

# Riding in Style

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*When you've selected the right transportation for your wedding festivities, getting there will be half the fun!*

The lyrics to “Get Me to the Church on Time” ring true for couples ready to take their vows. The bride and groom have planned their celebration down to the last detail, but the show won’t go on if they don’t arrive at the church or reception hall safely and on time.

Whether you opt for an elegant stretch limousine, a romantic horse-drawn carriage or a trendy double-decker bus, it’s important to select transportation that reflects your taste and suits your budget.

## LUXURY LIMOUSINES

A classic limousine is the traditional mode of wedding transportation. Stretch limos can accommodate eight to 10 bridal party members in style as they recline on plush seats while sipping chilled champagne. Many limos feature an extra-wide “bridal door,” which allows brides wearing long gowns with trains to enter and exit the vehicle gracefully.

Cost-conscious couples can book a limo for a minimum period of time—for example, just to transport the bridal party from the church to reception hall. Some newlyweds prefer to ride alone in a chauffeured luxury sedan at a fraction of the price of a limo.

“Brides are bringing back romance and old traditions by including a vintage horse-drawn carriage in their wedding,” Carol McPheron, owner of **The Carefree Carriage**

**Company** said. “The vis-à-vis carriages are white and pulled by Percheron draft horses in their choice of color, black or white.”

When more is merrier, a double-decker bus with seating for up to 65 people is the answer. “Buses are a great way of moving people in a cost-effective and unique manner,” Jo Tanner, marketing director for **The London Bus**, said. “Nothing turns heads and creates excitement like these double-deckers!”

## GUEST TRANSPORTATION

When guests “celebrate” a bit too much, group transportation back to guest accommodations ensures that everyone enjoys a safe ride. Your transportation adviser can offer suggestions for making your wedding an organized, memorable and safe event. Gary Tonkin, **Sky Mountain Limousines**, said, “We’re more than transportation; we’re all about taking care of people.”

## DO YOUR HOMEWORK

Before making a final decision, visit the transportation company in person. How old are the vehicles? What is the chauffeur’s attire? What is the policy if the transportation breaks down or an accident occurs?

Ask for references. Customer recommendations are worth their weight in gold. Lastly, be sure to obtain a signed contract outlining services and conditions.

Enjoy the journey! ✨