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Introducing
**JESSICA
MULRONEY**

as our special
contributing editor

Our 5 ultimate
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FOR YOUR BIG DAY



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E.E. Cummings



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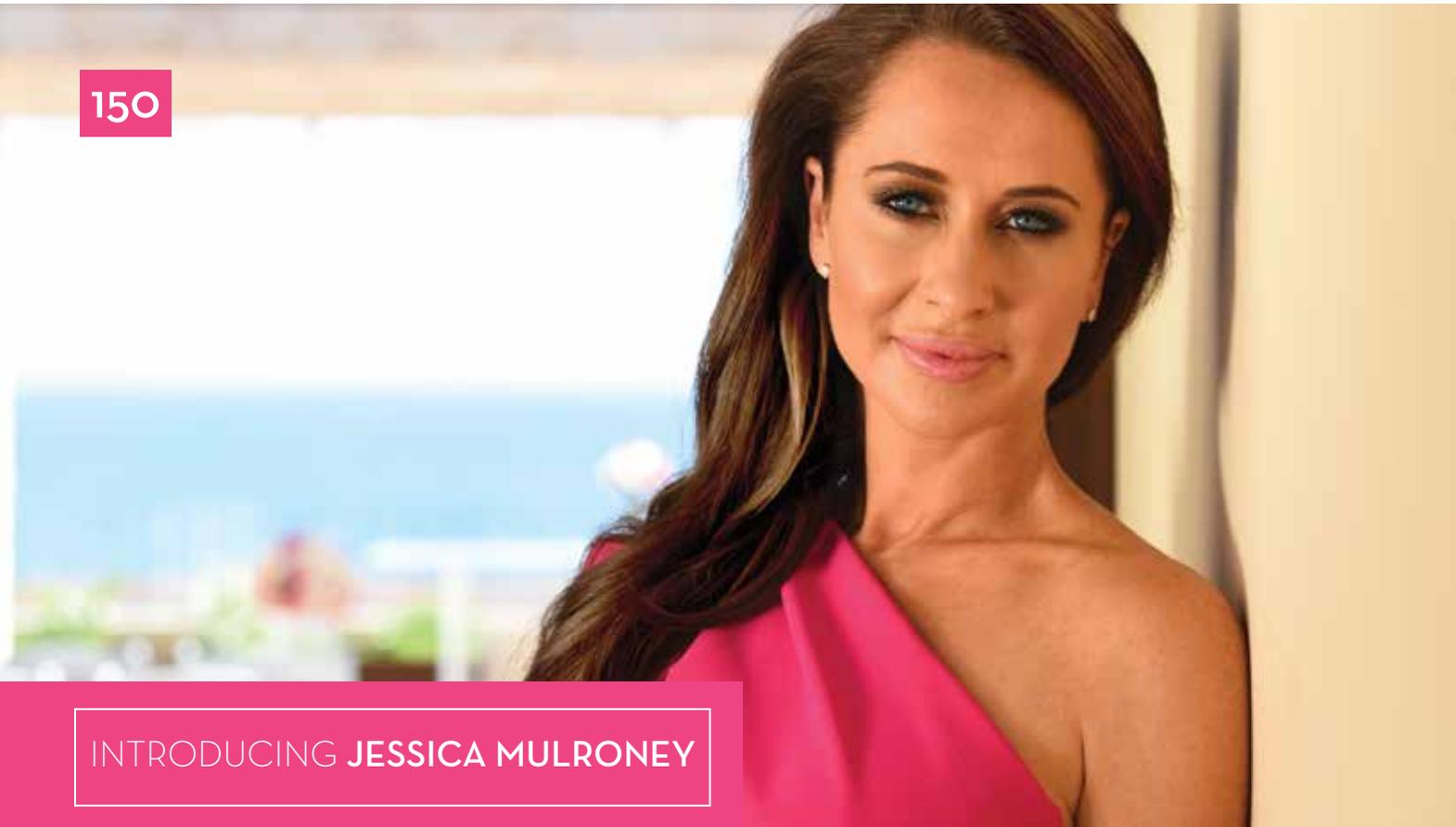


As more and more couples jet-set to sought-after destinations across the world to tie the knot, it's become evident that traditional wedding planning services don't go far enough to cover their needs. That's where WeddingVacations.com comes in.

WeddingVacations.com is the ultimate source of inspiration for both destination brides and grooms and newlyweds seeking the perfect honeymoon spot. Happy couples looking to celebrate an anniversary or special occasion in paradise are sure to find plenty of ideas. Rather than sift through a slew of wedding packages or honeymoon offers, we kick off the planning process by connecting readers with savvy wedding consultants from some of the leading names in travel – Sunwing Vacations, Signature Vacations, SellOffVacations.com and LUXE Destination Weddings. Their dedicated consultants can assist you in planning your special day with access to the most exclusive resorts, featuring great perks in popular tropical destinations that suit a range of tastes, budgets and needs.

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INTRODUCING JESSICA MULRONEY

We're so excited to be working with a special contributing editor for this edition of WeddingVacations.com. This is the first time we've ever collaborated with a guest editor for our magazine and we couldn't have found a better choice than Jessica Mulroney.

Both a marketing & PR guru and stylist, when it comes to the latest trends in bridal chic there are few more influential names than Jessica's. In charge of PR, events and marketing for Kleinfeld Hudson's Bay she also acts as an independent consultant for several other fashion retailers as well as appearing regularly as a fashion and bridal expert for a number of popular TV shows, including *CityLine*.



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HUDSON'S BAY

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Amber Pyper - model
for Sunwing at Kleinfelds

IN THIS ISSUE

Married to *etalk* host Ben Mulroney, since October 2008 she now has five-year old twin boys, John and Brian, and a two-year old daughter Isabel (known as Ivy) and successfully combines a full family life with her busy working week.

We got together with her both at the Kleinfeld Hudson's Bay store in Toronto and the luxurious Royalton Riviera Cancun Resort and Spa in Mexico (one of Sunwing Vacations latest resorts that is gaining popularity as a venue for destination weddings) to get all her hints and tips on how to ensure you sparkle on your Big Day. You can read both the articles on pg 76 and 150 in the magazine.

We've also got our regular Ask the Expert advice column on pages 180-182 to help with all other concerns and questions around planning your destination wedding and honeymoon. And remember, you'll find even more inspiration and bonus features at weddingvacations.com.

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*Free packages start with 35-room nights and honeymoon specials are available.



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THIS ISSUE'S GLAM TEAM



RYAN DOWELL

A professional hair stylist with over 18 years' experience, Ryan Dowell is based at Fake Beauty in Toronto's Yorkville district and also travels regularly to cater to his celebrity clientele. He also worked for Chanel during the 2004 to 2011 TIFF seasons where he styled some of the most famous names in TV and cinema.



RACHEL RENNA

Toronto based professional make-up and hair artist Rachel Renna is a specialist in natural, glamour, camouflage and airbrush makeup techniques and works with a host of celebrity clients. She is also the Beauty Director for FACE Atelier at Kleinfeld Bridal at Hudson's Bay, an innovative range of long-wearing cosmetics for brides that photographs flawlessly.



KAREN MCLACHLAN

Karen McLachlan has been a successful and active professional make-up artist for 25 years, with experience in all facets of the industry, including bridal, print, commercials, film and television. Karen's passion for sharing her makeup knowledge has also led her to a teaching role at George Brown College in Toronto where she is the manager of The School of Makeup and Esthetics.



AMY BETH DUCLOS

Amy Beth Duclos is a celebrated make-up artist in the bridal, fashion and entertainment industries. With over 15 years of experience her vast portfolio includes celebrities and clients both local and international. Most recently, Amy launched "Bespoke Beauty," a luxury bridal beauty company catering to Toronto and destination brides.

THIS ISSUE BEHIND THE LENS



CAMILLA PUCHOLT

Toronto-based portrait photographer, Camilla Pucholt, received her first Nikon SLR at the age of 10 and never looked back. A graduate of McGill and Ryerson, she now travels the world capturing weddings in beautiful places from the Bahamas to Barbados but always looks forward to coming home to her seven-year old son.



ZOE ALEXOPOULOS & TENNILLE HEINONEN

When it comes to the latest wedding photography trends, multi-award winning photo duo, Zoe Alexopoulos & Tennille Heinonen, break the mould with their innovative format that tells a uniquely personal wedding story. They work internationally capturing everything from weddings to commercials, behind the scenes on TV, film productions and much more.



EDITOR'S NOTE



Hello and a warm welcome to the first issue of the Wedding Vacations magazine for 2016!

Whether you've just got engaged or you're currently planning your destination wedding, we're sure you'll find plenty of inspiration in our latest edition. We've often focussed on specific trends and certain bridal themes in the magazine. However for this edition, we're throwing out the 'rule book' and exploring just how versatile destination weddings can be. Too often destination brides can feel constrained into one look, but it simply isn't the case. Ceremonies don't have to take place on the beach - you could tie the knot on a yacht, enjoy cocktails on a sky terrace, exchange vows on a cliff top or celebrate in your own elegant dining room complete with a wine cellar. Dresses don't have to be all about beach boho-chic and brides don't have to be in flip flops. (Our special contributing editor, Jessica Mulrone's pick of seven dresses for tropical weddings is all about keeping your own style and not letting your venue overly dictate your look.)

So, along with articles on alternative stag and bachelorette weekends and an editorial spotlight celebrating weddings with a neutral palette instead of the Caribbean hues traditionally associated with ceremonies in tropical locations, you'll also find the low down on the best honeymoons that offer more than just the beach. Plus, we have the latest suggestions as to how you can make your wedding truly your own - from personalized maps to customized toiletries and even souvenir pail and shovel sets for the tiniest guests, we've got plenty to get you inspired.

As always we don't expect you to just take our word for it, and within these pages you can also get up close and personal with the winners of our Real Weddings contest and learn about how they made their Big Day unforgettable. From Robin and Brian's stylish and intimate beachfront ceremony in Montego Bay to Tiffanie and Dennis' sunshine-filled cocktail party aboard a catamaran at the dazzling Royalton Riviera Cancun in Mexico (also the location for our cover shot this edition), we're sure you'll glean some ideas to make your own celebration even more memorable.

So sit back and read on; and remember there are plenty more ideas, hints and tips at weddingvacations.com.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Goldrick

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Editor-in-Chief



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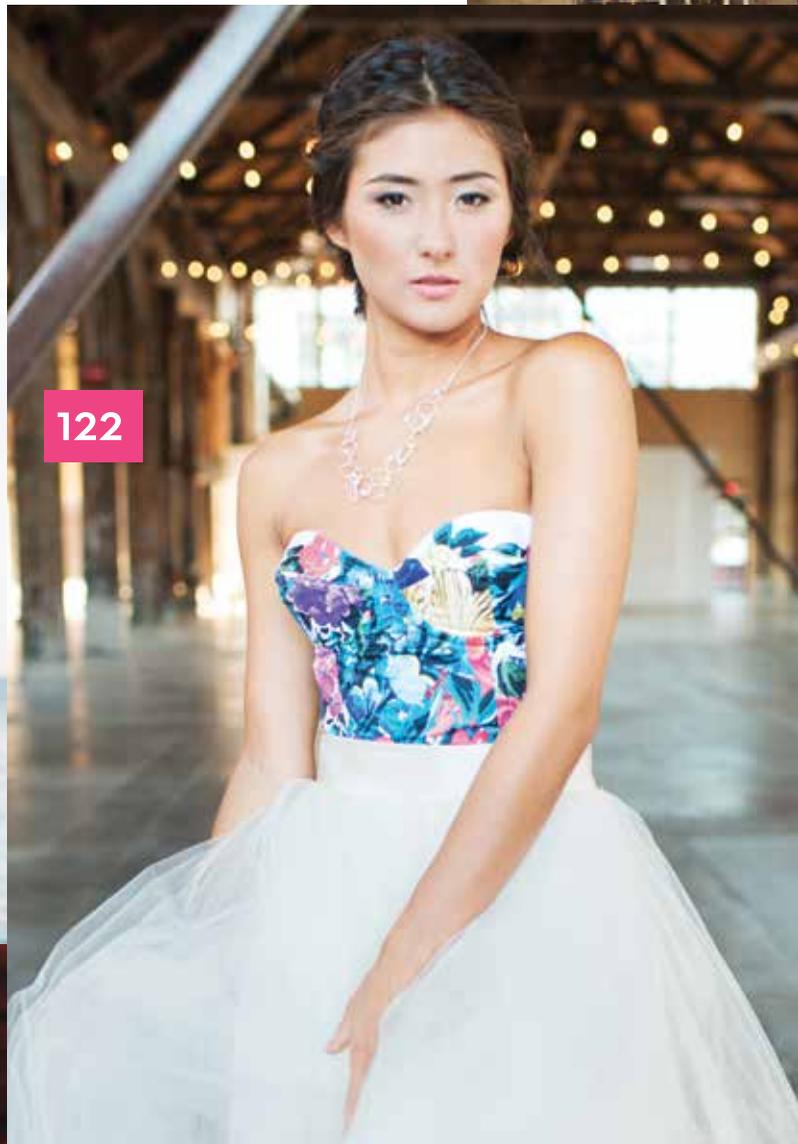


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CULTURAL CHARM AND RHYTHMIC FLARE



Havana Jazz Festival



Merengue festival in Santo Domingo

TOP EVENTS 2016

If you're looking to add cultural charm and rhythmic flare to your destination wedding, these annual events in the world's most sought-after vacation spots are sure to inspire you to start planning your destination wedding, stat!

Junkanoo Carnival in The Bahamas - April/May 2016

A rainbow of costumes, a symphony of sounds, and a patchwork of communities all come together for Junkanoo. Experience the essence of the islands where locals and visitors from around the world come together to delight in Bahamian culture, community and celebration.

JAMROCK summer festival in Jamaica - From May until August, 2016

JAMROCK Summer is an amazing opportunity to experience the vibrancy, culture, music, food and excitement of Jamaica through a wide array of planned events spanning over 90 days.

Merengue festival in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic - July/August 2016

The Merengue Festival offers the opportunity to show off your most sensual dance moves. The festival is also rich with live performances, open food stalls, and of course, lots of dancers.

Gourmet Festival Puerto Vallarta - November 2016

Watch international and local chefs duke it out in this gourmet tournament and feast on special menus served up in participating restaurants for the occasion.

Havana Jazz Festival in Cuba - December 2016

With its own unique genre of jazz, spilling onto the cobblestone streets and antique quarters, find yourself at the hottest jazz fest in the Caribbean.

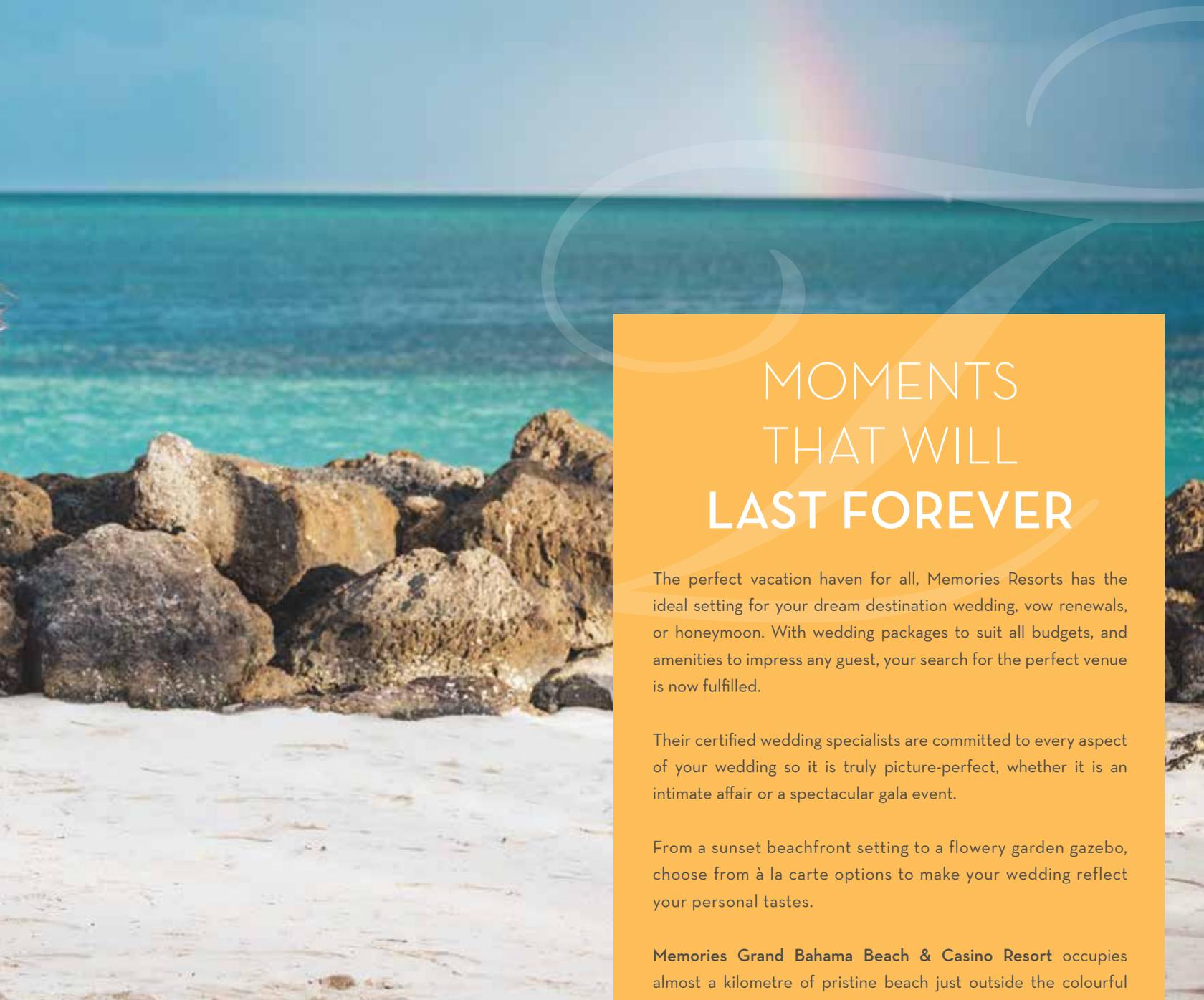


Junkanoo Carnival in The Bahamas




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Memories Splash Punta Cana offers a variety of accommodations, à la carte dining options ranging from casual to formal, various unique wedding possibilities, and the all inclusive perks like access to the largest water park in the Caribbean right on site.

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- Memories Caribe Beach Resort, Cayo Coco, Cuba
- Memories Flamenco Beach Resort, Cayo Coco, Cuba
- Memories Varadero Beach Resort, Varadero, Cuba
- Grand Memories Varadero, Varadero, Cuba
- Memories Holguin Beach Resort, Holguin, Cuba
- Memories Jibacoa Resort, Jibacoa, Cuba

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THREE TIMES THE CHARM

A wedding and honeymoon make up some of the most memorable moments in your life. For those couples looking to tie the knot in the Caribbean, Jewel Resorts in Jamaica can help make memories that will last. With three locations to choose from, each unique locale offers the finest accommodations, amenities and scenery for the all inclusive wedding experience of a lifetime.

Located in Ocho Rios, **Jewel Dunn's River Beach Resort & Spa** is a premium, all inclusive resort for adults only set upon acres of verdant landscapes and just a few minutes away from its namesake, and one of Jamaica's coveted attractions, Dunn's River Falls. Here, newlyweds can enjoy the start of their new lives together in luxury surroundings.

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JEWEL RESORTS





REAL WEDDINGS CHRISTINE & JOHN

Christine and John's story begins at his birthday bash in 2009. Christine, a support worker for individuals with intellectual disabilities, recounts how John's vivid green eyes first attracted her to him. However, it would be John's romantic gesture of sending her flowers on Valentine's Day while he was visiting family in Portugal that gave her the green light to pursue a relationship with him. For John, a construction superintendent, he cites her outgoing, adventurous, fun and spontaneous personality as what drew him in to her. The couple, who live in Brampton, Ontario, soon learned that they both enjoy spending time outdoors and found common interests in hiking, swimming and travelling. Aside from their love of the outdoors, Christine loves that John is family oriented, "He grew up with his grandparents in Portugal so he has beautiful family values!" she says.

John knew that his perfect opportunity to pop the question would be on a trip to Saguenay, Quebec, where they planned to go on a whale watching expedition. While on the boat, John hesitated to propose admitting that he thought Christine would "get too excited the ring would drop into the ocean!" Instead, he packed a blanket and headed to the shores of the Saguenay River where the two watched the sun setting and listened to the whales' song. Knowing it was the perfect opportunity, he chose this moment to ask Christine to spend her life with him. "As if on cue, a Minke whale surfaced and cheered us on with its own water spray!" she says. "It was perfect."

PHOTO CONTEST WINNER VOLUME 5 ISSUE 1

Congratulations to Christine and John on winning our Wedding Vacations Photo Contest from Volume 5 Issue 1.



Resort photographer, Eric Jeffers.

Christine James



REAL WEDDINGS

DOMINICAN BLISS

A sugar-white beach, fringed by palm trees provided the perfect setting for seaside nuptials for Christine, John and 24 of their nearest and dearest. In a ceremony accented with lavender and ivory, the group came together in Punta Cana in May 2015. Dressed in an ivory tulle Mori Lee gown, Christine walked down the aisle to "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

As Christine recounts that special day, she can't help but smile when she thinks about her grandmother walking down the aisle with the wedding party, "She got so excited, she lost her dentures!" she laughs. She also recalls John dramatically dipping her for their first kiss as husband and wife as one of the most memorable - and unexpected - moments of



that day. For John, the private beach reception was his favourite detail, highlighting the "first dance with my wife with the sand between my toes, underneath the stars and the moon," as his fondest memory from that day.

From the aisle lined with starfish, to personalized tags on each of the guests' seats and colourful sand dollar confetti, the event was filled with many personal touches which added to the enchantment of the event. The night concluded with a 'Trash the Dress' photo shoot at the beach, ocean and pool, where even the wedding party and friends joined in.

Christine and John are planning to travel to Spain, Portugal and Italy for their honeymoon in summer 2016.

Christine & John

Resort photographer, Eric Jeffers.

GET THEIR LOOK

Christine's gown: Ivory tulle, Mori Lee.

Christine's shoes: Sandals with rhinestones, Aldo.

John's outfit: White dress shirt with beige linen pants, Club Monaco.

Bridesmaid's dresses: Lavender coloured Dessy Twist Wrap dresses.



Groomsmen's attire: White dress shirt with beige linen pants, Club Monaco.

Jewellery: Diamond drop earrings, gift from bridal party.

Hair and makeup: Hair - Anthony Passero, Makeup - Christine Tran.

Types of rings: White gold bands.

Photographer: Eric Jeffers, provided by hotel.



Stationery and invitations: Invitations by Dawn.

Favours: Fans with bubbles and personalized tags.

Welcome gifts for guests: Welcome gift bags with various snacks and toiletries.

REAL WEDDINGS
CHRISTINE & JOHN



As the winners of the Wedding Vacations Photo Contest, Christine and John will be treated to a romantic getaway at the Hyatt Zilara Rose Hall in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

REAL WEDDINGS
CHRISTINE & JOHN





OLD | NEW | BORROWED | BLUE

What was old? The wedding party provided all the gifts saying, “no one wants something old” and presented Christine with drop diamond earrings.

What was new? Lingerie from the bridal party.

What was borrowed? Satin robe from the maid of honour.

What was blue? Undergarments from the bridal party.

TIPS FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

- Enjoy every moment; even the moments leading up to the wedding and after. There is no need for any stress!
- Remember it is about the bride and groom; it’s difficult to please everyone.

Sign up to submit your destination wedding photos in the next Destination Weddings Photo Contest on the [WeddingVacations.com](#) Facebook page for your chance to win a romantic getaway in paradise. More details on page 176. 



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- \$500 anniversary travel credit for the bride and groom (with a minimum of 10 rooms booked)

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- Starfish Cayo Santa Maria, Cayo Santa Maria, Cuba
- Starfish Cuatro Palmas, Varadero, Cuba

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THE *best* STAG VACATIONS

By Natasha Rajamani

Bachelor party, stag party, buck's night; no matter what you call it, a man's 'last night of freedom' is typically characterized by debauchery, booze and scantily-clad women. While tried and tested, there are other ways to celebrate the good ol' days with your buds before heading to the altar. Here are just seven ways to bid farewell to your life as a single man.

GET OFF THE GRID

Setting out for the great outdoors will no doubt be a welcome break from the madness of wedding planning, and finding yourself with the guys in the middle of nature - where there isn't any running water, cell phone service and all the comforts of home - only adds to its thrill. That's fine though, because this is what makes camping a favourite pastime of many Canadians. Grab your cooler filled with your bevies of choice, your sense of adventure and take your pick of a number of stunning national and provincial parks!



MAKE A DATE WITH LADY LUCK

Ah, Las Vegas. When one thinks of bachelor parties, minds invariably wonder to Sin City which is known for its high-stakes gambling, superb fine dining, luxury hotels and endless entertainment. Swagger down The Strip, re-enact the final scene of *Ocean's 11* by catching the spectacular Bellagio water show, or see the biggest names in EDM in venues at The Cosmopolitan, Wynn Las Vegas and MGM Grand. If you want a break from the bright lights and table games, Las Vegas just so happens to be smack dab in the middle of the Mojave Desert. A trip to the Grand Canyon, the Hoover Dam or to a national park is just the ticket to bring you back down to earth. Sunwing Vacations offers packages where you can pre-book excursions before you land, leaving you and your buddies with more time to simply experience all that Vegas has on offer.

TEE OFF WITH A GOLF VACATION

Grab your clubs and hit the greens! Golf vacations are another obvious go-to for a bachelor party getaway, but it's also a great way to practice your swing while taking in the stunning views of your destination. Aside from the obvious Florida hotspots, check out Los Cabos or Riviera Maya which are gaining popularity as premier golf destinations thanks to courses designed by the likes of Pete Dye, Jack Nicklaus, Robert Trent Jones Sr. and Nick Price. What's more, tour operators like Signature Vacations offer golf green fees and cart rentals at world-class golf courses that can be added to all-inclusive packages at popular resorts. Offering stunning views of the ocean, craggy cliffs and lush landscapes, these dramatic links in the Caribbean and Mexico are enough to distract you from your hole-in-one aspirations.

A man with short blonde hair, wearing a black t-shirt, is riding a black four-wheeled ATV through a sandy desert landscape. The background shows rolling sand dunes under a clear blue sky. The ATV has a large front bumper with two round headlights and is covered in some dirt. The man is looking down and to the left, focused on the ride.

THE *best* STAG VACATIONS

CELEBRATE YOUR BACHELOR DAYS AT CHIC

Why not give your party a tropical flavour? Where Vegas sass and style meets Miami's urban cool in an incomparable Caribbean setting, CHIC Punta Cana is the perfect adult playground to bid farewell to your days as a single man. With packages tailored for guys-only getaways, it's almost as if they've been waiting for you to pop the question. Stimulate the five senses with the "It's a Guy's World" package which includes a private CX Culinary Experience Chef's Table Dinner, a reserved area on the beach, a private poolside cabana day hosted by CHIC angels and a complimentary visit to Detox Oxygen Bar. Or up the ante with the "Gentleman's Club" package where stags can enjoy superb golf, adrenaline-surfing sports (like surfing lessons and zip-lining) together with VIP treatment at Excite Sports Bar & Lounge. To really splurge, upgrade to the CHIC Mansion, a private six-bedroom retreat complete with private pool, patio and butler service. This getaway is all about making memories with your friends so you can say "remember when" long after the ceremony's over.

TAKE IN THE SCENERY PASSING BY

Pack your bags, grab your car keys and re-live your younger days when road-tripping was your vacation of choice. Destination? Anywhere. The quality time spent between dudes inside a four-wheeled vehicle is sure to re-ignite the bromance. SelloffVacations.com can help tailor-make your perfect self-drive or fly/drive itinerary so all you have to do is enjoy each other's company and take in some memorable sights. The possibilities are endless - soak up the surf vibe along California's legendary Highway 1, cruise past glaciers, jagged peaks and mountain ranges in the Rockies or be dwarfed by red-rock canyons and vast deserts in Nevada.

EXTREME EXCURSIONS

Mint some indelible memories going extreme during your last few days as a single man. Explore the arid landscape of Aruba riding your very own ATV; surge down wicked falls in Costa Rica on a pulse-pounding white water rafting excursion; or explore underwater caverns and aquatic life snorkelling over one of the world's largest coral reefs. Together with their destination



MAKING MEMORIES WITH YOUR FRIENDS

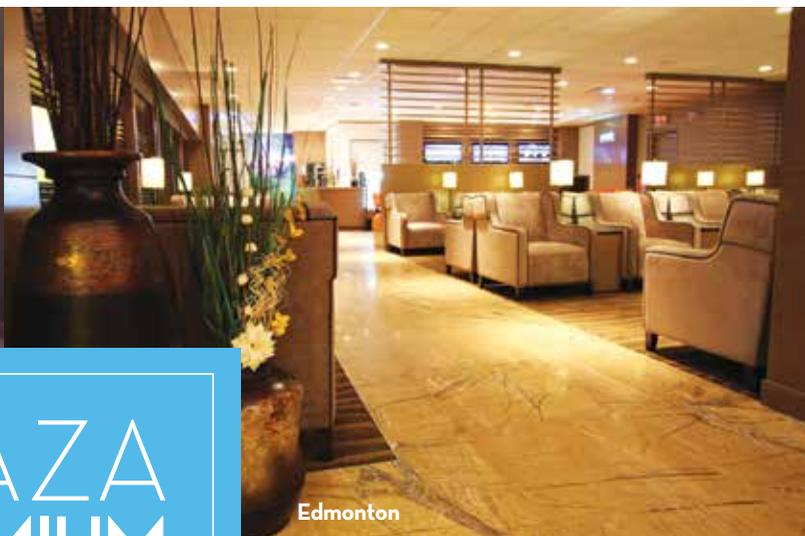
specialists, NexusTours, Signature Vacations can help groups plan the perfect action-packed experiences in destination, with customized itineraries and even private transfers, which are sure to hit the sweet spot.

HEAD OUT ON THE OPEN SEAS

Charter boats offering deep-sea fishing excursions are one and a plenty in destinations on the Pacific coast in Mexico, inciting a healthy dose of competition between guys. Check out Los Cabos, Puerto Vallarta, Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo and Mazatlan where you can board well-equipped fishing vessels, manned by knowledgeable fishermen, which will take you to the best spots frequented by locals, where blue and black marlin, tuna, wahoo, mahi mahi, and sailfish lurk beneath the waves. Sunwing Vacations can custom-make your Pacific Mexico package to help you catch a Big One before your Big Day.

No matter which way you and your buds decide to celebrate your last days as a bachelor, no doubt you'll make memories to last a lifetime...but we won't blame you if you forget the next morning! 





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Princess resorts are the perfect venues for all inclusive destination weddings, and the most treasured honeymoons.

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Go **Bold**

Go

Neutral

by *Natasha Jervis Lees*



When you first hear the word “neutral,” you might immediately think of the words ‘boring or plain.’ Instead, let’s think of “neutral” as another word for “elegance.” Neutral tones are high up on the wedding trend list right now when it comes to destination wedding themes as they provide couples with more flexibility, and elegance on their big day.



Choosing neutral colours for your wedding theme may not be what you imagined when you pictured your wedding day, but believe it or not, a neutral colour scheme can actually set a bolder statement than brighter colours like fiery reds, lime greens, bright sunny yellows and zesty oranges. If the bride-to-be and groom-to-be want to keep their wedding theme ‘earthy and natural,’ but also want it to pop, it’s simple. Destination weddings that are designed with neutral tones can be dramatically enhanced with little splashes of crimson red, cyan blue, orchid purple or spring green.

Neutral tones are considered anything from warm browns and soft greys, to champagne hues and earthy greens. Soft greys, smoky hues, and pewter tones are considered cooler colours, while sandy hues, beige and shell tones are considered warmer. Cooler tones can work well if you are looking to have a modest, yet modern wedding. If you would like your wedding theme to be more versatile, as well as inviting, warmer tones might be the perfect choice for your day.



The fantastic thing about neutral tones is that they tend to work well in almost any type of wedding venue space, including gazebos and the beach, and they can be used in formal or informal weddings. Neutral tones offer that romantic 'feel' that we all desire for this major life event and many themes that include these colours tend to look like they came right out of fairytale or storybook. Soft browns, shades of greys, and creams can also be worked with in any type of tropical setting.

Neutral colours are also a fabulous choice when it comes to choosing the colour of clothing for your wedding party as these soft hues don't absorb too much of the sun's heat like dark or shades. These tones are much more forgiving when it comes to keeping cool in the tropical sun.

As you can see, choosing neutral tones is anything BUT boring. A wedding theme of neutral tones can turn your wedding ceremony and reception into an elegant event that you, your family, and your friends will remember for a lifetime.

Why bachelorettes are becoming BEACHELORETTEs this season

Chic Mansion, Punta Cana



Chic Punta Cana Resort



Since the tradition of bachelorette parties began, friends have been celebrating under the bright lights of Las Vegas and hitting the hottest clubs in Miami. But instead of returning home more exhausted than you left, why not throw a little pampering, relaxation, and tropical sun into the mix? You could combine your bachelorette party with your destination wedding or simply move your party from the city and onto the beach. Many tour operators, such as Sunwing Vacations, offer daily flight services to popular tropical destinations so weekend getaways are no longer just for city breaks.

Relaxing on the beach with your closest friends could be much more rewarding than loud clubs, gambling your money away, and surviving on greasy 24-hour buffets. When you turn your bachelorette party into a beachelorette party, you can get involved in water sports throughout the day, play beach volleyball, snorkel, or book a group excursion such as a catamaran cruise or dolphin encounters. Once the sun begins to set, you and your friends can get dolled up for the night, watch theatre performances, live shows and go dancing at your resort's very own nightclub.





If you want to celebrate in absolute luxury, the Dominican Republic's CHIC Punta Cana is renowned for its day to night party ambience reminiscent of Las Vegas or Miami's South Beach. Why not splurge and rent out the CHIC Mansion for you and your girlfriends? This 11,500 square-foot, six-bedroom private home comes with a 24-hour butler service, private pool, Jacuzzi and cozy lounge with a fully-stocked bar.

Interested in being completely pampered? Stay at the Hideaway at Royalton Riviera Cancun where you and your friends can relax on an 'adults only' beachfront and dine at nine specialty restaurants including Zen, where you'll be treated to an authentic Japanese Teppanyaki experience by your own dedicated chef. The extensive hydrotherapy suite at the spa is the perfect place for you and your best friends to recharge before the Big Day.



The Hideaway at Royalton Riviera Cancun





IDEAL FOR ROMANCE

The adults only CHIC Punta Cana by Royalton Luxury Resorts is an ideal setting for romance, whether it's a wedding, honeymoon or just a quiet getaway. Stroll the pristine beach at sunset, cozy up under a palapa for two, or enjoy a candlelit dinner.

Exchanging vows in a breathtaking setting is easy with CHIC's wedding planning service. From their beachfront pergola to the CHIC Mansion, they can accommodate a small intimate gathering or a lavish gala event.

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Hard Rock Hotels



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If you'd like it to be all about the beach, then the shoreline at Memories Grand Bahama is hard to beat. If you can tear yourself away there are glass-bottom boat tours, snorkelling trips and catamaran excursions on offer.

Or why not unleash your inner rock star at Hard Rock Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic? From gourmet dining at the Simon Mansion Restaurant to listening to the latest tunes at the on-site nightclub, nights can be as long as you want them to be - and remember you can always relax on the beach the next day.

For underwater explorations, head to Memories Jibacoa in Cuba where you can bond with your girlies on a scuba diving adventure to explore the coral reef right off the beach. Afterwards, unwind together in the newly-opened spa that features trickling fountains, bubbling brooks, a Zen rock garden and linen Bali beds that are perfect for a relaxing nap in the shade.

Sometimes the best of times with our closest friends is when you're simply relaxing. So why not consider being a





With the use of mobile apps, online tools, and social channels for capturing, storing and sharing the handsome memories of this momentous occasion, more techno brides and grooms are also recognizing new ways to streamline and upgrade every moment of their destination wedding from the planning stages all the way through to the Big Day. We've listed some of the season's handiest apps, websites and software for your consideration.

BEFORE THE BIG DAY

The planner



Leading up to your big "I do," your days will be flooded by appointments with your stylist, dress designer, suit tailor, mani-pedi salon specialist, the list goes on. You will want to keep track of everything you need to do while keeping it synced with your network. Effectively syncing across multiple platforms, Evernote™ helps the couple-to-be share all their ideas, appointments, events, pictures, bookings and tasks surrounding their destination wedding with their wedding guests and bridal party.

The diet

If you've been frustrated at your reflection in the mirror, scarfing down greens each day, and barely making it to the gym during your busy schedule, then you might need a bit of help with your fitness and diet routines. Help is on the way in the form of eTools and the PointsPlus™ Plan by Weight Watchers Canada™. If you attend regular meetings, a Weight Watchers eTools subscription will keep you on track with its useful mobile app that lets you track your food consumption and activity, and features interactive Cheat Sheets online, as well as charts and graphs to help check your progress. Achieving your ideal bridal body and beach-ready silhouette by eating healthy and not going on a hunger strike is now only a click away.



The distraction

The To Do list is mounting, and you both need a relief from the anxiety and stress that can creep in over the course of planning a wedding. Apps such as Equanimity - Meditation Timer & Tracker™, Breathe2Relax™, Nature Sounds Relax and Sleep are all rated four plus stars, and they can put you in a state of calm, to better equip-you mentally for the next challenge. Worry Box™ is also an excellent app for chronicling and working through your concerns.



ON THE DAY

AFTER YOUR WEDDING

The playlist



The formalwear

Many couples cut the cost of hiring a DJ by crafting their own customized playlists for each event and moment of their wedding day. WeddingDJ™ is most specific to this event and best allows you to customize your playlists for all the moments in and around the rehearsal dinner, welcome cocktail, wedding ceremony and reception. However, what if the mood in the room changes on the day or in the moment? For that, there is a “re-order” tab that a tech-savvy member of the bridal party can stay on top of.



The video

If you are looking to amplify the “social” aspect of your very special day, and don't want to miss a minute, whether your bridal party is having an impromptu toast to the bride and groom while you are chatting with great grandma, or little Jimmy is busting a move by his table while you are cutting the cake, rely on your friends and family to capture these moments by uploading and sharing them with you through the WeddingMix™ app. When you buy a package, all the images and videos, from the proposal all the way through to the honeymoon, can be edited into a wedding video to cherish forever.



Whether it's a bridesmaid dress, bridal accessories, or a groomsman's turquoise tie, there are plenty of places to wear these fancy outfits after this particular event. However, if you are feeling particularly charitable, there are a few places that would gladly take these gently used items. New Circles in Toronto, The Cinderella Project in Vancouver, and a group of high school grads in Spyrfeld, Halifax, to name a few, are helping to make prom dreams come true one second-hand formal accessory and gown at a time. By donating your formalwear to these types of non-profit organizations, you are helping high school grads in low-income communities celebrate the completion of their secondary education with confidence, and some style.



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Solidify your romantic union under swaying palm trees, to the sound of the sea at Majestic Resorts. Majestic Resorts offers unparalleled venues in idyllic locations to exchange vows with your beloved. Say, “I do” on a beautiful white-sand beach, in a charming wedding gazebo or in the on-site chapel - the choice is yours.

From elegant family-friendly settings boasting a wealth of sports and activities, sophisticated digs with a superb selection of amenities and services, to opulent adults only retreats complete with a high-end menu of facilities and offerings, there's a Majestic resort that will delight every bride and groom.

Every wedding at Majestic Resorts includes a wedding planner that will facilitate your special day both before and after your arrival and includes a delicious wedding cake, a tropical flower table arrangement, a tropical bouquet for the bride and boutonniere for the groom, ironing of the gown and tuxedo, sound system and translation of the ceremony, champagne toast for the group after the ceremony, romantic candle-lit dinner for the couple, complimentary massage for the twosome, and much more! Full customization of wedding packages is also available.

For more details, contact your travel agent or connect with an experienced wedding consultant at weddingvacations.com - your source of inspiration for destination weddings & honeymoons.

Epic

Now that you've booked your destination wedding, and have gotten acquainted with your wedding consultant, it seems like you've got months ahead of you, but the Big Day is right around the corner!

EIGHT TO TEN MONTHS IN ADVANCE

In order to manage expectations for this special event, you need to start by setting your wedding budget. Assess the amount you have set aside for the wedding (not including travel), and if there are members of your family who will be contributing, discuss their contributions with them well in advance.

Timing is everything, especially when you are planning a destination wedding, and if there are certain people that you specifically want to have in attendance, giving ample notice is not only necessary, but also proper etiquette. Check with key family and friends before you finalize your wedding date so that they have plenty of time to make suitable arrangements.

Start seeking inspiration from stylebooks and galleries on blogs, wedding websites, and planning portals, which will help shape your wedding style preferences. Online boards like Pinterest are great tools to assist you in the initial stages of destination wedding

planning. Some wedding planning sites give you the opportunity to create your own custom boards, helping you collect ideas on colour palettes, seating charts, decorations, dresses, bridal party attire, etc.

Select your attendants, both female and male. Start thinking about their attire and communicate your expectations before-hand. Once you've spoken to your bridal party, it's time to focus on you, you and only you! Choosing the wedding dress that suits your body type, the occasion, the destination and your style is one of the most important parts of your wedding planning process. Go dress shopping immediately! Make appointments at local wedding dress boutiques or start perusing online bridal stores to get ideas of what shapes and styles make you all giddy with excitement. Then, once you've said, "Yes" to the dress, look at purchasing or renting your groom's attire.

Decide what you are going to do with printed materials, from invitations to save-the-date cards, menus to programs, and whatever



PLANNING *Checklist*

other collateral you'd like to make part of your special day.

Make sure you and your hubby-to-be have valid travel documents and meet all legal requirements to leave the country. If you are having a religious wedding, book your officiant now, and make sure all legal documents are ready and valid (passports, religious requirements, etc.) for this specific type of ceremony.

Photos hold the most precious memories of your big day. That is why your photographer is your most prized vendor. Book your photographer and confirm that your wedding location will allow outside vendors.

Choose a wedding location, including a venue for your ceremony, cocktail and wedding reception. Once this is complete, you can start getting a better idea of how your celebration will look and feel in these spaces.

To ensure that you are a blushing bride, create a health and beauty

schedule for yourself (gym, facials, hair cuts, etc.) so you're in good shape - all around - for the big day.

Your wedding consultant will host a personalized, interactive wedding website for you, so it is time to start working on the site by including all the things you'd like to share with your guests leading up to your wedding day.

The fun begins when they give you the bar code gun at your favourite department store or boutique shop. Register for gifts and add these details to your wedding website.

Your wedding bands are a symbol of your commitment to one another. Choose rings that will reflect your personalities, but that will also have longevity in terms of style and durability.

Finally, about eight to 10 months in advance of your special day, you will want to send out Save the Date cards to give guests plenty of time to make travel arrangements. There are great deals available



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FOUR TO SEVEN MONTHS IN ADVANCE

Here comes the fun stuff! This is the time to choose your flowers (bouquets, boutonnieres, chuppah, flower petals, centrepieces, etc.). Music will make or break your event, so it's important to book your musicians (soloists, bands, DJ, etc.) to ensure that the soundtrack to your special day suits your vision. Just a friendly reminder that at this point in the planning phase, you will need to have finalized your photographer and videographer (if you haven't already). When it comes to the look and feel of your event, this is the time to decide on, and confirm, the colour scheme and theme that will make your celebration unique.

Food will be a very important part of your day, and something that will take careful consideration, especially since you'll want to consider the various food preferences and allowances of your guests. This is the time to narrow down menu selections for the reception, cocktail reception, etc. This is also a good time to determine your bar selections for all events. Will you be asking the venue to prepare a signature drink for your special day, or offering special shots to commemorate your nuptials? All these need to be considered and communicated at this time.

Selecting your wedding cake, including flavours, style, icing and decor, is next on the list. Also, if you are electing to have a cake topper, this is the time to search for it.

At this point, you'll want to make sure all invitations (including programs and escort cards) are in the works.



TWO TO THREE MONTHS IN ADVANCE

Shop for footwear (keeping in mind all events and baggage allowance), and also shop for your “outfits” for the wedding weekend, including the rehearsal dinner, good swimwear (keep in mind tan lines for your dress), and any other necessities.

This is the time to finalize flower selections, dinner and drink menus.

When it comes to photography, since your day will be a whirlwind for you and your groom, it's helpful to create a shot list you would like the photographer and videographer to capture, since these vendors might not know if you want lots of photos with your bridal party, or a special portrait of you with Grandma. Regardless, it's good to communicate what memories you'd like them to focus on - after all, this is your day, and you want to create valuable memories you can cherish on your 10th, 25th and 50th (even 70th) wedding anniversary!

Confirm the officiant, and make sure you have all documentation ready if you are having a religious ceremony.

If your hotel or restaurant requires that you let them know about any special meal requests, send out dinner selection inquiries to your guests.

Update your website with any newly-planned events, like the rehearsal dinner, welcome cocktail, after party or post-wedding brunch.

Voila! The time has come to send out your invitations.

IT WILL RESULT IN AN
EVENT THAT WILL
BE ETCHED IN YOUR
MEMORY FOREVER

It's almost go-time! Put together a wedding itinerary for your guests. This is a nice touch for out-of-town guests (which is pretty much all of them) to receive, since it keeps everyone moving in the right direction of the big day.

Compile a music playlist of some favourites, if you have hired a DJ or are setting up an iPod set list, here's your chance to pay tribute to your past, present and future with some great, and meaningful, tunes. If you're hiring live musicians, start selecting songs, as well, or send them sheet music now to learn.

Finally, you want to have some fun while you're in an exciting new destination with your loved ones. So what better way to thank your guests for joining you in paradise, than by arranging a fun-filled tour or excursion for the group before or after the wedding?!

In the end, all the planning and organizing will result in an event that will be etched in your memory forever. Make it count, and most importantly, make it fun! 



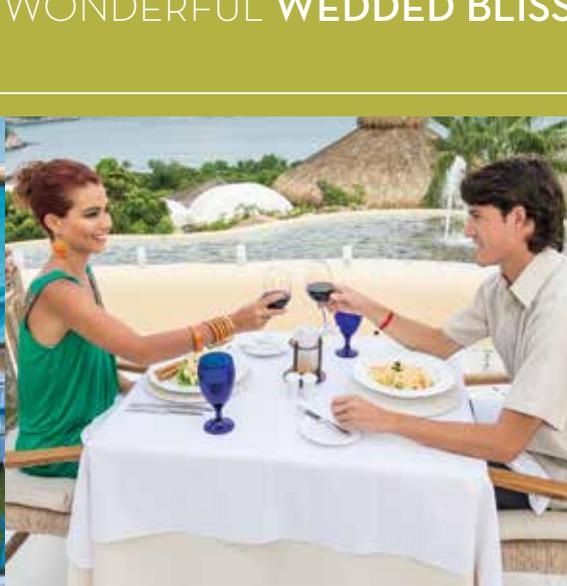


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Huatulco is one of Mexico's most relaxed destinations noted for its dreamy beach locales, golden sands and crystal-clear waters. It's also a sustainable tourist community, making it an attractive wedding option for eco-conscious couples.

A taste of adventure

As a honeymoon option, scenic buffs would do well to find themselves taking a drive along the coastal route. There, couples can explore ancient archaeological sites, vibrant and colourful markets, rich colonial architecture, and fascinating native cultures.

Adventure-seeking couples and their guests can get their adrenaline rush with ziplining expeditions through the jungle, rafting, kayaking and fishing.

Blissful beaches

Of course, there is the option to just relax and settle into newlywed bliss on one of the 36 beaches and numerous inlets and coves - each with its own unique setting and ecological landscape.

Drizzled in culture

Huatulco's urban centre, La Crucecita, is a great place to do some shopping, and enjoy a little arts and culture.

Ask your travel agent or visit weddingvacations.com for more inspiration on this destination.



A PREMIER CARIBBEAN WEDDING DESTINATION

Cancun is Mexico's premier beach destination. Located along the stunning Caribbean coast, few places in the world offer brides, grooms and honeymooners such exciting and accessible diversity. From ancient pyramids to modern amenities, Cancun has it all for an authentic, unforgettable celebration of love.

Romance and excitement are at your fingertips along the 22-kilometre-long peninsula that is home to the Hotel Zone. Beautiful beaches – the kind that travel posters promise but seldom deliver – are right at your feet. Bordered by the aquamarine waters and white-sand beaches of the Caribbean on one side, and the emerald green waters of Nichupté Lagoon on the other, the peninsula offers truly breathtaking settings for an unforgettable event under the sun.

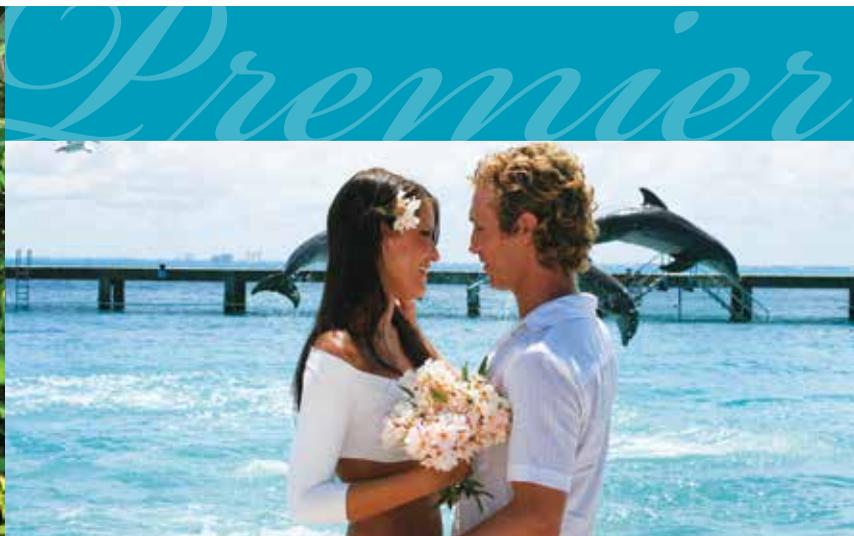
Sophisticated luxury comforts, modern hotels and a spectacular array of activities surround you. Clear blue waters invite divers and snorkellers to be awestruck by the colourful reefs and vibrant marine life, while a wild, tropical rainforest filled with exotic birds, reptiles and mammals welcomes you just outside of town. With a range of activities to suit every type of explorer, everyone can appreciate the natural splendour of Cancun.

What's more, history, culture, nature, sporting activities, shopping, as well as Mexican and international dining are all integral parts of a Cancun honeymoon, making it the obvious choice for a post-wedding getaway.

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A man in a dark suit jacket is shown from the side, looking out at the ocean. The waves are breaking, and the sky is a clear, bright blue. The overall mood is romantic and serene.

WEDDINGS AND ROMANCE IN

Cancun

Cancún, a modern city with majestic landscapes, offers ideal settings for a romantic escape, a unique wedding or that unforgettable honeymoon.

Its natural attributes, marvellous scenery, the cultural wealth of the area and a vast touristic infrastructure make Cancún a favourite destination worldwide for holding celebrations and enjoying romance.

Puerto Morelos offers another facet of the wider Cancun experience, with a small town, Mexican Caribbean vibe. Puerto Morelos offers a wide selection of cuisine where the highlight is the catch of the day. It also offers everything from boutique hotels to large international chains.

Puerto Morelos features other attractions such as the Botanical Garden and the “Crococún” zoo, where the region’s flora and fauna, such as crocodiles and orchids, can be observed.

The island of sea and fun, **Isla Mujeres**, is 8-kilometre-long (5 miles) by one-half-kilometre wide (0.3 miles) wisp of an island that sits just 6 kilometres off the coast to the northeast of Cancún. For those wanting a break from the glitz of Cancún, Isla Mujeres is a refreshing throwback to the days before Cancún even existed. The pace is relaxed and unpretentious, and the setting is pure magic.

The island seems to defy change, even though its swanky neighbour (Cancún) has spurred the development of some visitor attractions that have spruced up the island’s very “bohemian” ambiance.

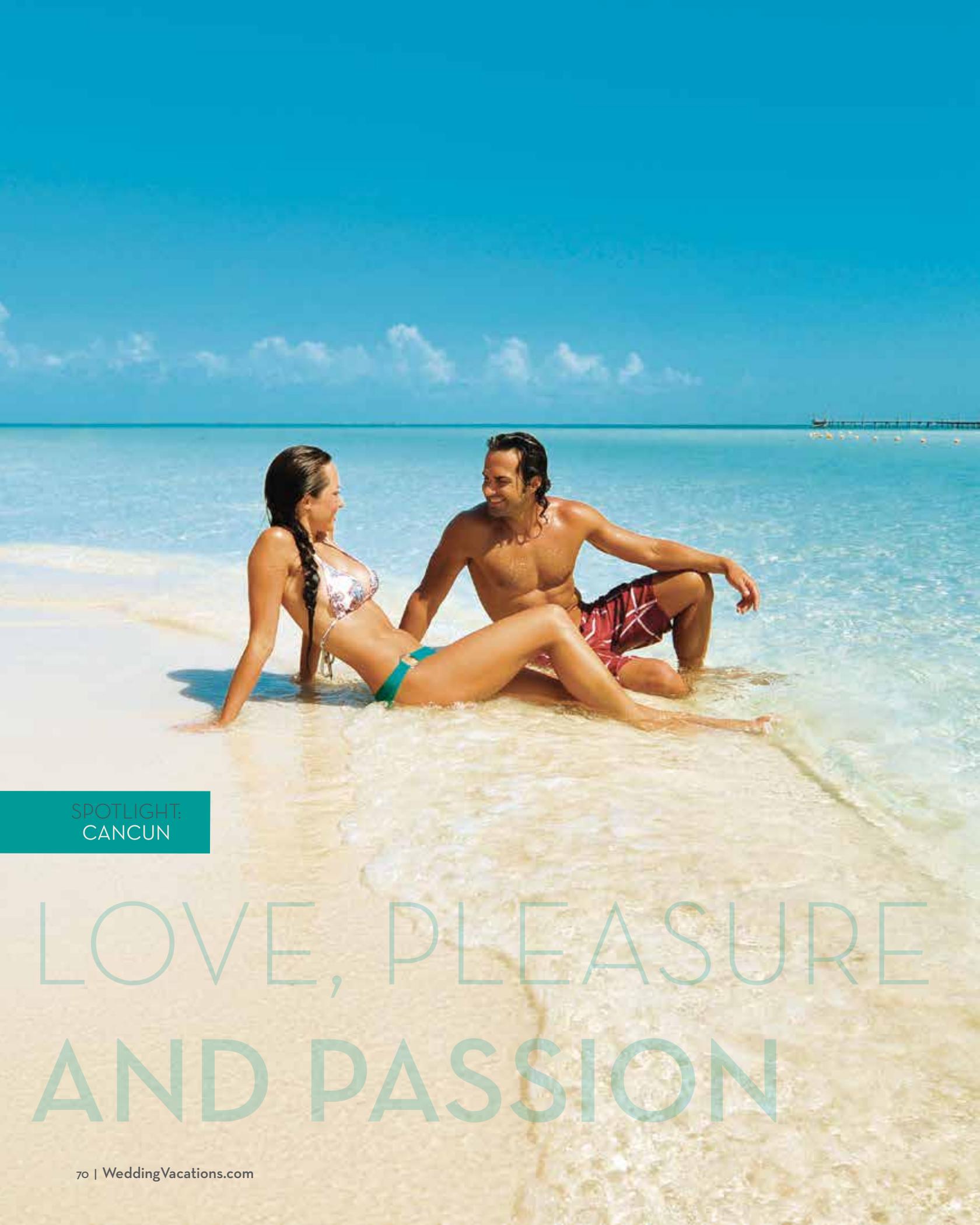


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LOVE, PLEASURE AND PASSION



Isla Holbox, a seductive combination of charm and nature, is separated from the mainland of the Yucatan Peninsula by a shallow lagoon, which is home to pelicans, flamingos, and other sea birds. The island is part of the Yum-Balam Biosphere Reserve. The water is clear and shallow several hundred yards offshore, ideal for wading and collecting the abundant seashells. Holbox days can be spent snorkelling, fishing, and eating fresh lobster and seafood at small beachfront palapa-roofed restaurants. From August to September, the beaches are the spawning ground of green sea turtles. Of special note is the area's unique whale shark population, viewable up close during summer months. Local fishermen will take people out to fish or snorkel, to see the flamingo nesting grounds at the Ría Lagartos Nature Reserve, or take them east around Cabo Catoche to a rarely visited Mayan ruin at Ekab. Visitors can reach Holbox via the Cancún-Mérida tollway. Next they travel north on the road to the village of Chiquillá, then by 20-minute ferry or boat ride. Boats depart daily, and the auto ferry is daily as well.

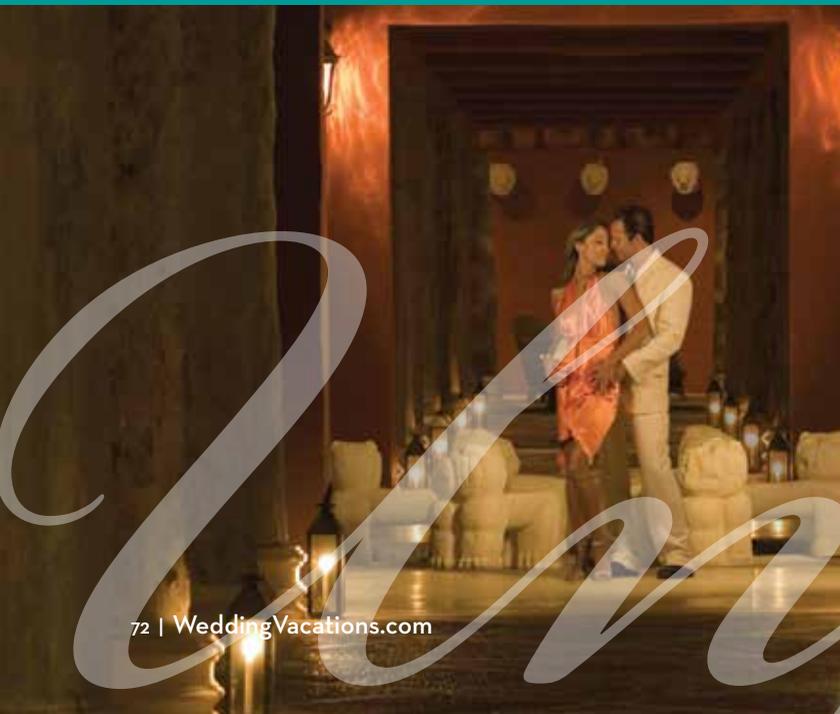
A jewel in its natural state, **Isla Contoy**, forms a part of the assortment of reefs, islands and sandbanks that make up the continental shelf of the Mexican Caribbean. Declared a National Wildlife Reserve in 1961, this island is situated just 41 kilometres north of Cancún, 30 kilometres north of Isla Mujeres, and it's just 8.5 kilometres (about 5 miles) long. Besides its unparalleled beauty, secluded sandy white beaches and lush palm trees, the island boasts more than a hundred and fifty migrating and resident bird species. The most numerous and easy to observe are the frigate, the brown pelican and the double-crested cormorant. The island is also host to a group of government-sponsored biologists who continually monitor and study the ecosystem of the island. It also supports supervised eco-tourism and regulated commercial fishing. Only a few tour companies have permission to bring guests to the island and only 200 visitors are allowed daily.



Wedding ceremonies can be held on the beach, in ocean-view ballrooms, chapels, gardens, terraces, foyers, gazebos and piers with thatched roofs, or even on board a boat while at sea; options include traditional Mexican weddings and Mayan ceremonies. Whether you are looking for that unique tropical, exotic atmosphere or a modern and sophisticated style for your wedding, you will be pleasantly surprised by the different settings Cancún offers

Cancún is the perfect setting for love, pleasure, passion and experiencing unforgettable moments. It is a magical place where you can be in harmony with nature while enjoying all the comforts of a modern city set in a Caribbean island paradise.

For more details on holding your wedding in Cancun, contact your travel agent or connect with an experienced wedding consultant at weddingvacations.com - your source of inspiration for destination weddings & honeymoons.



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AN OCCASION TO REMEMBER

When it comes to a destination wedding or honeymoon, there are a few necessary elements that will make the big day absolutely flawless: Clear blue skies, warm ocean breezes, an impeccable shoreline and outstanding scenery.

There are resorts, tucked away on an unspoiled sandbar just off the coast of the Caribbean Sea, that can provide all of that, and more. Parnassus Resort & Spa offers a selection of Cancun's premier adults only and family friendly, all inclusive resorts.

From intimate oceanfront ceremonies to gala receptions, rehearsal dinners, bridal showers and bachelor parties, couples and their guests will appreciate the personalized service and sophisticated, yet casual vibe. at these magnificent properties.

Fine dining is always the perfect complement to a romantic endeavour, and Golden Parnassus Resort & Spa offers a variety of international cuisines. Fall in love over shared bites of skillfully-prepared dishes that run the gamut from Asian to Italian, French to fresh local fare. Enjoy expertly-mixed cocktails and captivating views from every seat.

A beach resort solely devoted to "in the moment" lifestyles, Great Parnassus Resort & Spa ensures that every minute of your stay - from the first to the last - is unforgettably and absolutely flawless. If you're feeling adventurous, a night out may be in the cards, since most of the bars are open until 2 a.m.

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HUDSON'S BAY



SEVENTH HEAVEN

By Rachel Goldrick

Set on the 7th floor of Toronto's flagship Hudson's Bay store, Kleinfeld Hudson's Bay is a glittering oasis dedicated to wedding couture. We met our contributing editor, Jessica Mulroney, of Kleinfeld Hudson's Bay at their elegant Toronto store to learn more about the latest trends in destination wedding bridal fashion.

It's approaching Christmas when we visit it, the store gleaming with icy white dresses, glistening with intricate beading, silky applique detailing and mother of pearl embellishments. The stuff of every little girl's daydreams, it is a true wedding wonderland. A sentiment echoed by Jessica, when we sit down and chat.

Surprisingly (or perhaps unsurprisingly depending on which way you view it), one of Canada's leading stylists - Jessica is currently helping Sophie Trudeau with her wardrobe - took little time selecting her own wedding dress.

"It was actually the first dress I tried on," she tells us adding, "in reality I was a pretty laid back bride. My mother and mother-in-law were heavily involved and it was actually my husband Ben (Jessica is married to *etalk* host, Ben Mulroney) who was the *groomzilla*. I didn't really want a traditional looking wedding dress. I had an idea in mind and when I saw my dress I knew it was the one."

Jessica confesses however that had Kleinfeld Hudson's Bay been an option when she and Ben tied the knot eight years ago her shopping trip might have lasted a little longer. "Bridal fashion has evolved dramatically over the past five years. When I got married there simply wasn't the choice."





SO WHAT ARE HER TOP PICKS FOR DESTINATION WEDDING TRENDS?

In picking her wedding dress, although she may not have opted for a traditional gown, she did make the purchase at a bridal salon, adding, “It was mainly to make my mother happy. We went to a salon in Montréal. When I saw her face as I tried it on, it was worth it, and that moment became significant for us, as it marked the start of my marriage to Ben.”

This emotional connection is one of the things that Jessica most enjoys about her role at Kleinfeld Hudson’s Bay. “The picking of the dress, whether it’s together with your mother, sister, auntie, best friend or grandmother, is very much a part of any bride’s journey. It’s lovely when I get to be part of that process and get to know the couple and their family.”

When asked how a bride should plan her outfit for her wedding day, Jessica suggests that this should be one of the first things she thinks of after the ceremony and venue itself. “Once you’ve decided where and how you want to get married, it’s time to pick the dress. For most gowns you’ll need to make an order between nine and 12 months ahead of the ceremony to ensure that there’s time to schedule all the necessary fittings. While the destination you get married in shouldn’t dictate the style you choose, it’s certainly going to affect it, so it’s important that you have a clear vision of your wedding day before you choose your gown.”

So what are the wedding dress rules if you have your heart set on tropical setting? Refreshingly, according to Jessica, there aren’t any.

“Destination is a factor, but you certainly don’t have to dress down simply because you’ve opted for a beach wedding. Not all ceremonies by the beach actually have to take place on the beach. Many resorts have so many different venues that allow you to wear those Manolo Blahniks without worrying. Like the resort we just visited (Jessica recently visited Royalton Riviera Cancun Resort and Spa for our magazine cover shoot) there are restaurants, sky terraces, air conditioned venues – there are options.”

► Classic Curves

If you’ve got your heart set on that traditional wedding dress shape, then this gown by David Fielden is a great option. There are several tulle layers but these are extremely light. The bodice shaping is without excess boning so you won’t feel constricted or overly warm.

Dress: David Feldon, style no. 8532

Headpiece: Maria Elena





◀ BARE ESSENTIALS

This figure-hugging, strapless, lacy sheath with a sweetheart neckline by Pnina Tornai lets you keep cool and look glamorous at the same time. For extra drama, team it with a lacy batwing shrug that will give a flowing silhouette for your wedding photos.

Dress: Pnina Tornai, style no. 4348

Shrug: Pnina Tornai

▶ PERFECT CONTRAST

Make a statement walking down the aisle in this striking Mark Zunino gown, the bodice has a flesh coloured translucent back - perfect for showing off that tropical suntan! From the front this look is equally stunning with applique leaves that seem to cascade from the waistline onto the floor-length hemline.

Dress: Mark Zunino, style no. 127

Headpiece: Maria Elena

Shoes: Badgely Mischka



Camilla Pucholt Photography



► SPARKLING SENSATIONS

Sequins aren't just about holiday party dresses. Why not opt for a lighter fabric embellished with a metallic, sequined finish like this one by Reem Acra? Each ray of sunshine on the dress will catch the light beautifully, providing a breathtaking centre piece for your wedding photos.

Dress: Reem Acra, Im a sensation

Shrug: Frascara

Bracelet: M Crystal Rhodium



► RETRO CHIC

Keep it simple, yet stylish with this 60s inspired knee length gown by Canadian designer, Greta Constantine. Made from silk, it has a sleek clean-line look and its soft ivory shade would complement the décor of any destination wedding. Keep it subtle and pair with tonal accessories, or make a statement as our model has done here by adding a splash of colour with these elegant shoes.

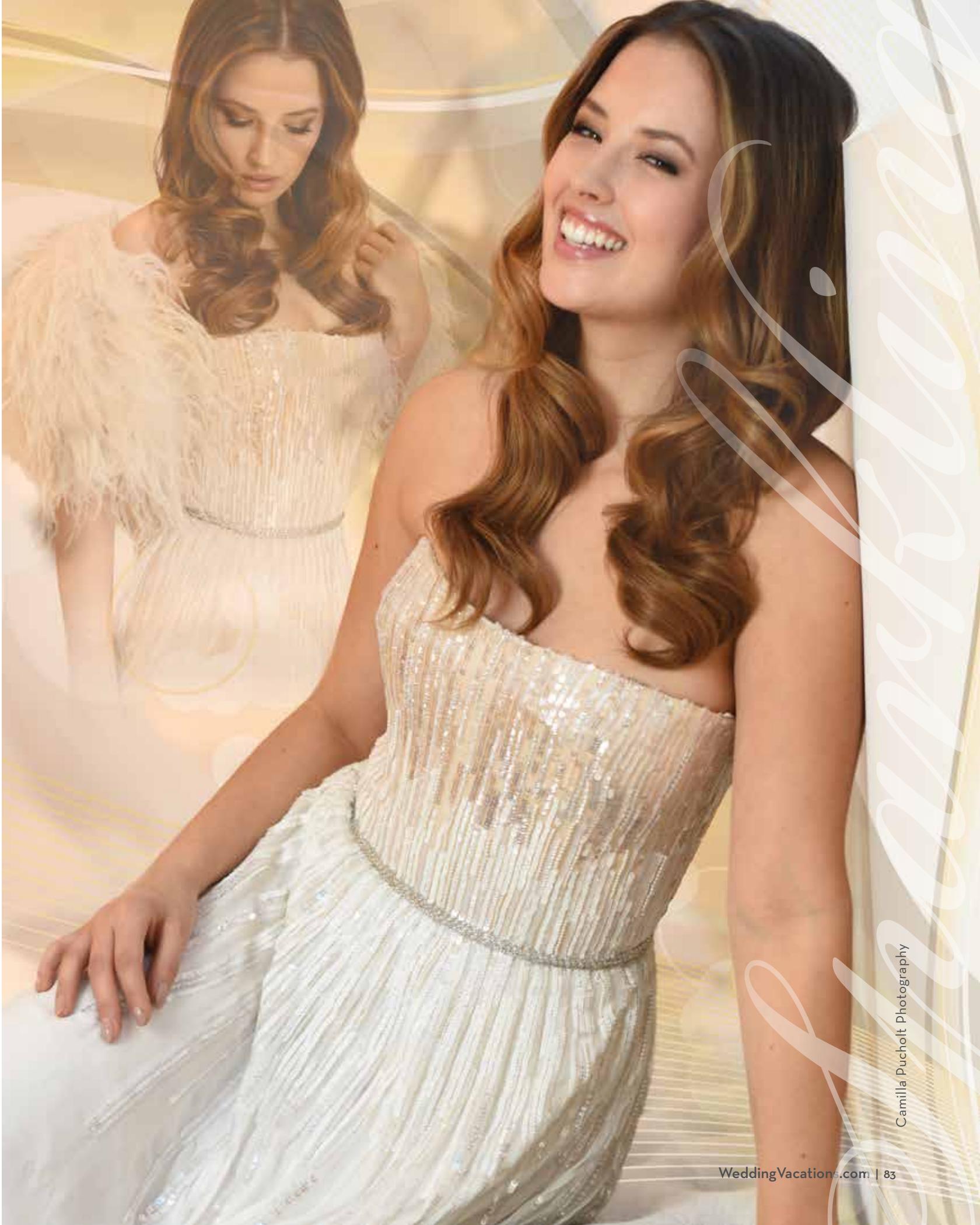
Dress: Greta Constantine, style Znon

Shoes: Badgely Mischka

Veil: David Dunkl

Purse: Badgely Mischka





Camilla

Camilla Pucholt Photography



◀ FEATHER LIGHT

This elegant, halter neck gown is all about delicate fluidity. Embroidered with intricate beading on the shoulder straps and subtle filigree embroidery on the bodice that gives way to a feathered floor-length train, the design creates eye-catching movement when you walk. Pair it with an understated head piece and a single piece of jewellery - such as this chunky bracelet to complete the look.

Dress: Rosa Clara

Bracelet: Corocraft

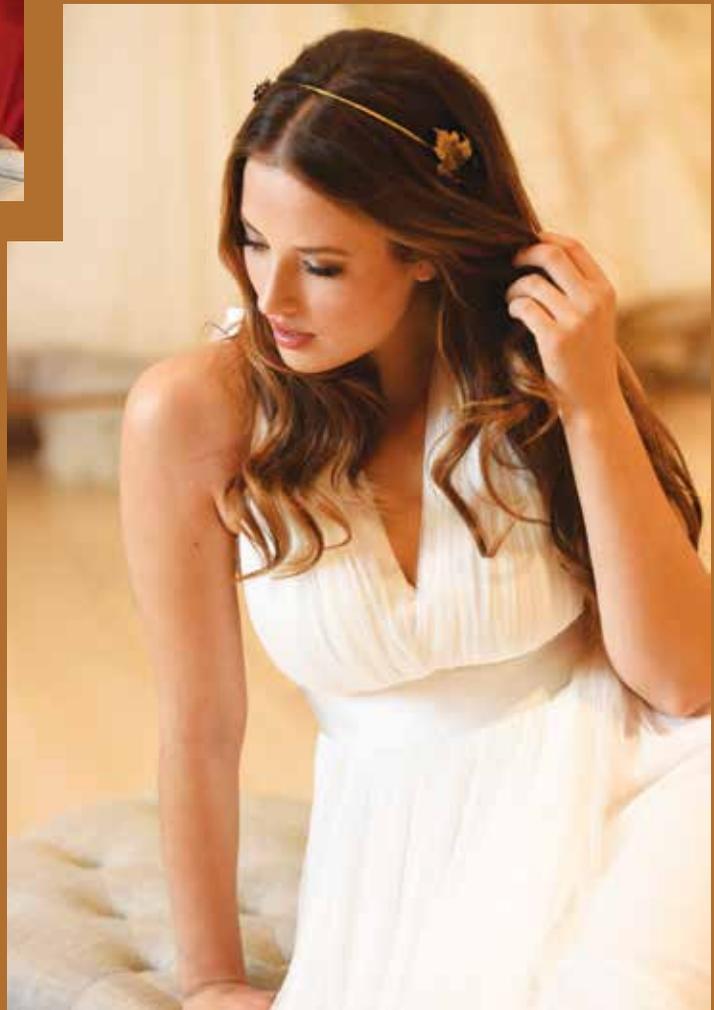
▶ GRECIAN GODDESS

The simple folds on this elegant, flowing floor length gown will lend an ethereal feel to your look on the Big Day. Perfect when teamed with jewelled flip flops, you'll feel cool and confident for your beachfront ceremony.

Dress: Lanvin

Shrug: &FOR LOVE

Flip flops: Sergio Rossi

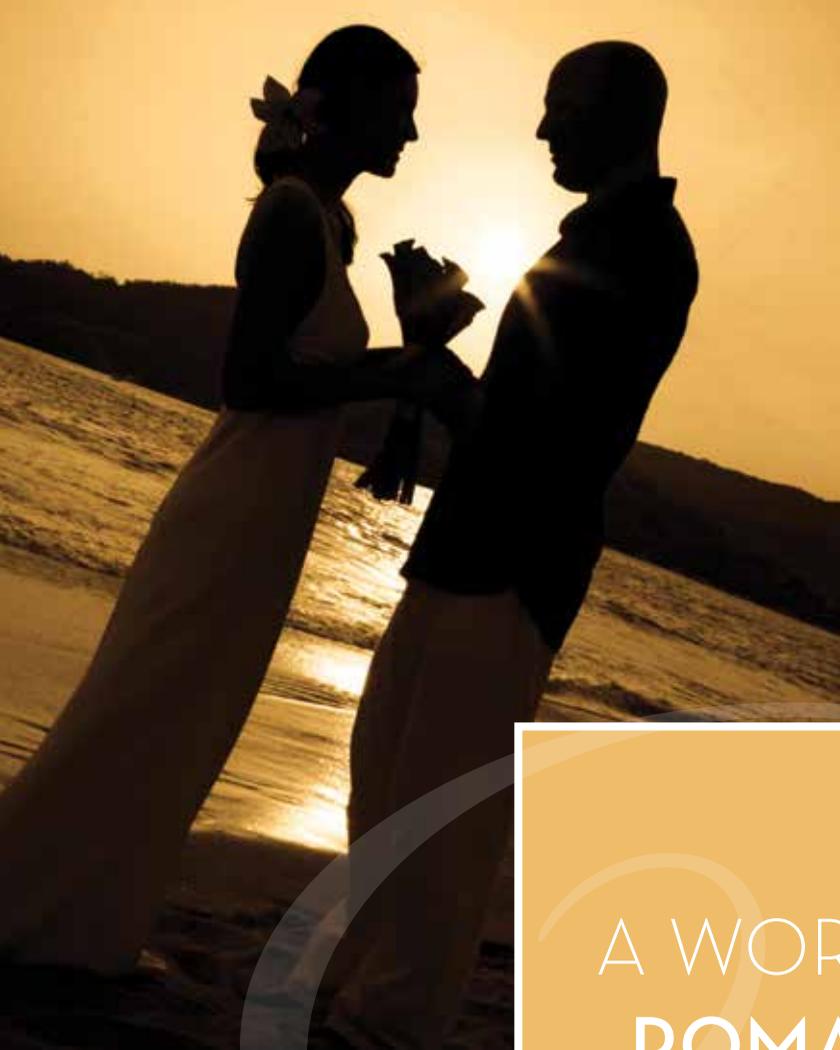




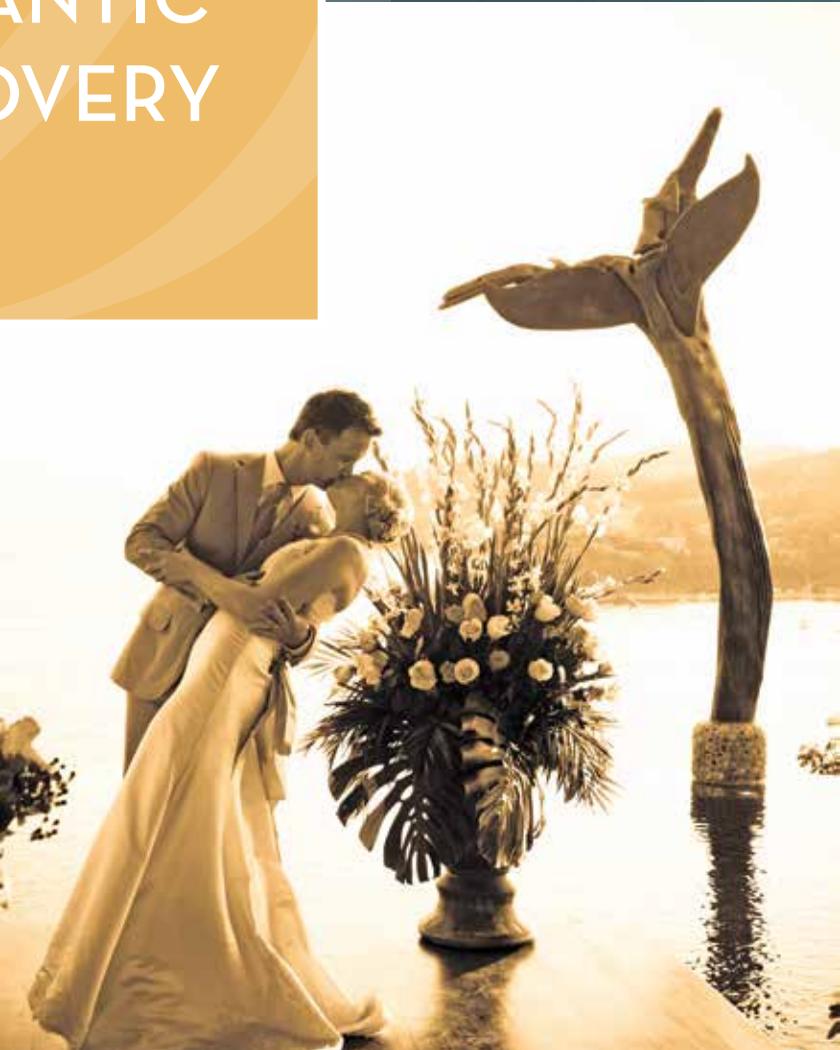




All these gowns and accessories can be found at Kleinfeld Hudson's Bay.



A WORLD OF
ROMANTIC
DISCOVERY



Ixtapa Zihuatanejo 

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When you're in love, paradise is everywhere you go together. However, a celebration of your commitment in Ixtapa - Zihuatanejo will bring a whole new meaning to your union. Step into a wonderful world filled with beautiful sights and attractions all set against the breathtaking splendour of the Pacific Ocean.

Marriage is a big step in many couples lives, and for this unforgettable occasion, there is no better option than a blissful wedding nestled within the abundant natural beauty, pristine beaches and lush scenery of Ixtapa - Zihuatanejo's coastline.

Ever imagine exchanging vows on a beach to the soundtrack of the waves backed by a beautiful sunset? Dream no more and indulge in a stunning reception overlooking the beautiful beaches of Zihuatanejo, or an elegant affair in one of Ixtapa's magnificent oceanfront resorts.

Blending a perfect balance of romance and glamour with simple serenity, Ixtapa - Zihuatanejo is, for many people, a place to rest and relax, and get inspired.

There are a number of must-see natural and cultural attractions in the region, ideal for honeymoon travel and post-wedding exploration, while the wonderful weather makes it the perfect destination to enjoy special moments with your sweetheart, and fall head over heels in paradise.

Ask your travel agent or visit weddingvacations.com for more inspiration on this destination.

Discover



There are a variety of ways that you can personalize the extra touches, souvenirs, and gifts for your wedding day and make it a truly memorable event that says something about you as a couple. Here are a few of our favourite new trends when it's comes to personalizing your Big Day.

Make your invitations useful, map it!

Your wedding invitation is your first opportunity to tell people about your plans for the day, so make it count! Think outside the box. You may have guests flying in that don't know the destination you are marrying in. You could create an area map that shows where every event regarding your wedding will be so they don't feel completely lost when they arrive.

You can also point out places that your guests might want to visit while attending your destination wedding. From top restaurants, bars, hotels you recommend, (ranging from affordable to 5-star luxury) popular beaches and must-see attractions, plus anything else that may help your guests explore your wedding destination with ease and understand how they can combine attending your wedding with a vacation of their own.



By Natasha Jervis Lees

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Personalize Your Favours

Whether you choose a message in a bottle with a big thank you from you and your husband, personalize a sand dollar coaster, or place a photo of the two of you and your wedding date in two mini Adirondack chairs, the ideas for a memorable gift to remind your guests of the day they shared with you are endless.

Customized Toiletry Kits

Why not spoil your wedding guests with a toiletry kit that includes items that they can use in the wedding destination. You can place your name and wedding date on sunscreen, shampoos, conditioners, toothpaste and more so they're likely to remember their trip away with you on their next getaway too!

For the Kids

Don't forget the junior travellers. We love the idea of a personalized pail and shovel that they can use at the beach after the ceremony is over. The bride and groom can place their wedding date and names on the bottom of the pail and print the child's name on the side with a cool design.

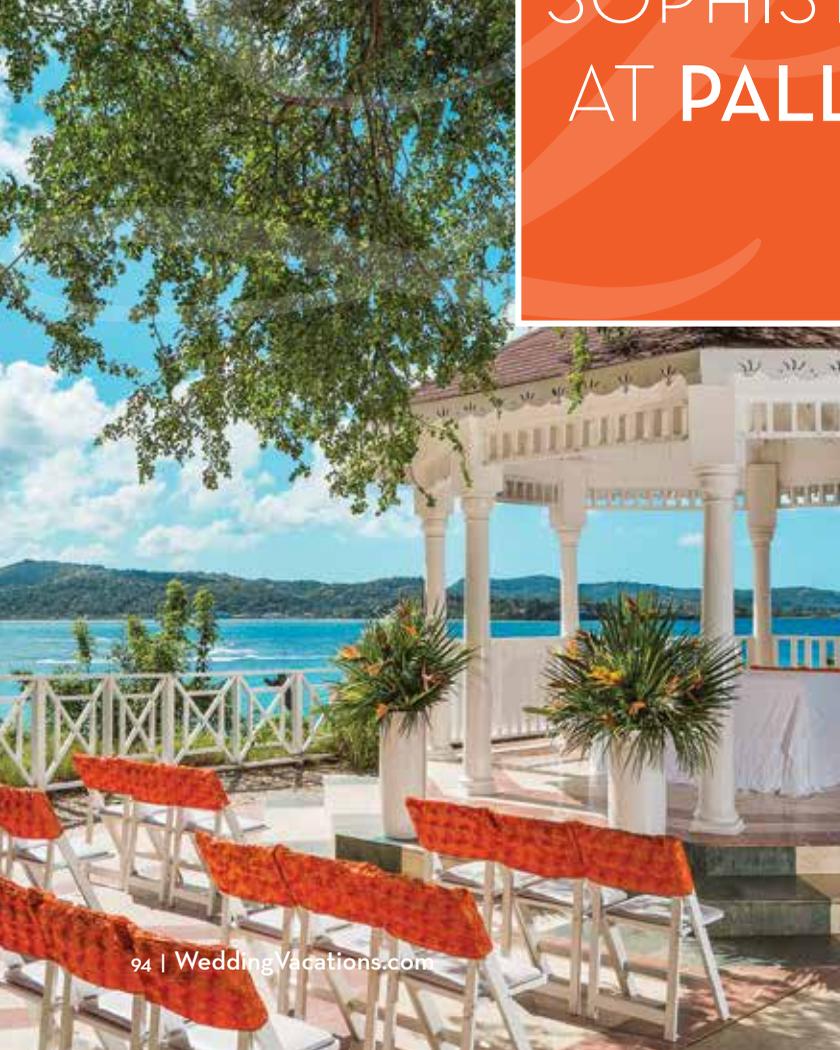
It's Your Honeymoon

It doesn't all just have to be about the Big Day, why not personalize your honeymoon too? From monogrammed sunglasses to Mr. and Mrs. T-shirts and embroidered robes with your initials, you can carry the memory of your wedding day with you everywhere.





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Imagine saying, "I do" along the sugary white shores of the Caribbean where a warm and gentle breeze rustles the palm trees. The wedding of your dreams is within reach at the all inclusive 5-star Palladium Hotels & Resorts.

For the savvy bride who envisions a cosmopolitan experience in a tropical locale, Palladium has partnered with Karen Bussen, one of Manhattan's leading wedding consultants to create the Simple Stunning Wedding package series exclusive to Grand Palladium Resorts. Choose from refined and sophisticated options that will allow a customized celebration that reflects your unique style.

Enjoy the natural splendour of Palladium's locations. Exchange your vows on a romantic clifftop gazebo surrounded by palm trees and lush tropical gardens overlooking the sea, or come together in a romantic union on one of their beautiful beaches, which offer the perfect scenery under the sun, or start your married lives at one of the quaint wedding chapels on site at Palladium's resorts in Mexico.

Whatever your style, taste and budget, Palladium Resorts can transform your wedding vision into a reality that will surpass all your expectations.

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KAREN BUSSEN
simple stunning weddings

Los Cabos, Mexico
Outback Camel Safari



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ADVENTURES
FOR THE **WHOLE**
WEDDING PARTY!

What could be more romantic or epic than a desert adventure à la “Lawrence of Arabia”? Explore the heart of Mexico’s Baja Desert on a 4WD truck, followed by a camel ride on the beach to take in the beautiful Baja peninsula coastline. After a stroll along the rugged shores, visit a local ranch where you can sample authentic Mexican food such as handmade tortillas, beans and salsas, and taste local tequila. While you eat, you may catch a humpback whale passing by in the ocean during the months between December and April.

Excursions are a great way to discover a new culture, history and landscape of your destination. It is also an opportunity to create long-lasting memories with your friends and family and to explore all your destination has to offer in terms of sun, sand, surf and sights. While excursions provide the perfect excuse for you and your sweetie to sneak away for some time alone, another popular trend gaining in popularity is the “Thank You” group excursion, which gives the happy couple the chance to reward their guests by treating them to an exciting and fulfilling experience in destination. Consider taking your bridal party or groomsmen for a night out on the town or on an exhilarating tour on land or in the water. If the whole extended family is in tow, there are plenty of high-energy adventures and laid-back sojourns that will please everyone, from small cousins to grandparents.

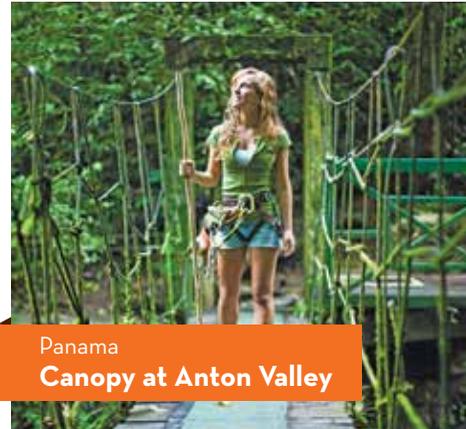
Check out our top picks for excursions across Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. Whether you’re looking to sneak away for some pre-wedding day fun with your sweetheart, or searching for inspiration for excursions to gift your wedding party and group, there are thrills and chills that will make for an unforgettable experience during your wedding vacation.

ALLURING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUPLES



Curaçao
Scuba Diving

If you’ve always wanted to experience unparalleled adventure and discover an underwater eco-system teeming with aquatic critters, an opportunity to dive the waters of Curaçao is not to be missed. Under the waves, this is where it starts. Get your scuba diving certificate with an open water course from an experienced and knowledgeable instructor, then go on to discover the wonders of the aquatic world.



Panama
Canopy at Anton Valley

The Canopy Tour is definitely one of the best ways to appreciate the natural paradise with your sweetheart. Displaying a vibrant diversity of flora and fauna, Anton Valley is an eco-tourist’s dream, and what better way to experience its beauty than flying through the treetops? Soar over its magnificent landscapes, from the top of a hill to the top of a huge tree, or swinging from a tree to another tree, you won’t want to miss this wonderful adventure!

X marks all the
best spots

WEDDING “PARTY” PICKS



Santiago de Cuba, Cuba
**Caribbean & Mountain
Jeep Safari**

This two-day excursion takes you to the second largest city in Cuba. Get behind the wheel of a 4x4 Jeep and discover breathtaking scenery as you climb the highest summit in Cuba's Sierra Maestra mountain range and enjoy a delicious lunch alfresco. Your second day starts with a sumptuous breakfast, which you'll need in order to climb the Turquino summit at Sierra Maestra National Park, before hopping in your Jeep and heading back to your hotel.



Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
Extreme Adventure

When it comes to excitement and adrenaline, this tour offers the most activities packed into one fun-filled day of adventure. Feel the need for speed as you soar through the treetops on a series of zip lines, including Mexico's longest and fastest, and rappel down waterfalls, traverse jungle bridges and finally splash into natural river pools. You can also enjoy an exhilarating off road ride in a Polaris® ATV through the Sierra Madre Mountains!



Cancun, Mexico
Coco Bongo

Enjoy a sparkling night of fun and high energy party at Coco Bongo! This night club, famous for its great music and the best shows in the area, offers nightly live entertainment with more bells and whistles than you can even imagine! Featuring a world-famous show with over 40 performers on stage, Coco Bongo is a real party arena with an incredible spectacle that will have you singing and dancing with the acts all night. So go ahead, and join the Coco Bongo party!



La Ceiba, Honduras
White Water Rafting

For wedding parties who are looking for some high-octane adventure, white water rafting fits the bill. Test your courage and challenge your skills as you battle the rapids of the Cangrejal River through stunning mountain scenery in Pico Bonito National Park. As a technical river with lots of challenging rapids, the Cangrejal River is one of the best rivers to raft in Central America. No experience? No problem - NexusTours' skilled and knowledgeable guides will steer you through rapids and over the falls.





Experience adventure at this fantastic eco-park as you and the wedding party drive a shared ATV through lush vegetation and sand dunes, fly through the air on a zip-line and discover the beauty of swimming in a Mayan cenote.

GROUPS GALORE



Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
Side by Side

Experience rip-roaring fun and discover Punta Cana on board a modern off-road Club Car 4x4 buggy. With stops to visit one of the most beautiful ecological reserves in the Caribbean, swim in a crystal-clear lagoon and relax on a pristine beach, this is a fantastic way to spend a day with your loved ones in Punta Cana.



Los Cabos, Mexico
Luxury Sunset Sailing

Kick back and relax on board a spectacular Beneteau Cyclades 52' sailboat and sail to the light of a technicolour sunset while enjoying five-star service on this luxurious experience. Enjoy an array of drinks from the open bar and freshly-prepared appetizers as you take in the stunning sunset over the bay of Los Cabos where you'll sail along the shoreline towards the Cabo lighthouse. If you're looking for an opportunity to create unforgettable memories, this excursion is the ticket.



Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
Rhythms of the Night

As night falls, the secluded cove of Las Caletas transforms into a magical paradise, the ultimate backdrop for The Rhythms of the Night, an amazing voyage that will transport you and your group to a mystical land that time forgot. Watch the city lights in the distance on board a short Pacific sunset cruise across Banderas Bay to the private isolated cove. An intimate candlelit dinner under the stars provides the perfect ambiance for leisurely conversation with your group. The beat of the drum calls you to the outdoor amphitheatre to be mesmerized by a spectacular dance show that transports you through time with stories of ancient civilizations. 🎭



Paradise

Mexico's Riviera Maya offers the perfect location for a beach wedding or honeymoon of your dreams. From a barefoot cabana hotel to an extravagant all inclusive resort, there are plenty of refined and sophisticated or laid-back and sand-swept venues to host one of the greatest milestones of your life.

Stretching 120 km along the east coast of the Yucatan Peninsula, Riviera Maya offers several idyllic and pristine settings that are perfect for all tastes:

- **Playa Paraiso** is an intimate escape for honeymooners thanks to its spectacular, pearly-white beach surrounded by coconut palms and a lush tropical forest.

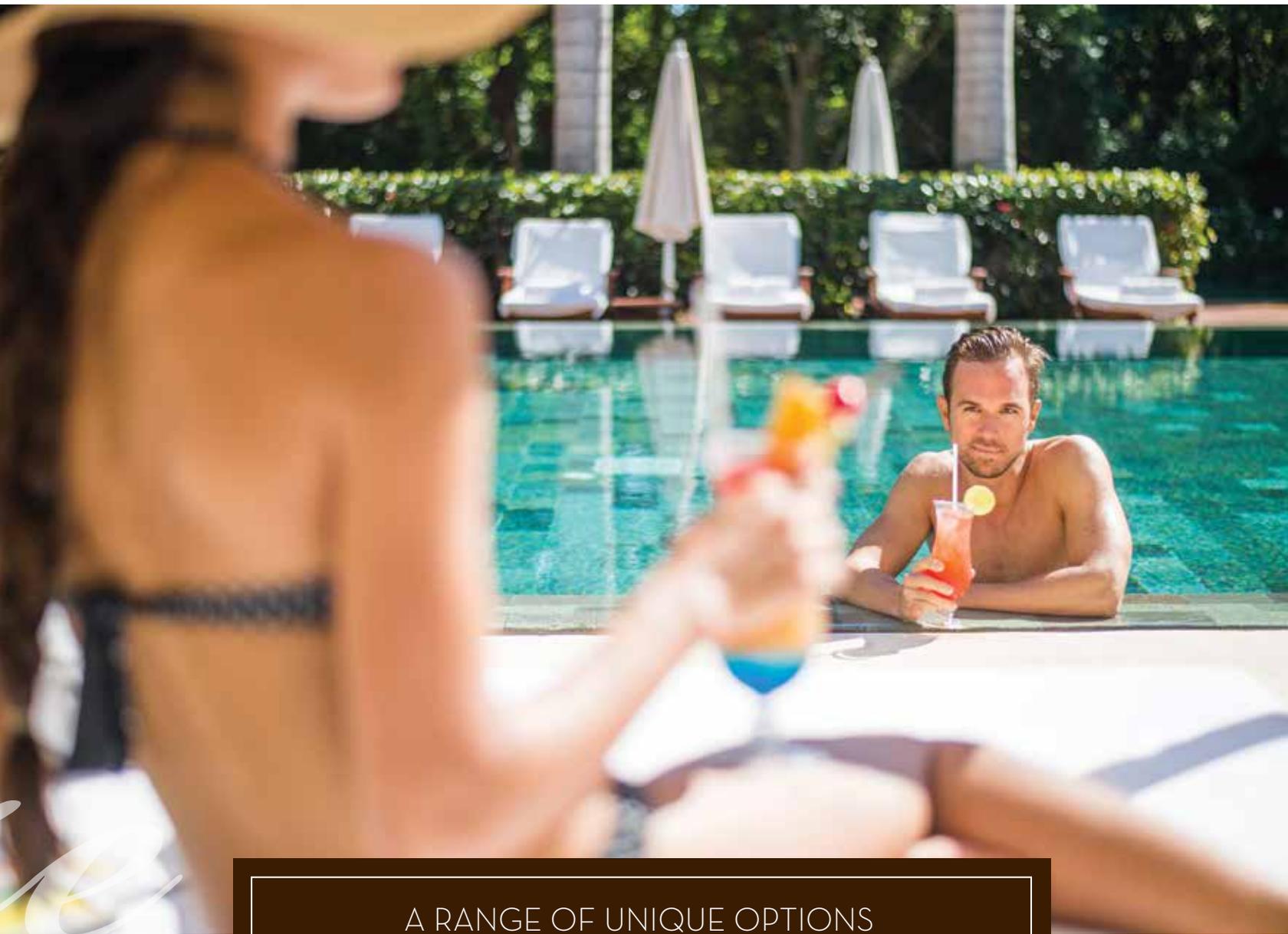
- **Playa del Carmen** is the region's main city offering just about every activity from lying on the beach to shopping, dining and dancing along its famous 5th Avenue.

- **Playacar** is just south of Playa del Carmen and offers secluded beaches, private villas and luxury all inclusive resorts.

- Those seeking relaxation in a charming atmosphere should head to **Akumal**, where the clarity of its warm waters invite snorkellers and scuba divers to explore a vibrant underwater world.

- **Tulum** is an ideal spot to relax and take in the laid-back atmosphere, where breathtaking Mayan ruins perched on a cliff top can offer a breathtaking backdrop for wedding photos.

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A RANGE OF UNIQUE OPTIONS
FOR ROMANCE IN **RIVIERA MAYA**





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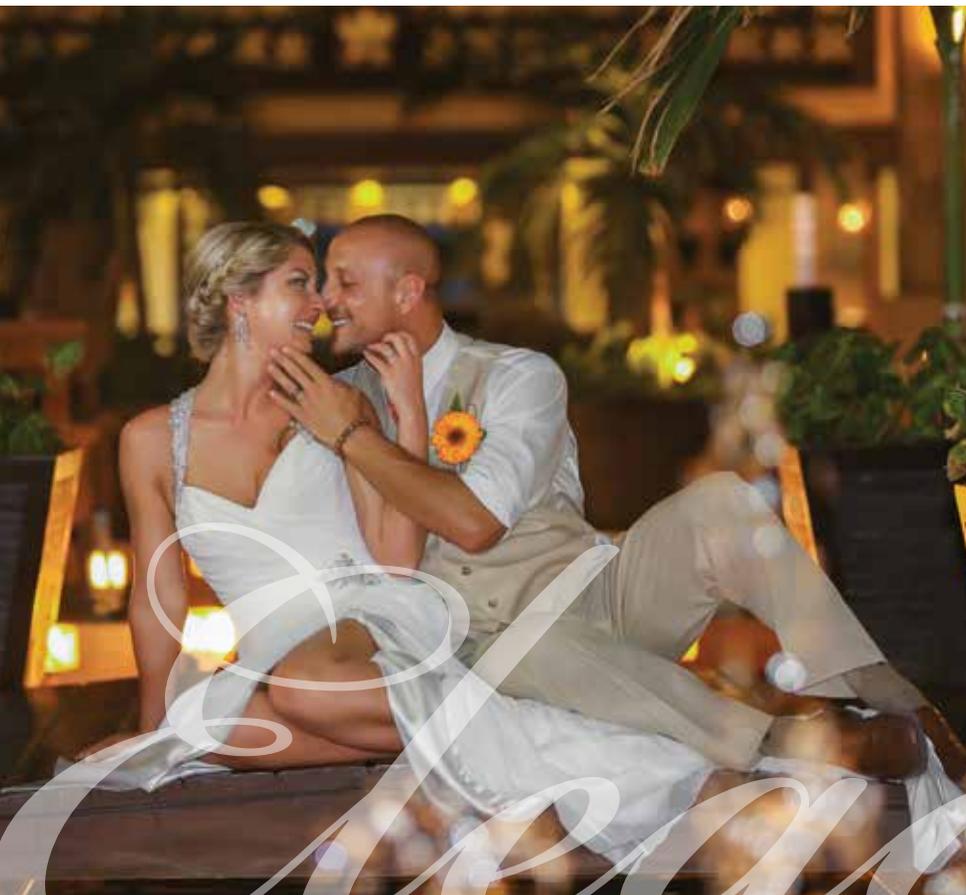
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REAL WEDDINGS JEROME & LYNN

Lynn and Jerome met on a night out on the town. Lynn, a high school teacher, and Jerome, a server, met at the bar where Jerome worked, in Burlington, Ontario. Lynn was out with her girlfriends and recalls their first encounter, "I was attracted to his sense of humour from the very start. His gorgeous eyes, stunning pearly whites, and his attention to detail won me over as well. It was obvious that we had so much in common from the moment we spoke."

Jerome remembers, "I was certainly attracted to her physical appearance when I first laid my eyes on her. But when we began to talk, I discovered she was passionate about so many topics that I was intrigued. The most important thing I realized was how beautiful she was on the inside as well as the outside...I knew I couldn't let her go!"

Jerome proposed to Lynn on a gondola in Venice in 2014. They had planned a two-week holiday and Venice was their first stop before taking a Mediterranean cruise to end their trip in Jerome's hometown of Paris. Jerome knew he wanted to take Lynn to his birthplace as his fiancée and so, just two hours into the vacation - for fear that he would lose the ring - he hastily convinced Lynn to hop on a gondola so he could pop the question!



A breathtaking Big Day

Lynn and Jerome were married in July 2015 at the Dreams Riviera Cancun Resort & Spa in Puerto Morelos, Mexico. The ceremony took place under a bamboo arch decorated with warm shades of orange and persimmon in the company of 34 of their closest family and friends. As Jerome started to recite his vows, Lynn remembers all the guests in tears. "His words were so touching that not one of our guests could hold back their emotions, myself included."

As Lynn thinks back to her Big Day, she recalls how unexpected it was for her father to be filled with so much emotion, especially when he gave her away to her new husband. "He

had a very difficult time containing his emotions during the entire ceremony."

Jerome's most memorable moments were when he got to kiss his new wife and seeing her in her bridal gown, "She was absolutely breathtaking." His most unexpected moment of the day was noticing his last name was spelt incorrectly on the wedding certificate!

The ceremony was followed by an elegant beachside reception where the two shared their first dance to Snow Hill's *Be My Baby*.

Lynn and Jerome hope to go on their honeymoon sometime in 2016.

REAL WEDDINGS
JEROME & LYNN





REAL WEDDINGS
JEROME & LYNN

OLD | NEW | BORROWED | BLUE

What was old? Lynn wore her grandmother's engagement ring and wedding band.

What was new? Lynn's wedding gown, stilettos, hairpiece and earrings.

What was borrowed? Lynn wore the same garter belt her mother wore on her own wedding day, exactly 48 years ago.

What was blue? The garter belt.

Lidia Grosso Photography



GET THEIR LOOK

Lynn's gown: Delanie gown by Sottero and Midgley.

Lynn's shoes: Steven Madden stilettos.

Jerome's outfit: Tuxedo rental from Moores Men's Clothing.

Bridesmaids dresses: Alfred Angelo in the colour persimmon.

Groomsmen attire: Tuxedo rentals from Moores Men's Clothing.

Jewellery: A hairpiece made with Swarovski crystals.

Types of rings: Lynn was wearing an emerald cut diamond engagement ring and was given two yellow gold wedding bands made by JB Jewellers in Hanmer. Jerome's ring is made of Tungsten and includes three diamonds.

Hair and makeup: Beauty spa at the Dreams Riviera Cancun Resort & Spa.

Photographer: Lidia Grosso Photography.

Wedding favours: Piñata filled with candies.

Welcome gifts: A pair of flip-flops to change into for the reception, and a tequila bottle decorated with a sombrero.



TIPS FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

- Do not let people from the outside ruin your day. Do what you want to do.



To start planning a picture-perfect celebration like this, contact your travel agent or connect with an experienced wedding consultant at weddingvacations.com - your inspiration for destination weddings & honeymoons. *W*



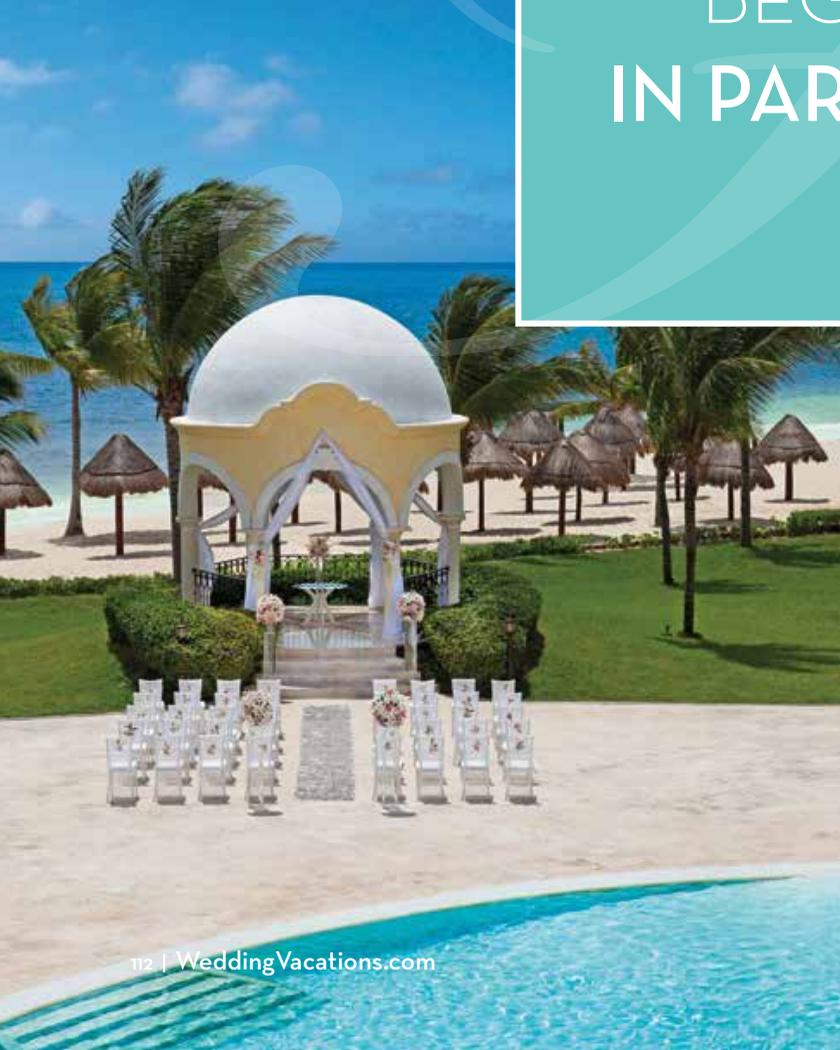
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RIU offers three wedding packages across all hotels and resorts in the Caribbean and Mexico, as well as a free wedding package at select resorts. Here are just a few highlights of our stunning wedding offers to help you select just the right ambiance for your perfect celebration. RIU Hotels & Resorts are exclusively offered by Signature Vacations.

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For those who want a beautiful wedding within a modest budget, the RIU free wedding package will fit the bill. This wedding package offers you access to a wedding coordinator who will assist you every step of the way leading up to your special day. In addition to decoration set-up for the wedding ceremony, couples will get a bridal bouquet and a matching boutonniere for the groom, music during the ceremony, and a semi-private dinner for the couple and 10 guests at one of the specialty restaurants. Brides and grooms can enjoy a spa surprise gift, their wedding cake to share with 10 guests, sparkling wine for 10 guests (during the main toast), a special decoration in the couple's room, as well as a 10% discount on all spa treatments for the couple and their wedding guests. Please note that some restrictions apply, and features are available at select destinations only.

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RIU's Classic Wedding package has the perfect ingredients for a simple, yet elegant wedding in utopia. Complete with a RIU wedding coordinator on location to assist with the planning of your special day, and all the elements necessary for an unforgettable ceremony, this package offers romantic and intimate ways in which to start your lives together. With the RIU Classic Wedding package, the bride and groom will enjoy all the perks of the Free Wedding package, as well as a minister or judge service, a wedding certificate, and a witness (if required), to make the union official.

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By Rachel Gold



In conversation with...

PURE MAGNOLIA BRIDAL

By Natasha Rajamani

Evoking the splendour of British Columbia's legendary landscapes; Pure Magnolia gowns are airy and whimsical as much as they are feminine and timeless. Founded by designer Patty Nayel, Pure Magnolia Bridal fashions custom-made, eco-friendly dresses which are made to order from its North Vancouver boutique. From European laces Indian silks and organic cottons to vintage and recycled fabrics, Nayel creates dresses that are chic and modern, with a 'green' twist. The boutique also remakes vintage heirloom dresses. We spoke to Patty to find out more about what makes a Pure Magnolia bride.



Describe the type of bride who shops at Pure Magnolia.

“Pure Magnolia brides love simple beauty; they don’t want to be overdressed or uncomfortable on their wedding day. They want an elegant look without all the fuss.”

What differentiates Pure Magnolia dresses from other brands?

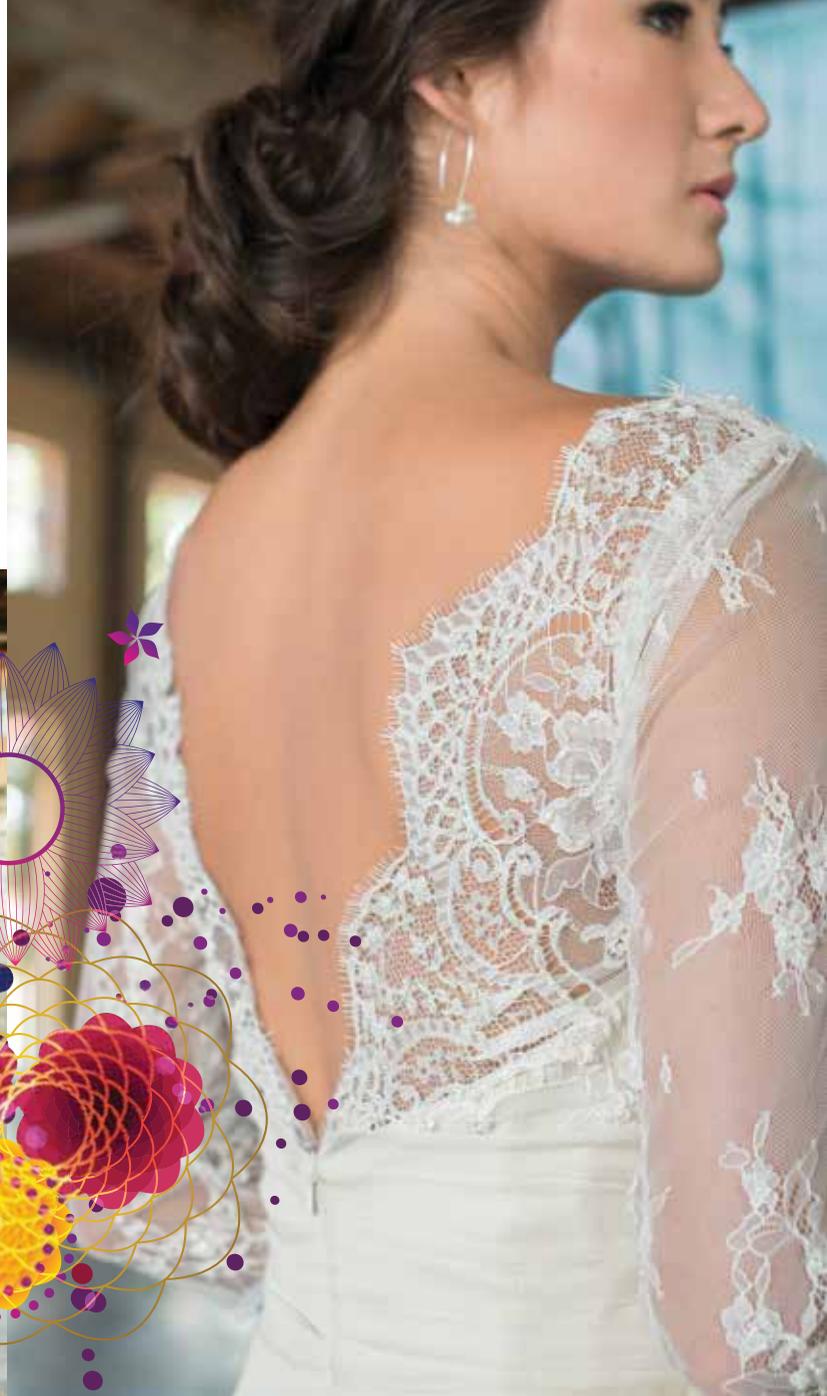
“Pure Magnolia is an eco-conscious brand, which means we work with sustainable fabrics and make everything here in our North Vancouver studio. Each dress is made to order (rather than mass produced) so we only make as many as we need. Since we do make them one at a time, it is very simple for us to customize each dress, [ensuring that] every bride gets her perfect [gown].”





What type of dress would you recommend for a destination wedding?

“Destination brides should definitely think of weight and breathability when they are shopping for a dress. Being cocooned in polyester is not going to be comfortable [in the heat], but choosing a lightweight cotton or silk dress is going to keep you comfortable and fresh all day. Something with a long skirt but a revealing top is always beautiful for a destination wedding.”



What are some tips for destination brides choosing a dress?

“When shopping for a dress, make sure you consider your venue. Is it going to be on a beach? Will there be a breeze? You will need to choose fabrics accordingly. Sometimes long trains are not the best option for destination brides. Keep in mind what you will be walking over and what the aisle will be made of.”



What are the upcoming trends in bridal fashion you see for the upcoming season?

“We are loving long veils right now! A little lace trim on the end is just the perfect touch [of femininity] for any bride. Accessories like flower crowns [or] hair vines are something easily carried over from summer to winter, as well. For dresses, we are seeing a lot of lace, chiffon and tulle this winter.”

Why is it important to have sustainable wedding dresses on the market?

“It is getting more and more important to give a ‘green’ option to consumers; they are buying organic produce, recycled paper; they definitely need to have that option of getting a sustainable dress!”

We love that you have coloured dresses and separate pieces. Tell us a little bit about breaking away from the traditional white gown.

“Colour is such an amazing way for brides to express themselves. Our printed dresses are right on trend within the bridal world, yet are still elegant and evoke that traditional “bridal” feel. It is often hard to balance a little bit of colour while still looking like a wedding dress, but we’ve definitely hit the mark!”





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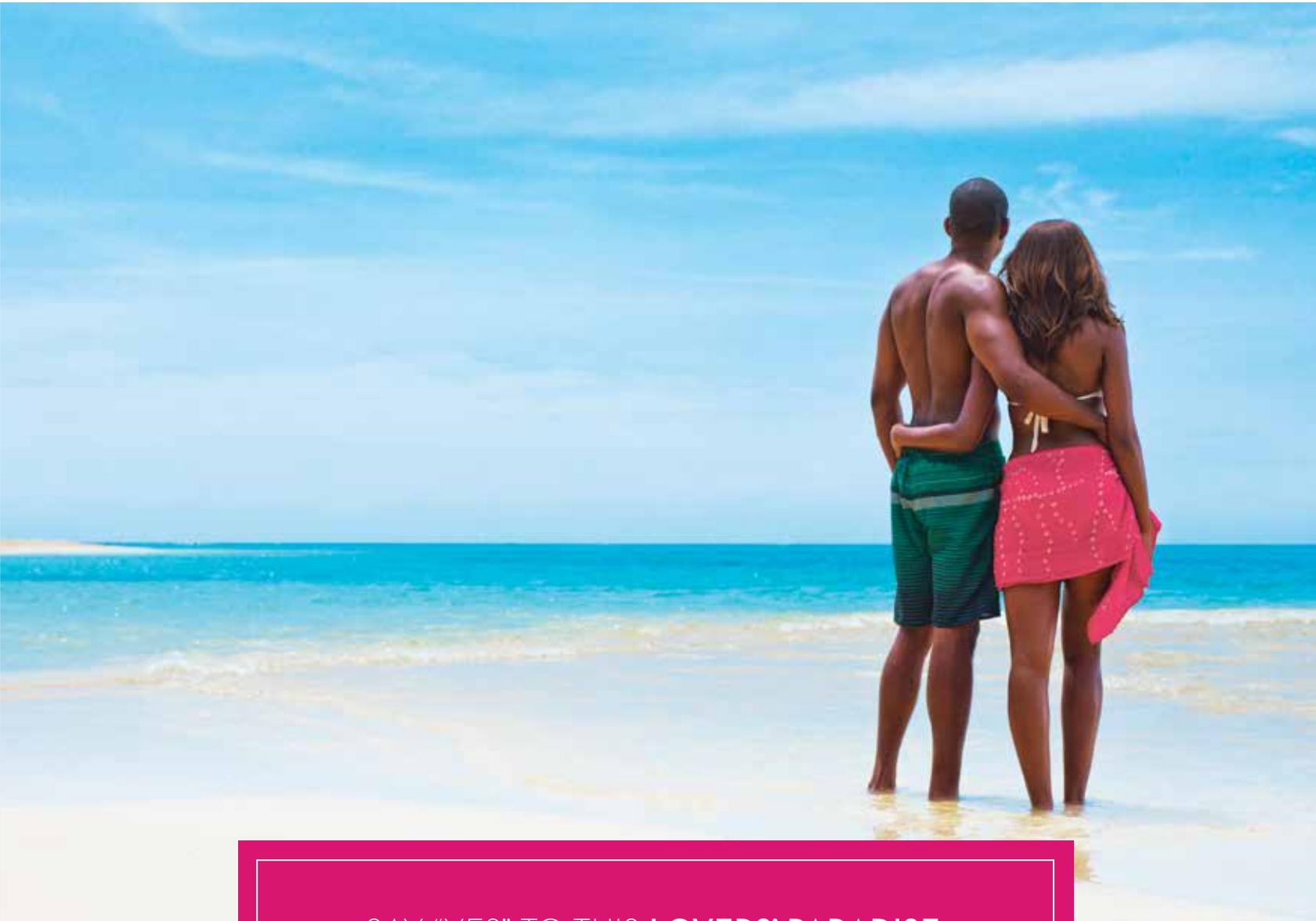
Jamaica is one of the most romantic and vibrant islands in the Caribbean. Full of delights from across the spectrum, the island boasts a number of sights known for their beauty, high romance quotient and “wow” factor. Offering an eclectic mix of landscapes that infuses the right amount of uniqueness and creativity into any destination wedding, Jamaica is the quintessential go-to when tying the knot in a tropical setting.

Runaway Bay and **Ocho Rios** are both situated in Saint Ann Parish on Jamaica’s northern coast. Beyond the ever-popular tourist attraction, Dunn’s River Falls, the area boasts winding white-sand beaches, hundreds of species of flora and fauna, and is considered one of the most naturally-beautiful places on the island.

Always a popular choice, **Montego Bay**, is the capital of the parish of St. James and the fourth most populous city in Jamaica. From a photographic point of view, MoBay (as it is affectionately known) is dotted liberally with colonial buildings – the perfect settings for post-ceremony snaps. It’s also backed by rolling, low mountains, which often produce dramatic-looking cloud formations in contrast with the sun-kissed beaches.

Negril’s beaches are regularly rated among some of the best in the world. With unobstructed views of the horizon, the dazzling sunsets offer the perfect light for the end (or start) of seaside nuptials. For gorgeous pictures, travel along Lighthouse Road for some shots near the lighthouse and the dramatic cliffs it protects.

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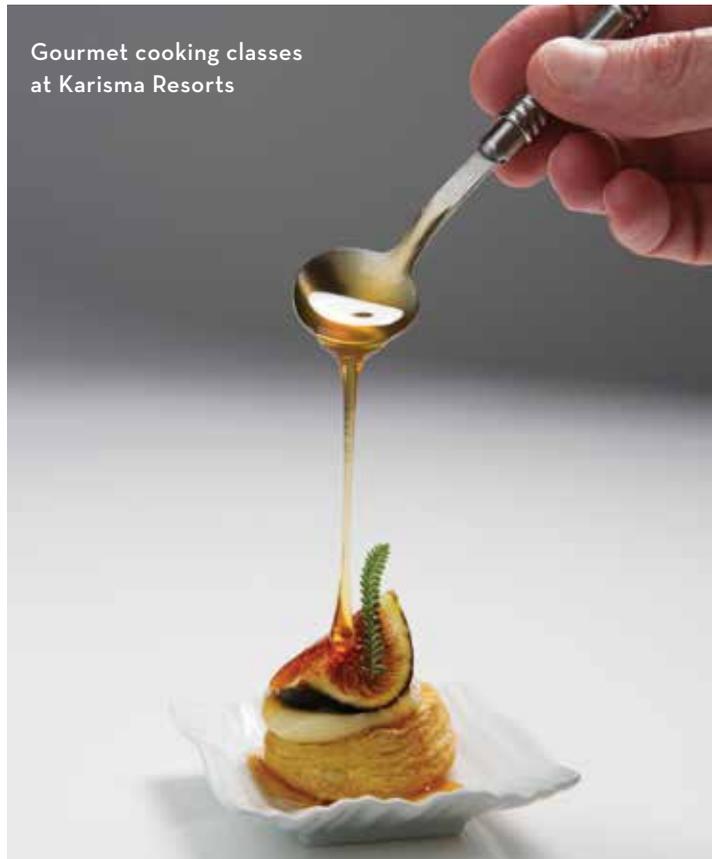
By Rachel Goldrick

Zen restaurant at Royalton Riviera Cancun.



Taking a honeymoon in the tropics is something most newlyweds long for, but what if you're looking for more than white sands and sparkling seas? Here are our pick of five of the best tropical honeymoons with a little extra besides; whether it's world-class dining, off-the-beaten-track eco tours or state-of-the-art sport facilities, we've got inspiration for you.

Gourmet cooking classes at Karisma Resorts



Ultimate Gastronomy

Couples in search of top dining are sure to appreciate the generous All-In Luxury™ experience at Royalton Resorts where they can eat their way through a smorgasbord of world-class dishes during their stay. From experiencing live Teppanyaki displays at Zen restaurant in Royalton Riviera Cancun, to savouring the finest in Mesoamerican cuisine at Cantina Mexicana at Royalton Punta Cana, there's plenty of inspiration for romantic dining.

Or, newlyweds keen to get hands on in the kitchen may like to take advantage of Signature Vacations' new Culinary Collection offered in association with Karisma Resorts whose stylish hotels are located along Mexico's legendary Riviera Maya. Together with specialty first-class restaurants, in-room dining options and premium cocktails, guests also get to take part in cooking classes, pick herbs in the on-site greenhouse and enjoy tequila and mezcal tastings. Bon appétit!

Ultimate Exploration

Costa Rica may account for just 0.03% of the world's surface area, yet it boasts 6% of its biodiversity, making this diminutive Central American country the perfect backdrop for a honeymoon packed with adventure and discovery. Signature Vacations' Off the Beaten Path program allows you combine a stay at one of the country's finest all inclusive resorts - take a look at Riu Palace Costa Rica, or maybe the Barcelo Langosta Beach - with some breathtaking natural adventures. Over 850 different bird species will provide the soundtrack as you trek through wetlands and mangroves that are home to thousands of plant varieties; many endemic to the region. Meanwhile explorations of dormant volcano valleys and lush rainforest may bring you up close with some of Costa Rica's rare fauna - from brightly-coloured tree frogs to white-headed capuchin monkeys.



Royalton Cayo Santa Maria

Ultimate Escape

Voted the number one all inclusive resort in the world by TripAdvisor® during the 2014 Travellers' Choice Awards, it's hard to think of a better beach haven where couples can truly unwind than Royalton Cayo Santa Maria. Set on the diminutive Cuban islet of Cayo Santa Maria (now connected to the main island via a road bridge) which lies within the Buenavista Biosphere Reserve, this adults only resort enjoys an idyllic setting on a white-sand beach front lapped by turquoise waters.

Couples are welcomed with cocktails upon arrival and looked after by butlers 24 hours a day. The lagoon-like pool area is dotted with elegant cabanas shaded with flowing white drapes to relax in. Dining options are varied across six restaurants and bars and 'round the clock, complimentary room service could also be perfect for romantic dinner for two.



Escape

Ultimate Activity

Couples that play together, stay together. For newlyweds who would much rather be pitting their wits against each other during a game of tennis than taking long walks on the beach, Jewel Paradise Cove Resort in Jamaica could be the perfect choice. Guests can choose from a long list of all-day fun in the sun activities such as reggae dance lessons, tag football, yoga, beach cricket and nature trail hikes. Also on offer are an enhanced aquatic sports centre, fitness centre and full service spa together with a 10 station paracourse fitness trail that winds throughout the property. Guests can also take advantage of complimentary green fees at the neighbouring Runaway Bay Golf Club.



Zoëtry Paraiso de la Bonita Resort

Runaway Bay Golf Club



Ultimate Serenity

A honeymoon isn't complete without a little pampering and time put aside for rejuvenation. Honeymooners seeking absolute relaxation and tranquility will enjoy a stay at the Zoëtry Paraiso de la Bonita Resort in the Riviera Maya where they can experience the Sanitas per Aqua (meaning 'to heal through water') treatment at the award-winning Thalasso Centre and spa. Newlyweds can also unwind after all the stress of the preparations for their Big Day with ancient Mayan therapies, intimate couples massages and soothing facials to refresh the mind, body, and soul. 





TANTALIZING TROPICAL INSPIRATION

Located in some of the world's most romantic destinations, Breezes has created five new island-inspired wedding themes reflecting the breathtaking beauty and captivating colours of the natural surroundings. Delight in vibrant hues of native island flowers, the soft pale shades of fabulous sands and the deep romantic hues of the Caribbean Sea; these beautiful colour palettes will mirror how you feel about your special day and reflect the natural splendour of your chosen destination.

The choice is yours at Breezes Varadero by SuperClubs, where you can choose from three different packages, ranging from a complimentary option to enhanced packages. One of their knowledgeable wedding planners on site will attend to every detail of your wedding, ensuring a stress-free and enjoyable experience. Best of all, Breezes Resort & Spa is Super-Inclusive®, which means you're free to think only of each other and the love you share.

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REAL WEDDINGS STEPHANIE & ROCK

From the very first time they met, Stephanie and Rock knew there was chemistry. Stephanie, an administrative assistant, and Rock, who works on a local ferry service called Traversiers Bourbonnais, met through mutual friends. Stephanie said, "Initially, my best friend actually tried to set me up with Rock's brother, but we weren't interested in each other." Stephanie then remembers the moment she laid her eyes upon Rock, immediately finding herself attracted to his humour, good looks and gentle demeanour. Rock remembers when he met Stephanie and how he was attracted to her unique style, beauty and her amazing tattoos.

This no-fuss couple knew that they were committed, and didn't need a big proposal to prove it. Stephanie remembers, "It wasn't an extra special proposal as Rock knows I don't like surprises and big events... We knew we were going to be together from the first night [we met]... It was just a matter of when."



Christian Stern from Photoshop Caribe



Sherranie



REAL WEDDINGS
STEPHANIE & ROCK



Christian Stein from Photosop Caribe

Stephanie and Rock were talking with her parents when Rock casually mentioned that they should get married. It wasn't overly romantic, but it was direct and to the point, which is how Rock and Stephanie are. "I think Rock was relieved not to have to do a massive proposal," recalls Stephanie, "There is no need for that extra stress, and it was exactly what I wanted."



Unforgettable, memorable and fun

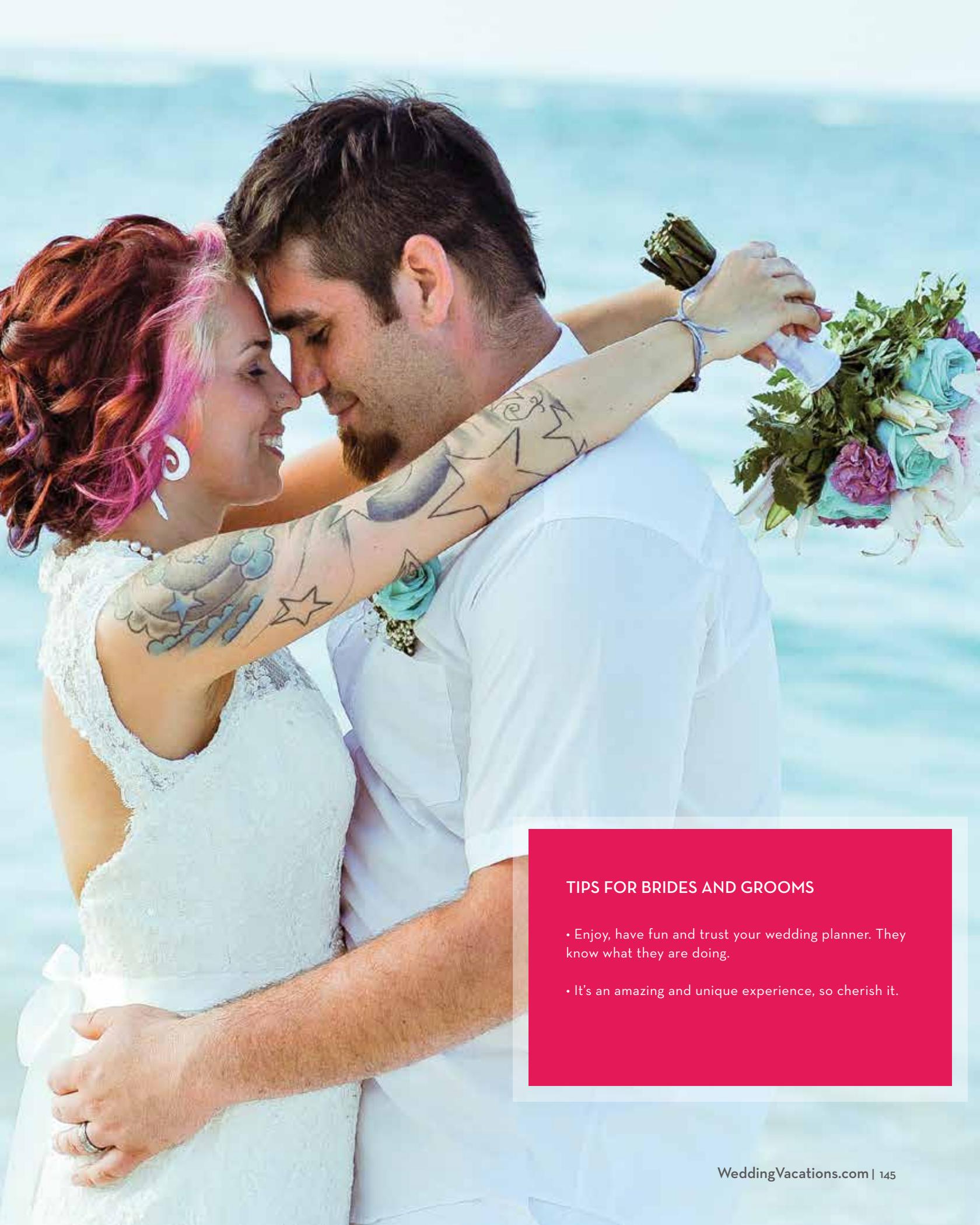
Stephanie and Rock were married in March 2014 in the beachfront gazebo at the Royalton Punta Cana Resort in Punta Cana. Accented with hints of lilac and blue, Stephanie and Rock were surrounded by 27 close family and friends, including their 11-month-old twin girls. When she thinks back to her Big Day, Stephanie recalls her most memorable moment as, “The way [Rock] looked at me as I stood in front of him. It was completely unexpected when [he] became emotional and began to tear up.” Likewise, Rock recounts how seeing Stephanie walk towards him couldn’t stop the tears from flowing, “She was breathtaking! I didn’t expect to start crying when she was in front of me.”

The celebrations continued with a reception at Bella Cucina’s Italian Restaurant at the Memories Splash Punta Cana Resort, situated next door. Guests enjoyed a live saxophonist performance during dinner, and the champagne flowed late into the night with a dance party featuring the biggest hits.

Stephanie and Rock loved Punta Cana so much that they made it their honeymoon destination as well!

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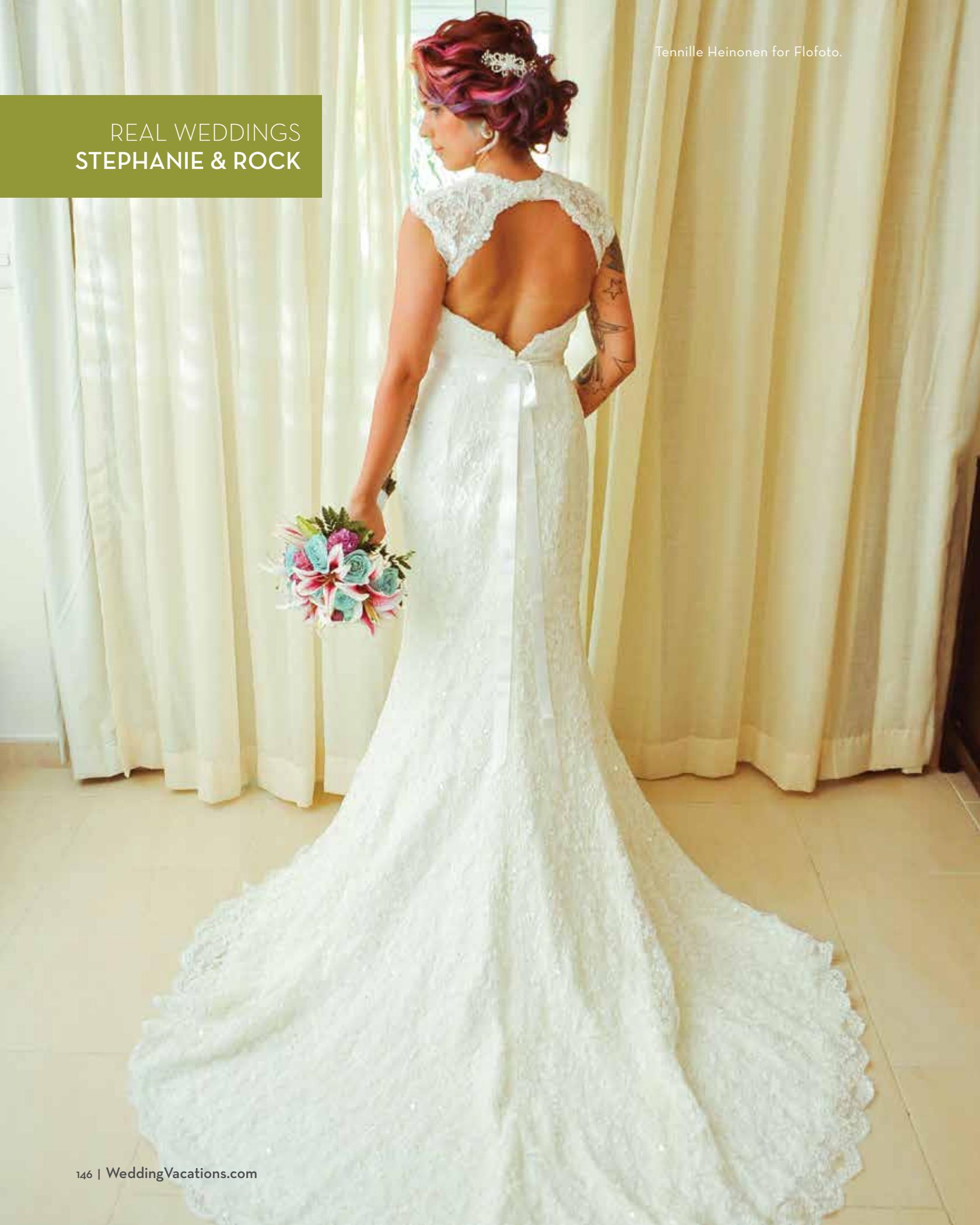




TIPS FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

- Enjoy, have fun and trust your wedding planner. They know what they are doing.
- It's an amazing and unique experience, so cherish it.

REAL WEDDINGS
STEPHANIE & ROCK





OLD | NEW | BORROWED | BLUE

What was old? The bride's ring that was given to her by her mother.

What was new? The dress and accessories.

What was borrowed? Oops! Nothing was borrowed.

What was blue? Some flowers in the bouquet, pieces of Stephanie's hair.... and the underwear! *M*

GET THEIR LOOK

Stephanie's gown: Open back, lace Sophia Tolli gown.

Stephanie's shoes: Sparkly shoes from Spring.

Rock's outfit: All white linen suit, Aubainerie.

Bridesmaids dresses: Ocean ombre dress, BCBG.

Groomsmen attire: All white linen suit, Aubainerie.

Jewellery: Pearl necklace that was a gift by her dad which he bought in Europe.

Types of rings: Stephanie -14k gold band; Rock - two-tone tungsten carbide.

Hair and makeup: Hair - Michele Amaya and Kait Tillaart; Stephanie did her own makeup.

Photographer: Christian Stern from Photoshop Caribe.

Welcome gifts for guests: Beach bags filled with magazines, lip balms, candy, chips, flip flops, sunscreen and gum...everything needed for a vacation getaway!







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If you wish to celebrate your wedding day in an exotic setting with a complete wedding service, Be Live Hotels in Punta Cana, Santo Domingo, La Romana, and the Be Live Collection Marien in Puerto Plata, offer exceptional facilities and amenities to create the wedding of your dreams.

- Offering a perfect combination of luxury with a laid-back vibe, Be Live Collection Punta Cana, located at Cabeza De Toro Beach, one of the most picturesque beaches in the Dominican Republic.
- For a wedding day that is unique, extraordinary and unforgettable, the Be Live Experience Hamaca is dedicated to one-of-a-kind celebrations embellished with plenty of character and style.
- Tropical palm trees and the Caribbean Sea meet in perfect harmony at Be Live Collection Canoa in La Romana where the setting, the music, the menus, and the bridal suite will exceed all your expectations for a perfect wedding day.
- Indulge in some R&R at Be Live Collection Marien, where pools, gardens, terraces and the marvellous Costa Dorada Beach provide the ideal setting surroundings for your ceremony.

All four deluxe properties offer a variety of packages to help you create a custom designed wedding that reflects your taste and style. What's more you can also take advantages of spa programs to get you ready for the Big Day. Complimentary wedding packages are available when you book a minimum of three rooms for seven nights or more.

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FALL 
in love
FOR COUPLES



If you had chosen to have your own destination wedding at Royalton Riviera Cancun Resort & Spa on November 9th this year, you would have been delighted with your wedding photos. That was the day we visited the resort for our cover shoot and found that the sight of the sunlight sparkling on the panoramic terraces and the beachfront palm trees swaying ever so gently in the tropical breeze got us all in the mood for romance. Including our special contributing editor, Jessica Mulroney, who confessed afterwards that at each location we had visited for the shoot, she was imagining the type of ceremony that could take place there.

Camilla Pucholt Photography

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a bright pink, one-shoulder, form-fitting dress, stands on a balcony. She is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. In the background, there is a wedding setup on a wooden deck overlooking the ocean. White chairs and tables are arranged, with floral centerpieces. A white runner leads down the deck. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

Endless possibilities

By Rachel Goldrick



Set on its own beachfront just outside Cancun, the resort opened last December and has rapidly gained popularity as a destination wedding venue ever since. Offered exclusively by Sunwing Vacations, there are two distinct halves: Hideaway at Royalton Riviera Cancun (the adults only 'resort within a resort' section that has a boutique feel with its own dedicated restaurant, exclusive pool and beach club) and the main resort itself that also benefits from an array of family-oriented amenities including kids and teen clubs and large pool complex and expansive splash pad; making it a great option for larger wedding groups with multiple tastes and age groups.





Camilla Pucholt Photography

Along with the impressive array of facilities – the resort also features from its own spa, gym, tennis courts and water sports centre – there is a wide variety of venues where you could hold your ceremony and reception. Many of the nine restaurants have their own private rooms that could easily double as the venue for a small reception. Favourites include the striking wine cellar at the Mediterranean restaurant, OPA!, and the beautiful ceramic-tiled interior of the Mexican restaurant, Agave. In addition, both halves of the resort each offer a stunning sky terrace; we were so inspired by this location we chose it as the backdrop for our cover shot for this edition! Other options could include a champagne reception by the resort’s stunning geometric chapel or a laid back toes-in-the-sand tequila toast at one of the scenic beach bars.

Jessica may have been enthused by the setting, but how did it compare to her own wedding and honeymoon? We were curious, so we asked her about it – along with gleaning some handy tips for our readers – in between shots.

So where did you get married Jessica, was yours a destination wedding?

Yes, I did have a destination wedding but on a much smaller scale. I got married in Montreal and it was three-day affair. The ceremony itself was really intimate with just 40 or so of our closest family and friends. As we got married at the end of October (Jessica married husband, Ben Mulroney, on October 30, 2008), we had Halloween in the middle of it. So the following day we had a ‘Hallowedding’ that was arranged by Ben’s brothers. Everyone dressed up – it was so much fun! Then the day after that, which was a Saturday, we had a full on reception for over 200 people. There were no place settings, everyone just mingled. We had a great time.”



inspired by this location

a stunning geometric chapel

So where did you go on your honeymoon?

Where we are now, Mexico. We went to Cabo for 10 days. After nine months of wedding planning, it was bliss to relax by the water.

What do you like about the idea of a destination wedding?

I love the sense of unity. Everyone gets to know each other and really connects. It's like a mini vacation. Everyone's there to support the bride and groom in such a special way. Often, couples have connected in a certain country that's



special to them before they decided to get married and choose to share that with their guests which I think is really special, too. I think that there's a real sense of beauty, an intimacy, an ease that you can't really find when you plan a wedding in the city.

Destination weddings are increasingly popular, why do you think this?

For Canadian brides who cannot rely on the weather for seven months of the year, a destination wedding is a great option. The backdrop for the photography especially gives you endless possibilities, just look at where we are sitting now (she gestures to the sweeping beachfront behind us). If you go for a destination wedding, you really have nothing to worry about. You can disconnect from the moment you arrive. There is someone to take care of you literally from when you land. All you have to worry about is bringing your dress.



Go with a look that works



Camilla Pucholt Photography



So what beauty and fashion tips would you pass on to a destination wedding bride?

Come with 24/7 beauty and hair stylists (laughs!) [Jessica may have been teasing her hair stylist and make up artist that accompanied her on the shoot, we think]. Seriously, roll with the punches. The climate will be different than what you are used to at home, so go with a look that works. If it's humid and hot, maybe put your hair up - it's really pretty, it's fine. Opt for a glowing look with make up; an overdone look is not going to make sense when you're having your photos done in such beautiful natural surroundings. Also, think about comfort as you're likely to be walking about more than you would at a city wedding. There may sand, consider investing in a pair of chic flip flops. Do consider the venue before you pick the dress. Think about where you're going to be and choose accordingly. Often destination wedding brides think there's only one look for a destination wedding, which is "beachy." But there isn't, there's fine dining, casual dining, dancing, all kinds of cuisine and lots of different venues."





I can't think of a more beautiful setting



So has visiting Royalton Riviera Cancun made you want to do it all again?

Well, I've been sending Ben a lot of pictures while I've been down here and he's quite jealous. I can't think of a more beautiful setting for a vow renewal... maybe I'll wait until our 10-year anniversary though. It certainly would not be difficult to do it here, that's for sure.

Our calendar's marked for 2018 - we're keeping everything crossed!



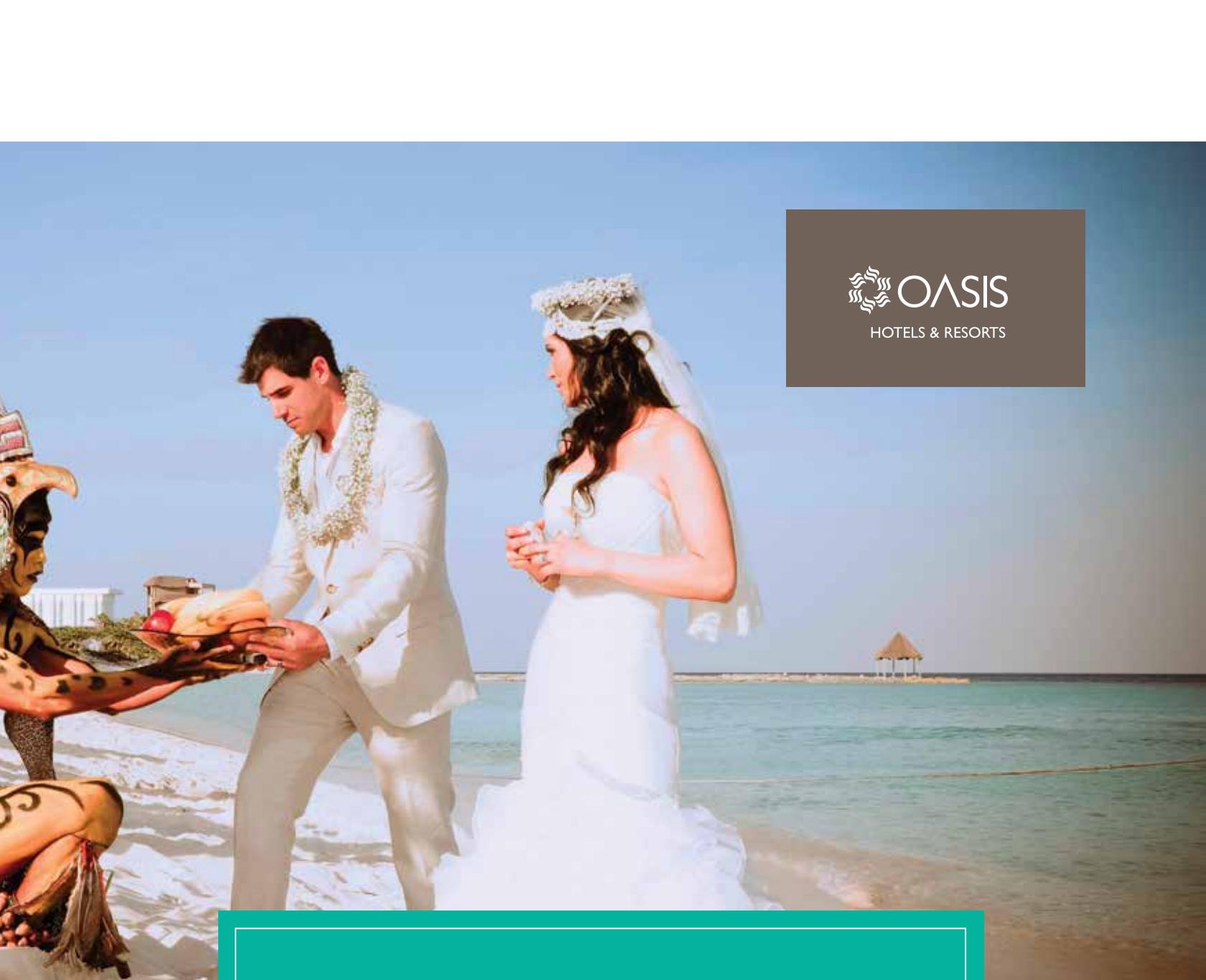
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Cheeky, romantic, sensual and fun, Oasis Hotels & Resorts are everything you could want in a gorgeous beachfront property. With incredibly unique locations in the Mexican Caribbean, they'll bring out all the bells and whistles to ensure your stay is unforgettable. Lounge by a number of free form pools, quench your thirst at their stellar bars, and let the gentle breeze of the sea kiss your skin.

Tying the knot? Let loose by letting them help you plan the wedding of your dreams; from a traditional affair overlooking the turquoise waters, to a dramatic union, Mayan-style, you and your sweetie are in good hands at Oasis.

For more details, contact your travel agent or connect with an experienced wedding consultant at weddingvacations.com - your source of inspiration for destination weddings & honeymoons.

A bride and groom in white wedding attire are walking on a sandy beach. The groom is wearing a white suit and a lei, and the bride is wearing a white wedding dress and a veil. They are receiving a blessing from a priest who is kneeling and holding a tray of fruit. The background shows the ocean and a thatched-roof hut in the distance.

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COME OVER AND **STAY** AWHILE





SAY, “SI” TO A DESTINATION WEDDING

Blessed with perfect weather, crystalline waters, spectacular scenery, centuries-old architecture, and exciting nightlife make Cuba it's no wonder so many couples choose to celebrate the most important day of their lives in Cuba. With so many beautiful locales to choose from, it's simply a question of, “where?”

Happily ever after in Holguin: Holguin's charm lies in the history of the city and beauty of its architecture. Choose one of its many quaint parks or historical sites as the ideal backdrop for your wedding photos.

Vows in Varadero: It's all about the beach in Varadero. With over 33 km of it's powdery-white sands and azure waters it's perfect for couples looking to swap oceanside “I do”s.

Catch the bouquet in the Cayos: Cayo Santa Maria is a resort haven, and couples will have no trouble finding a place to host an intimate occasion or a grand affair. Better yet, book a catamaran for the ultimate luxury wedding. In Cayo Coco, couples can indulge in a dreamy beachside wedding - and maybe go for a honeymoon snorkel to explore the area's massive coral reef.

Historic Havana: Take a step back in time with the old-fashioned cars and handsome colonial architecture of Havana. Cuba's iconic capital has numerous beautiful stone churches that set the stage for a wedding to remember.

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A romantic photograph of a bride and groom kissing on a beach. The groom is on the left, wearing a white shirt, a dark vest, and a blue patterned tie. The bride is on the right, wearing a white lace wedding dress. They are standing on a rocky shore with the ocean in the background. A semi-transparent grey box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text 'A FOREVER KIND OF LOVE'. The word 'Briar' is written in a large, elegant, light-colored script font across the bottom of the image.

A FOREVER
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REAL WEDDINGS ROBIN & BRIAN

Robin, a health research analyst, and Brian, a teacher, met 11 years before their actual wedding day at a party. They both recall how amazing their first introduction was and adore the fact that the one to introduce them was their wedding photographer and good friend, Tennille.

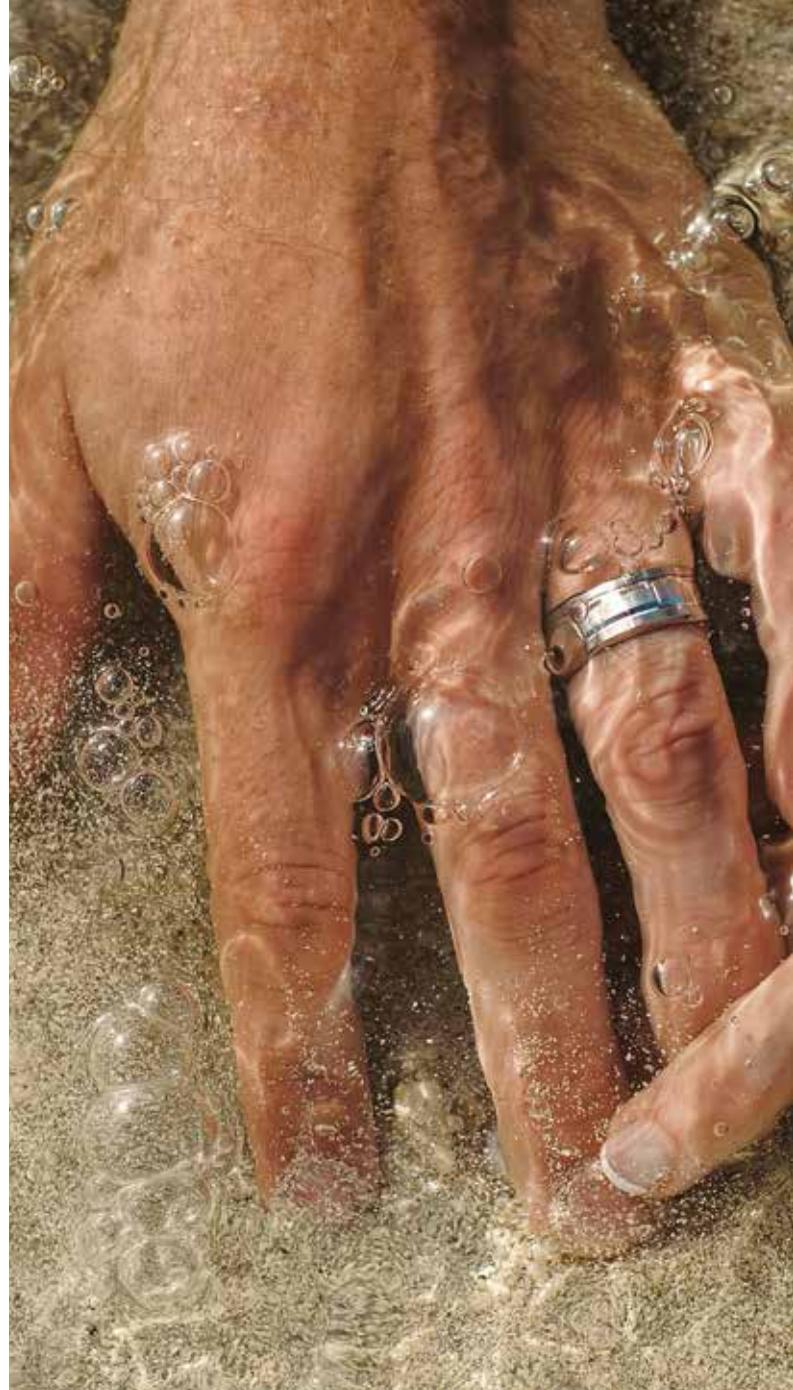
Brian fell in love with Robin's beautiful green eyes, while Robin felt a strong attraction to Brian when she received a warm smile and a strong handshake from her future husband. From that day forward, they developed an inseparable bond with each other as friends and as soul mates.

Tennille Heinonen for Flofoto.



Robin remembers the proposal fondly. “Unbeknown to me, Brian had bought a ring and planned to propose during our forthcoming vacation to Jamaica; however he couldn’t wait! So he ended up being spontaneous and proposed at our home (our favourite place in the world!) the week before the trip,” Robin recounts. “It definitely gave us something to celebrate once we got there!”

Tennille Heinonen for Floboto.



REAL WEDDINGS
ROBIN & BRIAN



A forever kind of love

Robin and Brian got married in a gazebo on the beach, at Secrets St. James Resort in sunny Montego Bay, Jamaica surrounded by 24 of their closest friends and family members. Wearing a lace and organza Essence of Australia gown, Robin most remembers the moment she listened to Brian's vows and saw his eyes well up with tears during the ceremony. "I'm usually the emotional one, so I really did not expect it from him. It was very touching."

For Brian it was when he saw Robin gracefully walk down the aisle towards him. "She looked so beautiful, it almost felt surreal."

As guests arrived, they were encouraged to write in the custom guest signing board in lieu of the guest book. A steel drum band played tropical tunes during the cocktail hour adding a relaxed and tropical ambience to their evening festivities. The cocktail reception featured sparkling lights creating a romantic halo of light and added to the enchantment of the evening. As a token of their appreciation, Robin and Brian gave their guests welcome bags filled with goodies, as well as mini Jamaican rum bottles as favours.

The night ended with a beautiful wish lantern release, adding a whimsical moment to a magical day.

Tennille Heinonen for Flofoto.





REAL WEDDINGS
ROBIN & BRIAN





GET THEIR LOOK

Robin's gown: Lace and organza over dolce satin by Essence of Australia.

Robin's shoes: Embellished t-strap flat sandals by Le Chateau.

Groom's outfit: Charcoal pants and vest by Daniel Hechter.

Bridesmaids dresses: Various styles in chiffon by Bill Levkoff.

Groomsmen's attire: Charcoal pants by Daniel Hechter.

Bridal jewellery: Swarovski crystal pearls, sterling silver and Swarovski crystals by Sarah Walsh Bridal in Ottawa.

Hair and Makeup: Secrets Spa by Pevonia.

Photographer: Tennille Heinonen for Flofoto.

Stationery and invitations: Vistaprint.





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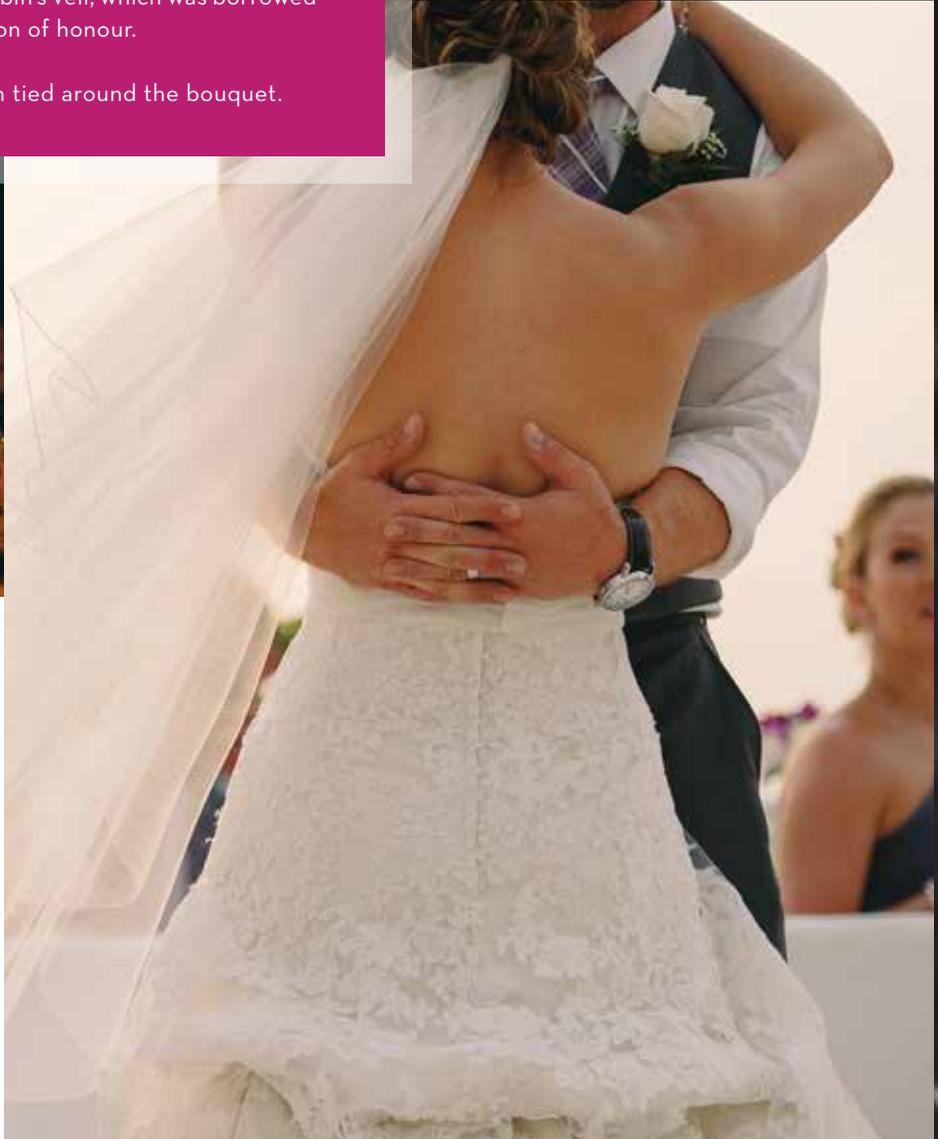
OLD | NEW | BORROWED | BLUE

What was old? Robin pinned pendants from each of her grandmothers to her bouquet.

What was new? Robin's dress.

What was borrowed? Robin's veil, which was borrowed from her sister, the matron of honour.

What was blue? A ribbon tied around the bouquet.





REAL WEDDINGS
ROBIN & BRIAN

To start planning a picture-perfect wedding like this, contact your travel agent or connect with an experienced wedding consultant at weddingvacations.com - your inspiration for destination weddings and honeymoons. 



SO MANY
WAYS
TO SAY
"I DO"





Most couples dream of a destination wedding in a locale with aquamarine skies, turquoise waters and powder-soft beaches. With more than 700 cays, gorgeous reefs, beaches, parks, botanical gardens, churches and fan-favourite sights, Grand Bahama Island is sure to deliver the kind of wedding-day magic couples seek.

Grand Bahama Island is a wonderland of sights, sounds and exciting attractions - giving couples unlimited options and ways to declare their love for one another. The island boasts a memorable mix of historic charm, modern attractions and ecological wonders - all perfect backdrops for the big day.

Couples and guests will delight in the island's variety of boutique shopping, exciting attractions, gourmet dining, authentic markets, and a host of land and water activities. Diving enthusiasts will revel in its underwater world while golfers can practice teeing off on the island's many spectacular greens.

Sea and sun-seeking newlyweds will bask in the warmth of the sunshine, the short flight, and the hospitality of the locals on this popular Caribbean island.

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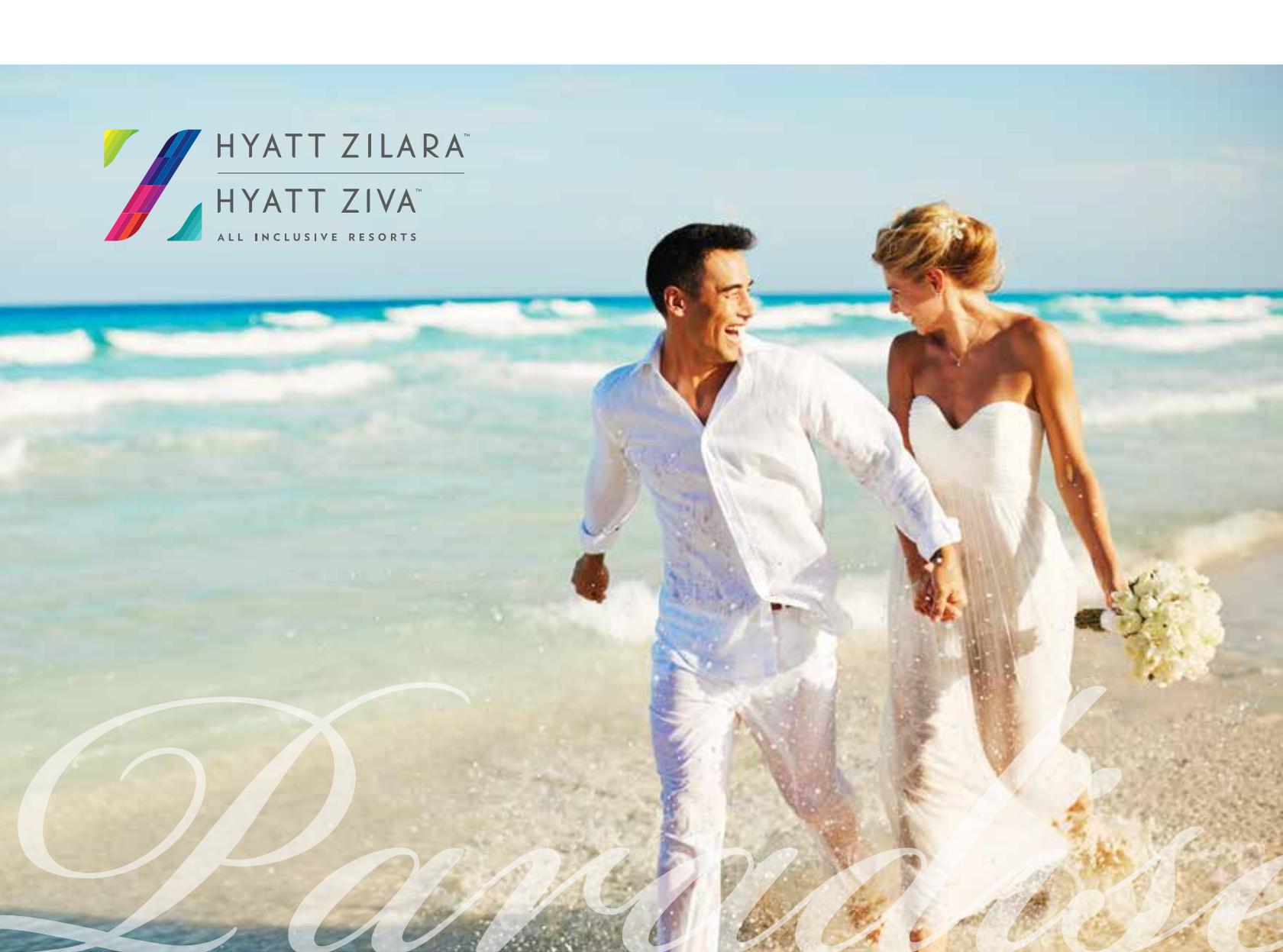
WANT TO BE IN A FUTURE ISSUE OF WEDDING VACATIONS MAGAZINE?

We're looking for one lucky couple to feature in the Real Weddings section in the next issue of Wedding Vacations magazine! If you believe your recent destination wedding is the stuff of fairytales, prove it by entering the Wedding Vacations Photo Contest on Facebook. Simply upload up to 10 of your most exceptional destination wedding pics, and tell us why you should win the coveted Real Weddings spot. Stay tuned to the weddingvacations.com Facebook page for more details, including our terms and conditions. The contest starts January 15, 2016.

You could win a trip for two to the Memories Varadero Beach Resort

In addition to a magazine feature, the selected winner will also be treated to a seven day vacation for two at the Memories Varadero Beach Resort in beautiful Varadero, Cuba! Our wedding gift to you is courtesy of Sunwing Vacations and Memories Resorts & Spa.





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The ultimate wedding awaits you. Hyatt Zilara™ and Hyatt Ziva™ offer incredible wedding venues at distinctive properties in the world's most celebrated beach front locations such as Cancun, Los Cabos, Montego Bay, and Puerto Vallarta. They've created a variety of wedding packages, or you can customize nearly every detail for your dream wedding - right down to your own signature drink. Couples can come together in extraordinary venues such as romantic wedding gazebos, rooftop sky decks, or directly on the beach under a flowered canopy.

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You and a guest can get a preview of your ideal destination. Plus, get a \$500 credit toward your wedding with us. It's like getting your preview for free!

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FREE wedding for two, complimentary for the wedding couple (with a minimum 6-night stay).

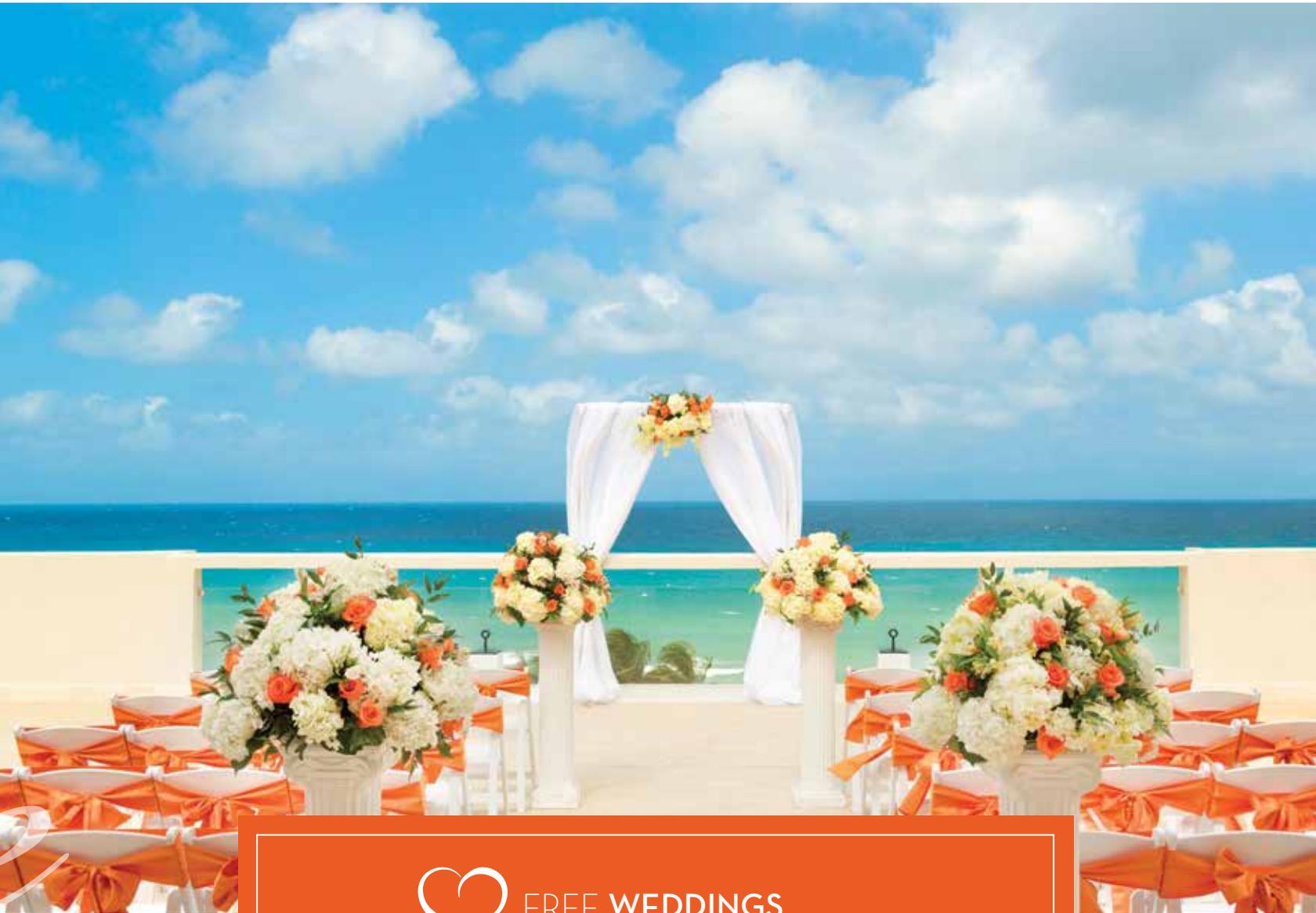
Intimate Elegance

FREE wedding for the couple plus up to 10 guests (with 15 room nights booked). Also available for purchase from \$999.

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FREE wedding for the couple plus up to 20 guests. Plus one complimentary night for the couple when celebrating their anniversary (when 4 nights booked).

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 FREE WEDDINGS





ASK THE *experts*

Planning a destination wedding from start to finish can be a pretty daunting task to begin with, so what happens when financial constraints, well-meaning relatives who think they know better and destination dilemmas are thrown into the mix? Thankfully this isn't a riddle for you to solve. We have the answers to all your questions and quandaries - tiny or titanic. If you need a little guidance, read on; our experts are here to answer the wedding call, inspiring you to "keep calm and carry on."

Dear WeddingVacations.com,

For our special day we envisioned something really small and intimate, which is one of the reasons why we decided to have a destination wedding. We figured it would be an easy way for us to cut down our guest list without too much drama involved. As we've started to tell people about our plans, we've received a number of inquiries about 'plus ones'. We still want people to come and enjoy themselves, but if we let everyone bring their plus ones with them, we're worried our wedding will lose that intimate feel we were aiming for. Would it be inconsiderate of us to say no?

- Nadine

Dear Nadine,

Oh dear, the ever-complicated 'plus one' dilemma. No matter where the wedding takes place, this is a problem that almost every couple faces. Start by having a very honest conversation with each of your guests who are making these requests. Let them know that when you envision your dream wedding day, it includes a tight knit group of your nearest and dearest. Often in this type of circumstance, guests haven't really thought about all of the careful consideration put into every aspect of the wedding planning, so it's quite likely that as soon as you explain this to them they will understand your perspective and back off completely. By having this conversation with them, you will also create an opportunity



for them to perhaps explain why they wanted to bring someone in the first place. Maybe they don't know many people on the trip and are somewhat nervous! Knowing this in advance will allow you to make a game plan to ease their concerns, like organizing a few social gatherings so people can get to know each other. Last but not least, don't forget that this is your day so you need to consider what is most important to you. If not having a plus one is a make-or-break scenario for some of your guests, then think about which you would prefer; a small, intimate wedding with a couple of key people missing, or a larger wedding with all of the people you wanted to share your day with, plus a few extras!



Dear WeddingVacations.com,

We are so excited about our upcoming destination wedding but there a few people who are super important to us that won't be able to make it, namely my fiancé's grandparents. We desperately want to somehow include them in our celebration but aren't sure how!

- Clare

Dear Clare,

It's unfortunate that all of your loved ones won't be able to travel to join you on your wedding day, but fear not, there are still plenty of ways that you can include them in your celebration! Some couples opt to have a symbolic ceremony in destination and a legal ceremony locally so that anyone who can't travel can be present. Others will simply have a gathering of friends and family either before or after the trip, like a mini reception. It doesn't need to be anything grand, a backyard BBQ on a sunny summer day will more than suffice. We're also seeing more and more resorts capitalizing on technology. For example, Royalton Luxury Resorts and Memories Resorts offer guests free Wi-Fi throughout their properties, so guests could live stream the ceremony with an app like Periscope or even Snapchat and Instagram. Additionally a number of resorts offer webcam services as well. That way anyone who can't make it can still watch as you exchange vows!

Dear WeddingVacations.com,

I have been a bridesmaid more than enough times to know that it can be expensive, so I'm worried about burdening our wedding party by adding the additional cost of travel on top of everything else. Are we expected to cover some of their costs?

- Sasha



Dear Sasha,

Conversations about money are always some of the toughest, no matter how close you are. It's great that you are being considerate of this right from the get go, and you can certainly help to alleviate some of the financial pressure without taking on too many additional costs yourself. Start by waiting to see who is able to commit to travelling, so that you don't end up feeling like you've pressured someone into coming even if they couldn't afford it just because you've asked them to be in your wedding party. You can consider asking your bridesmaids to pick out their own dresses that way they can comfortably set their own budget and will also definitely get something that they will wear again. Depending on what your budget is and what you feel comfortable with, you can also offer to cover some costs such as their hair and make-up. You might even consider having a conversation with them to let them know you understand that this is a big financial commitment, so they needn't worry about things like an engagement or shower gift - after all, it's more important to have them standing by your side on your wedding day than decking your kitchen out with a new blender!

Dear WeddingVacations.com,

My relatives are just not sharing in the excitement of my destination wedding the way I had hoped they would. My aunt, especially, is giving me such a hard time. She doesn't like the hotel I chose, nor does she like the location, she is literally going out of her way to find everything that's wrong with our decision. Have you any advice on how to not take this so personally and cast the negativity aside?

- Irina

Dear Irina,

Sorry to hear that your aunt isn't being a team player. To avoid a full-blown, reality TV show-worthy family feud, our first piece of advice to all destination wedding couples at the outset of planning is to avoid asking for anyone's opinion. I know that sounds a bit extreme, but remember, this is YOUR wedding and YOUR choice - the memories will be part of your history forever. This dilemma comes into play again and again in the world of destination weddings, as everyone has different ideas of what it should and shouldn't be. The best route, in this case, is to bite your tongue and tell your aunt, politely, that while you value her opinion, expertise and experience, you would also appreciate it if she could just be happy for you, and accept the decision you have made. If she still can't help herself,

then do your best to avoid her until the Big Day. You're busy enough as it is tending to all the planning!

Stand your ground, and keep in mind that this is your time to shine and be happy. A piece of sage advice we can leave you with (and this speaks to all potential couples), is to pick a wedding location that is easy for guests to attend. While your idea of a dream wedding might be a rustic ceremony in the jungles of Costa Rica or on a hilltop off the beaten path in Puerto Vallarta, just remember that not all of your guests will find that to be ideal for many legitimate reasons (health, ease of travel, etc.). Make it easy and it should be smooth sailing! 





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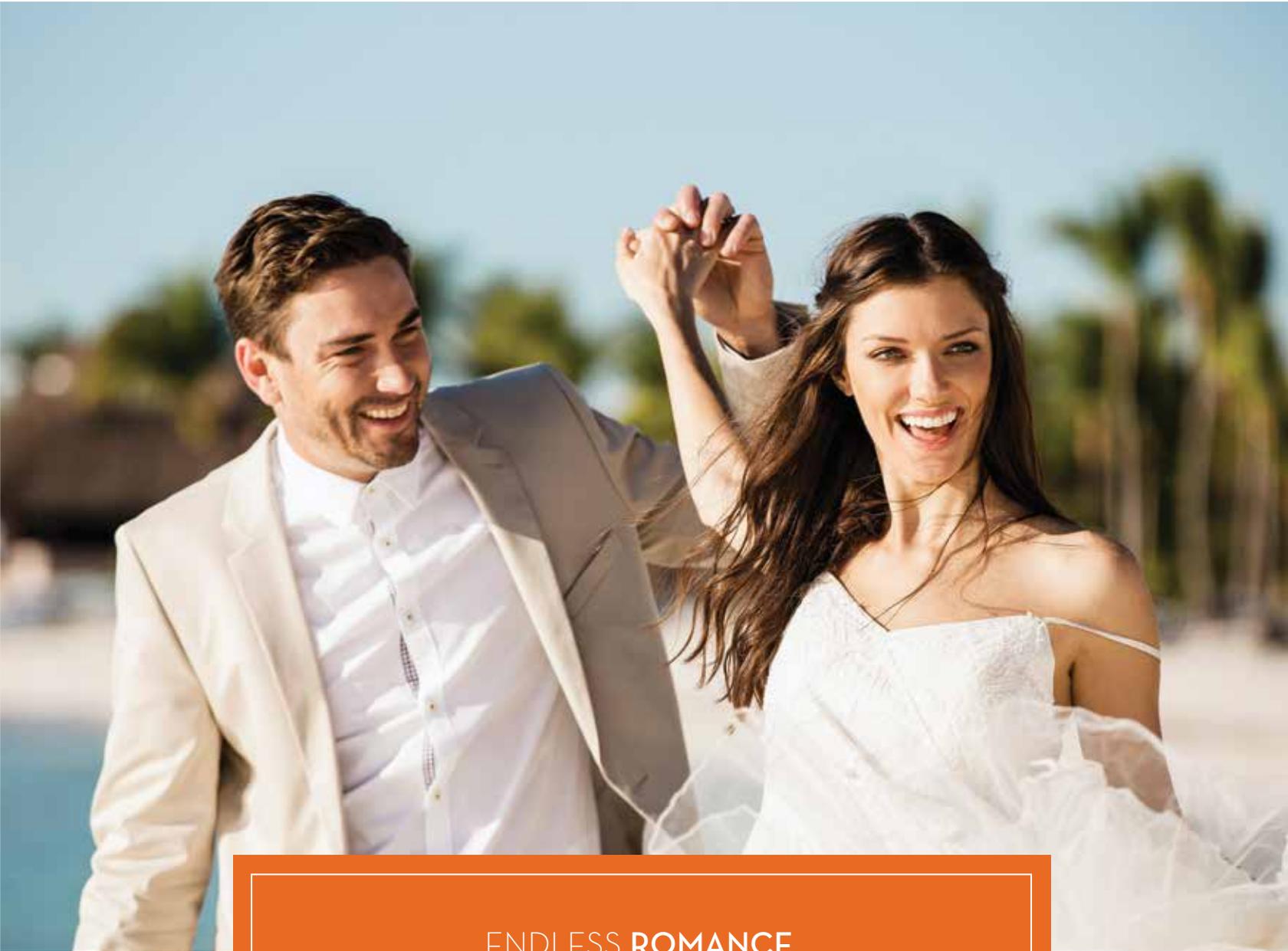
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Their exclusive resorts will cater to your every need and taste, and their experienced wedding planners will help you tailor your special day to be seamless and memorable. With 19 resorts across six stunning countries, having an experienced wedding planner arrange the wedding of your dreams at a Barceló Resort is a piece of cake.

As one of the few chains that are registered to organize Hindu weddings (Barcelo Maya Beach Resort and Maya Palace Deluxe), Barceló goes the extra mile to include any traditions and customs into your special day.

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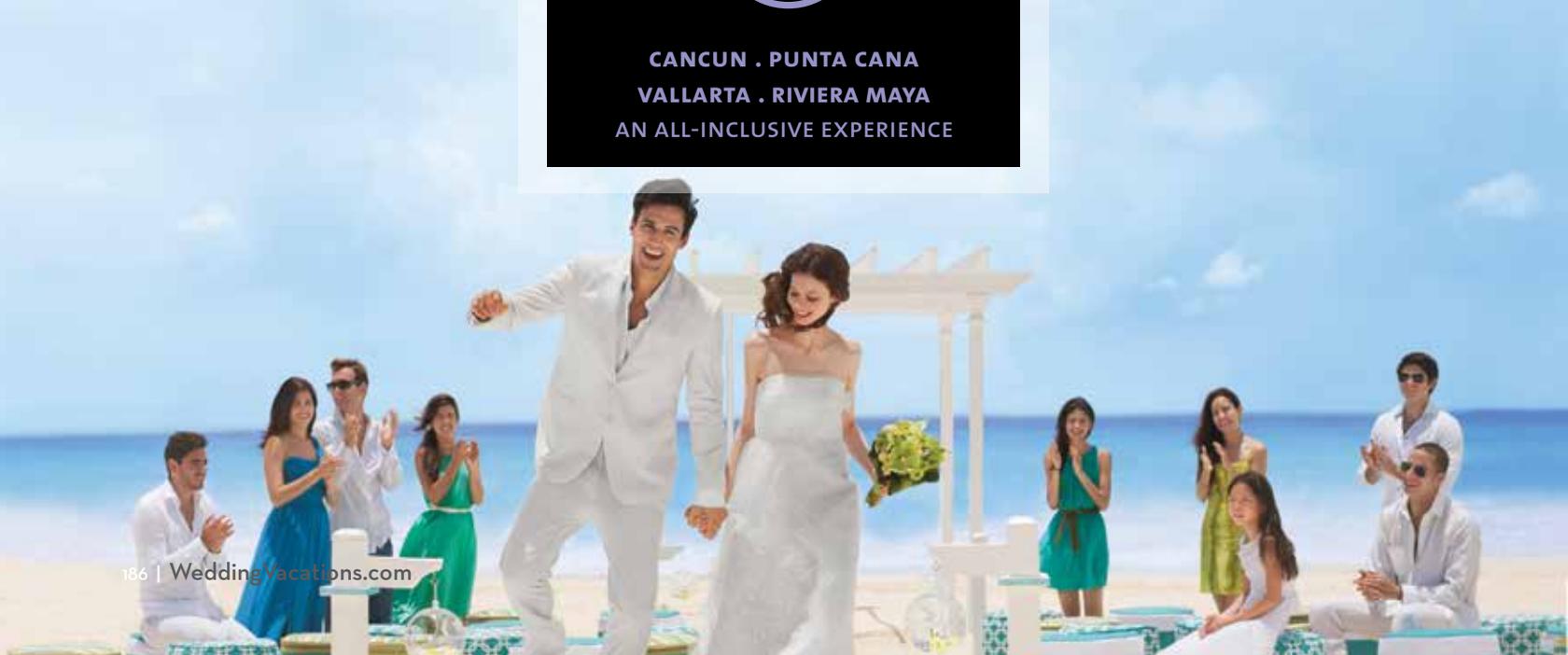
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INDULGE YOUR EVERY WISH

The most important day of your life calls for a picture-perfect setting - and immaculate planning. That's the all-inclusive Hard Rock Hotel® promise to you. We promise to make your wedding a joyous succession of wonderfully unforgettable moments, sparing no effort to ensure that every detail is attended to, giving you the opportunity to enjoy the company of your friends, family, and the romance of the occasion.

Whether you are planning intimate beachside nuptials for an audience of two, or a lavish gala affair with 100 of your closest friends and family, the all-inclusive Hard Rock Hotels in Mexico and the Dominican Republic can help make your dream a reality. Here are a few examples of the many available wedding collections to choose from:

Rocker Chic

Rocker glam at its finest. This design features patterns and solids in black and white, accented by just the right amount of dazzling pops of colour. The streamlined gazebo features an altar of black and white topped by a stunning red floral arrangement.

Compliments of Hard Rock Hotel®

Simple and chic, this package features guest seating in white, a natural sand aisle, and a tasteful gazebo and altar, also in white. A floral arrangement on the altar provides a colourful accent.

Other collections available include White Rosette, Insignia, Metallic Dunes, Seaglass, Elegant Ivory, Purple Shimmer and El Sol.

The all-inclusive Hard Rock Hotel's Celebrity Collection offers guests exclusive perks at no additional cost.

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INDULGENT *I do's*

Fusing the ultimate rock n' roll vibe with top-quality accommodations and amenities, the all inclusive Hard Rock Hotels have made their mark in Mexico and the Caribbean. Couples getting married at one of the tropical resorts will enjoy quality service set amid tranquil surroundings both inside and out. Featuring the intimate details that make a wedding or honeymoon anything but average; luxurious accommodations boasting unmatched amenities like in-room hydro spa tubs and 24-hour room service, as well as impressive delectable cuisine and top-shelf beverage options, swim-up bars, engaging entertainment, an impressive event space and much more.

DAPPER IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Punta Cana is situated on pristine sugar-white sands stretching 121 acres along Macao Beach in the Dominican Republic. With 1,775 rooms, this location is Hard Rock's first all-inclusive hotel and casino. The lavish resort features deluxe accommodations, including the Hard Rock's branded "Rock Star Suite" - an over-the-top room that boasts three bedrooms with king-size beds, a dining room, living room, full kitchen, pantry, in-room bar, on-call concierge, private beach and pool areas, late check-out - giving couples the opportunity to start their new lives together like, well, rock stars.

Newlyweds and their guests can while away the hours at the signature Rock Spa® for some star-studded pampering, or enjoy a few rounds on the 18-hole, Jack Nicklaus designed golf course. By night, the resort comes alive with a Vegas-style casino - the largest in the Dominican Republic. Dance into the wee hours of the night at the on-site ORO Nightclub, and indulge in a host of gourmet options at one of 10 on-site restaurants, including Simon Mansion run by celebrity chef and restaurateur, Kerry Simon.

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Exclusively designed by the Gettys Group, an award-winning, creative and innovative team of hospitality experts, **Hard Rock Hotel Cancun** immediately delivers the rock-star experience, with spine-tingling surroundings and crowd-pleasing amenities studded with stylish touches. Custom rock-star memorabilia line the walls, showcasing signature pieces from the likes of Paul McCartney, Melissa Etheridge and Shakira.

The 12-storey beachfront hotel boasts 601 guestrooms, featuring ocean or lagoon views, and balconies on which to enjoy the cool tropical breeze. During their stay, couples can expect access to unforgettable, all-inclusive amenities like experiential dining at nine world-class restaurants, never-ending cocktails and in-room beverages, legendary entertainment - and top-shelf everything across the board.

Located just off the azure waters of the Caribbean Sea, **Hard Rock Hotel Riviera Maya** offers an unforgettable all inclusive experience. Ultra-posh and lavishly appointed, the resort's guestrooms include balconies or expansive sky terrace options with picturesque views, and luxuries like hydro spa tubs in each room.

In addition to its proximity to world-class shopping and cultural appeal, Hard Rock Hotel Riviera Maya is the ultimate crowd-pleaser, benefitting from five world-class restaurants, three bars and lounges and a state-of-the-art event space - ideal for elegant weddings or extravagant affairs. For some real post-wedding fun, the adults only section, **Heaven**, includes the Hard Rock-signature Rock Spa® with 75 treatment rooms, four restaurants, and five sophisticated bars and lounges - including a premium service nightclub.





VIBRANT VALLARTA

Hard Rock Hotel Vallarta occupies a beautiful beachfront location where tradition and modern design come together with incredible views. The family friendly resort offers the perfect mix of adventure, relaxation and rejuvenation for guests of all ages. Its seemingly endless amenities include four restaurants, serving a range of fresh cuisines, four bars pouring top-rail beverages, two large outdoor swimming pools, two outdoor hydro spa tubs, multi-purpose courts and facilities, a sauna and steam bath, beauty salon, as well as services and activities for kids.

THE COLIN COWIE WEDDING EXPERIENCE

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Punta Cana, Hard Rock Hotel Cancun, Hard Rock Hotel Vallarta and Hard Rock Hotel Riviera Maya have all partnered with celebrity wedding and event designer, Colin Cowie. Known for his lavish style and innovation, this partnership allows all couples the opportunity to wed or renew their vows in a celebration designed by one of the world's foremost authorities on wedding planning.

Cowie has created nine unparalleled destination wedding collections, which provide couples with everything they need to enter newlywed bliss with style and peace of mind. On-site

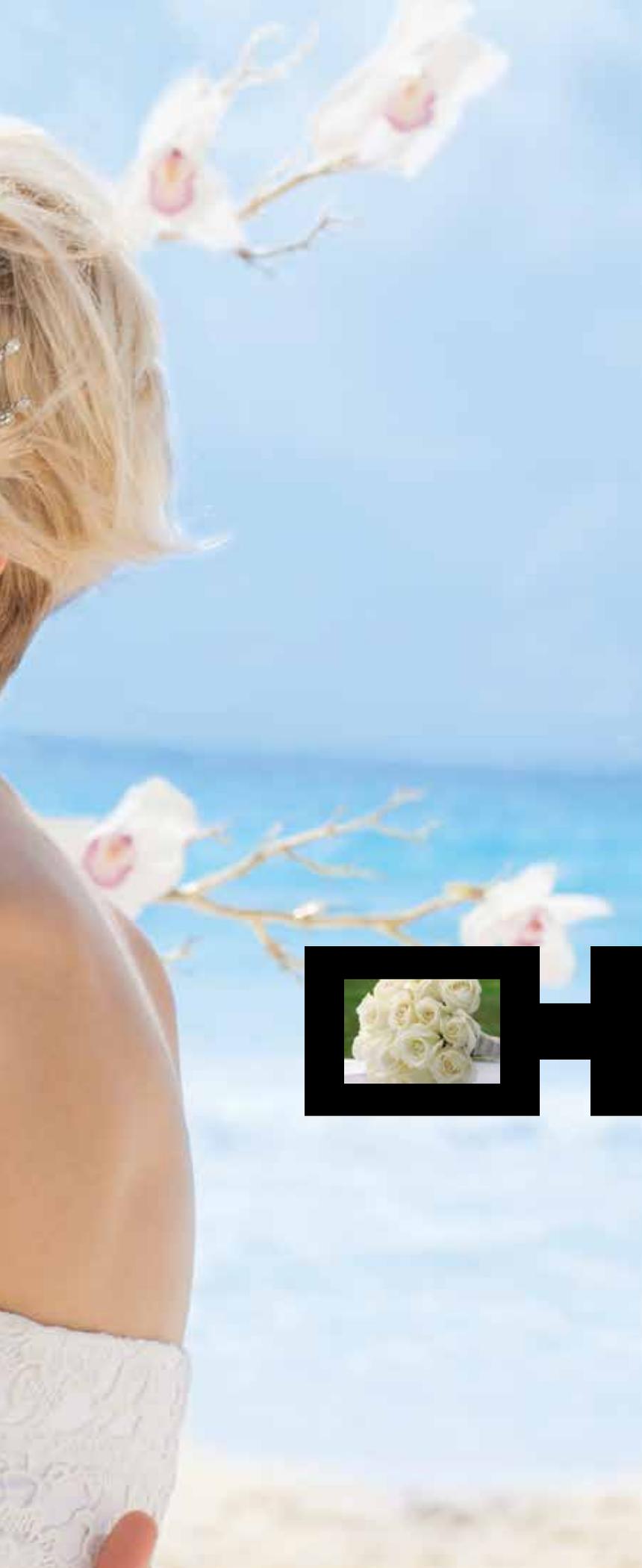




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wedding specialists oversee details such as ceremony location and structure, set-up details like chairs and chair covers, along with floral decorations, an aisle runner, bridal bouquet and groom's boutonniere. In addition, the wedding cake, sparkling wine, dinner reservations for up to 32 guests, and honeymoon options are also looked after. For an additional cost, couples can also add reception tables to their package, which can accommodate up to eight guests each, and includes centrepieces, plates, runners, silverware, tumblers and wine glasses.

Couples who choose the all-inclusive option can also select from exclusive honeymoon package collections inspired by Colin Cowie. These packages bring unmatched relaxation and sizzling amenities to newlyweds looking for the ultimate, all-inclusive, post-wedding getaway.

Lovebirds seeking the rock-star experience can indulge in the Showstopper Honeymoon Package, which provides dinner for two, a 50-minute couples massage at the renowned Rock Spa® and VIP concierge service. They will also receive in-room indulgences, like champagne, a personalized rose petal bed design upon arrival, chocolate-covered strawberries, breakfast in bed, a Kama Sutra Romance Kit, plush bathrobes, slippers, an aromatherapy fragrance menu, a rose petal-filled hydro spa bath tub, mini-cake, two honeymoon shirts, and a special letter from Colin Cowie himself.



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YOUR SUN-KISSED CEREMONY IS WITHIN REACH

An unique story and vision deserves a beautifully-designed wedding

Planning a destination wedding in the tropics can seem like a daunting task, and many couples struggle to start the process as they are full of unanswered questions; which vendors can cater to my tastes and needs? Which resorts are suitable for my budget? How do I get all of my invitees to the destination?

Sound familiar? Fear not. These days, an increasing number of brides and grooms-to-be are seeking the expert advice and planning services of a wedding consultant. From vendor lists, to first-class resorts, and spreadsheets to keep all your ducks in order, the invaluable help of a wedding planner is a source of relief that many couples are now seeing as a necessity as they look to exchange vows abroad.

Luckily, when you book your wedding with one of our preferred partners, you can enhance your wedding package by choosing a customized wedding planning service. In addition to your hotel's on-site wedding coordinator, this personalized wedding specialist is your contact in Canada, who will help you plan and execute all the details of your wedding ahead of your arrival in destination.

Our network of expert destination wedding consultants will work on your behalf directly with your hotel and local wedding vendors. They are there to answer your questions promptly, to make good suggestions based on their experience and to provide you with the peace of mind that your celebration will go off without a hitch. They also have a tight network of contacts on site to help take care of all the details for you.

Whether you've dreamed of a gala reception with all the bells and whistles, or a small gathering on the beach, we can tailor-fit your celebration to your distinct tastes, needs and budget. Take a look at the Diamond and Platinum wedding planning services offered by our preferred partners to decide which type of service suits your unique style. We look forward to helping you plan a stress-free wedding in the sun!

To learn more about these services, contact your travel agent or visit weddingvacations.com to connect with an experienced wedding consultant.

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Designed with ease in mind, this package allows you to plan your destination wedding with the help of a friendly and professional wedding consultant who understands you and your wedding vision.

Package rate: **\$499**

The Diamond package offers the following:

- Communication of the details pertaining to your wedding vision with the hotel's wedding coordinator and other vendors on behalf of the bride and groom
- Use of a helpful budget spreadsheet and outline to plan and budget your wedding
- Use of a month-by-month wedding planning checklist to stay on track
- Exclusive access to a preferred vendors list
- Consultation regarding legal requirements and paperwork you'll need before you arrive in destination
- Pre-screening of new wedding vendors on your behalf
- A review of vendor contracts and agreements on your behalf
- Monthly emails from your wedding consultant on the latest destination wedding trends
- Advice on popular design and colour palette ideas
- A detailed day-of wedding schedule to use and follow on site
- Hosting of your personalized, interactive wedding website (a great tool for announcing the wedding plans, sharing photos, and easily communicating with your guests)

Additional wedding planning hours:

One-hour wedding planning session: **\$99**

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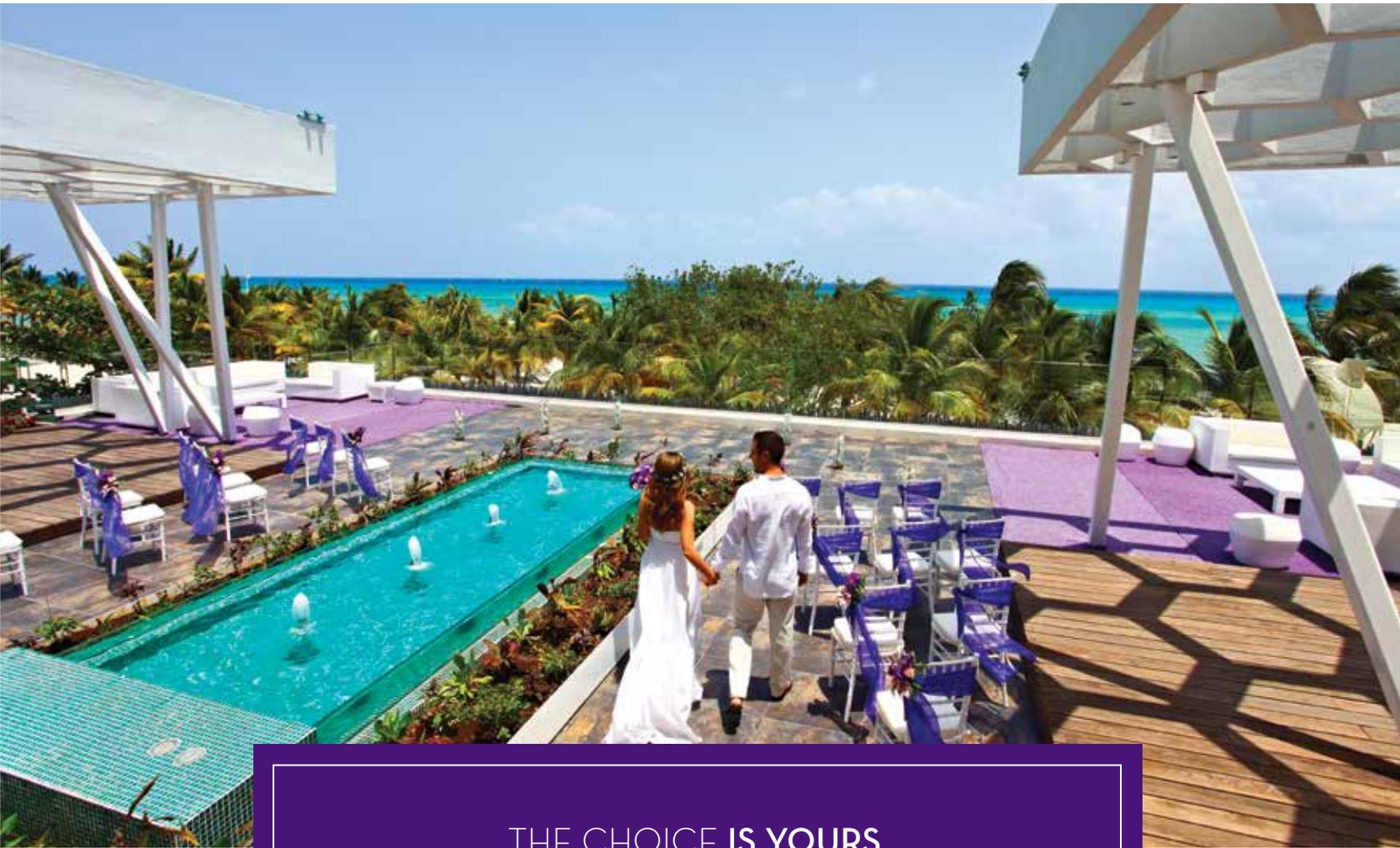
Sandos Playacar Beach Resort. This gem in Riviera Maya is an over-the-top luxury destination, and its magnificent white-sand beach and turquoise Caribbean waters offer an idyllic

setting for that quintessential beach wedding. What's more, the lush wedding garden offers a romantic and memorable venue for an intimate ceremony.

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A romantic couple is shown on a beach. The man is shirtless, has dark hair, and a large tattoo on his left arm. He is looking towards the woman. The woman has long dark hair, is wearing a white top and denim shorts, and is leaning her head against the man's chest. They are both looking off to the side. The background is a clear blue sky and a sandy beach. A large, faint, stylized watermark is visible across the center of the image.

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HEAD OVER
HEELS IN
COSTA RICA



Costa Rica

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Costa Rica is a quixotic retreat, featuring luxurious resorts fronted by fine beaches and stunning ocean views. Couples seeking a first-rate destination wedding experience will certainly find that this Central American nation boasts all the right romantic trimmings. Beyond the usual tropical fare, couples seeking something out of the ordinary will discover that Costa Rica offers an array of spots that fit the bill.

City sights. In Tamarindo, couples will discover that the city offers more than its party-hard reputation; it's a veritable epicurean experience, with restaurants serving up everything from traditional Costa Rican fare to exquisite Japanese cuisine.

The tiny town of Guaitil, in the province of Guanacaste, is famous for its pre-Colombian, Chorotega-style pottery where

local potters use ancestral techniques to produce ceramics to sell to tourists and support the people of the village.

Countryside highlights. Palo Verde Park is a gorgeous natural area worth any group's while, with glorious wetlands through the Tempisque River - perfect for wildlife boat tours. What's more, the park's 45,500 acres of protected waters and vibrant forests are home to countless species of birds and animals.

Whether exploring the country's natural wonders, sampling fine cuisine or simply soaking up the sun beachside, couples venturing to Costa Rica will return home rejuvenated, happy and ready to embark on their new lives together.

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STRIKING
BRIDAL
BACKDROPS





Aruba is a tiny Caribbean gem, a perennially sunny locale popular with the about-to-be-wed set, and for good reason; with its beautiful beaches and flourishing flora, Aruba's scenic options can make a couple's big day a remarkable occasion.

Blushing beach bride. If waves cresting over a stretch of white sand is the order of the day, then Eagle Beach is the destination. Situated just northwest of Oranjestad, Eagle Beach boasts a beautiful, powdery shoreline that earns it top spot on a plethora of "best beaches" lists.

Natural nuptials. Earthy couples will appreciate the natural beauty of the stunning Ayo and Casibari rock formations. While the rugged terrain might pose a challenge for those bedecked in their bridal best, these giant boulders are part of a phenomenal landscape. The best time to visit is early in the morning to beat the heat and the cruise ship crowds.

Surf's up. Andicuri Beach is a stunning black-pebble beach on the island's east coast. With its craggy cliffs and majestic surf, this hidden gem makes for great photo shoots. While swimming is not advised, the juxtaposition of the turquoise sea crashing against its unique shoreline is simply awesome.

Multi-coloured memories. The picturesque capital city of Oranjestad is impressive eye candy, with its Dutch colonial architecture awash in candy-coloured hues. Plaza Daniel Leo is ideally situated smack-dab in the centre of the fray, making it the perfect photographic outpost for more bridal photography.

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Striking



Contrary to what some might think, The Bahamas is more than one single island paradise; rather, it is a collection of islands, islets and cays scattered over hundreds of kilometres across the Atlantic Ocean.

The great Grand Bahama Island

As a wedding destination, many couples gravitate toward Grand Bahama Island – among the most popular of the island group – due to its dazzling beaches and spectacular shopping. However, with three national parks and wonderous underwater cave systems, there are many eco adventures waiting to be had in Grand Bahama. Visit Lucayan National Park for its trails, and discover six distinct ecosystems, or kayak through Ben’s Cave, one of the world’s largest submerged systems.

Exotic outer islands

Couples who fancy long walks and even longer hikes will enjoy exploring the cliffs and crags of the beaches in Exuma (with

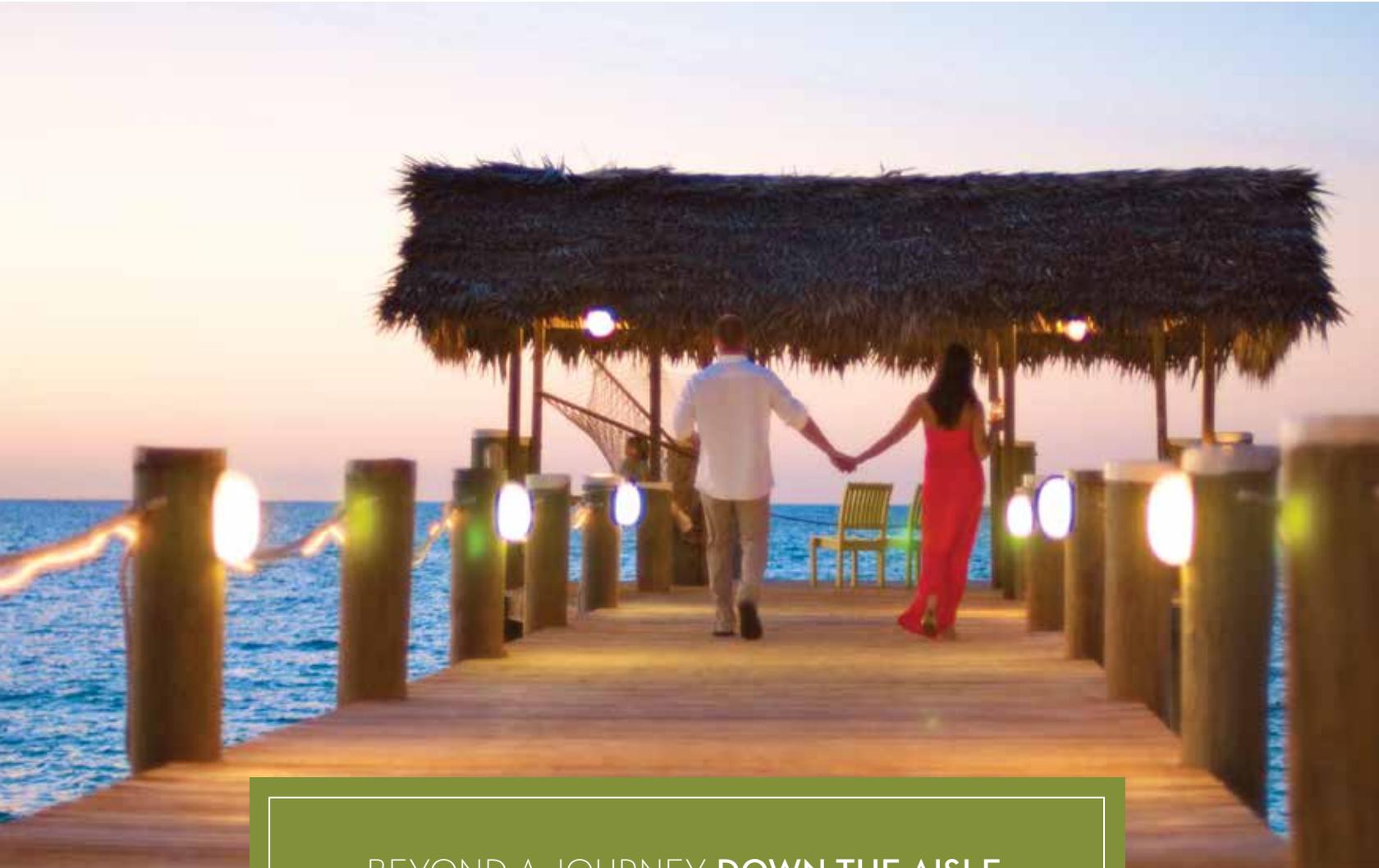
warm-water tide pools at the end of a long trek), while the island’s swimming pigs are a see-it-to-believe wonder!

It’s nice in Nassau

Nassau is home to several attractions, one of which is the centrally-located Straw Market. Here, Bahamian women handcraft hats, mats, and baskets. Fine wooden carvings, colourful fabrics, and other souvenirs are also for sale and would make lovely thank-you gifts for your wedding party.

After exchanging vows on the beach at sunset, The Bahamas is a fascinating and unique after-wedding retreat, making it the kind of destination that gives couples a head start on happily ever after.

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REAL WEDDINGS TIFFANIE & DENNIS

Tiffanie and Dennis' romance started out in an unlikely place, at a Muay Thai class. Noticing the new instructor who was tall, handsome, and had a charming voice, Tiffanie went up to him and introduced herself. Dennis later admits that he was intrigued by her smile, "It was like a little sun. She brightened up any room." A couple days later, both Dennis and Tiffanie injured themselves that same day in class. At the post-fight celebrations with the gym crew, since they were unable to dance with their injuries, they spent the entire night chatting, "And the rest is history!" says Tiffanie.

One Saturday afternoon, Dennis told Tiffanie that he had a surprise for her and arranged to meet at a downtown hotel. When she arrived there, she received a text telling her to go to the concierge to get her first clue for a scavenger hunt. Tiffanie followed the clues which brought her on a journey through the many memorable places where their romance had flourished. Finally, as she arrived at Toronto Island and found her way to a clearing where they once had a picnic, "I found Dennis waiting there on one knee."



Marvin Lam from PPB Studio, Toronto

Enveloped by love

On a balmy October afternoon, Tiffanie and Dennis were joined by 25 of their closest friends and family for a tropical union at the Royalton Riviera Cancun Resort and Spa. Wearing a beaded, ivory chiffon Amanda-Lina gown, Tiffanie walked down the aisle at the resort's chapel where the rolling waves of the Caribbean Sea provided the perfect soundtrack. While Tiffanie confesses she can't name just one favourite detail from her big day, she says saying "I do" and the first kiss as husband and wife as her most memorable moments.

For Dennis, seeing his bride walk down the aisle towards him was his fondest memory of the day. "When I saw her, I was overcome by so many emotions," he recalls, "I didn't expect almost not being able to recite my vows."

As Tiffanie thinks about that special day, she recalls the sense of calm that enveloped over her, "I just felt so Zen-like about the wedding... my bridesmaids were shocked!"

The celebrations continued with a reception at Royalton Riviera Cancun's OPA! Restaurant where Tiffanie and Dennis danced their first dance to Israel "IZ" Kamakawiwo'ole's tropical rendition of Somewhere Over the Rainbow. The rest of the evening was devoted to a delicious menu of Mediterranean cuisine, wedding mojitos, and soulful jazz music.

The couple extended their Mexican retreat with a honeymoon in Cancun's Isla Mujeres.

Marvin Lam from PPB Studio, Toronto



REAL WEDDINGS
TIFFANIE & DENNIS



Tiffanie found her perfect wedding gown on Say Yes to the Dress Canada! Inspired by the ease and enchantment of a destination wedding, Tiffanie headed over to Amanda-Lina's bridal boutique to find the perfect dress for her tropical wedding. With the help of an experienced WeddingVacations.com destination wedding specialist, she was able to finally say 'Yes!' to her dream gown.



EXTRA WEDDING TOUCHES

Photographer: Marvin Lam from PPB Studio in Toronto.

Favours: Chocolate and candy from a bulk food store and CDs that included a compilation of songs Dennis used to woo Tiffanie!

Welcome gifts for guests: Sunglasses and flip-flops.



GET THEIR LOOK

Tiffanie's gown: Tiffanie was on *Say Yes to the Dress Canada*, and she said "yes!" to an ivory chiffon beaded Amanda-Lina dress.

Tiffanie's shoes: Classic Nine West heeled sandals.

Dennis' outfit: Custom tailored suit from Empire Customs.

Bridesmaids dresses: They wore their own light pink dresses.

Groomsmen's attire: They wore their own dark blue suits.

Jewellery: Stella & Dot.

Hair and makeup: Hair - wedding planner, Makeup - Stephanie's Spirale

REAL WEDDINGS
TIFFANIE & DENNIS





OLD | NEW | BORROWED | BLUE

What was old? The bride's veil.

What was new? The bride's shoes.

What was borrowed? Stella & Dot jewellery.

What was blue? A blue purse.



TIPS FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

- Enjoy EVERY second because it flies by too quickly, just relax and go with the flow.
- Share some tasks with your friends; don't feel you have to do everything yourself.





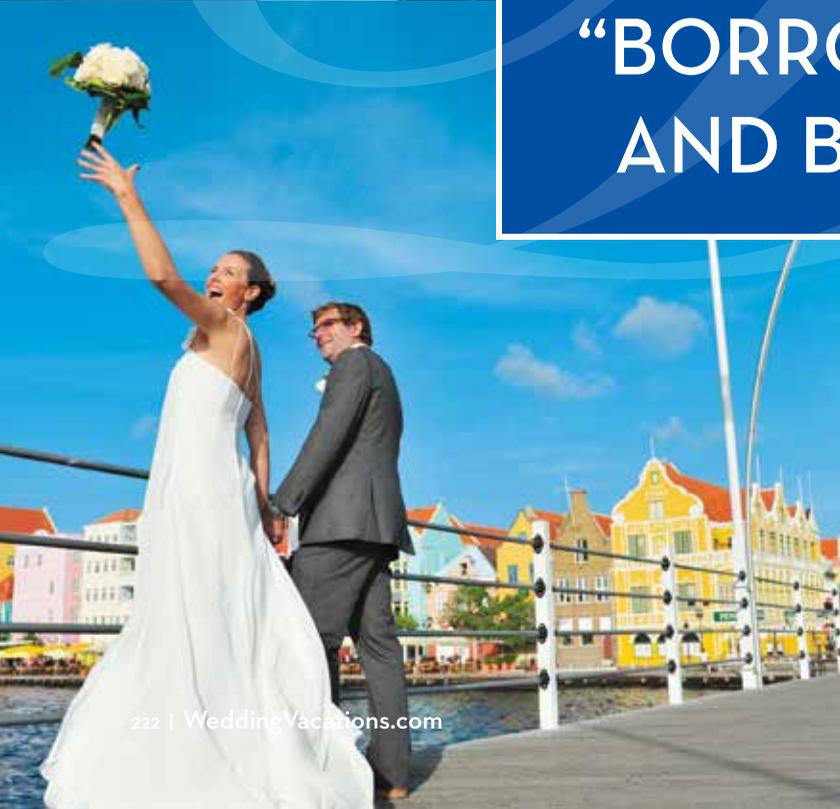
Tiffanie

REAL WEDDINGS
TIFFANIE & DENNIS

To get a behind-the-scenes look at Tiffanie and Dennis' Big Day, head to WeddingVacations.com. 



OLD AND NEW
DRIZZLED WITH
“BORROWED
AND BLUE”





Marrying laidback Caribbean vibes with European flair, the island of Curaçao is one of the most coveted wedding destinations in the world. Its Spanish, Dutch, British, French and African influences are evident everywhere – from the cityscape of brilliantly-coloured building facades to the impressive architecture of the many UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Of course, the island is also renowned as a romantic paradise where seemingly endless stretches of sandy beaches and sparkling waters set the perfect scene for barefoot nuptials at sunset or memorable post-wedding photo ops. There are also several breathtaking churches and dazzlingly modern facilities available for those looking for a more traditional affair.

Luckily, for both couples and their guests, the dream doesn't end once the vows have been exchanged. The list of attractions in Curaçao is limitless – from exotic coral reefs, beautiful plants and captivating wildlife, to the numerous local museums and exciting cultural events.

With the addition of the fine details, Curaçao is a veritable treasure trove of romantic experiences that can make any big day a dream come true.

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REAL PROPOSALS BURGUNDY & PAUL

Hailing from the outskirts of Toronto, Burgundy and Paul both worked at the same downtown Toronto restaurant, but missed each other by months. It would be a gathering of mutual friends that finally brought the two under one roof on an April evening in 2014. “We spent most of the night chatting and poking fun at each other and we haven’t stopped since,” Paul recounts, “It came as no surprise that the night ended with a kiss.”

Burgundy was drawn to Paul’s kindness and gentle-hearted nature, and her love for him continues to grow every day. “He doesn’t let a day go by without reminding me how special I am or how beautiful I look,” she gushes, “I couldn’t imagine sharing my life with anyone



ROMANCE ON CLOUD 9



Mike Brain of MBrain photography.



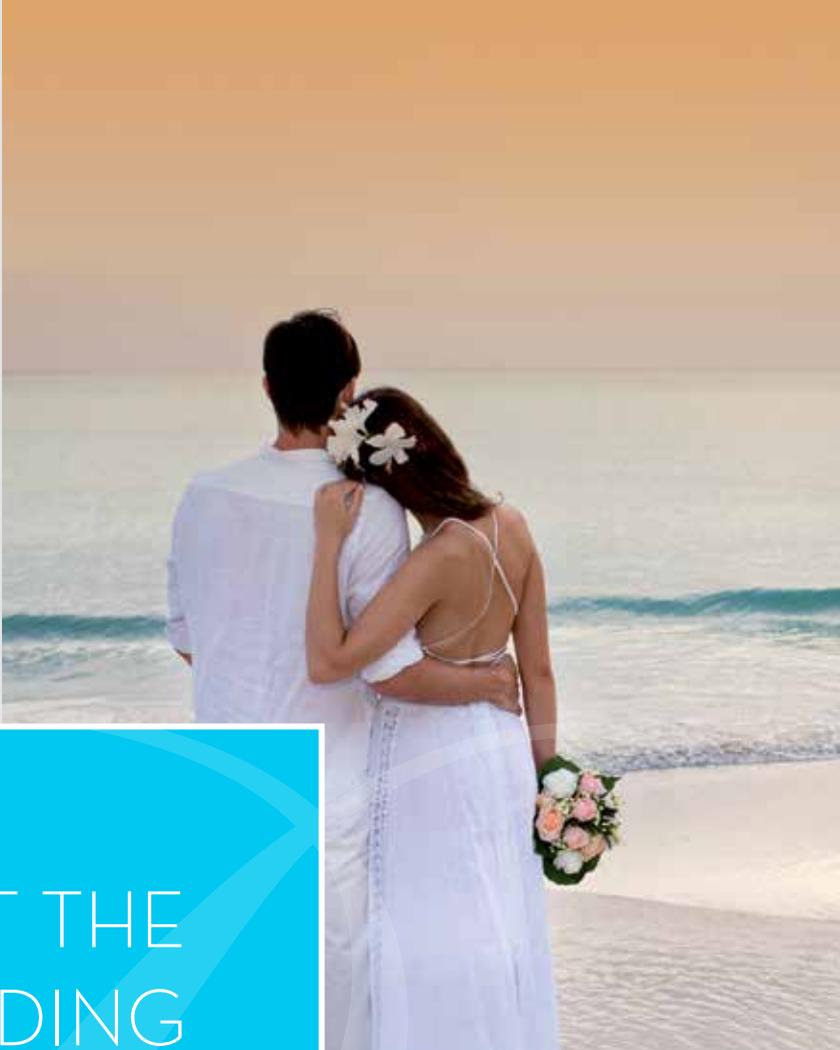
but him.” Similarly, Paul knew that there was something special about Burgundy from the moment they met, “I now cannot imagine spending a day without hearing her beautiful voice and seeing her gorgeous smile.” He enthuses that Burgundy makes him a better person, showing him true compassion in a way that he did not think possible.

As their one-year anniversary approached, Burgundy and Paul thought it would make the milestone all the more special with a tropical vacation. However, unbeknownst to Burgundy, Paul was planning on a different kind of celebration. As they boarded their Sunwing Airlines flight, Paul’s nerves started to get the best of him. Luckily, the airline staff came to his rescue, making sure his proposal went off without a hitch; from helping with Paul’s pre-proposal jitters, bolstering his confidence for the big moment and following up by sending champagne and plenty of congratulations to the newly-engaged couple once they got to the resort. “All the staff involved in the proposal did such a great job of keeping the proposal a surprise and were so friendly and helpful throughout the entire process,” Paul remembers.

The two unanimously agree that sharing this special moment in front of so many people added to the uniqueness of the event. “Neither one of us ever thought we would get engaged 35,000 feet in the air,” says Burgundy, “but we both feel so blessed that we got to share such a special moment together.” “We can’t wait to share this story with our children one day,” Paul adds.

Paul and Burgundy will be tying the knot with a stylish ceremony at a trendy downtown hotel in October 2016.

For more proposal ideas and inspiration, ask your travel agent or visit weddingvacations.com.



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Dreams



Courtney

Within the confines of the local gym, Brampton natives Courtney and Pino only had eyes for each other. "It was almost as if we had known each other for years," says Courtney of their instant connection, "We have the same laid back personalities and sense of humor. We could and still do, talk for hours about nothing...we are best friends."

During last winter's frigid temperatures, the two decided to escape the winter weather with a vacation to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, where they stayed at the Majestic Colonial Punta Cana.

As the sun set over the Caribbean Sea, Pino suggested that they go for a walk along the beach. Little did Courtney know, there was a surprise awaiting her. "Everything was planned perfectly," recounts Courtney, "I thought we had an à la carte reservation at the end of the week, [so I wasn't expecting anything!]" Pino had arranged with the resort photographer earlier in the week to stop the couple as they were strolling on the beach and offer to take pictures.

REAL
PROPOSALS
COURTNEY
& PINO

S. Pino

Majestic Colonial Punta Cana Resort photographer.



Magestic Colonial Punta Cana Resort photographer.

A full-page photograph of a man and a woman kissing on a beach. The man is on the left, wearing a dark blue button-down shirt and light-colored cargo shorts. The woman is on the right, wearing a black crop top and black shorts. They are standing on the sand with the ocean waves in the background. The sky is a soft, warm color, suggesting sunset or sunrise. The woman has three small tattoos on her left leg.

Courtney & Pino

“During the shoot the photographer had taken pictures of just me while Pino stood aside,” remembers Courtney, “When the photographer asked me to turn around, there he was on one knee.” Everything from the sunset to the moment of the proposal itself was captured perfectly enthralls the couple. “We finished the night off with a private dinner on the beach that I had organized with the hotel earlier as well,” concludes Pino.

The hotel staff played a big role in making sure the proposal went off smoothly, from ensuring that the photographer was at the beach at the right time, to setting up the proposal itself, as well as the private candlelit dinner on the beach.

Courtney and Pino have both always wanted a destination wedding, so it comes as no surprise that they want to extend their tropical engagement with a destination wedding! The two are set to wed in December 2016 at Sunwing’s exclusive resort, Royalton White Sands Montego Bay in Jamaica.

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Set among the lush, romantic Cuban landscape, providing couples with endless options for weddings, honeymoons and special celebrations, the Gaviota Group of resorts are a true paradise.

Havana hotels. Hotel Kohly is set within Havana Forest in the 650-hectare Metropolitan Park, the city's largest green space. The Gaviota Quinta Avenida Habana is located in the residential area of Miramar, known for its shopping and cultural appeal. While honeymooning in Havana, couples are encouraged to check out the Malecón - the gorgeous 8-km boardwalk that winds along the Havana's shoreline.

Holguin resorts. Eco conscious couples will enjoy their honeymoon at Playa Costa Verde resort. Bordered by mountains and the sparkling sea, this idyllic property has received accolades for its conservation initiatives. Playa

Pesquero Hotel is an all inclusive retreat set amid a verdant landscape, and offers a peaceful natural environment. Beaches abound in Holguin, but with its mangrove swamps, hiking opportunities and the chance to swim with dolphins, Bahia de Naranjo Nature Park is a must-see.

Love in los Cayos. Playa Cayo Santa Maria is a secluded all inclusive resort located in Cayo Santa Maria. The beaches of Cayo Santa Maria are a tranquil home for hundreds of beautiful underwater species, making it an ideal site for diving and aquatic exploration. Playa Coco is another beautiful beachfront destination situated mere minutes away from the second largest coral reef in the world, in Cayo Coco.

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FALL IN LOVE WITH CUBA'S CHARM





Grand Palladium Punta Cana photographer.



REAL WEDDINGS SUSANA & DAVE

Susana and Dave were lucky enough to cross each other's paths while on an online dating site. Susana, a creative hair stylist and Dave, an art director and designer, were attracted to each other from the moment they chatted. When they met face to face, Dave's simplicity and honest character appealed to Susana, while he was struck by her beauty and demeanor. The fact that she was also intelligent and knew exactly what she wanted from life drew him in even further. As days went on, they developed a close bond that both knew, would last beyond the domain of the internet.

"I do a little photography on the side so I promised her I would take her to do a photo shoot of just the two of us," recounts Dave of his surprise proposal. "I took Susana to the Toronto Botanical Gardens and I arranged for a friend to show up unexpectedly and asked him to take a photo of us on the bridge." Just as Dave's friend was going to take the picture, he bent down on one knee and proposed. "I didn't even get to finish my sentence before Susana turned around and saw the ring and said, "Yes, Yes, Yes!"

Beyond words

Susana and Dave's wedding day took place on a sunny February day at the Grand Palladium Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Soft touches of Tiffany blue and white added an air of sophistication and elegance to the tropical affair.

Surrounded by an intimate group of 10 wedding guests, the bride arrived in a horse-drawn carriage for a ceremony at the resort's gazebo. Susana's most memorable moment was when Dave first looked at her when she arrived at the wedding ceremony. "Dave was crying when he first saw me and then he cried again when we saw our pictures of the ceremony. It was completely unexpected." Dave concurred with Susana, "The second I saw Susana walking towards me, I couldn't believe this beautiful woman was going to spend the rest of her life with me."

REAL WEDDINGS
SUSANA & DAVE



Stavros



The wedding festivities continued with an intimate reception at the on-site steak house, where guests sipped on a signature blue cocktail and the aroma of white gerbera daisies filled the room. Susana and Dave shared their first dance to John Legend's *All Of Me*. While the day was filled with plenty of emotion, there was plenty of laughter too, like when Susana and Dave's fathers shared a moment on the dancefloor. "My new father-in-law danced like I've never seen anyone dance before and then inspired my dad to join in," says Susana. "The two of them, well, words cannot explain what those two were doing!"

As a thank you gift, the bride and groom gifted their guests with a speedboat and catamaran excursions as a welcome gift to enjoy during their stay.

Susana and Dave extended their Punta Cana stay with a relaxing honeymoon at the resort.



Grand Palladium Punta Cana photographer.



TIPS FOR OTHER BRIDES AND GROOMS

- Keep it simple.
- Destination weddings are much easier than weddings at home. Our wedding planner made it look so easy and she took only a little time away from our wedding day to get things organized the way we wanted it.

GET THEIR LOOK

Susana's gown: French Chantilly lace and tulle by Monique Lhuillier from White Toronto.

Susana's shoes: Tiffany blue heels.

Susana's jewellery: Vintage pearl necklace and diamond bracelet.

Dave's outfit: Suit from Tip Top Tailors, Copley.

Dave's jewellery: Hugo Boss watch, Tiffany tag bracelet.

The rings: White gold and diamonds.

Hair and makeup: Both done by the bride, Susana.

Photographer: Grand Palladium Punta Cana photographer.

Stationary and invitations: The bride Susana designed all of the wedding materials herself.



REAL WEDDINGS
SUSANA & DAVE



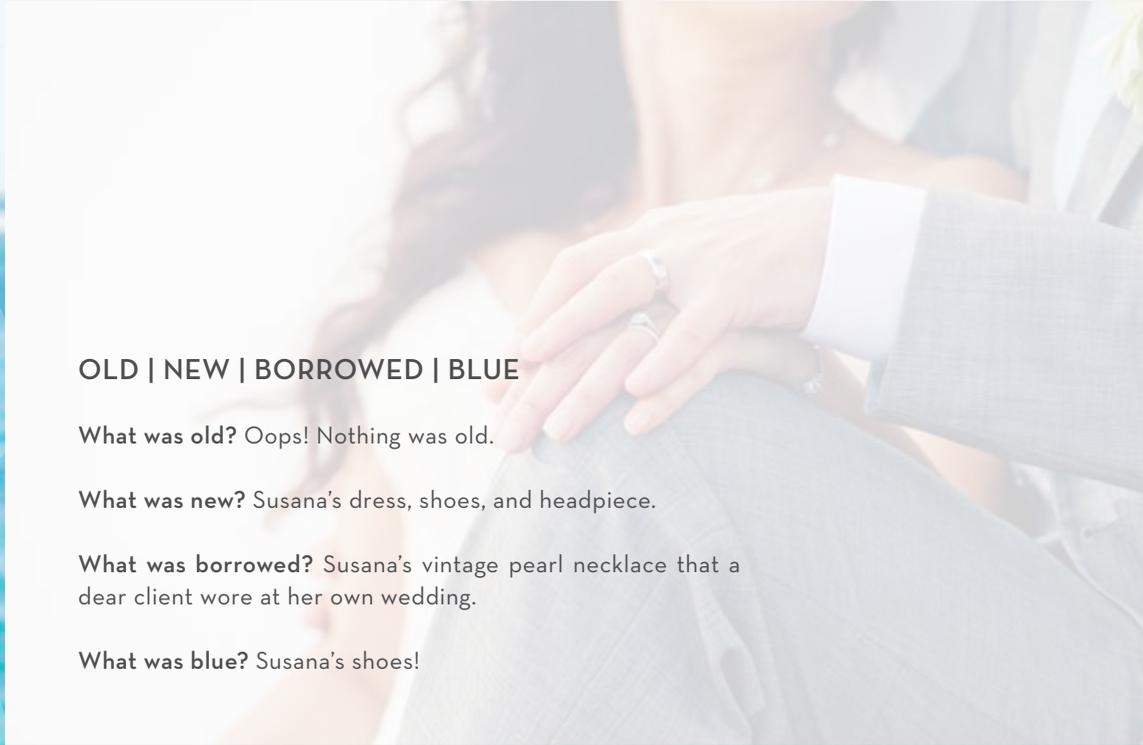
REAL WEDDINGS
SUSANA & DAVE



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Grand Palladium Punta Cana photographer.



OLD | NEW | BORROWED | BLUE

What was old? Oops! Nothing was old.

What was new? Susana's dress, shoes, and headpiece.

What was borrowed? Susana's vintage pearl necklace that a dear client wore at her own wedding.

What was blue? Susana's shoes!





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AUTHENTICALLY ROMANTIC

With its unique Mexican character and charm, Mazatlan is a popular choice for couples that want to exchange vows or enjoy a dreamy honeymoon in a tropical paradise.

Your big day in this destination

Known as the “Pearl of the Pacific,” Mazatlan is indeed a gem in the region, ideally suited for destination weddings and special occasions. Its colonial buildings offer the perfect backdrop for romantic photo ops, and the ritzy Golden Zone, lined for miles with lush palm trees and sandy beaches creates the perfect setting to exchange vows. For a memorable after-the-ceremony affair, the area’s countless luxury resorts, nightclubs and restaurants provide plenty of opportunities to celebrate in style.

A novel spot for newlyweds

As far as honeymoons go, Mazatlan has a wealth of activities and sights on offer that make it the perfect spot for a romantic interlude. Explore the many beaches, or stroll the *Malecon* (ocean boardwalk) - it’s the perfect place to sightsee and stroll hand-in-hand. Historical monuments - like the Opera House built in 1874 - abound in the area, and are a must-see on any Mexican getaway. Shopaholics will delight in the rich selection of authentic arts and crafts produced by local artisans.

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PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

VOLUME 5 ISSUE 1

Congratulations to Marie-Pier and Carol on winning our Destination Weddings Photo Contest from Volume 5 Issue 1.

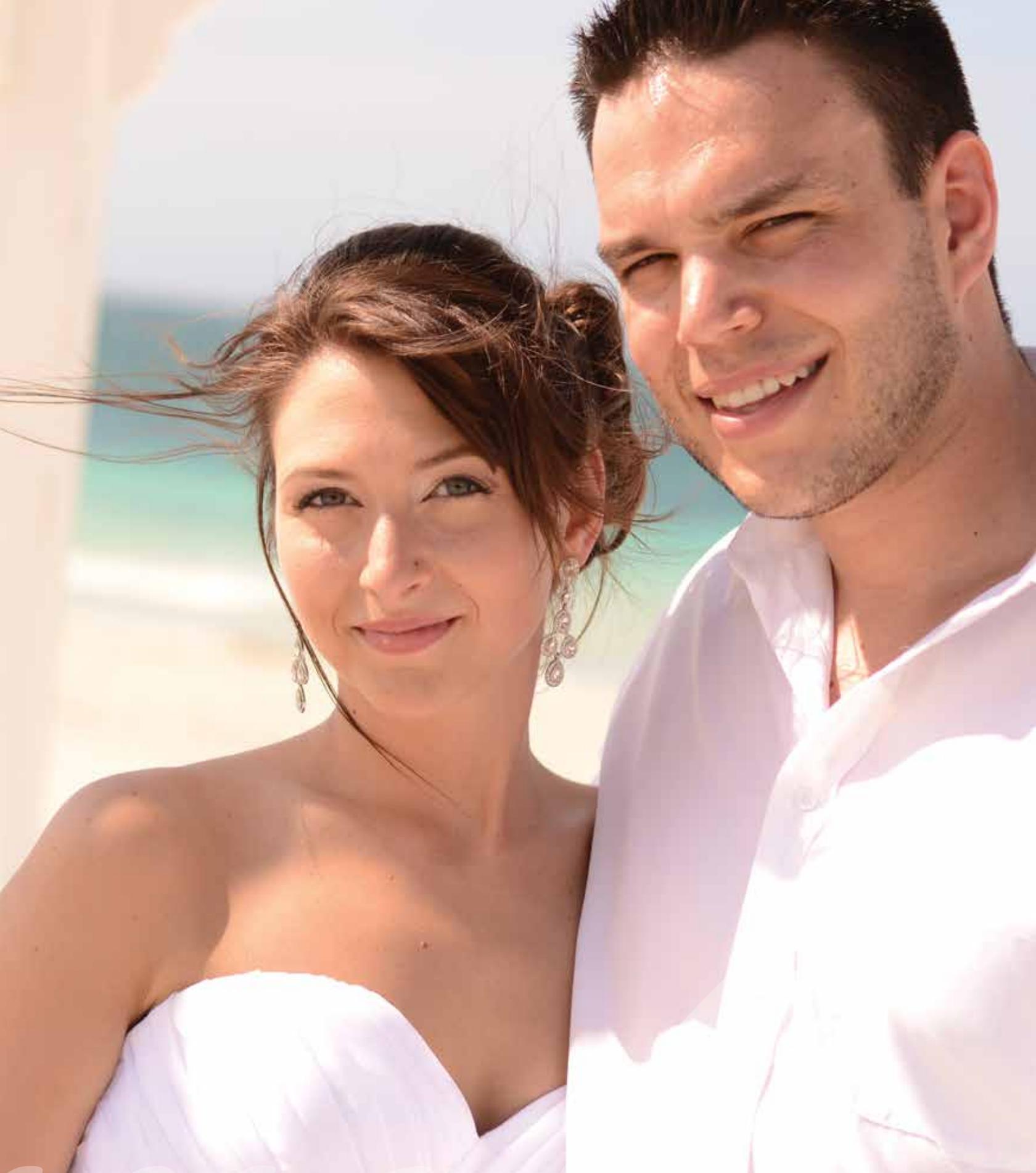
It was a chance encounter that brought Marie-Pier, a teacher, and Carol, a police officer, together. Hailing from the outskirts of Montreal, both had gone separately to Varadero with their respective group of friends for a vacation, but didn't stay at the same hotel. As they headed out for a night out in downtown Varadero, Marie-Pier couldn't help but notice the handsome fellow with a great smile and shy demeanour, while Carol couldn't take his gaze off the woman with beautiful eyes. Marie-Pier recounts, "I saw him and I knew I had to go talk to him, I know it sounds cheesy but from the moment we met, we knew it was more than just a fling."

Carol decided to propose to Marie-Pier during a surprise weekend getaway. As they settled in with a bottle of wine, the sky lit with meteor showers, Carol turned to Marie-Pier and asked if she would marry him. It was only when he presented her with the box, that they both noticed it was empty! "After a short panic attack and search for the ring," Marie-Pier recounts, "I said yes!"

An intimate affair

Continuing with their Cuba theme, Marie-Pier and Carol celebrated their nuptials with a private gazebo ceremony at the Iberostar Laguna Azul in Varadero. Wearing a private label organza Kevin G. confection, the bride made her way down the aisle to a piano rendition of Coldplay's Clocks. Joined by 48 of their friends and family, the wedding was officiated by the couple's best friends, adding to the intimacy of their celebration. Walking down the aisle to her husband - who was crying from the beginning to the end of the ceremony - was undoubtedly Marie-Pier's most memorable moment from the wedding, while Carol recalls the beauty of the service and

Marc-Antoine Gascon and Alexandre Bergeron-Cyr.



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MARIE-PIER & CAROL



Marc-Antoine Gascon and Alexandre Bergeron-Cyr.



the amount of people who chose to celebrate their love, as his most cherished and unexpected moments, “Having our best friends there to celebrate with us made our day perfect,” he says.

The evening progressed with a music-filled reception, featuring plenty of Cuban rum, and complete with a first dance to Shania Twain’s *From This Moment*, a choreographed dance to the Backstreet Boys’ *Get Down* and a night full of dancing to an expertly-curated playlist of classic rock, disco, 90s dance hits and 2000s pop. “There was no time to sit!” Marie-Pier remembers.

Having their friends and family present for their tropical nuptials was certainly the highlight for both Marie-Pier and Carol who added, “We really wanted our wedding to be a special time for our guests too.” So to show their appreciation, they provided them with a customized itinerary and personalized gifts as part of their wedding favours.

Marie-Pier and Carol extended their Cuban stay with a week’s honeymoon.

As the winners of the Destination Weddings Photo Contest, Marie-Pier and Carol will be treated to a romantic getaway at the Hyatt Zilara Rose Hall in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

GET THEIR LOOK

Marie Pier’s gown: Organza, Private Label by Kevin G.

Marie-Pier’s shoes: Silver wedge heels, Aldo.

Carol’s outfit: White shirt and black pants, Protocol.

Bridesmaid’s dresses: Long turquoise gowns.

Groomsmen’s attire: Turquoise shirt and black pants, Protocol.

Hair and makeup: Soft and natural makeup; chignon.

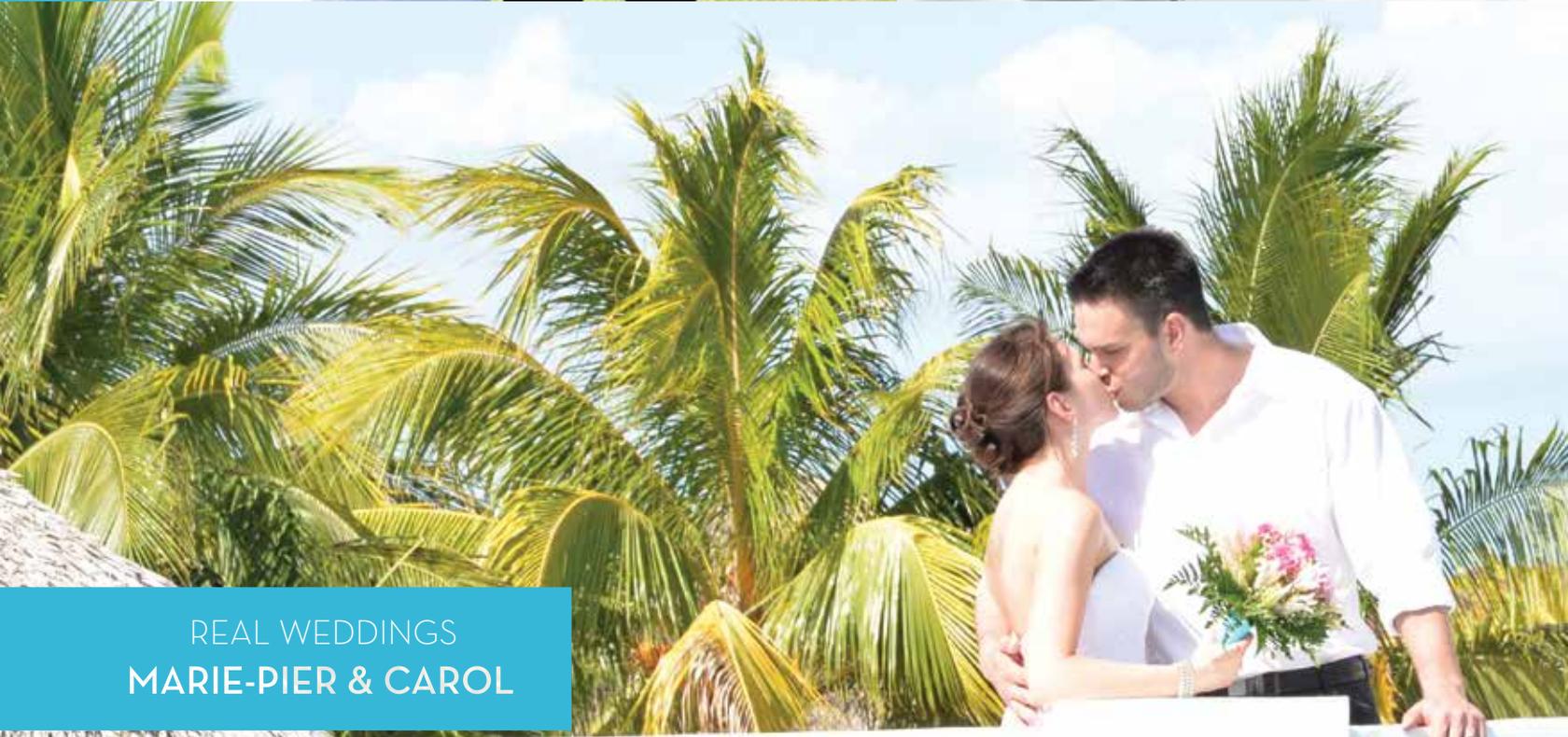
Types of rings: White gold and diamonds (her), titanium (him).

Photographer: Marc-Antoine Gascon and Alexandre Bergeron-Cyr.

Stationary and invitations: Vistaprint.

Favours: Candy bar, heart-shaped plantable paper and lotto tickets.

Welcome gifts for guests: Havana Club rum.



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TIPS FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

- Do not hesitate to ask questions during the planning process. Your travel agent, your wedding planner and your family have the knowledge to answer a lot of your concerns.
- Don't be afraid to give some responsibility to some of your closest friends.
- Most importantly, appreciate every single moment of this special week.



Sign up to submit your photos in the next Destination Weddings Photo Contest on the [WeddingVacations.com](https://www.weddingvacations.com) Facebook page for your chance to win a romantic getaway in paradise. More details on page 176. 



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Welcome to St. Maarten, an island gem in the Caribbean that offers lovers a dual-cultured experience with both Dutch and French influences. There are numerous reasons why St. Maarten is one of the top destinations for weddings and honeymoons. With a variety of things to see and do, this tiny slice of paradise offers visitors memorable experiences that both open the heart and relax the soul.

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As the second largest country in the Caribbean, the Dominican Republic is an ideal destination for weddings, honeymoons and romantic milestones. Nearly 1,600 kilometres of golden coastline dotted with pristine white-sand beaches beckon brides-to-be, while a variety of sophisticated resorts, hotels, villas and venues make planning your wedding in the Dominican Republic a breeze.

Add some excitement to your wedding vacation or honeymoon with an abundance of adrenaline-surging activities, from adventure sports like river rafting, canoeing, hiking, and horseback riding, to hang-ten thrills like surfing, kitesurfing, amazing snorkelling and scuba diving. For those who groove to a slower rhythm, there is plenty of sightseeing, lounging and exploring to do. With 25% of its land and coastal areas preserved as national parks, reserves and sanctuaries, the Dominican Republic's magnificent landscapes, stunning coastline and idyllic white-sand beaches set the scene for amazing weddings.

For couples who dream of unique and fairytale engagements, weddings and honeymoons, the Dominican Republic is a slice of paradise that blends a tropical ambience with old-world charm and romance. No wonder this tropical oasis is rapidly becoming the top Caribbean choice for weddings.

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