

20 PERFECT PLACES

TO SAY "I DO"

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1 Meadowood Napa Valley



2 Esperanza, Los Cabos



3 The Breakers, Palm Beach



4 The White Elephant, Nantucket



5 Cambridge Beaches Resort, Bermuda

IF YOUR DREAM IS TO MARRY IN A TRULY ROMANTIC LOCALE, YOU'RE NOT ALONE. BY OPTING FOR A WEDDING AWAY, YOU'LL EXTEND THE PARTY, CONSOLIDATE YOUR GUEST LIST, AND PROVIDE THE FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO CAN MAKE IT WITH A MINI-VACATION. TO HELP YOU FIND THE IDEAL DESTINATION TO SUIT YOUR FANTASY, WE'VE HIGHLIGHTED SOME OF OUR FAVORITE SPOTS IN THE WORLD.



6 Post Ranch Inn, Big Sur



7 Jake's, Negril Jamaica



8 Beaches, Turks & Caicos



9 The Little Nell, Aspen

THE EPITOME OF ELEGANCE

Surround your guests with the very best at these resorts, where attention to detail leads to perfection.

1 MEADOWOOD NAPA VALLEY St. Helena, California Surrounded by green hills and fertile vineyards, the pastoral wine country estate prides itself on the use of local produce. Those heirloom tomatoes in your salad were grown on property. Large parties gather among the ancient evergreens of Vintner's Glen. For romance among the redwoods, pledge your love on the Groquet Glen (meadowood.com).

2 ESPERANZA, Los Cabos, Mexico Color your big day with golden sand, azure sea and sprays of bougainvillea. Hold your ceremony at the beach, then follow with cocktails and a formal reception at the Seaside Terrace, a site carved into the bluffs overlooking the sea. The posh resort can accommodate weddings up to 100 and is well-known for undivided personalized service (esperanzaresort.com).

3 THE BREAKERS Palm Beach, Florida

This historic hotel, resembles a magnificent Italian Renaissance villa, with details such as soaring frescoed ceilings, rich tapestries and breezy terraces that open onto fountain-filled courtyards. The resort's team better known as Weddings by The Breakers will assist in planning a wedding to impress up to 400 guests (weddingsbythebreakers.com).

4 THE WHITE ELEPHANT Nantucket, Massachusetts If you're looking for a site that has New England written all over it, look no further than this iconic landmark on the harbor. From May through November, guests can witness your vows on the manicured front lawn. Small guest list? Then dine on the sunroom deck, where outdoor heaters will warm up the cool nights. In early May and November, larger parties can take over the resort and tent the front lawn (whiteelephanthotel.com).

5 CAMBRIDGE BEACHES RESORT & SPA Bermuda

This Fine Lady of cottage colonies is one of the oldest and most traditional in this island nation. Guestrooms are housed in cottages furnished with elegant colonial reproductions and have working fireplaces for cozy nights. For an intimate wedding, exchange vows at one of the beaches and return to your private cottage for a sit-down dinner and custom designed cake by the resort's chef (cambridgebeaches.com).

A SLICE OF PARADISE

For an intimate ceremony with a handful of guests, consider these resorts in spectacular surroundings.

6 POST RANCH INN Big Sur, California Nature and nurture inspire coastal nirvana at this panoramic resort atop the rugged cliffs of Big Sur. Couples seeking to keep it simple—just you and the great outdoors—need look no further for the perfect al fresco altar (postranchinn.com).

7 JAKE'S Negril, Jamaica It doesn't get more laid-back and casual than this beautiful resort on Jamaica's quiet southern coast. Lots of places call themselves barefoot—but this is the real deal, complete with funky bohemian guests trading air conditioning and luxury for a hip vibe. Tie the knot and pledge your love forever on the palm-fringed beach. Fishing boats and locals may

wander by, but the more the merrier. Right? (jakeshotel.com)

8 BEACHES RESORT VILLAGES & SPA Turks & Caicos No need to worry about arranging activities for your guests—this family friendly all-inclusive resort offers a long list of amusements, from deep-sea diving excursions to a kids' club that will wow your ring bearer and flower girl. Up to 200 of your nearest and dearest can witness your union on Grace Bay Beach (clearly the finest in all of the Caribbean!) or in the ocean view gazebo. Later, have cocktails and dinner at one of the numerous on-site restaurants or even better have an authentic Caribbean barbecue poolside (beaches.com).

9 THE LITTLE NELL Aspen, Colorado For love at high altitudes, choose this posh lodge-style boutique hotel, where anything (including furniture made from ice) is possible. Take the big leap on the wedding deck, an 11,200-foot high platform carved into the side of Aspen Mountain. Another option: Stay grounded with a service at the mountain's base. Later dine and dance on the terraced lawn, where friends and family can take in the incredible views of the majestic Rocky Mountains (thelittlenell.com).

10 VICEROY Anguilla Set on 35 beachfront acres along sparkling Mead's Bays, this ultra-chic resort offers couples and their guests modern accommodations which range from free-standing villas and townhouses to penthouses and single-story residences—all with 21st-century interiors by celebrity designer Kelly Wearstler. Exchange vows on the beach at sunset followed by an elegant reception in the Sunset Lounge which is ideal for cocktails, dinner and post-reception nightcaps (viceroyanguilla.com).

A TOUCH OF THE EXOTIC

Want a setting that's far flung and unforgettable? Here are some places sure to make memories.

11 VATULELE RESORT Fiji For the ultimate Fantasy Island vows, consider a native Fijian ceremony at this serene resort. You'll be escorted to your beachfront altar by Fijian warriors in ceremonial garb as local children toss flowers and a choir serenades you and your guests

(vatulele.com).

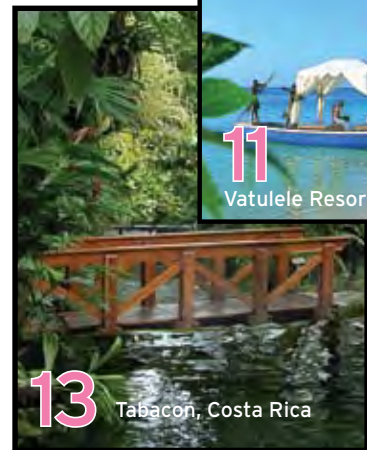
12 LADERA St. Lucia Up to 20 guests (preferably none of whom suffer from a fear of heights!) can witness your vows on the main sundeck, overlooking the Piton Mountains. The intimate hotel sits atop the 1,000-foot high ridge and the Caribbean Sea forms a beautiful backdrop below. Afterwards retire to one of the resort's romantic rooms, all featuring an open fourth wall with the same divine view (ladera.com).

13 TABACON GRAND SPA THERMAL RESORT Arenal, Costa Rica Soak in natural hot springs while marveling at the sight of lava flowing from Central America's most active volcano. Tie the knot in a traditional Native American rainforest ceremony with a shaman who will bless your union with an eagle feather. For a more modern take the resort hosts civil services overlooking the volcano. And the hotel's hot spring pools are ideal for entertaining large wedding parties (tabacon.com).

14 HOTEL DE GLACE Quebec, Canada Better known as the Ice Hotel, you better bundle before you tie the knot at this hotel's gleaming wedding chapel, carved from solid ice. Open from January to April, and a nippy 28 degrees inside, it has an "ultra-cool" altar (hoteldeglacecanada.com).



10 Viceroy, Anguilla



13 Tabacon, Costa Rica



11 Vatulele Resort, Fiji



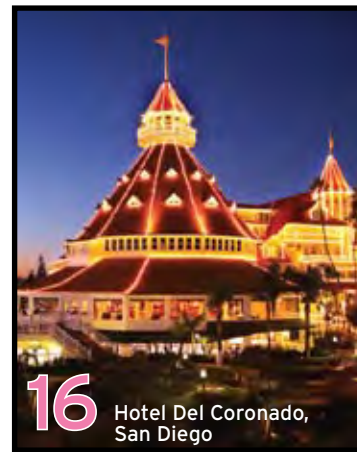
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14 Hotel De Glace, Canada



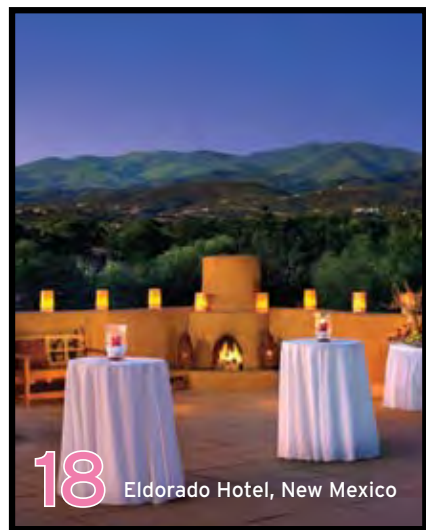
15 Adare Manor, Ireland



16 Hotel Del Coronado, San Diego



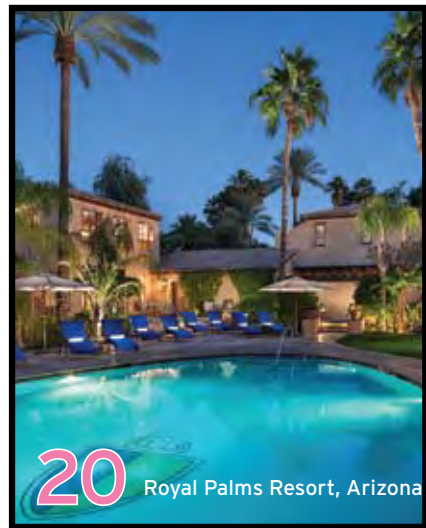
17 Hacienda San Angel, Mexico



18 Eldorado Hotel, New Mexico



19 Enchantment Resort, Arizona



20 Royal Palms Resort, Arizona

A NOSTALGIC FEELING

Nothing sets the mood like a castle or historic hotel.

15 ADARE MANOR Co. Limerick, Ireland There is hardly a more romantic place to exchange vows than this former home of the Earls of Dunraven. From the Fairytale Spire of the Wyndham Tower, to the elaborate ornate rooms, the magic of this place will embrace you and your guests. The Tudor castle sits on nearly 1,000 acres of lush land and features a French garden with wooded walkways—a perfect setting for starting a new life together (adaremanor.com).

16 HOTEL DEL CORONADO San Diego, California From Marilyn Monroe (she filmed *Some Like it Hot* here) to Madonna, icons of every era have stayed under this Grand Dame's red roof. The lawn's oval shape is the perfect setting for weddings and allows guests a sneak peek of the ocean during your nuptials. For a more intimate setting, reserve the Vista Walk, a garden with its own beach backdrop. Following the ceremony, guests can kick up their heels in the Crown Room, where they can dance under 30-foot high ceilings. For a Pacific panorama, however, reserve the lavish ballroom (hoteldel.com).

17 HACIENDA SAN ANGEL Puerto Vallarta, Mexico You'll be awestruck by the vast array of 18th-century antiques, tapestries, and objets d'art not to mention the private balconies and terraces, and indoor pool guarded by stone angels. With its very own on-site chapel, exchange vows and then invite guests to a traditional Mexican reception—mariachi band included (haciendsanangel.com).

DESERT DREAMS

Enjoy an oasis of delights as your love blooms in these dramatic locations.

18 ELDORADO HOTEL & SPA Santa Fe, New Mexico Nestled on the side of the 7,000-foot high Sangre de Cristo Mountains, artsy Santa Fe will keep your guests entertained with its shops and art galleries. Conveniently located in the downtown area, this hotel is known for its exemplary services for weddings. An on-site Director of Romance assists with every detail, from obtaining a marriage license to arranging a ceremony and reception. The Pavillion Patio is ideal for a sunset service. Then, depending on your pleasure, you can remain on the patio or move inside to one of the ballrooms for a reception and a memorable sit-down dinner (eldoradohotel.com).

19 ENCHANTMENT RESORT Sedona, Arizona This 70-acre resort in a red rock valley is a great spot for a Southwestern wedding. Those exquisite vistas are yours when you book an outdoor wedding on the Village Terrace. The large space can accommodate over 200 guests for your ceremony, cocktail hour and reception. Before the "I do's" be sure to relax at MiiAmo Spa (enchantmentresort.com).

20 ROYAL PALMS RESORT & SPA Phoenix, Arizona This intimate, Spanish Colonial-style resort, with stone walkways and private nooks, offers lots of choices for ceremony sites. Small gatherings (up to 40 guests) take place in the Garden of Love with Camelback Mountain as a backdrop. In the Alegria Garden (capacity 120), stone walls enshrine fragrant citrus trees and a platform that's just perfect for exchanging vows (royalpalmshotel.com). ♦