

NYC Indian Wedding Venue Vetting Checklist

Print one copy per venue tour. Borough-by-borough differences (outside catering, parking, fire code) make side-by-side comparison essential in NYC specifically.

Per-Venue Checklist

Item	Venue A	Venue B	Venue C
Borough			
Max seated capacity (reception layout, not cocktail)			
Facility fee			
Outside Indian catering allowed?			
In-house catering required? If so, per-plate rate			
Fire marshal / havan permitting process			
Baraat gathering space (street/entry)			
Mandap ceiling height & floor space			
Parking capacity / validation			
Nearest subway/transit access			
Nearby hotel block options			
Multi-day / multi-function booking available			
Vendor exclusivity clauses			

Item	Venue A	Venue B	Venue C
Deposit and payment schedule			
Cancellation policy			

Borough Cost Reality Check

Before touring, note which borough tier you're budgeting for:

- ■ Queens (\$8,000–\$25,000 facility cost)
- ■ Brooklyn (\$8,000–\$28,000 facility cost)
- ■ Manhattan (\$30,000+ facility cost)
- ■ Bronx / Staten Island (below Queens tier)

Five Non-Negotiable Questions

- 1 Is outside Indian catering permitted, and if not, what does in-house catering cost per plate?
- 2 What is the fire code process for any open-flame ritual (havan)?
- 3 What is the true seated-reception maximum, not the cocktail-style maximum quoted in marketing materials?
- 4 Can this venue host mehndi, sangeet, and the ceremony across consecutive days, or is it single-event only?
- 5 What exactly is included in the facility fee versus billed as an add-on?

Companion asset to: **Best Wedding Venues in New York City: The Complete 2026 Guide**
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