a good idea to get comfortable with your horse before the big event! Yes, we have seen this with the groom, but what is stopping the bride from entering the same dramatic way?

DO A PHOTOSHOOT

Create some truly magical memories during your photoshoot by taking photos with a beautiful horse. To make your wedding photos a success, let the photographer know about the special details of your dress so that they can prepare the horse beforehand and make any adjustments!

HOLD YOUR WEDDING AT A BEAUTIFUL BARN OR STABLE

If horses are an important part of your life, then holding your wedding in an elegant barn or stable with real horses could be a particularly special venue for your day! We have one of those beautiful barns here at BHR and both for our daughter and son's wedding, we offered horseback riding in our wildflower field during their Welcome Dinner. And yes, we had a professional handler to assist the kids!

PUT ON A SHOW

An elegant display of dressage as your guests arrive at the venue, or some heart-stopping show-jumping while enjoying appetizers could be the ticket to making your wedding as memorable for your guests as it is for you! Keep in mind that a dressage display or show jumping entertainment would require a large venue with a flat grassy area, like BHR where we have our 18,000-square-foot Great Lawn!

LET THE LITTLE ONES ENJOY PONY RIDES

It can be tricky entertaining kids during weddings, but cute pony rides would definitely go over well with the younger set on your wedding day! Make sure you have an expert who can provide basic training and take care of your “dirty work” on the day!

MAKE A PONY YOUR RING-BEARER

Why not dress up your equine friend and consider attaching a small pillow to their reins to keep your ring safe? Your horse will need to be led by someone to the venue! Of course, choose a horse with a gentle demeanour or a miniature horse that won't run away with your rings on your special day!

As we always like to say, it starts with you picking the appropriate venue. Incorporating horses into

your wedding activities can be easily done by selecting a venue that caters to these needs! So, involve your Venue Manager and don't feel like you are the Lone Ranger in your decision-making process, as they can truly give any couple the “Hi Ho Silver”! [WH](#)



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