



COOL VENUE

mountain grandeur

Until now, brides looking to marry in North Carolina's picturesque Blue Ridge Mountains had few options. But with the opening of the 104-room Grand Bohemian Hotel Asheville, couples can now choose a setting that weds rustic luxury and old-world sophistication. The Tudor-style retreat wows with its eclectic decor, featuring wood-paneled lobby walls, lots of damask and leather, unique artwork, and quirky touches like antlered bedside lamps in the guest rooms. Entertain guests with a guided tour of the famous Biltmore Estate, just down the road; the concierge can set you up with tickets. Exchange I do's on the tented Tyrolean Terrace (pictured), followed by a cocktail hour in the Bösendorfer Salon (named for its limited-edition rosewood grand piano) and a sit-down dinner in the adjacent Kessler Ballroom (seats 150), with its white, gold and sage color scheme and massive crystal chandeliers. *Rooms from \$199; wedding packages from \$110 per person. — Blake Miller*