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Decisions On Appetizers And Cocktail Hours

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Of course, if the wedding party has to transport themselves to the reception hall, a cocktail hour can give them enough time to get there and get organized as well. They can put away anything that they brought with them to the hotel or to the ceremony, plus change into anything that they may have brought with them—more comfortable shoes, for example.

A cocktail hour is a great new way to have a receiving line. The wedding party

can meet and greet the guests as they arrive at the reception hall, even show them to their seats if they'd like. This way, the only thing that anyone is waiting on is the bride and groom.

For out of town guests

If you just couldn't schedule the wedding and the reception back to back, then you may be in luck with having a cocktail hour. When your guests are from out of town, they don't necessarily want to go back to their hotels before heading over for the reception, so they can have the option of going for light appetizers and cocktails.

This also gives them the opportunity to mingle with everyone in a less intense setting. There won't be all the dancing and cake cutting, so it can be a lot calmer. Plus if the wedding was earlier, the guests are probably hungry, so you'll be feeding them as well. And drinks can help to liven up any bunch of people.

A cocktail hour is a great way to warm everyone up and get acquainted before the arrival of the couple and the start of the reception. And since you're feeding everyone a little something to begin with, you may also be able to have a less complicated dinner menu—if you're on a budget.

So if you're deciding on whether or not to have a cocktail hour, why not just do it? It's an inexpensive way to keep your guests from having grumbling stomachs.