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Hello Love Birds! Hope your Valentine's Day was romantic and involved a lot of . . . chocolate! Mmmm chocolate. Well, now that you've got that lovin' feeling why not fall in love with one of our fine featured wedding locations on VenturaWedding.com?

Venue Spotlight: Santa Barbara Sunken Gardens

The [Sunken Gardens](#) is a great value and an excellent option for affordable weddings in Santa Barbara. The various shades of greenery set against the Spanish style architecture's white plaster walls and red tile roofs provide a beautiful backdrop for wedding ceremonies of any size. A grand arched entrance accentuated with fountains and the hand-painted tile details of the historic courthouse and bell tower will greet your guests as they arrive. With such expansive grounds, several areas in the Courthouse's gardens are available for your ceremony including the largest, The Sunken Gardens, with grand stair case accommodating up to 200 guests; and the smallest, The Bird of Paradise, able to accommodate up to 25. You will find numerous picturesque areas for photo opportunities on site and be within a short distance to several local restaurants for your reception.

Visit the [Sunken Gardens page on VW](#) for video samples and image gallery or their [website](#) for more information on reserving a site for your ceremony. All reservations for the courthouse grounds and garden are made through the Santa Barbara County Parks Department, please call (805) 568-2461 or email contact@sbparks.org

For your Guests

At VW we try to make wedding planning fun and convenient. That's why we bring you the best wedding locations and alert you to new ones, feature a new local venue every month, and publish two informative blog articles monthly. This February, our focus was on your guests. We offer tips on [how to keep your guests cool at warm weather weddings](#), and had fun selecting our favorite outfits for men and women for our newest article, "[What to wear to a wedding: Guest attire basics & suggestions.](#)" Save this one and send it to your wild Aunt Betty! (You're not 23 anymore Betty!)

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