

ABOUT LIMOUSINES/TRANSPORTATION

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How you arrived at your wedding ceremony and reception may not matter in twenty years time. In the present, however, having luxe wedding transportation can go a long way toward making you feel like the star of your special day. How often do you get to ride in a stocked limo or tricked-out party bus? Conversely, who knows when the next opportunity to glide through town in a Bentley, Rolls Royce, or Excalibur Phaeton will come.

There is no shortage of car companies renting everything from brilliant white limousines to stretch SUVs to sleek foreign imports, so it's the choosing rather than the finding that presents a challenge to brides. Anyone can pay to have a dazzling web site created, and phone book listings are cheap. What matters is not how a company advertises, but the quality of the vehicles and the reliability of the drivers. When possible, visit prospective limo companies' lots to look at their actual automobiles. The shiny new vehicles you see on a web site may or may not be a part of the fleet, as more than a few wedding day transportation providers use stock photos instead of pictures of their own cars. If you see old, dented, or dirty cars on the lot, what are the chances that your wedding day transportation will be shiny and new?

But the most common complaint you'll hear from brides and grooms regarding their wedding day transportation is that the limo was either very late or never showed up at all. Even though hiring a limousine or classic car can seem like such a minor wedding planning to-do, take the time to find a company that has a reputation for making brides and their loved ones happy. An excellent car service will go above and beyond, literally rolling out the red carpet and keeping your bridesmaids' champagne glasses filled. Don't just assume, however, that even a five-star company will do these things as part of their packages – if you don't see plush extras listed in the price rundown and on your contract, ask for them.

Make sure that the trip to and from your wedding is the drive of your dreams by leaving absolutely nothing to chance. Look for a car service that specializes in weddings, as airport limo companies are more likely to overbook or be late. It's especially important if you have your heart set on a specialty car like a vintage taxicab or Model A reproduction that you choose a company that owns the vehicle you want (instead of contracting it on your behalf). You can guarantee that you get exactly the limo or car you fall in love with in the lot by asking the car service to include its registration number in your contract (along with the name of your preferred driver) – you'll get that limousine (and that driver), not an unexpected substitute.

The lowest price isn't always the best deal. Companies that offer up deep discounts may be able to do so because they don't invest in their fleet of vehicles, so you could end up with a limo or party bus that is dented and dirty or prone to breaking down. Worse, they

may not invest in their employees, and when your scheduled driver unexpectedly quits, you'll be left without wheels on your wedding day.