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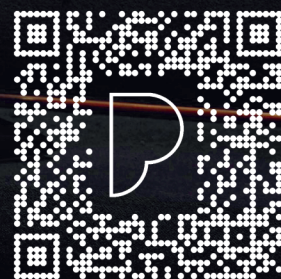


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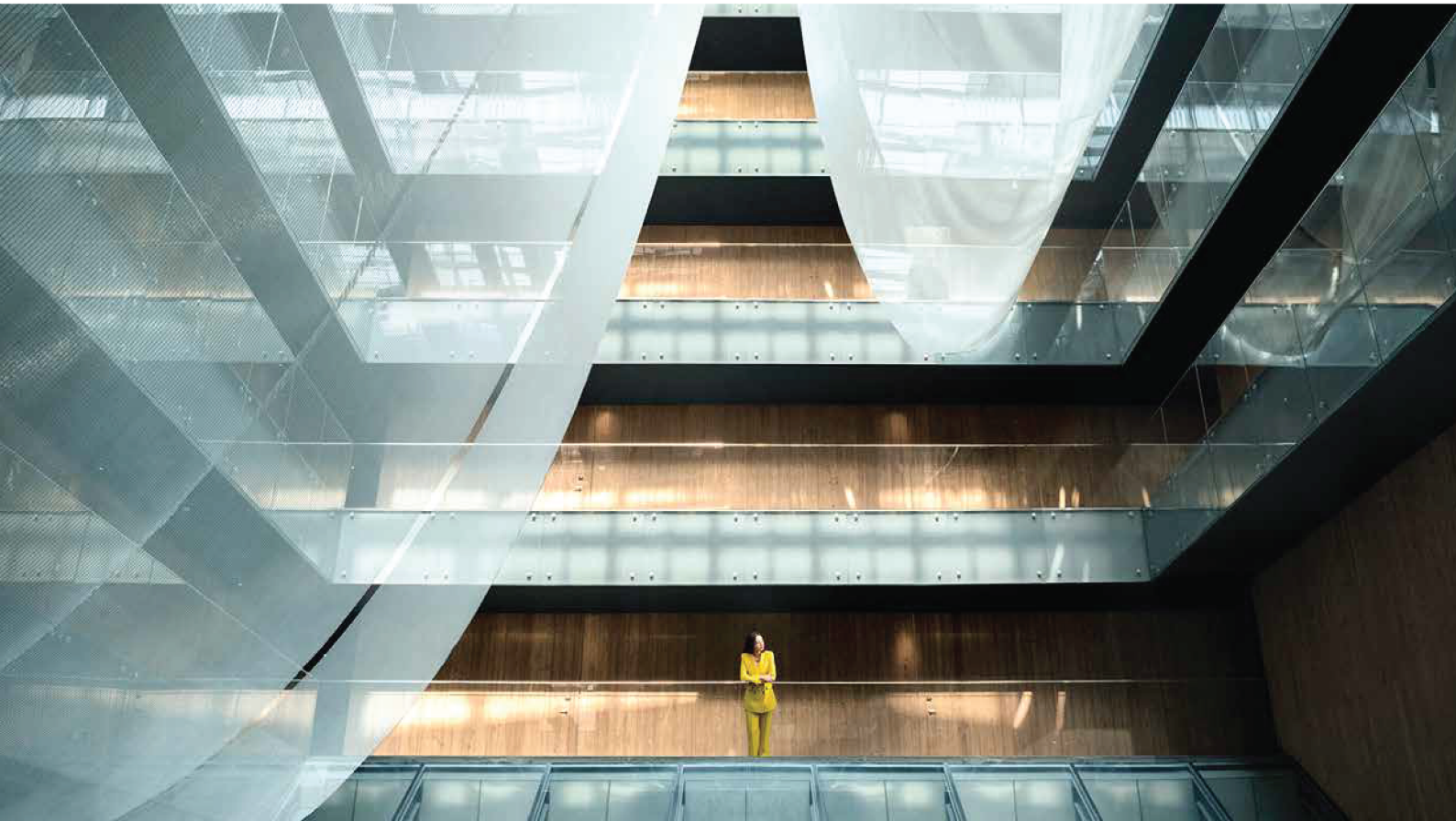


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Where It Begins

# DE BEERS







## Moroccan Bliss

Exotic and luxurious, Royal Mansour Marrakech is a dream setting for events to remember for lifetimes.

Redolent in tradition and mysteries, Marrakech has been a beacon for world travellers since the beginning of the previous century. Some of these travellers have found their way to Royal Mansour Marrakech, a melting pot of the very best the city has to offer. These include exquisite architecture, revered customs and a level of luxury hospitality honed through the city's many centuries of making visitors feel welcome. As such, the hotel is emblematic of both thoughtful service and spaces in which to create inspiring events that will be talked about and fondly remembered for years to come.

For instance, Royal Mansour Marrakech has within its property a series of sublime indoor and outdoor spaces in which to host dream weddings. These range from the Prestige Riad and Le Grand Riad Terrace, which can accommodate 30 and 60 guests respectively. There is also the scene-setting Le Patio Bleu or The Blue Patio, the outdoor courtyard where La

Grande Table Marocaine and Sesamo restaurant are located. This setting makes for alluring dinner receptions.

The luxury hotel's private salons are styled in the fashion of a Moroccan abode, featuring aesthetic highlights such as its carved cedar ceilings, pink marble flooring and jade-hued onyx walls, all of which conjure an inspiring sense of time and place. These private spaces have the capacity to host up to 80 guests for dinner and 160 guests for cocktails.

Royal Mansour Marrakech also boasts exceptional outdoor spaces including the four-acre Le Jardin, which boasts a uniquely "arabo-andalou" garden design. Another versatile space is the 170 square metre Arsat Terrace – a veritable physical canvas upon which to design a wedding event to remember. And, last but not least, the Koutoubia Terrace is tucked away in one of the property's secret corners and overlooks the famed Koutoubia Mosque and the Atlas mountains, which offers different vistas depending on the time of year.

The property's ethereal setting is as timeless as the precise and attentive service of which Royal Mansour Marrakech holds itself up to. A team of experts at the property offer guests both suggestions and exceptional event planning services. This ranges from selections of floral arrangements to menus, and everything else that would make a wedding as blissful and harmonious as it rightfully should be.



## SAY YES AT THE ROYAL MANSOUR MARRAKECH



To ensure your **wedding in Marrakech** is like no other, the Royal Mansour Marrakech will lend you its dreamy premises...Sumptuous spaces, a sophisticated service, sublime tableware, and glamorous Royal Mansour touches will take you on a roller-coaster of emotions.

The Royal Mansour Garden, with its floral terraces, luxurious alleyways, and intimate alcoves, holds some of the settings you can choose to celebrate your union in.

Looking for the very best spot to say 'yes' in? The Grand Riad, with its luxury fineries, sumptuous lounges, opening to the garden, swimming pool and roof terrace, will make you live your dream. Nothing is more sophisticated than a wedding celebration held in this world-unique location.

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From the personalised floral decorations to the wedding cake and personalised menu design, the Royal Mansour Marrakech will bring all your little wishes and wildest fantasies to life shing and full of festive fun.



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## In The Mood For Love

Experience the best of local culture and inspiring traditions at Azerai Resorts' Vietnamese properties.



Vietnam is a country that masterfully blends its natural beauty with a deep respect for artforms in all guises. From riverfront to oceanfront, the three Azerai Resorts in Vietnam revel in the country's cultural heritage and reverence for tradition. At Azerai Can Tho – a charming and lush boutique property, accessible from the city of Can Tho solely by boat – is a celebration of contemporary elegance. With vibrant greenery and well-manicured grounds, the 60-room property sets the mood for sophisticated celebrations to remember. The resort's famed banyan trees offer not only shade but also a fairy tale event setting. Azerai Can Tho is also located two and a half hours by car from Ho Chi Minh City, for those flying in to the popular city.



Meanwhile, Azerai La Residence, Hue is a recollection of a past era. The resort, with its 122 rooms and suites, is centred around a 1930s colonial mansion that formerly housed the French Resident Superieure. Here, a refined mood still pervades. A wedding at Azerai La Residence, Hue can be designed as both classic yet contemporary, taking aesthetic references from history books as the couple casts their eye on the horizon and their future together.

When it comes to beach weddings, Azerai Ke Ga Bay is a hidden paradise on Vietnam's eastern coast. The buzz going around is that this could very well be the next sought-after wedding destination. Imagine a beachfront ceremony on a stretch of white sand beach, or a meaningful ceremony at the resort's gardens that span 4.5 hectares, and you'll understand why.



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# Fantastical Lausanne

Both Beau-Rivage Palace and Lausanne Palace are ideal locations for fairytale weddings.

The Swiss city of Lausanne evokes classic romanticism, and by the city's Lake Geneva sits Beau-Rivage Palace, a hotel that artfully blends elements of the modern and the traditional. Since 1861, this European grande dame has been the setting for many historic events in the modern world, from monumental contract signings to hosting members of royalty and celebrities, and even inspiring leading artists of previous eras.

As a beacon of legendary Swiss hospitality, the property is a proverbial fairytale location thanks to its Sandoz and La Rotunda ballrooms. The former is a spacious 430-square-metre space that has been the toast of Europe since the 19th century; while the latter, with its stucco work, mouldings and murals, speaks of glorious past eras. Executive chef Thierry Buffeteau is a masterful culinary creative who tailors menus to guests' tastes and the availability of seasonal produce.

A similar sense of elegance is in abundance at the famed Lausanne Palace in the heart of the city. For more than a century, the property has projected a Belle Époque-influenced sensibility that extends to the style in which dream weddings are planned and held. With legendary views of Lake Geneva and the Alps, event spaces at Lausanne Palace are timelessly gorgeous settings like no other. When decked in exquisite floral arrangements, the hotel's ballroom evokes a dreamy palatial mood, while food and beverage team at Lausanne Palace work tirelessly to craft dishes that are both irresistible in taste and unforgettable in flavour.



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# Middle Eastern Wonders

Spectacular celebrations at Atlantis Dubai are meticulously conceived by their event teams.



Atlantis Dubai is renowned as the eighth wonder of the modern world. The award-winning property promises countless unique settings to hold wedding events. These span both indoor and outdoor spaces where “your special day is elevated to the level of extraordinary”.

Atlantis Dubai’s consummate events team along with its vast repertoire of chefs share a dedicated penchant to bringing your dream wedding to life. Indoor event locations such as the resort’s flagship venue Asateer is a luxurious, exclusive, private and flexible canvas upon which decor specifications can be placed. Asateer is capable of hosting a maximum of 1,200 seated guests in a location with a private entrance, valet

parking, lobby lounge and both indoor and outdoor venues to host pre-event cocktails.

There is also the Atlantis Ballroom & Royal Terrace. The former is tailored for grander weddings with space for up to 1,200 guests; the latter overlooks the glistening Dubai skyline. Then there are the Silk & Spice Ballrooms, each of which are perfect for smaller but no less glamorous celebrations of up to 300 guests. Both ballrooms have the flexibility of being compartmentalised into three distinct spaces.

When it comes to outdoor settings, Atlantis Dubai has an assortment of inspiring environments to offer. These include the picturesque Palm Grove, which comfortably seats 100





guests along with the island vibes of the 800-capacity Zero Entry Pool and its spectacular background scenery. Couples that dream of a beachside wedding also have the option of Atlantis Beach. In other words, there's no need to jet off to a faraway island for a wedding to remember. Atlantis Beach, which overlooks the romantic seascape and city skyline, can easily accommodate up to 800 guests.

For all events at Atlantis Dubai, a dedicated culinary team comprises an international selection of chefs skilled in creating menus from around the world and yet specific to the various heritages from which the couple originates. As for wedding cakes that make tasteful statements, the resort's pastry team are masters of fondant and all other sweet accoutrements.

Wedding guests staying at Atlantis Dubai have their pick of room types, including the deluxe rooms overlooking either the Arabian Sea or Palm Island and the cityscape. The Club Suites, on the other hand, feature a private check-in service along with a VIP team to see to guests' every need. But it must be said – the Signature Suites at the resort are the stars of the show. These include out-of-this-world settings such as immersive in-built aquariums featuring more than 65,000 marine animals.

To soothe frazzled pre-wedding nerves, guests also have access to the award-winning AWAKEN Spa, located in Atlantis Dubai. A veritable oasis of calm and repose in a verdant setting, the spa's 27 treatment rooms set the scene for some of the



world's most indulgent spa therapies. And at the sumptuous Royal Spa Suite, with its own private lounge and twin treatment spaces, guests have their very own pedestal tub replete with rose petals in floral celebration of nuptials to follow.

Over at Atlantis, The Royal, weddings are scene-setting events. This ultra-luxury experiential resort is all about inspired terrace weddings, with the Dubai skyline in the horizon along with tranquil garden events. Here, an ensemble of acclaimed international chefs create menus that will spark lifelong memories, while a team of wedding specialists are also on hand to plan the types of weddings dreams are made of.





## Alpine Mystique

With a star-studded heritage, Badrutt's Palace Hotel is the place for glamorous events and wondrous weddings.



With its location in the lofty Swiss Alps, Badrutt's Palace Hotel has honed a reputation as a hideaway for the rich and illustrious since 1896. Celebrities of ages past, such as Alfred Hitchcock, Audrey Hepburn and Charlie Chaplin, have found

sanctuary within the elegant property's storied walls. The 155-room hotel features interiors with 19th-century art and Belle Époque flourishes. Additionally, it boasts a sophisticated spa, which is connected through an underground tunnel that leads to an indoor pool with views of the Alps.

Today, Badrutt's Palace Hotel retains all of its old-world panache, and recaptures the splendours of a bygone era for romantic weddings, birthday celebrations and upscale boardroom events. The property's most sought-after event space, The Embassy Ballroom, was fashioned as a theatre setting with direct access to Le Grand Hall. The stage has welcomed the likes of Marlene Dietrich and Dita von Teese, both of whom have lent their considerable star power to the space. Wedding couples have considerable flexibility in designing their event's environment, where they are the stars of their own events.

The hotel's Le Restaurant is another majestic event setting, replete with soaring ceilings and windows that peek out to the sprawling lake and mountains beyond. Le Restaurant can seat up to 350 guests for quintessential gala dinners; for receptions, the space has capacity for 450 guests.

The hotel's wedding planners are both creative and meticulous in their work, delivering their best for events such as Indian weddings that span several days or other customised celebrations that create lifelong memories.



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# Tales Of The Four Houses

For wedding celebrations with a difference, The House Collective's four properties combine contemporary sophistication and ageless luxury.





The House Collective is a series of four impressive properties located in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Chengdu, and Beijing. Each with its own distinctive character and sense of style. Blending east and west, these hotels are retro-modern emblems of style for wedding events to remember.

## The Upper House

Rising above Hong Kong's CBD is The Upper House, a charming hotel known for its intimate service and minimalist Andre Fu-designed interiors. Wedding celebrations at the property are destined to be sophisticated and stylish when held at distinctive venues such as the secret-garden-in-the-city setting The Lawn, or the towering Sky Lounge on Level 49 that boasts a fireplace, bamboo-toned interiors, and a high ceiling that reaches four-metres. The hotel's culinary team from Salisterra presents Mediterranean-flavoured dishes, served as canapés, lunch or dinner. For the all-important tea ceremony, the property's headlining Upper Suite is the 114-square-metre location of choice. The suite impresses with panoramic views of Victoria Harbour, and makes for a romantic location for wedding night stays.

## The Middle House

Over at The Middle House, a boutique hotel with 111 rooms and 102 serviced residences in Shanghai's Jing'an fashion district, the scene is a decidedly modern mesh, featuring luxurious minimalism and atmospheric interiors. The Middle House's creators were undoubtedly inspired by design cues of the past century, and reinterpreted them in the present day. The results of these include the impressive Piero Lissoni-designed Penthouse. The 208-square-metre space was created to host star-studded cocktails and unforgettable weddings. The Penthouse also boasts an outdoor terrace along with a series of indoor function spaces that offer a wealth of potential when it comes to event planning.

## The Temple House

A merging of old and new, The Temple House in Chengdu is part of the city's Daci Temple Cultural and Commercial Complex. Featuring six distinctive buildings, The Temple House is all about tucked-away courtyards, heritage structures, and even an underground ballroom.

Next door to the 100-key hotel and 42 service residences is the 1,000-year-old Daci Temple. The Temple House's bamboo-tree shielded courtyard, constructed during the Qing Dynasty, completes its contemporary-meets-classic aesthetic. Likewise, wedding events here can be as grand as a dinner at The Hall, a ballroom with capacity for 150 banquet guests. Bitieshi, the hotel's restored courtyard building with three meeting suites, is best suited as a setting for wedding celebrations with a touch of history, while The Penthouse, located on levels 11 and 12, spans 287 square metres and is all



The Opposite House, Beijing

about grandiose gestures and sweeping views. Meanwhile, the hotel's outdoor terrace Temple Top and The Study, an exclusive inner sanctum, are two more physical canvases in which to plan and to host the perfect wedding.

## The Opposite House

The notions of home and hospitality are etched into the philosophy of The Opposite House. Its name derives from that of a guest house that faces a traditional Beijing courtyard house. As one of the leading hotels in China's capital city, The Opposite House reinterprets and redefines both stays and celebrations in the present century. Wedding events at the Commune have flexibility to be both innovative and traditional. The space comprises three special areas: Gallery, Studio and Sunken Garden. Recently, The Opposite House collaborated with the world's leading luxury department store Harrods to launch The Harrods Residence Suite, the retailer's first hotel suite in Asia. The two-storey suite, which is located on the fifth and sixth floors of the property, features an open-plan dining and living space, as well as a private 240-square-metre spacious terrace overlooking Beijing's most fashionable neighbourhood.



# From Past To Present: Inspiring Weddings At Sentosa

Capella Singapore offers its sophistication and glamour for wedding celebrations like no other.

Nestled on Sentosa Island, Capella Singapore offers a tranquil escape from the hustle and bustle of the city, making it an idyllic retreat for couples celebrating their special day. With a six-star rating, this distinctive property delivers an unparalleled level of luxury and sophistication that will leave a lasting impression on guests.



Boasting awe-inspiring architecture, stunning waterfront views, and lush greenery, Capella Singapore's beauty is second to none, creating an atmosphere of pure elegance and refinement. The wedding planning team, equipped with their expertise, craft bespoke experiences tailored to suit the individual needs of each couple. Every detail is meticulously thought through to ensure that every moment is perfect, from intimate ceremonies to grand receptions.

Capella Singapore offers a variety of indoor and outdoor venues for all occasions, including the Grand Ballroom, Sentosa Room, The Lawn, and Portico. The culinary team is renowned for their creativity and ability to provide flavours that perfectly match each event's theme. Along with luxurious accommodation and amenities such as the famed Auriga Spa, guests are treated to exceptional hospitality services that will leave them feeling pampered and rejuvenated.

At Capella Singapore, every wedding is made unforgettable. It's no wonder why this exclusive address has become one of the most sought-after wedding destinations in Singapore.





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# Weddings In The Sun

Bawah Reserve brings out the best of its island resort qualities, just a short distance away from Singapore.



As a marriage proposal or wedding destination, Bawah Reserve offers the best of all worlds: idyllic island charm, gourmet cuisine and attentive service. This group of six islands comprises two low-key yet supremely luxurious retreats – Bawah Island and Elang Private Residence. Each has countless settings perfect for romance-themed events, whether outdoors or within their chic spaces.

First comes the marriage proposal, of course! Surrounded by crystalline waters and jaw-dropping natural beauty, Bawah Reserve is a magical location for unforgettable proposals. Its friendly team will help the future groom to seamlessly construct a well-timed moment to pop the question. For this, several evocative scenarios have been put together. There is ‘X marks the spot’, a playful treasure hunt with clues leading the couple to the final destination where the proposal is to be made. Another option is a ‘Castaway picnic’, where the couple are whisked to a deserted beach, where they find a bottle containing a ‘marry me’ message.

Sometime later, Bawah Reserve is an ideal location for the blissful couple to host friends and family for their wedding ceremony, plus all the festivities that surround it. Meals, activities and spa treatments are all included in the daily rate, so everyone can simply relax and enjoy the fun.

In addition, it’s hard to imagine a more perfect place than Bawah for renewing one’s wedding vows. Where better than this timelessly wondrous tropical paradise for a couple to bring their nearest and dearest together to witness and celebrate their endless love?



Photography: Bawah Reserve.





# Italian Inspirations

From dramatic coastlines to historic gardens, Belmond's Italian properties offer intriguing backstories to wedding events.

Belmond's Italian properties are the embodiment of romance, whether it's the fringes of a Sicilian volcano or the glamorous Amalfi Coast, and not forgetting a dignified Florentine garden setting. Steeped in a heritage of nobility, renaissance artists and ancient monks, these hotels – located in Sicily, Tuscany, Venice, Portofino, and the Amalfi Coast – are veritable physical canvases on which to draw dream weddings with elegance.

Saying "I do" in locations where the sense of history is palpable places an extra special dimension on wedding celebrations. Imagine holding one's nuptials on a stunning Taorminian terrace overlooking Mount Etna and the Bay of Naxos. How about by the beach with family and close friends in a Sicilian villa, or in a garden frequented by the world's greatest lover, Casanova?

Indeed, Belmond's Italian properties are famed for their gardens that speak of centuries of attention and care. Likewise, the hotels' award-winning chefs are experts in the art of fine cuisine, basing their menus on locally sourced seasonal ingredients and regional delicacies prepared with modern flourishes.

Dinners become events in locations such as the Mediterranean gardens by one of the world's most scenic infinity pools at Caruso, perched above the Amalfi Coast, or on a hidden terrace at the 150-year-old Grand Hotel Timeo, located next to the Greek Theatre of Taormina. A wedding at this storied spot is always magical.

While the locations of these Belmond properties offer a sense of uniqueness, so too is the style of service – personable, on-point and gracious. This ensures that Italian weddings with Belmond will be ones to cherish for posterity.





# This Side Of Paradise

A haven for honeymooners, Nirjhara is mere steps away from one of Bali's most revered sites, Tanah Lot.

In Bali, temples and farmlands are in abundance, but Nirjhara (Sanskrit for 'waterfall') offers a unique and true representation of the island's personality. The property is situated in rice fields and surrounded by a cascading waterway, creating a rare depiction of paradise in a fast-paced world. Nirjhara is located just minutes from Tanah Lot, Bali's most famous temple complex, a 20-minute drive from hip Canggu, and an hour from Ngurah Rai International Airport.

Nirjhara blends seamlessly into its surroundings, as it was designed to be a resort with a contemporary-meets-Balinese-artisan aesthetic. Guests can enjoy all manner of luxury amenities while experiencing a palpable sense of local Balinese life. Accommodations at this villa resort range from treehouses nestled in a coconut grove to spacious two-bedroom villas.

Honeymooners will find a sense of serenity and adventure at Nirjhara. Activities such as mountain biking through quiet roads and rustic villages offer an experiential tapestry of the

local way of life. Additionally, the dignified Tanah Lot temple, with its majestic crest waves that crash onto the shore, is a must-see. And for couples keen to explore farther afield, Nirjhara is the perfect gateway to Tabanan, Bali's agricultural heart. This off-the-beaten-trek experience is unique to Nirjhara, as guests get up close with the 'old' Bali. These include the Nungnung waterfall, Jatiluwih rice terraces and other off-the-radar places near the resort.

After a day out, the best place to head to is The Retreat, Nirjhara's spa that features a carefully crafted menu centred around 'Blessings', two-hour spa journeys inspired by traditional Balinese customs such as nyepi or melasti. The spa also offers a Finnish sauna and a state-of-the-art gym, complete with an array of strength and conditioning equipment.

At Ambu, guests may sample the region's time-honoured and creative cuisine, prepared with contemporary techniques using farm-to-table ingredients sourced from the province and the resort's own vegetable and herb garden, while facing the lush rice paddies. Guests can, and should, also book a private dinner at the sublime Shala, which boasts views of a meandering river or beneath a waterfall-facing pergola. Following a refined dinner, guests may head over to the property's cinema for a private screening of a movie of their choice.

Romance is always in the air at Nirjhara, a sanctuary offering both exclusivity and seclusion. Honeymooning couples can enjoy rare opportunities for extra 'me time', pampered by the resort's staff who are always available to ensure that a stay at Nirjhara is welcoming and magical.



# Visions Of Love

Famed for its exclusive villas, Samujana on Koh Samui excels in hosting weddings with breathtaking backdrops.



As Koh Samui's reputation as a Southeast Asian destination beloved by global jet-setters grows, so too does the island's popularity as an event location for romantic weddings, complete with stunning designer sunsets. Samujana, one of the island's most exclusive resorts, is consistently in high demand as an outdoor wedding location. According to the expert events team at Samujana, the best months of the year for such events are from February to October, with the ideal time of day being late in the afternoon, right before sunset.

Known for its exclusivity and respect for guests' privacy, Samujana is the perfect property to hold a wedding for 30 to 60 guests, but it also has the capacity for up to 250 guests if desired. Besides the property's postcard-worthy location, another big draw is the fact that some of the villas, boasting awe-inspiring spaces, can be transformed into fabulous event settings.

The property's "Big Lawn" – one of the island's most famous – is also an ideal spot to hold a grand-gesture event. Designed to last a full day, weddings can seamlessly transition from the ceremony and photos by the sea to dining on the



lawn, followed by an all-night party accompanied by fireworks setting the night sky ablaze. A cosy counterpoint to the "Big Lawn" is the "Little Lawn", placed between Villa 20 and the sea – the space offers unparalleled privacy and exclusivity.

Samujana has a one-wedding-a-day policy, which means that each event has the resort team's undivided attention and dedication. Weddings here are planned at least a year ahead, but if time is of the essence, events can be held within mere months. If a Southeast Asian island location is part of your wedding wish list, Samujana is the perfect place for it.





# Charmed, For Sure

ÀNI Private Resorts are all about privacy and seclusion in the most romantic of locations.

From Thailand to Sri Lanka in Asia, ÀNI Private Resorts has mastered a unique language of hospitality. Each property is situated amid picturesque landscapes, with attentive and gracious service, and equally excellent cuisine. What sets an

ÀNI resort apart from the rest is the fact that guests enjoy the highest level of privacy, as they are rented exclusively for one group at a time. ÀNI Thailand is located on the east coast of Koh Yao Noi, facing the azure-hued waters of Phang Nga Bay. This 10-room resort accommodates from six to 20 guests, and is charming, private and supremely luxurious. Throughout the property, there are countless spaces for photography sessions, along with private dining spaces that embody the essence of a wedding in paradise.

Meanwhile, the 15-suite ÀNI Sri Lanka is similarly perfect, located above a stretch of beach near Dickwella in the beautiful south. This enticing cliff-top bolthole overlooks the mighty Indian Ocean. As with all ÀNI properties, this Sri Lankan gem features staff who will plan every aspect of your stay for up to 30 guests, with events catering for up to 80 guests to perfection.





Both ÀNI Thailand and ÀNI Sri Lanka embody the ideal island paradise settings, featuring breezy and sunny weather, pristine nature, and a shared heritage of offering remarkable hospitality to visitors from near and far. All of these elements make these properties the finest tropical wedding and event venues in the world. As with all ÀNI Private Resorts, the Thailand and Sri Lanka properties are luxurious and all-inclusive, which means that a celebration here includes cultural experiences, additional adventures outside the resort, complimentary dining, and free-flowing drinks for those staying at the resort. Each resort is designed to cater to a single group of guests at any one time, so celebrating with only family and close friends in some of the most breathtaking locations in the world is no longer a dream. From wedding ceremonies and receptions to pre- and post-event occasions, guests can rest assured that the ÀNI team will plan meals, excursions, and activities that will impress their closest and dearest.

As for the main wedding event itself, guests have a choice of a verdant garden or dramatic beach setting, followed by celebratory dinners and dances in equally picturesque locations at ÀNI Thailand and ÀNI Sri Lanka. At each ÀNI Private Resort, there is a dedicated culinary team who will work tirelessly and exactly to design menus that appeal to the guests' palates and cultural nuances. The chefs revel in creating traditional local dishes as well as ones with international flavours. Each ÀNI event transforms the freshest seasonal ingredients into meals fit for royalty. Expert international chefs and their teams conjure bespoke feasts tailored exactly to guests' preferences.

When it comes to celebrations, no event is complete without requisite entertainment. The ÀNI team can arrange, for an additional cost, stunning fireworks, DJ sets, authentic and beautiful cultural dance performances, and thrilling fire-dance shows, as well as live music courtesy of singers, saxophonists, jazz ensembles, or even a six-piece band. At ÀNI Private Resorts, guests' wishes for the most sublime wedding celebrations are granted each and every time.





An aerial photograph of a beach. The top half of the image shows the ocean with greenish-blue water and white foam from a wave washing onto the shore. The bottom half shows a wide, sandy beach. In the center of the beach, a rectangular table is set up for a wedding reception. The table is covered with a white tablecloth and has a long, narrow centerpiece of greenery and flowers. There are white chairs with red accents around the table. The table is flanked by two long, thin wooden poles with small orange flags at the ends, forming a simple aisle.

# Vietnamese Inspirations

Three properties from the Fusion Resorts' portfolio showcase the most captivating locations for dream weddings.





A 30-km drive from Vietnam's ancient city of Hue brings you to Alba Wellness Valley by Fusion. The property is all about the natural world's beauty, fringed by scenic mountains and rejuvenative hot springs. Alba Wellness Valley by Fusion is more than just a location for a relaxing getaway, of course. Couples who are drawn to serene settings will be happy to know that the resort's latest wedding package covers all the essentials for a wonder-filled celebration. These include creating the ceremony garden or hidden venue in forest setting; a dedicated photographer to capture joyous moments during the ceremony and reception; a champagne fountain; live music; the services of a master of ceremony; banquet presentations with wedding cake; and a room for bridal makeup, along with a complimentary room night for the couple with a late checkout.

Alba Wellness Valley by Fusion is ideal for smaller celebrations with a guest list of up to 100 persons. Accommodations at the resort range from deluxe rooms to private bungalows. Highlights of Alba Wellness Valley include its unique Japanese *onsen* spa as well as activities such as sunrise yoga and meditation while dipping in hot springs, all of which will surely be both relaxing and restorative for couples and their guests.

Over at Cam Ranh's luxury Fusion Resort, couples have the option of sampling the resort's offerings with an exclusive 'Test Drive' offer. Included in this package is a one-night

stay at the resort's Hideaway Pool Villas, a tour of the resort, and meetings with the wedding planning team as well as the resort's executive chef and culinary team. The offer's price of VND 7 million (US\$300) will be deducted from the final wedding package bill, if the couple decides that the resort is the right choice for their dream wedding. Other perks include a complimentary one-night stay for the couple on or after their first anniversary, as well as a celebratory bubbly wine breakfast in bed.

Discover a surreal wedding destination at Maia Resort Quy Nhon, Fusion's first culinary-led resort. The resort's manicured gardens, pristine beaches, and the striking beauty of Phuong Mai Bay come together to create an idyllic backdrop for your dream wedding celebration. Maia Resort Quy Nhon offers contemporary and luxurious private pool villas, coupled with various venues that cater to your every need. These include the central garden and beachside settings, as well as indoor venues such as the resort's centrepiece restaurant Vi, concept restaurant Ad Hoc, and multifunction room Jade that can accommodate up to 120 guests indoors.

The resort's team of experts is always available to assist with date reservation, event planning, food and beverage recommendations, as well as other aspects of wedding arrangements. At Maia, your special day is flawlessly executed, leaving you and your loved ones with cherished memories that will last a lifetime.



# Heart Of The Matter

For unforgettable Grecian weddings, Myconian Collection encapsulates the best of Mykonos.



The Greek island of Mykonos evokes a sense of place few destinations in the world can match. It combines ancient world elements with a staggering natuescape of sun, sea, and sky. This is perhaps the reason that the Myconian Collection, the family-owned hospitality group, is one of the most popular choices when one is considering organising events on this Grecian isle. With its stable of 11 unique luxury properties on Mykonos, events held at the Myconian Collection – from intimate parties of 20 to elaborate wedding celebrations with a thousand guests – are planned with both precision and passion by its expert events team, helmed by Christiana Alevetsoviti and Elena Pantzou.

Pantzou says that behind each Myconian Collection event is “an incredibly talented team and a stellar roster of professionals we partner with”. She adds that the team strives

to deliver attention to detail in everything, from planning to keeping your guests safe and satisfied. “The goal is to make your event appear effortless, flow smoothly and become a fond memory for everyone who attends” she says.

Set against the breath-taking Aegean Sea as a backdrop, the Myconian Collection is more than capable of hosting events such as weddings, conferences, company retreats, christenings, anniversary parties, executive getaways, vow renewal ceremonies, family reunions, and even bar and bat mitzvahs of all sizes. “Each event is designed from the ground up to fit your requirements and preferences, no matter if it’s one of our famous destination weddings for couples the world over, from South Africa to Korea; a sophisticated, deluxe company retreat; a wonderful bat mitzvah; or even a sleek business conference,” Alevetsoviti





says. “And yes, that includes specialised halal and kosher catering, romantic fresh flower arrangements, brilliant DJs, elegant decorations, and all of the technical equipment to cover all needs.” As a dedicated events planner, she and her team places exacting attention to detail when planning and seeing through fruition each event held at Myconian Collection properties. This extends to the air, land and sea transportation the team has on hand, which ensures guests arrive stylishly to each event. “Whether to transport your guests in style or to make your arrival impossible to forget, we have a fleet of helicopters, private yachts, private jets, S-Class limousines, Range Rovers and Mercedes mini-buses and coaches at your disposal,” Alevetsoviti adds.

Events at the Myconian Collection properties can either be at take-your-breath-away outdoor locations or state-of-

the-art banqueting facilities. With its 12 feature restaurants including three Relais & Châteaux establishments, Myconian Collection has, at its heart, a deep respect for the culinary arts. On hand are chefs who are experts in an array of global cuisines. So, from Hindu to Jewish weddings, guests can rest assured of distinct authenticity when it comes to the cuisine served and the customs followed.

While event spaces at the Myconian Collection properties set the stage for lifetime memories, there is also a host of accommodations for guests to unwind both pre- and post-event. Their rooms, suites and villas encapsulate all luxury touchpoints, including attentive service that ensures guests are served a hearty breakfast after a night of revelry. This is, after all, the Myconian Collection’s signature style of hospitality – thoughtful and exemplary on all counts.



# Three's A Charm

These Oetker Collection properties are sublime introductions to wedded bliss.



Oetker Collection's portfolio of hotels offer event settings like no other. Weddings become the talk of the town – from the historic and opulent charms of Paris and the Côte d'Azur's all-enveloping beauty to London's trailblazing majestic pomp and ceremony.

Le Bristol Paris evokes a veritable showcase of French refinement, ensuring an unforgettable and elegant romantic wedding for the ages. The hotel proudly features some of the city's most exclusive event venues. These include the likes of the Salon Castellane, which was the former private theatre of the Count of Castellance; the Salon Versailles, which overlooks the hotel's bucolic garden; and the Salon Élysée, composed of carved oak woodwork, French Versailles parquet, Louis XVI furniture, and silk upholstery. Each wedding at Le Bristol Paris is planned and guided by the hotel's team that includes three-star Chef Eric Frechon, a passionate pastry chef, along with maître d's who have been responsible for some of the world's most iconic celebrations.

At Hotel Du Cap Eden-Roc, event spaces span private gardens and secluded coastlines that personify the natural elegance of the French Riviera. Undoubtedly, one of the stars of the show is the 190-metre Grande Allée, a celebrated pathway connecting the Hotel du Cap to the Eden-Roc Pavilion. The hotel's stunning Eden-Roc Lounge, located at the pinnacle of Eden-Roc Pavilion, boasts staggering views of the bejeweled blue waters below. The space accommodates up to a 100 guests for nuptials to remember.

Also part of the Eden-Roc Pavilion is the Iles de Lerins ballroom and terrace, the Eden-Roc Restaurant, the Eden-

Roc Grill, the Pool Deck, and the Eden-Roc Lounge, all of which showcase the Mediterranean's glittering waters. At the Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc are two of the Côte d'Azur's most notable restaurants. There is the one-Michelin-starred Louroc Restaurant and the Eden-Roc Grill, both of which can also be primed as event spaces through exclusive buyouts.

With its enviable location overlooking Hyde Park and a short stroll to the city's most iconic shopping districts, The Lanesborough in London is the perfect destination for any special event, from glamorous birthday soirees to unsurpassed wedding celebrations, presented in impeccable English style. Guests at the unapologetically ornate Regency-style property will enjoy personal butler service, delicious dining, and leisure time at the luxurious – and award-winning – Lanesborough Club & Spa.

The hotel's Executive Head Chef Shay Cooper is on hand to curate incredible menus for all events, displaying the best of modern British cuisine, masterfully created using the finest English produce.

Standout locations at The Lanesborough include The Belgravia, regarded as one of London's "finest formal dining room", swathed in daylight. The Wellington, The Westminster, The Wilkins, and The Wine Cellar – each imbued with its own distinct personality and style – are also suited for both large events and more intimate parties. With one of the most creative and experienced events teams in the capital, all occasions at The Lanesborough are guaranteed to be treasured by hosts and guests alike.









# Fabulously Indulgent Honeymoon Hotels To Put On Your List

From Langkawi to Rome, here's a curation of Small Luxury Hotels of the World properties for a delightfully hassle-free and memorable honeymoon.

For some, the perfect honeymoon is about far-flung solitude, breathtaking views or giving in to utter luxury. For others, it's the chance to plan the adventure of a lifetime. With Small Luxury Hotels of the World, you can have the best of both worlds. Write your names in the sand on a private tropical island. Sip chilled champagne beside the fire in a snow-topped chalet or lavish country house. From romantic meals to couples spa experiences, we have shortlisted four hotels from the collection with that extra something that offers genuine moments of joy and incredible memories to last a lifetime.

## **Cape Fahn Hotel, Koh Samui**

Of all the Thai islands, Koh Samui is one of the boldest and most beautiful. Cape Fahn, a 22-villa property overlooking the Gulf of Thailand, offers honeymooners the best tropical luxury accommodations, coupled with gracious hospitality for which Thailand is renowned. Cape Fahn is set on its own private island off the northeastern coast of Koh Samui, with independent villas that come with its own plunge pool and private sun deck tucked into green gardens and beside pristine beaches. For honeymooners, this equates to a getaway where privacy is assured. Start your life together embraced in true five-star luxury with the Fahn Noi Private Island Pool Villa, which is essentially on its own private island at high tide. The property's two restaurants, Southern Thai Long Dtai (helmed by Michelin-starred David Thompson) and Hue, are perfect spots to savour the stylish and tasteful culinary and cultural aspects of island living.





## Gdas Health and Wellness Resort, Bali

Encircled by paddy fields, jungles, and Hindu shrines, Gdas Bali Health and Wellness Resort (opening in late 2023) is a holistic sanctuary tucked away among the rice paddy fields of Ubud to immerse in your new-found Zen and married bliss. Effortlessly blending into the jungle scenery outside, the rooms and villas come with verdant views and feature hand-carved wood furnishings. Home to the island's first-ever authentic bath house, Gdas Bali is a wellness wonderland. Expertly trained therapists blend integrative health solutions such as cryotherapy, IV drips and live O2 with world-class spa treatments. There are also yoga classes and a 'sleep well' programme to nurture the mind, body and soul after busy wedding celebrations. Have peace of mind with everything taken care of prior to and during the stay with the resort's Concierge Retreat Planner.

## The Danna Langkawi, Langkawi

Langkawi, a jewel-like band of islands in the Andaman Sea, offers honeymooners a secluded escape to celebrate the start of their shared lives. The Danna Langkawi, which is designed in the style of colonial-Mediterranean architecture, provides a serene setting to enjoy the island's many charms, including its breathtaking hillsides, courtyard, modern marina or seafront views. Celebrate love in your very own spacious private pool beachfront villa with the signature "The Danna Romance" package that comes with in-villa floating breakfast, romantic in-room decor and bubble bath, complete with champagne and flower petals.



## Palazzo Manfredi, Rome

As a 17th-century noble's villa just steps away from the Colosseum, Palazzo Manfredi holds a special place at the heart of imperial Rome. Located next door to the property is the ruins of the largest gladiator training school ever discovered in the city. Two thousand years later, the history and energies of those past times remain palpable. But as the eternal city of Rome captivates with its many guises, so too does the legendary Palazzo Manfredi. Its sophisticated rooms feature Italian furnishings by Ingo Maurer and Van Egmond, luxe fabrics by Dedar and Designers, and Acqua di Parma bath products – with most views overlooking the Colosseum. The hotel's 'Love in Rome' package for honeymooners ticks all the right boxes when it comes to romantic gestures, including a couples' massage and a four-course dinner for two at the one-Michelin-starred Aroma, where Chef Giuseppe Di Iorio masterfully conjures his culinary brilliance.

*For more bliss-worthy honeymoon destination inspirations, visit <https://slh.com/exclusive-offers/honeymoon-hotels>*



# Ultimate Island Romance

Pimalai, a luxury sanctuary on Koh Lanta, has all the ingredients for a perfect honeymoon.



As one of Thailand's most exclusive islands, Koh Lanta is a fascinating destination thanks to its lush jungles teeming with natural wonders. Pimalai, a five-star sanctuary located on the island, makes the most of this exceptional setting by offering luxurious accommodations and world-class facilities that are just perfect for a heavenly honeymoon.

As a honeymoon destination, Koh Lanta's tucked-away location ensures that guests enjoy a level of privacy and seclusion in an island paradise that's a showcase of the natural world. Imagine vibrant forests, stunning waterfalls, private beaches and azure waters in a setting where luxury meets nature.

Pimalai has 121 rooms, suites and pool villas stretched across 100 acres of hillside forests, all of which culminates in a 900-metre white sand beach at Kantiang Bay. One of the most popular accommodation options are the Ocean View Villas, boasting 80-metre sea level elevations, configured with private plunge pools, and framed by some of the most enchanting vistas of the Andaman Sea. And for couples who wish to be close to the sea, Pimalai's Beachside Villas are the ones to book.

Other standout features of Pimalai include its elevated infinity pools, built around the jungle canopy, and features 180-degree sea views. Meanwhile at Pimalai Spa, the couple's



treatment room is equipped with a whirlpool for invigorating pre- or post-body massage soaks.

Those wishing to explore islands close to the resort may charter a luxury boat, of which Pimalai has a fleet. Venture to quiet islets with immaculate white sand beaches, off-the-radar lagoons and stunning coral reefs. Such idyllic settings are the ingredients for a honeymoon like no other.



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