

Creative Bar & Bat Mitzvah Parties

## 20 QUESTIONS TO ASK TO CHOOSE THE PERFECT BAR OR BAT MITZVAH VENUE

Finding the right venue for your Bar or Bat Mitzvah celebration can be one of the most challenging parts of the planning process. There are such a wide range of venue options to choose from, never mind the logistic hurdles such as numbers, location, size and availability.

With so many venues in London finding the right one is no easy task. At PopUp Bar Mitzvahs we spend a lot of our time visiting unique venues with clients as well as researching the latest openings so we're sharing our top questions to ask when visiting a venue so you can compare each venue and choose the perfect place for your celebration.

When working with our clients, we help them find the perfect location by providing a variety of venues to choose from. Once you've made an exciting venue shortlist, we'll drive you to each venue as nothing beats the experience of seeing a venue and discussing ideas and the creative opportunities available to you.

Don't forget to bring a notebook and pen with you to make notes and don't be afraid to take photographs to capture a particular feature or view - really useful if not everyone can join you on the showround.

It pays to be organised when choosing your Bar or Bat Mitzvah venue so think about key questions you'd like to ask to ensure you get the most out of your visit. If you're not sure where to start here's our top 20 questions for choosing the perfect Bar or Bat Mitzvah venue.

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- Is your venue available on the dates and times you need it are you looking for a luncheon or evening party or something in between?
- Does the venue have enough space to comfortably fit your guests is it just your kids and close family or a larger celebration?
- Will it be a destination venue that creates a wow factor for people?
- How child friendly is the venue and the staff?!
- Can I bring my own suppliers or do I have to work with a preferred supplier list?
- Do they offer exclusive-use of the venue? If so, from what time and until when? Hotels make great venues but usually can't guarantee exclusivity.
- What is the cost difference for different times of the week/year what costs are included and what's excluded?.
- Are there break out areas for hosting different types of activities? Not all family members want to be spend all their time the games room!
- Does the space flow like you will need it to from reception to a seated or lounge/chill out format?
- Is there outside space or gardens that can be used for the welcome reception, speeches, photos etc? If so, what's the contingency plan for bad weather?

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- Will the style of the venue compliment the theme of the celebration e.g. traditional hotel vs urban warehouse?
- Is there an events team and will your key contact be there on the day?
- Do their in-house team show an interest in your celebration and do you think you could work with them?
- What time will you have access to the venue? Venues that are open to the public such as Museums have very tight get-in timings and you often can't access them until 6.30pm.
- Are there any restrictions at the venue? What's the curfew for music? Do they allow chocolate fountains, ice luges, open flames, red wine, live music, high heels etc?
- What are the venue's policies on refunds in case of cancellation or damage?
- Does the venue have on-site catering and, if so, what are the menus? Are outside caterers allowed and is there a surcharge for this?
- What styling is possible at the venue? How dominate is the colour scheme & decorations is it what you'd like as the backdrop in your photographs?
- How is the space wired for audio visual equipment and what equipment is available and party of the rental?
- What kind of security personnel does the venue provide for its guests?

These are just some of the crucial elements to consider when choosing the perfect Bar or Bat Mitzvah venue.

For more ideas and help in planning your celebration contact the Pop Up Bar Mitzvah team on:

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