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# Ask Us Anything

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Offering everything from pre-wedding tanning to off-site styling, Dolce Salon & Spa is a one-stop shop for all things bridal beauty.

Q Are there any places in the Phoenix area where I can coordinate all of my pre-wedding beauty services? I have a limited amount of time and am trying to simplify my to-do list.

A With three locations across the valley, Dolce Salon & Spa offers numerous pre-wedding services. Whether you're looking for tanning, facials, up-dos and makeup services, manicures and pedicures, they'll take care of all the pampering a busy bride needs, all under one roof. "Dolce's wedding team of stylists and makeup artists receive extra training in special-occasion hair styling and makeup," says administrative director Jenny Dagnino. Dolce can also help coordinate all services and events with your bridal party, she says. The salon even offers complimentary limo service for groups of eight or more, so your blushing bridesmaids can head to the ceremony in style, and a team of stylists can travel to your ceremony or reception site on the day of your wedding to take care of all of your beauty needs. [dolcesalonspa.com](http://dolcesalonspa.com)

**Q** A few of my fiancé's family members are allergic to gluten. Can you recommend any bakeries that specialize in gluten-free wedding cakes that everyone can enjoy?

**A** Food allergies are always something to consider when putting together a dinner menu for guests. Check out Sedona Sweet Arts, a bakery specializing in all kinds of wedding cakes for your ceremony, including gluten-free options. And, says Donna Joy, pastry chef and culinary artist for Sedona Sweet Arts, you don't necessarily have to compromise on flavor just because a cake is gluten-free. "We have a gluten-free chocolate cake that is exactly like regular classic chocolate cake. I actually like the gluten-free one better than the regular. It's lighter on the stomach and digests faster," she says. [sedonasweetarts.com](http://sedonasweetarts.com)

**Q** Help! I love to dance but my fiancé has two left feet. We'd like to at least have our first dance look decent. Where could we take a few classes?

**A** Chad Lakridis, owner of Dance With Chad, helps couples not only hone their skills but also have fun in the process. "It's my job to show someone they already move in rhythm," he says. "It's a matter of putting the correct foot with the correct beat in the music." He offers a variety of packages, from the eight-week Wedding Survival Class, which meets once a week, to wedding workshops for procrastinators desperate for some last-minute polishing before the big day. Classes may be taken in a group setting or one-on-one as a couple, for more personalized instruction. Lakridis teaches in Tempe, Mesa, Scottsdale and Phoenix, and has associates who teach all over Arizona. [dancewithchad.com](http://dancewithchad.com)

The InterContinental Montelucia Resort and Spa in Paradise Valley also offers dance lessons. Instructor Vanessa Bossardt, a former professional ballerina, helps couples pick out the music and the dance style that best suits them, and can also work with the parents of the couple. "It's a beautiful experience for a couple to design a dance that represents the journey they're about to take together," she says. [joyaspa.com](http://joyaspa.com)

**Q** I have a large family, and lots of children will be attending my wedding. Is there any sort of childcare service that can entertain the kids during the ceremony and reception so that everything runs smoothly?

**A** Inviting children to your wedding can result in a fun but sometimes stressful event. To make sure you remain the life of the party, a childcare service like Party Sitters can help ensure your wedding will run smoothly with little ones in tow. Voted the "Best Babysitters for Hire" in 2009 by *Phoenix Magazine*, Party Sitters not only watch your children, but keep them busy with games and activities such as face-painting, balloon-twisting, and Wii-playing. Kids will be in good hands throughout your special day, says director Kimberly Rasmusson, who adds that Party Sitters can also provide childcare services at the parents' home or hotel if they'd like to attend the wedding sans kids. Party Sitters serves all of Arizona. [partysitters.com](http://partysitters.com)

**Q** We're having our ceremony and reception at a park with limited restroom facilities. I'm worried that this will be a problem for our guests. Any suggestions?

**A** Royal Restrooms specializes in just these types of situations. Owner John Fuller created the business to cater to weddings and special events that need more upscale restrooms than the standard Porta-Potty. He frequently provides restrooms for weddings at private residences when the home's facilities can't accommodate several hundred people, and public areas such as parks and riverfronts. Brides can choose from a variety of options; all units have flushing toilets, sinks, clean tile and mirrors, and air conditioning if necessary. Some models, such as the Double Diamond, have wood cabinetry and multiple units with closing doors. You can even decorate the inside with fresh flowers or other accessories to match your wedding, says Fuller. Royal Restrooms is based in the Phoenix area, but serves all of Arizona. [royalrestrooms.com](http://royalrestrooms.com) \*

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