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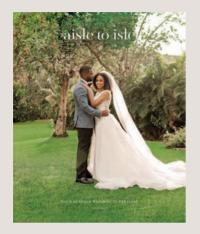
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# The Wonder of Wanderlust

Wanderlust is very much a real thing, and one I know well because of my love for travel. To experience new environments, cultures and food is part of who I am. It's also why creating this magazine is such a passion project for me. Bringing fresh inspiration, new ideas and real love stories to you through these pages is a way for me to live out travel in a different way — through your eyes. So, for those of you who are embarking on a destination wedding journey, I understand you to my core.

The Caribbean has long been synonymous with pristine beaches, crystal-clear waters, and a laid-back atmosphere that beckons travelers from around the globe. Nestled amidst this natural paradise, Sandals<sup>\*</sup> and Beaches<sup>\*</sup> Resorts stand as the epitome of luxury, offering an unparalleled experience for couples ready to say "I do" in the most extraordinary setting imaginable. These pages are brimming with imagination as we show you the captivating world of Caribbean destination weddings. Keep in mind that nothing in here is for show. It's all real the venues, islands, and weddings. In this third edition, you'll see how the Caribbean has been a wellspring of inspiration for couples seeking a celebration of love and how Sandals and Beaches are committed to impeccably executing every detail of your big day.

With that, I invite you to turn the page and get inspired... to wander, to travel, to experience this stunning world and all the beauty within. May your journey to forever begin here.

Yours Truly,

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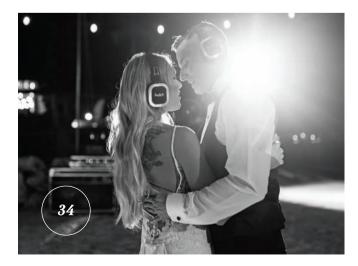
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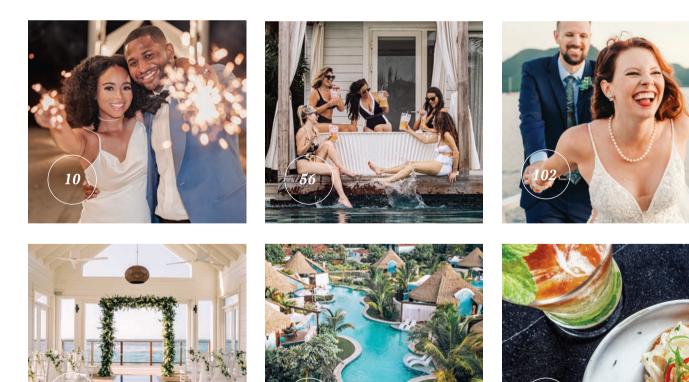
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# Where Dreams and Reality Exist as One

We've praised it tenfold, yet we return time and time again, to this dazzling collection of isles a region that makes the wildest of dreams a sudden reality. It is a fusion of culture, cuisine, colors, and charisma. Aisle to Isle<sup>®</sup> is our love letter, an immersive storybook of real weddings that capture the beauty of our homeland and the essence of our origin story. The muse of this story is a place where romance meets its perfect match: the Caribbean.

The Caribbean is a region laden with juxtapositions — mountaintops and seascapes, European architecture and fishing villages, resort relaxation and off-the-grid adventuring. With a myriad of offerings, it's no wonder it has become among the most coveted wedding destinations for couples.

Throughout Aisle to Isle, we feature real destination weddings and hidden gems to be discovered across nine Caribbean islands. You'll see real couples tying the knot on the coastline of Turks and Caicos, saying "I do" in the tropical gardens of Jamaica, and stepping into their next chapter, oceanside.

You'll gain personal tips and insights from wedding specialists who have deep expertise when it comes to destination celebrations. You'll discover venues, suites, culinary concepts, and traditions both old and new. All of this to say, each page is intended to ignite your own sense of wanderlust.

The beauty of the Caribbean is its limitless nature. It's a place to create, celebrate culture, and come together. Most of all, it's where you'll find yourself falling in love all over again. All great love stories have a touch of magic about them — it's time to uncover yours.



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In true Barbadian fashion, bright pops of color are woven into this couple's intimate elopement.

## Allison and Eric

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Leaning into the natural scenery, Allison and Eric incorporate tropical touches for a day that celebrates love and the essence of Jamaica.



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### **BEACHES TURKS AND CAICOS**

Yovi and Jonathan exchange heartfelt vows along the shores of Grace Bay Beach.

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Seaside smiles and overwater "I do's" set the scene for Roselyn and John's destination wedding in Jamaica.



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SANDALS SOUTH COAST, JAMAICA

# A Decade Down, A Lifetime to Go

# Imani & D'Andre

This "I do" came nearly 10 years after their first encounter and every moment was worth the wait.

# DISCOVER

A Caribbean Love Story with Island Roots

Love at first sight is undoubtedly magic a touch of fate that's impossible to deny. After nearly a decade of courtship, this couple returned to the groom's homeland to tie the knot on the sandy shores of Jamaica.

# The Ultimate Meet Cute

Imani and D'Andre will forever remember their serendipitous meeting at a party at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Imani fondly recalls that evening: "I met Dre at a party hosted by his roommates. He attempted to pursue me, but the timing wasn't quite right. So, we remained friends. In fact, we became best friends. But neither of us ever forgot that day." When asked about the initial attraction, Imani says, "Some might say it was love at first sight. He was my best friend and my confidant." Their journey from friends to lovers was marked by a candid conversation when Imani asked, "Do you think people are crazy for thinking we like each other?" D'Andre's response sealed their fate: "Well, if we're being honest, I've been in love with you." The open conversation would set them on a course that eventually led to the island of Jamaica.

# Deciding on the Destination

The decision to host a destination wedding in the Caribbean was a natural one, given that D'Andre has strong roots tied to the island. "D'Andre is a native of Jamaica," Imani says, "so it only made sense to host our wedding in his homeland." The couple chose a resort that matched the vision they had for a small, intimate wedding next to the sea: Sandals South Coast. The choice to have a destination wedding at South Coast was met with excitement from their loved ones. "Our family and friends were excited about our wedding plans," Imani says, "especially the destination."



"The bridesmaids' frost dresses added a touch of ethereal beauty that reflected the beach, while the groom and groomsmen looked dashing in their ocean blue tuxedos, mirroring the endless horizon of the sea."

# The Itinerary

Imani and D'Andre planned pre- and post-wedding activities so their guests could enjoy all the culture and beauty that Jamaica has to offer. "We had an itinerary that made our entire wedding weekend a party!" says Imani. Guests celebrated the couple with a welcome garden party, a private boat cruise, and a late-night pool party. Filled with love, fun and friends, these events embodied everything that makes Jamaica so special.



# Setting Plans in Motion

Planning a destination wedding can seem complex, but Imani uses a different word to describe her experience with the wedding team at Sandals South Coast: exciting.

"Our wedding team allowed us to execute our vision seamlessly," she says. It didn't take long for Imani to fully trust the resort and the vendors they hired. "Trusting in our chosen vendors' expertise and knowing they would help bring our dream wedding to life was the key to creating a memorable and personal destination wedding."

The couple decided to work with a photographer they selected on their own. "We conducted extensive research to find a photographer with the technical skills to capture the nuances of people of color beautifully."



# The Wedding Lookbook

Imani's detailed plans included a comprehensive lookbook that encapsulated their vision for Caribbean nuptials. "It featured mood boards that painted the ambiance we desired for the ceremony and reception, visually representing our dream wedding," recalls Imani. The lookbook covered every aspect of the wedding: décor, playlists, attire, and even hair and makeup. It ultimately became the blueprint for the entire weekend. "This meticulous planning made the destination wedding process more straightforward and enjoyable."

With unmatched attention to detail, our wedding team wasted no time incorporating all elements of the lookbook into Imani and D'Andre's big day.



# The Wedding Festivities

Approximately 80 guests traveled to Sandals South Coast, making it one of the largest weddings ever hosted at the resort. A few important people had to miss the celebration, including the bride and groom's grandmothers. To honor their cherished loved ones, the couples incorporated a unity sand ceremony, a tradition known on the island to symbolically blend families.

# Deliberate Décor

The ceremony was a formal affair with a modern twist, and every detail reflected the destination and its unique beauty.

"The inspiration for the ceremony was deeply rooted in the spectacular ocean and the calming influence of the sand," says the bride. "We wanted a serene and elegant setting to perfectly complement the breathtaking ocean view and the boundless blue skies." They opted for a timeless, monochromatic color palette of whites and neutrals to display simplicity and sophistication. Using white hydrangeas and roses, as well as calla lilies, the end result was an elegant and classic celebration. Imani's favorite part of the décor was the harmonious blend of elements. The backdrop of the Caribbean Sea and the vast blue skies were undoubtedly the final pieces that tied everything together.

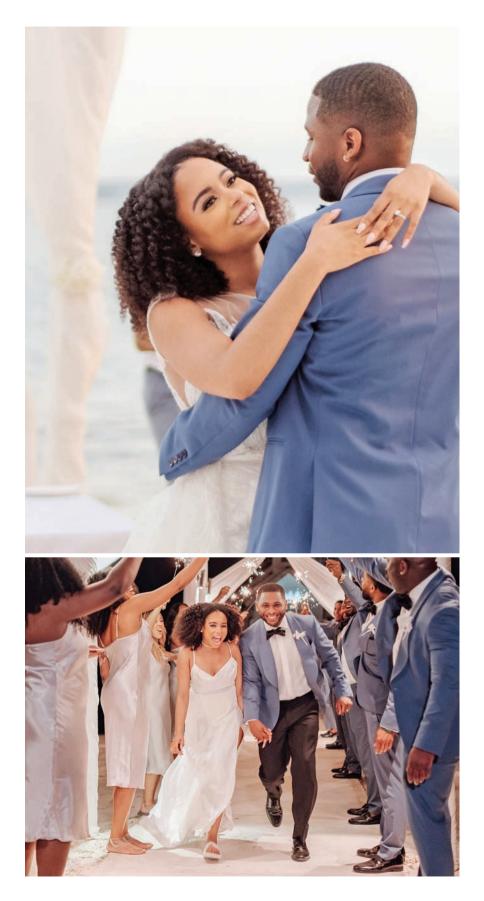
# The Attire

Even the wedding attire was selected with the destination in mind. "The bridesmaids' frost dresses added a touch of ethereal beauty that reflected the beach, while the groom and groomsmen looked dashing in their ocean blue tuxedos, mirroring the endless horizon of the sea," says Imani. The guests also took part in matching the vibe of the event. "Our guests dressed in a neutral color palette to become an integral part of this dreamy atmosphere, making the evening unforgettable."

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# Something for the Soul

A saxophonist serenaded guests with soulful R&B tunes, setting a romantic tone for the occasion. "We aimed for a formal, but intimate atmosphere, allowing guests to bask in the dreamlike ambiance," recalls Imani.

# Cohesion & Continuity

Every detail was considered to create a seamless look from one part of the celebration to the next. "To maintain continuity, we mirrored most of the décor from the ceremony, ensuring that our guests experienced the same Caribbean beauty and elegance throughout the evening," says Imani.



# **Illuminating Memories**

Lighting played an important role in the event for the couple. As Imani describes it, "Fairy lights added a magic touch as the sun dipped below the horizon, creating an enchanting reception that mirrored the sea's timeless allure." But the best light of all, which is tied to the bride's most cherished memory, was a gift from Mother Nature. "My favorite memory from our wedding was the sunset. We planned the wedding so our first dance would occur at just the right moment. The photos are worth a thousand words." "Fairy lights added a magic touch as the sun dipped below the horizon, creating an enchanting reception that mirrored the sea's timeless allure."

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# Wedding Wisdom



Reflecting on their journey, Imani offers valuable advice to engaged couples. She emphasizes the importance of setting clear expectations for each other's roles in the planning process and encourages couples to say "yes" to the things they've always dreamt of.

"For me, it was having a saxophonist because I wanted the sounds of love I grew up on to be the soundtrack of our wedding. It's interesting because I initially decided against it. Then, the day before the wedding, I realized I'd regret it. My husband affirmed it as a gift to me, and the wedding team made it happen."

# Happily Ever After: Honeymoon Style

With meticulous planning, stunning décor, and the breathtaking scenery of Jamaica, Imani and D'Andre's wedding was an unforgettable experience.

Following their enchanting fairytale wedding, Imani and D'Andre embarked on a six-day honeymoon adventure in Jamaica. Their journey continued at Sandals South Coast, allowing them to reflect on the beauty of their wedding weekend. Then, they spent three days in Negril, enjoying its renowned Seven Mile Beach before visiting family in Saint Elizabeth. Imani and D'Andre's destination wedding in Jamaica was not just a celebration of their love but also a beautiful tribute to the groom's heritage. With meticulous planning, stunning décor, and the breathtaking scenery of Jamaica, their wedding was an unforgettable experience.

SANDALS MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA

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CREATING YOUR ISLAND VISION

From white sand beaches and endless sunsets, to lush gardens and overwater chapels, there's **no** better place to seek inspiration than the islands. To create your wedding vision, start by considering the natural elements of the island where you plan to exchange vows. Which matter most to you? Which do you want to showcase on your big day? With lush garden gazebos, overwater chapels surrounded by azure waters, and A-frame structures set upon white sand beaches, Sandals and Beaches Resorts know how to take the magic of the isles and effortlessly incorporate it into every aisle. At each resort, you'll discover an array of aisle inspirations that are unique to the location and personalized for you. Select from powdery beaches in Jamaica, verdant rainforests in Saint Lucia, or the festive island colors of Curaçao. You can also find the backdrop you've always imagined among the tropical landscapes of The Bahamas, Barbados, Saint Vincent and The Grenadines, Antigua, Turks and Caicos, and Grenada.

## GRAND GARDENS

The most extraordinary Caribbean wedding you can imagine might be surrounded by turquoise water and white sand — or it might be enveloped in tropical flora. Couples looking for an intimate garden setting will find it at Sandals Grande Antigua. The resort's private gazebo (pictured) is the centerpiece of a rich island garden that represents the lush landscapes of Antigua. A stone aisle and blooming flowers require no accessory except for a couple about to say "I do."

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## OVERWATER OASIS

Nuptials in an Overwater Serenity Wedding Chapel are an impressive, creative way to tie the seascape into your big day. Complete with a glass panel aisle, the chapel will keep guests cool and protected from the sun while presenting 360-degree views of the Caribbean Sea. At the center of it all is an incomparable space for couples to exchange vows. The Overwater Serenity Wedding Chapel can be found at Sandals South Coast, Sandals Grande Saint Lucian, Sandals Montego Bay, Sandals Ochi (pictured) and Sandals Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

## THE ULTIMATE PRIVATE AISLE

An Overwater Gazebo positions couples atop the Caribbean Sea, using breathtaking turquoise waters as a backdrop. An unforgettable ceremony location, this setting is a long-time guest favorite that showcases the very best of the Caribbean.

## COASTAL CHIC

With the beach as the main stage and the ocean as the backdrop, you have a blank slate to craft the wedding of your dreams. Among the variety of décor elements available is a driftwood altar (pictured), which can be adorned with tropical flowers, a monochromatic color scheme with matching fabrics, or a sophisticated arrangement for a more traditional approach. The beauty of a beachfront wedding is the ability to mix and match concepts, keep things fairly simple, and let the ocean serve as the biggest "wow" factor of all.

## THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Most couples planning a Caribbean destination wedding are drawn to the idea of a ceremony complete with magnificent island landscapes. In the Caribbean, every wedding dream can be realized. From tranquil gardens to oceanfront gazebos, each wedding venue is designed to encapsulate the Caribbean's natural surroundings while upholding classic wedding traditions.





## PRISTINE PARADISE

For couples looking for a more polished backdrop, the European Wedding Gardens at Sandals Emerald Bay, Sandals Ochi and Sandals Grande Antigua are an ideal fit. Each manicured garden is flanked by pergolas and a tranquil pool with the Caribbean Sea in the distance.

## TIMELESS TRADITIONS

Traditional chapels never go out of style. At Sandals Montego Bay, an intimate wedding chapel (pictured) rests in a secluded and serene tropical environment. Nestled between fountain pools and greenery, this charming chapel, complete with wooden pews and a raised altar, is ideal for those wanting a more conventional wedding experience. WORDS KATE DARNELL PHOTOGRAPHS AMANDA JULCA

# Falling in Love with Jamaica

Kayla & Brandon

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# A Celebration in PARADISE

This intimate wedding at Sandals Dunn's River exemplifies how one of Jamaica's newest resorts makes good on the promise of a celebration in paradise. Among Jamaica's cascading waterfalls, rich culture and sun-kissed shores, Kayla and Brandon said "yes" to their dream wedding at Sandals Dunn's River.

hen love finds its way into our lives, it often leads us on a remarkable journey. For Kayla and Brandon, their love story began during college and continued to flourish over the course of nine years. Kayla and Brandon met during Kayla's freshman year and Brandon's senior year of college. The connection was undeniable as Brandon would drive 120 miles just to spend a few hours with Kayla after he graduated.

It was during these visits that Kayla knew she had found her forever partner.

"Brandon always puts everyone before himself," she says. "I wouldn't be where I am today without his unconditional love and support. He's my best friend."



Brandon made those long road trips because he was equally enamored.

"Initially, I was drawn to Kayla's beauty and genuine personality," he says. "As I got to know her more, I saw a person who loves helping others and cares deeply for her family. We met as kids and I still love her like the first day we met."

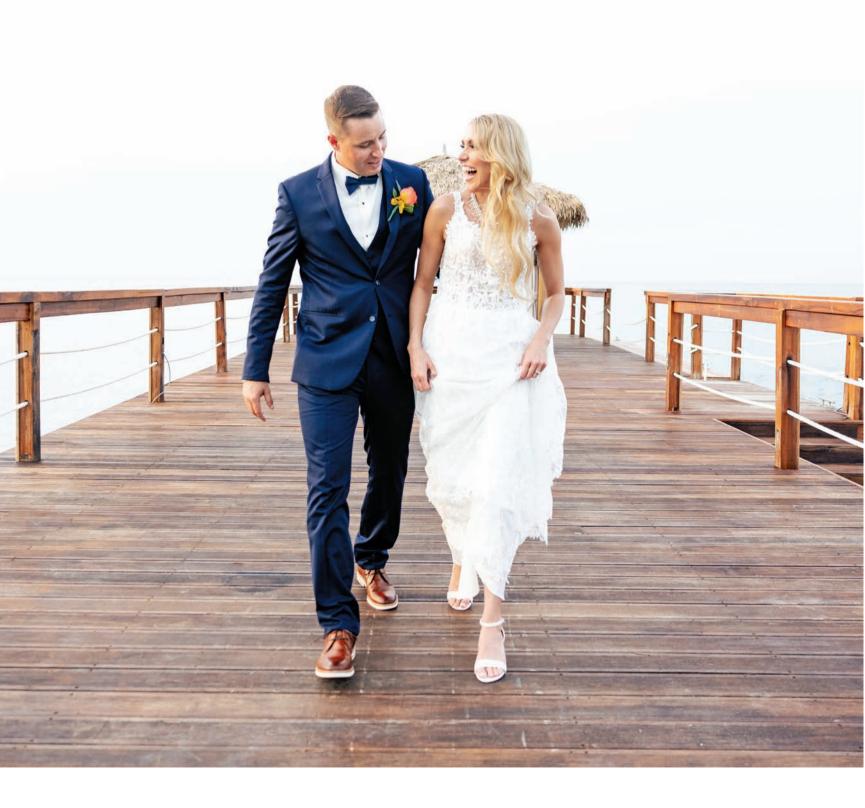


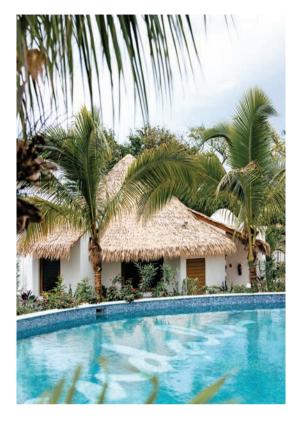
### The Beginning of Forever

Eventually, it came time to embark on a new chapter of their lives together — one that began with an intimate destination wedding.

Kayla and Brandon envisioned a wedding surrounded by their closest family members, and wanted a tropical destination that would create excitement to come together and celebrate. With their sights set on the Caribbean, Kayla and Brandon felt compelled by the natural beauty of Jamaica and one of the island's newest resorts, Sandals Dunn's River. The resort's name pays homage to the famous local landmark, Dunn's River Falls — one of the most iconic natural wonders in Jamaica, which is surrounded entirely by the rich rainforests of Ocho Rios.







Situated on the north coast of Jamaica in Ocho Rios, Sandals Dunn's River is a mirror image of the natural world. Featuring winding river pools, tropical flora, and earth toned finishes, every corner of the resort unlocks a secret of Jamaica.

### The Destination Decision

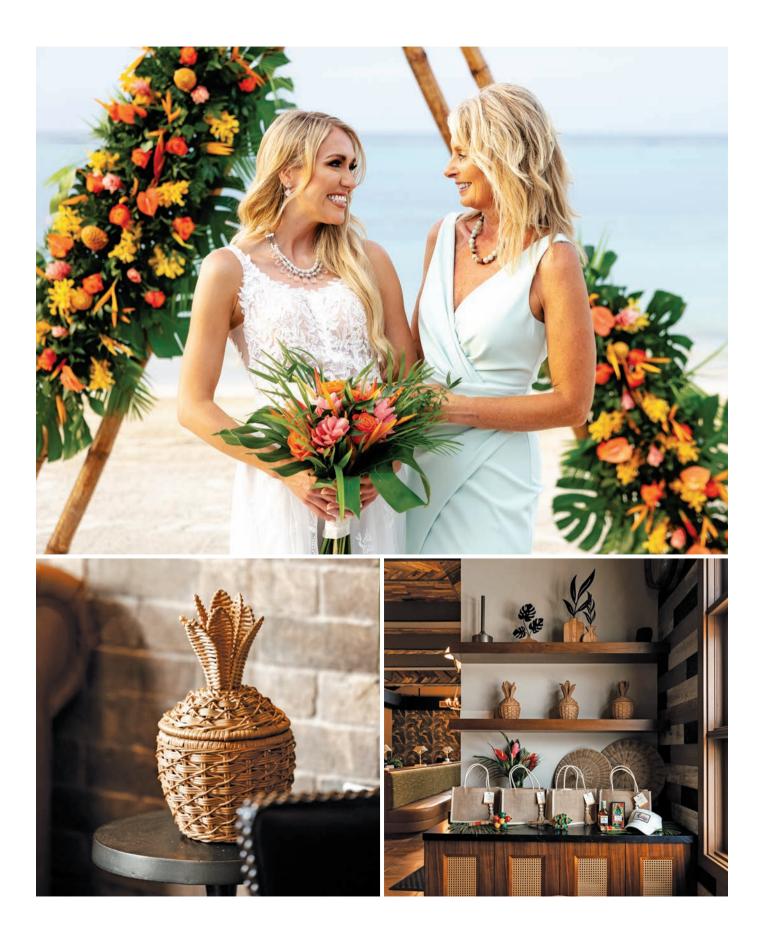
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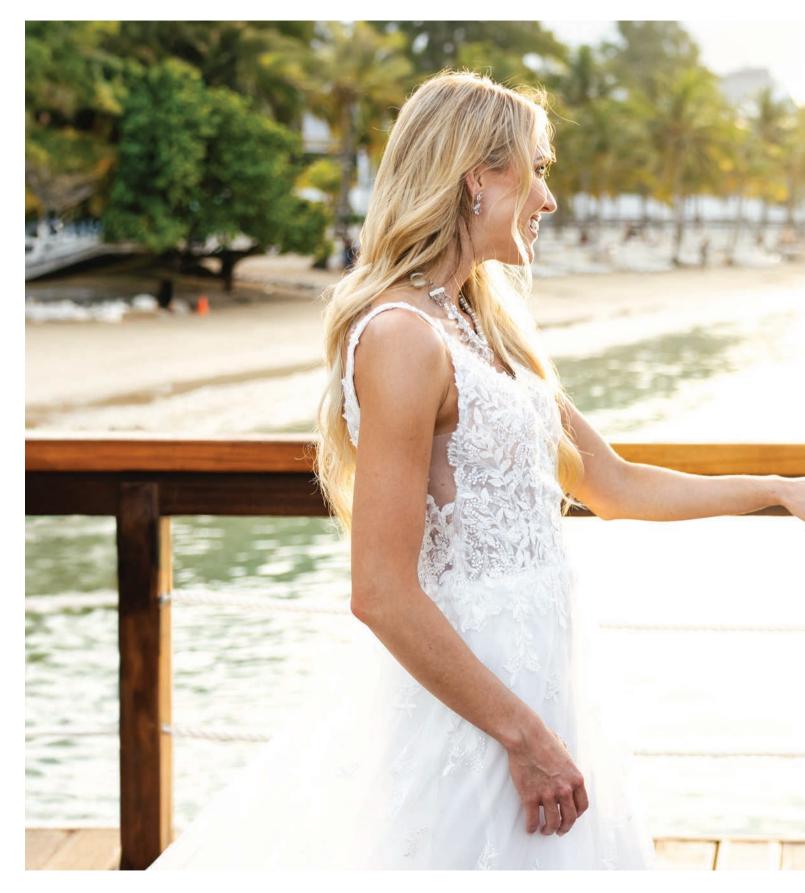
After hearing rave reviews from Kayla's co-worker about Sandals Resorts in Jamaica, the couple felt a strong pull towards the island. They heard about friendly locals, the laid-back vibe and lush rainforests. They could envision the diving, snorkeling and island tours that make it such a fun destination for wedding groups.

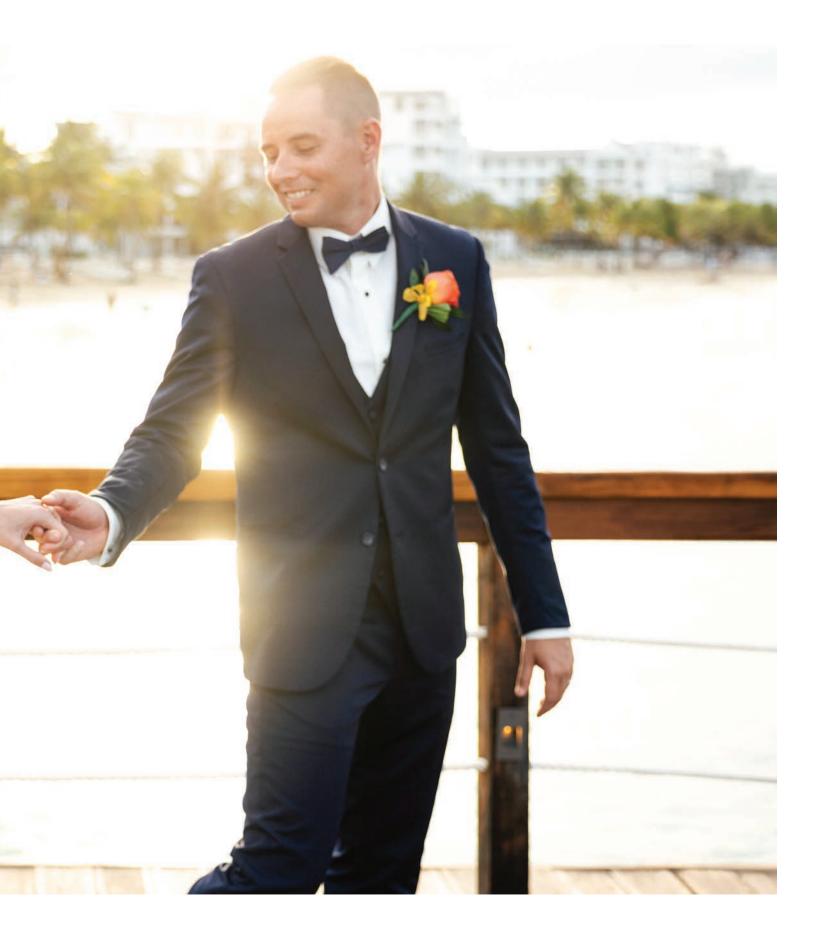
Captivated by the wonders of Jamaica, Kayla and Brandon knew they found the perfect wedding locale. "We went online and saw pictures of the new Sandals Dunn's River Resort. That was it. We knew this was exactly where we wanted to be married."

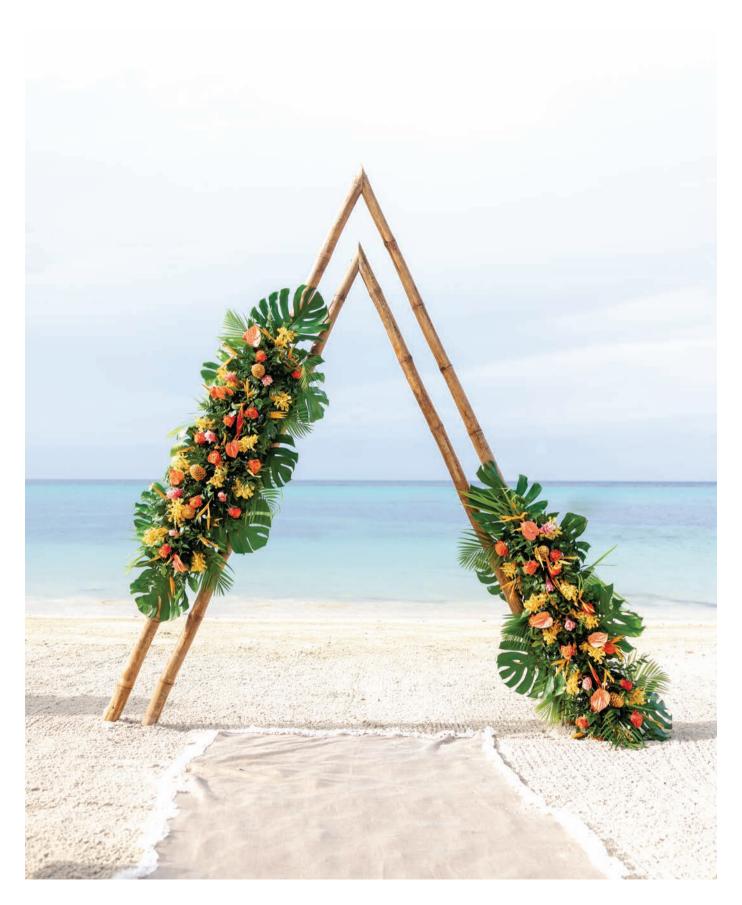
# The Essence of Jamaica

Using the island's authentic charm as inspiration, Kayla and Brandon made a point to incorporate local décor elements and musical accompaniments, including a mento band, into their wedding celebration.











### Beauty in the Details

Teeming with bright coral, magenta and kelly green, the couple's color scheme flawlessly matched the backdrop of the resort.

The wedding ceremony was a breathtaking celebration held on the sandy shores of Sandals Dunn's River. An A-frame arbor, adorned with beautiful local plants and flowers in yellow, pink and orange hues, created a threshold for the couple to stroll toward an unmarred view of the Caribbean Sea. "We scheduled the wedding for twilight," Kayla says. "It's the ideal time with the sun setting, the perfect breeze and the day's last gentle waves rolling in the background." The reception mirrored the ceremony's beauty and theme, with one long table nestled among palm trees as the late rays of sun painted the horizon. Wicker lanterns hung above the reception table, giving off an enchanting glow while complementing the tropical floral arrangements. Natural rattan chargers and a neutral-colored linen tablecloth came together with contemporary white plates, gold flatware, white candles, and low-set, bright colored centerpieces.

With the help of their wedding planner, Kayla and Brandon's dream wedding was brought to life, fusing formal and tropical aesthetics.



### The Little Things

Before their ceremony, Kayla and Brandon exchanged heartfelt letters and took part in a local tradition — the pouring of unity sand. It became one of the most cherished moments of the entire week.

"We combined our personal sands to symbolize becoming one," Kayla says. "And now we have the combined sand on display as a keepsake in our home, so we can remember the moment and the beautiful Caribbean destination every day." After the ceremony, the couple celebrated with their loved ones at an intimate reception, sharing their first dance to Stephen Sanchez's "Until I Found You" and cutting the wedding cake created by the Sandals culinary team. After the cake cutting, the group sat down to a special four-course dinner while being serenaded by the talented guitarist and musician, Moses Beckford. e I





Guests never lost touch with the Caribbean culture. They sipped cocktails from personalized coconuts, snacked on authentic, artisanal Jamaican chocolates, and indulged in delectable rum punches. To complete their experience, they all took home gift bags full of Baronhall Farms Jamaican hot sauce, Blue Mountain Coffee and engraved Jamaican pottery.



### **Treasured Moments**

Kayla and Brandon found it challenging to choose a single favorite memory out of so many extraordinary moments. From their arrival at the resort to the live entertainment after the ceremony, every instant holds its own place in their hearts. Ultimately, they admitted their most cherished moment was standing on the beach, surrounded by loved ones as they exchanged vows and became husband and wife. As they continued to reflect on their unforgettable experience, the couple had this bit of advice to share: "After everything we experienced, we wouldn't trust anyone else for the most important day of our lives. When we say our wedding team was amazing, we mean it. The planners, photographer and videographer — they all made our wedding stress-free, so we could fully enjoy it." And isn't that what wedding dreams should always be made of?



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### A Stress-Free Experience

Planning a destination wedding can be a daunting task, but Kayla and Brandon experienced the true spirit of the Caribbean from start to finish.

Although their Sandals experience started with a recommendation from a friend,

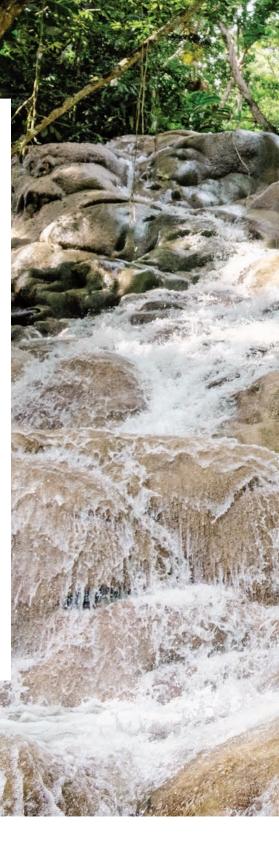
now Kayla and Brandon are outwardly doing the recommending. "The Sandals team cares about us as if we're family. That's the only way we could create wedding inspirations that were better than we imagined."

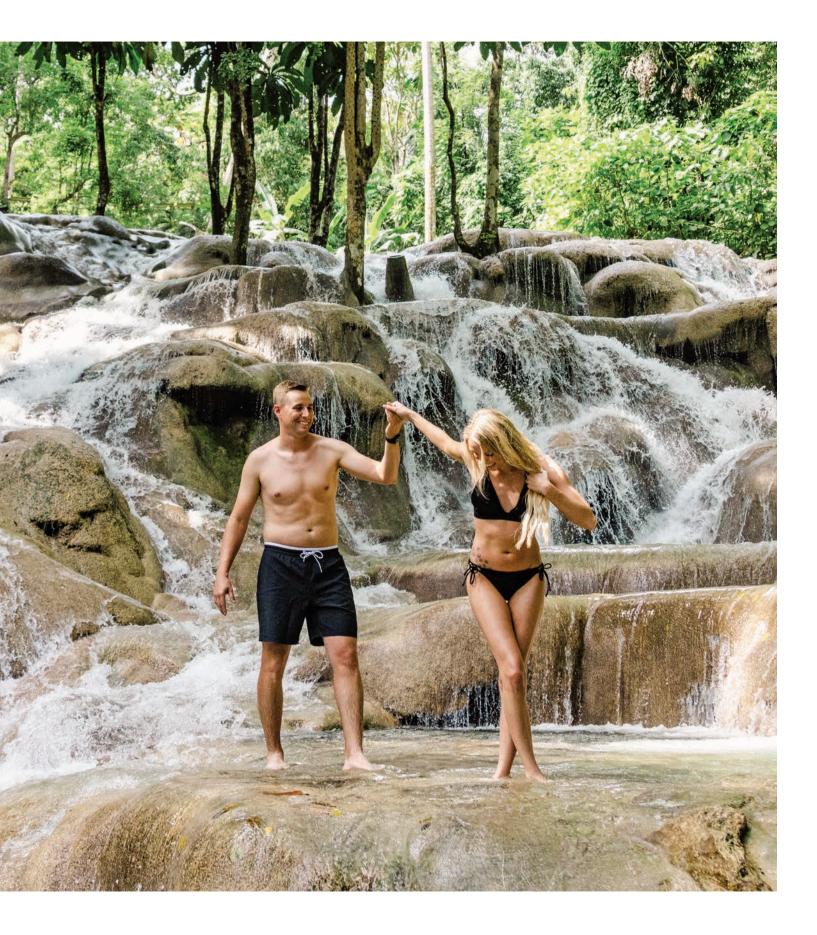
# Epic Wedding, Idyllic Honeymoon

Following their family's departure, Kayla and Brandon extended their stay at Sandals Dunn's River. "The breathtaking views and service made it an easy decision to stay longer."

### Forever After

Kayla and Brandon's destination wedding was a testament to their enduring love. From rushing waterfalls to the warm embrace of Jamaican hospitality tying the knot was more than just a ceremony for the pair — it was a celebration of love and the vibrant spirit of the island that they will cherish forever.







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# An Island Ting BEFORE THE RING

As the song goes, "girls just wanna have fun" and Sandals and Beaches Resorts can attest. From the spa to the cabana, and everywhere in between, hosting an epic bachelorette bash has never looked better than it does under the Caribbean sun.



A bachelorette party is one of the few times in life when you're free to let loose and create lasting memories with your closest friends. There is nothing more unique than a Caribbean getaway to a place that ticks off this kind of checklist: sophisticated and chic, cultural and captivating, active and relaxing, elegant and fun. At Sandals and Beaches, all-inclusive luxury is everywhere — including the travel planning experience. From the simple booking process to arrival on resort, living out your bachelorette party dreams, minus the hassle, is non-negotiable. With nine mesmerizing locales to choose from, including Jamaica, Antigua, Saint Lucia, The Bahamas, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Turks and Caicos, Grenada, Barbados, and Curaçao, it's never been easier to find the perfect setting for bachelorette parties of any size. Once you've selected your destination (many of which have direct flights from the U.S.), everyone, from your maid of honor to your college bestie, can raise a glass and enjoy an unforgettable celebration.

#### WELCOME TO THE SUITE LIFE

Among Sandals and Beaches' hallmarks are the innovative accommodations. Each resort offers a range of upscale options to fit personal tastes. There are suites with private plunge pools, elevated ocean views, suites within a few barefoot steps of the beach, and lagoon suites that offer groups the ability to swim up to neighboring friends and gather on the same stretch of water. To take luxury to another level, select rooms can be booked with Butler Elite service. Highly trained, caring and professional, all butlers are a step above the rest. They exceed expectations because that's what they enjoy doing. It's just another way for you and your girls to relax and refresh.

#### TIP

Grab some cute matching sunglasses or floppy hats for the group. They're easy to pack, useful while on location, and make for a fun photo-op by the pool.

#### BASK IN TROPICAL SPA DAYS

From a rum-punch welcome upon arrival to islandinspired treatments, pampering is second nature at the Red Lane<sup>®</sup> Spa. Explore a curated menu of soothing massages, facials, and body scrubs that harness the power of natural oils, ingredients, and aromas. Many Red Lane<sup>®</sup> Spa locations also offer outdoor treatment areas for complete immersion in nature.



#### TIP

Spend your morning poolside or breaking a sweat at the fitness center before treating yourself to a leisurely afternoon at the spa.

#### ASSEMBLE YOUR POOLSIDE POSSE

The pools at Sandals and Beaches are designed to be second to none in terms of size, beauty and fun, which means they're perfect for bachelorette groups. Private poolside cabanas are a great way to secure space for your entire group, so you can spend more time sipping tropical cocktails and taking in the epic views. Cabana groups also enjoy personalized service from dedicated pool staff as an added perk. Chic and stress-free, it's hard to beat a poolside setting.



#### LIVE IT UP ALL DAY & NIGHT

There are dozens of ways to unwind during a Caribbean getaway. Think: beach yoga and beach parties, scuba diving and snorkeling, dance classes and mixology lessons, rounds of golf and rounds of island-inspired drinks. Your group might be the type to venture off-resort for an active island day trip. Partnering with Island Routes, Sandals and Beaches offer exciting experiences for groups, including Jeep® tours, catamaran cruises, waterfall hikes, and culturally rich activities. With a bounty of hidden gems to explore, your party can expect adventure throughout your stay.



#### TIP

Try to maintain a balanced schedule that peppers in relaxation and downtime so everyone can enjoy the destination at their own pace.

#### CREATE LASTING MEMORIES

A bachelorette party is more than a vacation. It's an opportunity to gather your closest girlfriends and celebrate the cherished relationships in your life. A blend of sophistication, luxury, and pure Caribbean joy, there's no better way to celebrate the bride-to-be, the meaning of friendship, and the next chapter in your life story. PHOTOGRAPHS ALLISON ERMON PHOTOGRAPHY

# Storybook Romance

# KayLah & Tyler

Known for its opulent waters and powdery white sands, Turks and Caicos offers the perfect backdrop for this couple's dream nuptials.





ow did you meet?" is a question that often sparks the sweetest love stories. For KayLah and Tyler, their paths crossed at a dance hall in Texas. It was KayLah who took the first step. "I was attracted by how she approached me with her beautiful smile and how she didn't skip a beat after she stumbled over her name," recalls Tyler. Believing in their instant connection, KayLah unknowingly manifested their future. "She even texted her mom that night saying she met her future husband!"



# Choosing the Ideal Destination

KayLah and Tyler knew they wanted something uniquely their own, and the Caribbean seemed like the perfect choice. When their families heard the wedding would be on a tropical island, the excitement for the big day grew. "We both thought, what better place than Turks and Caicos with the beautiful sands and turquoise waters?" KayLah says. The ability of Beaches Turks and Caicos to host a fun celebration for family and friends made their decision a no-brainer.



### A Warm Welcome

One of KayLah and Tyler's most important requests: for their guests to embrace the friendly Caribbean culture. To do this, the duo wove steel drums and tropical drinks into a welcome reception, accented with white linens and string lights. Each guest also received a custom tote as a thank you and reminder of their time on the island.

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# Picture Perfect Paradise

Nestled among the Caribbean's pristine splendor, Beaches Turks and Caicos boasts unparalleled natural beauty. The azure waters and powdery white sands offer a picturesque backdrop, which set the stage for KayLah and Tyler's dream wedding weekend.



## Going the Distance

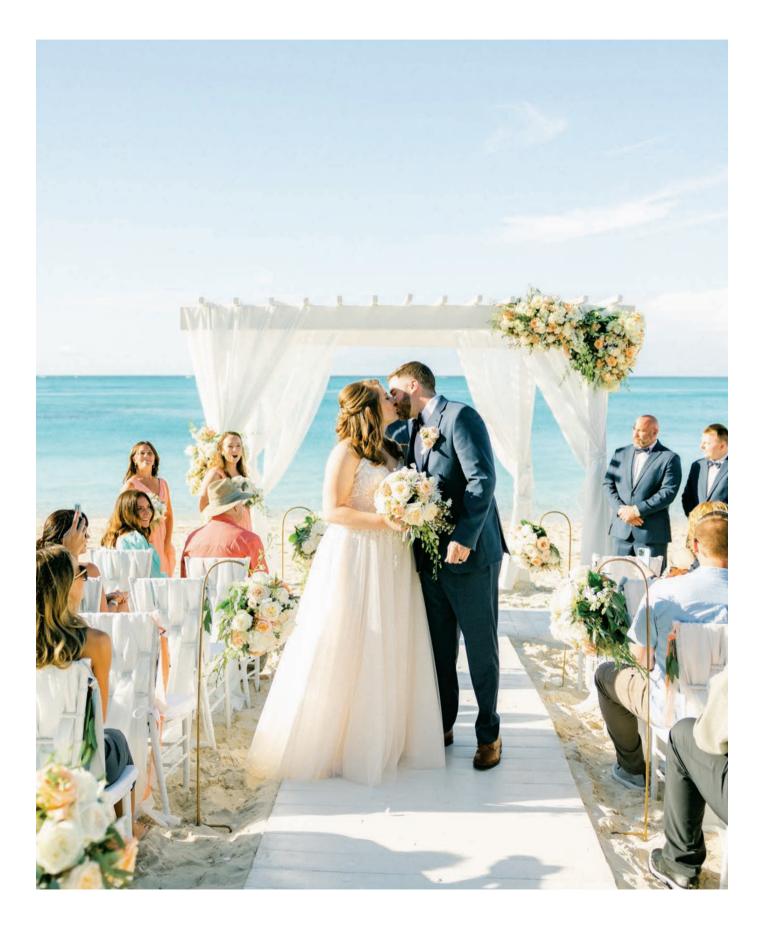
KayLah and Tyler's decision to have a destination wedding in Turks and Caicos was met with excitement from family and friends, especially because the island is one of the closest Caribbean destinations to the U.S. mainland. Despite the proximity, the couple wanted to be mindful of those who couldn't travel to the island. To ensure everyone felt included, they organized engagement and bridal parties, as well as a reception, back home. Photographers and a videographer were also hired to capture and share the memories from each celebration. Even during their reception in Turks and Caicos, KayLah and Tyler found a way to include those who couldn't make it — by FaceTiming their loved ones back home! The azure waters and powdery white sands of Turks and Caicos offer a picturesque backdrop, which set the stage for KayLah and Tyler's dream wedding weekend.

# Something FOR EVERYONE

KayLah and Tyler's guest list included kids, which made Beaches Turks and Caicos an ideal wedding location.

Once KayLah and Tyler saw the resort's 21 restaurants, water park, and expansive family-style suites and villas, they knew it was the perfect place for their guests.

With a week of celebrations to plan, the wedding team got to work creating a custom experience for their group.







# Long-Distance Planning

When KayLah and Tyler began the planning process, the wedding team was at the ready, tackling any hurdles the couple encountered. Quick to jump in and find a solution, the words "don't worry, we've got this," became a comforting phrase the couple heard often.

"The Beaches team made what could have been a stressful time enjoyable and fun," Tyler says. One of their biggest obstacles: coordinating reservations from afar and dealing with last-minute changes. Some people weren't able to commit by the deadline or had to make travel adjustments. Once again, KayLah and Tyler were met with a simple: "Don't worry."

When it came to choosing décor and details, the pair wanted the character of the island front and center. KayLah and Tyler communicated their ideas to their wedding planner, Ashley Burdette from Sugar & Cloth, who then collaborated with the team at Beaches to put on a stunning event.

Taking a step back from every nuance of the vendor selections, KayLah and Tyler relied on referrals from friends back home and the wedding team. The result? A flawless and harmonious execution of details, much like a scene out of a storybook.



# The World's Best Beach

Turks and Caicos is host to the famed Grace Bay Beach, which has been voted the World's #1 Best Beach by TripAdvisor's Travelers' Choice Awards. Boasting 12 miles of pristine sand set along turquoise waters, Grace Bay is an idyllic backdrop for wedding vows.

### Coastal Chic

KayLah and Tyler chose blue, white, and coral flowers and décor to complement their beach-themed wedding and to enhance the stunning surroundings. The wedding party's attire followed the same color scheme and each bridesmaid wore a unique dress style and color to match the coastal palette of the wedding. The ceremony took place on the best stretch of Grace Bay Beach, complete with endless ocean views. Guests were led down a wooden runway on the sand, flanked by fabric-draped Chiavari chairs and hanging floral arrangements. The couple exchanged vows under a white wooden pergola covered in flowers and flowing fabric.



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# A Thoughtful Touch

Once the ceremony concluded, guests were invited to clean the sand off their feet with ribbon-tied brushes.







# The Celebration of a Lifetime

KayLah and Tyler relied on the resort's culinary team to treat their 40 guests to a hand-selected, four-course meal and special touches like candy box favors and a giant canoe which served as a beverage station.

The reception was a true celebration of love: Love for friends, family, and each other. A custom neon sign and greenery wall became a favorite spot for photo ops. But KayLah and Tyler agree the personalized dance floor, with their initials displayed in the center and long tables providing front row seats along three sides, was the real highlight of the evening. KayLah and Tyler agree the personalized dance floor, with their initials displayed in the center and long tables providing front row seats along three sides, was the real highlight of the evening.



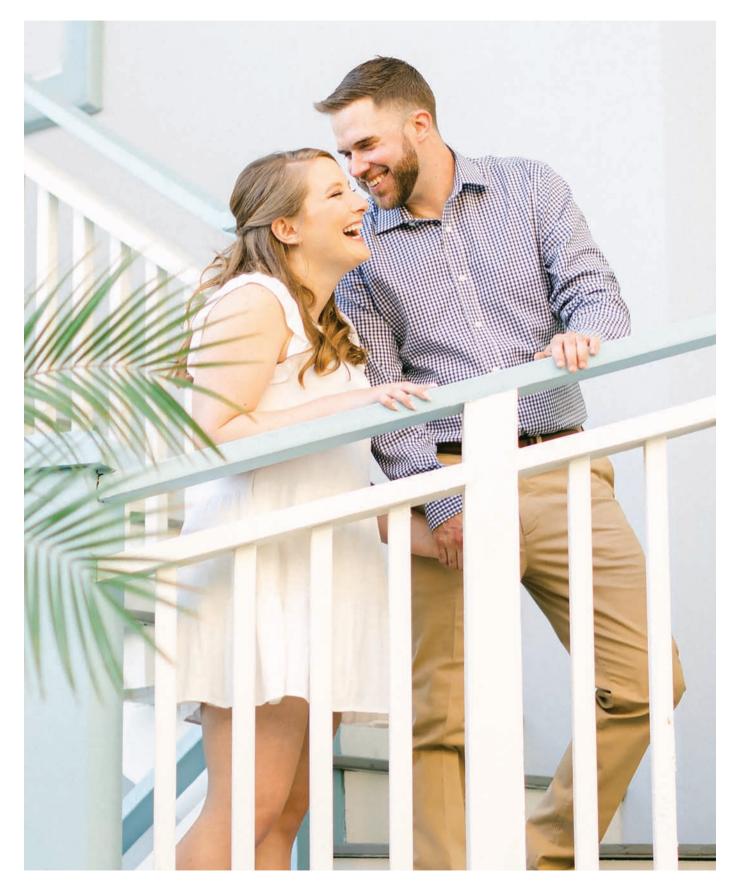


### A Moment Like This

They had the gorgeous Caribbean Sea, a powdery beach, delectable food, and a dance floor with their initials on it. But the most important element of KayLah and Tyler's wedding the one that they will cherish the most — is the memory of being together with friends and family. "We each married our best friend," they say, "and we celebrated with our favorite people in what is now our favorite place in the world."







### Mini-Moon Adventures

After the wedding, KayLah and Tyler opted for a unique "mini-moon" experience across the United States, exploring the vibrant cities of Los Angeles and Las Vegas. As they look forward to the future, they are eagerly planning two more trips to continue their honeymoon adventures.



## Enjoy the Journey

To future couples preparing for their special day, KayLah and Tyler offer a valuable piece of advice that they learned from their experience: "Choose a place and a team that will allow you to enjoy the process. This is a time you will cherish forever. We had an amazing wedding planner and an amazing Beaches team. They made our wedding day as special for our guests as it was for us." In the end, KayLah and Tyler's story reminds us that our greatest expectations can be met and even surpassed. Their journey from a chance encounter at a dance hall to a dreamy destination wedding in Turks and Caicos is a testament to where the power of love can lead.



# Privacy Please

LUXURY HONEYMOONS INFUSED WITH ADVENTURE AWAIT

# LUXURY, BEAUTY AND SECLUSION

Soak in a private plunge pool overlooking the ocean or bask in the warmth of the sunset from a secluded Overwater Villa. Create an itinerary of bucket list experiences, enjoy the exceptional service of a personal butler, and sample the culinary flavors of the world. However you choose to live out your destination honeymoon, the Caribbean is the place to live it in luxury.



#### AT EARTH'S EDGE

For those who are drawn to the relaxing nature of calm ocean waters, Sandals South Coast is calling. In the past, couples would travel to locales in the South Pacific or the Indian Ocean to experience overwater honeymoon accommodations. Today, 12 overwater villas rest along a two-mile stretch of pristine beach in a destination less than halfway around the globe — Whitehouse, Jamaica. Wake up above the sea. Relax in a signature Tranquility Soaking Tub<sup>™</sup> for two. Rinse in your own outdoor shower and dry off on an expansive patio. Spend the afternoon in a hammock perched just above the ocean or retreat inside and marvel at the sites through a glass-panel floor with the clear Caribbean water beneath your feet. Each overwater villa comes with 24-hour butler service and private airport transfers, creating a retreat as stress-free as it is intimate.

A short stroll along the villa boardwalk leads to three beachfront pools, an overwater bar, and fire pits that are great for cozying up to watch the sunset. The resort is also tucked inside a 500-acre nature preserve, creating a more private, immersive vacation.



#### SPICE THINGS UP

At the southern end of the Caribbean awaits a honeymoon resort that combines luxury with adventure. Located along the sands of Pink Gin Beach, Sandals Grenada features swim-up suites and SkyPool Suites for heightened romance. Also unique to the resort is the Wonders of Grenada Swim and Snorkeling Cruise, hosted by Island Routes. This one-ofa-kind experience offers couples an up-close view of native marine life and Grenada's famous underwater sculpture park.

The island scenes above water are equally as stunning. Take it all in during an island safari ride or a casual hike to the secluded Adelphi Falls or Golden Falls, where cold and warm water flow side by side to produce therapeutic swims. For those who want the rush of white water, the Balthazar River Tubing Adventure promises a fast and fun experience. The unique culture of Grenada is best experienced on day trips through the lush countryside to Tea at the Tower Estate and the Historic Garden Tour. Stop at Grenada's world-renowned spice market and take home reminders of your Spice Island honeymoon. To end the day, plan a couple's massage at the Red Lane<sup>®</sup> Spa or enjoy evening cocktails from the privacy of your suite.

#### NEW-AGE ROMANCE

The all-new Sandals Dunn's River is located on Jamaica's north coast — the exact spot that inspired the start of Sandals Resorts more than 40 years ago. The meticulously-designed resort maintains the spirit of Jamaica, while tying in 21<sup>st</sup> century innovation. The Celestial Butler Package, a feature of the all-new Coyaba Sky Rondoval Villas, includes private rooftop picnics under the stars, complete with a telescope and star map from The Night Sky™ to explore the constellations. If the beach resonates more than the stars, stay in a Tufa Terrace SkyPool Suite, which includes a private, balcony-length pool overlooking the beach below.

During the day, retreat to the resort's five pools including two lengthy river pools — a nod to the iconic Dunn's River and surrounding rainforest. Paradise doesn't get much better than this.

#### HAUTE HAVEN

The island of Barbados sits in the eastern Caribbean. Fitting of the island's distinct opulence, the all-suite Sandals Royal Barbados will welcome you home with the best-in-class of everything: From special suites that welcome guests

in a Rolls-Royce complete with VIP check-in, to Millionaire Suites with 24-hour butler service, this resort is a haven for honeymooners. Delight in a four-lane bowling alley, craft beer bar, rooftop pool, 21 restaurants, PADI<sup>®</sup> certified scuba diving, and more. Couples can enjoy access to amenities at both resorts on the island: Sandals Royal Barbados and, just down the beach, Sandals Barbados. Both resorts are synonymous with haute honeymoons and the utmost privacy.

SANDALS SOUTH COAST, JAMAICA





### OVERWATER OASIS

For an incomparable overwater experience, plan a stay at Sandals Royal Caribbean in Montego Bay or Sandals Grande Saint Lucian in Gros Islet. Each Overwater Villa at Sandals Royal Caribbean is set on a private island, complete with a Tranquility Soaking Tub<sup>™</sup> and private staircase that descends into the sea. Bali-inspired, these cabanastyle suites give new meaning to romance and a private getaway for two. In Saint Lucia, the overwater collection is situated on a secluded peninsula, ensconced by the Caribbean Sea. Beyond the Overwater Villas, enjoy an afternoon of pampering at the Red Lane<sup>®</sup> Spa, take in long-range vistas at Cap Estate Golf and Country Club, or unwind in the resort's signature, zero-entry pool.



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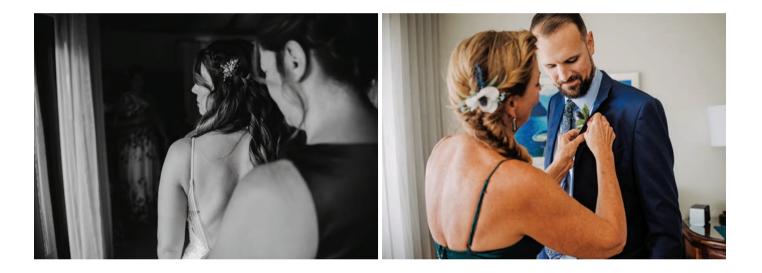
# All Roads Lead to The Helen of the West

Katelyn & Shane

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# BY LAND & BY SEA

Saint Lucia, a country so beautiful it's been referred to as the The Helen of the West, has it all: lush mountains, ocean views, impeccable weather. Dreaming of nuptials that would incorporate all their favorite landscapes, this couple found Sandals Grande Saint Lucian on Rodney Bay to be a perfect fit. Moving from Florida to Texas and back again while dating. An epic proposal atop the Mendenhall Glacier in Alaska. A dream destination wedding on the vibrant isle of Saint Lucia. As a couple well-versed in travel, Katelyn and Shane had a clear vision for their destination vows — and they found the ideal resort to make it happen.



hen Katelyn and Shane began their search, the goal was to keep the wedding small and intimate. They wanted a place that was budget-friendly, close in proximity to the United States, and felt like a vacation with a wedding mixed in. Naturally, an all-inclusive made the most sense. As residents of Florida, the couple also wanted more than a beachfront backdrop, and Katelyn, who is a New Hampshire native, wanted to incorporate the rise and fall of the mountains. When they finally found Sandals Resorts in Saint Lucia, it was exactly what they were looking for.

Friends and family had a chance to enjoy the resort at their own pace, without needing an itinerary. The staff welcomed everyone like a part of the Sandals family. Food, drinks and activities were unlimited. Most important of all, the couple's incredible wedding planner effortlessly executed all the details, giving Katelyn and Shane plenty of time to relax and explore the island.

"Saint Lucia is such a beautiful island," says Katelyn. "We hiked Pigeon Island, went on a mud bath and waterfall excursion, took a sunset catamaran cruise, and went scuba diving the day after our wedding."



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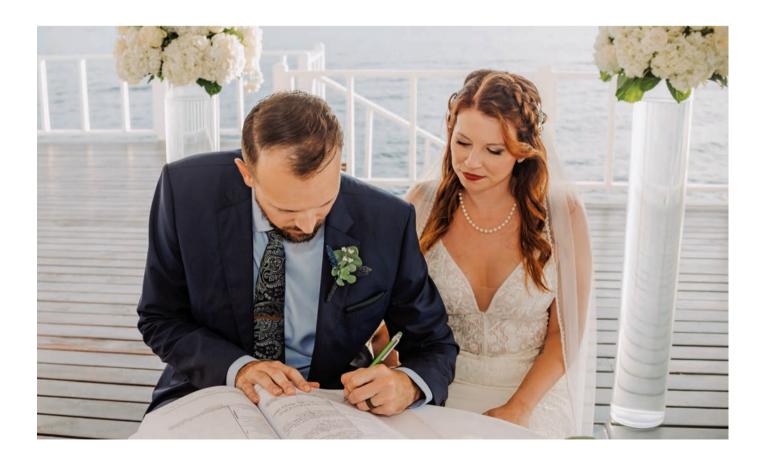
### Writing New Traditions

The bridal party kicked off the morning in Katelyn's parent's Rondoval Suite. Hair and makeup artists were in full swing. Bridesmaids wore succulent hair clips and the men sported boutonnieres that were handcrafted by Shane's mom.

Aligned with the island's rich scenery, the entire bridal party — from the bridesmaids to the parents of the bride and groom — donned various shades of blue and green. Adding her own twist to a classic tradition, the bride wore her grandmother's pearl necklace (something old), sparkly blue heels (something blue), and Shane's grandmother's necklace as a bracelet (something borrowed).

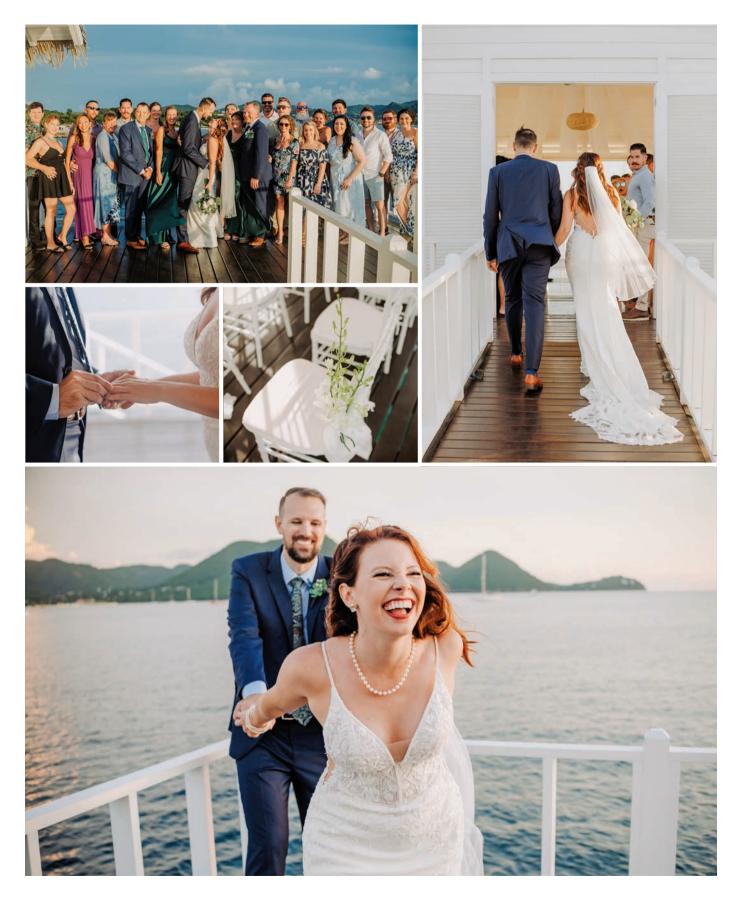
When asked about her favorite detail of the dress, Katelyn noted it was the delicate lacework on each side, which kept two symbolic tattoos visible — a hummingbird for her grandma and a dog paw to honor her late pup who passed away earlier that year. Shane also honored his late grandparents with a photo keychain inside his suit.

For their first look, the couple chose Pigeon Island National Park. Conveniently located next to Sandals Grande Saint Lucian, Pigeon Island is a 44-acre haven of verdant terrain, ideal for photos. The slight elevation of the islet gives it a summit-like appearance, which further aligned with Katelyn's hopes of incorporating mountains into the big day.











### Something Simple

"We absolutely loved our wedding coordinator," recalls Katelyn. "She went above and beyond in so many ways and made sure everything was organized and taken care of. I had no stress." After capturing solo shots together, Katelyn and Shane made their way back to the resort's Overwater Wedding Serenity Chapel for the ceremony. "We fell in love with the Overwater Chapel," recalls the couple. "The beautiful scenery and architecture allowed for simple décor."

A glass-panel aisle, lined by white chairs and simple floral arrangements, led to the front of the chapel where two glass vases framed the couple. White drapery fluttered in the breeze along the roofline, adding a softness that didn't take away from the natural scenery. Eucalyptus leaves, white roses, hydrangeas, and other touches of greenery made up the floral aesthetic for the day.

Surrounded by unobscured views and 27 close friends and family members, Katelyn and Shane couldn't have dreamt a better time or place to exchange vows.



### Love on Fire

After the ceremony, Katelyn and Shane decided to keep things simple with an extended cocktail hour. The two worked alongside their wedding planner to choose a variety of light hors d'oeuvres followed by a cocktail menu. Mini sliders, mac and cheese bites and conch fritters (a fan favorite of the evening) were notable flavors from the evening. As for signature cocktails, the pair chose a Spicy Watermelon Margarita — a refreshing combo with a bit of heat as a nod to Shane's favorite type of food.

The wedding cake, adorned in succulents, teal florals and verdant leaves, was a final touch on the perfect celebration — and a cohesive continuation of the ceremony look. In place of a traditional reception, the couple surprised guests with local fire dancers. A dynamic and dazzling 45-minute spectacle, the performance gave everyone a front-row view of the action and had the group up on its feet for a limbo dance. To close out the evening, Katelyn and Shane relocated to the resort pool with their guests for added quality time and to recap the day's events over drinks.

"Our favorite moment was having our friends and family all together with us," says the couple when looking back on what made the weekend unforgettable. "Everyone who was there was a friend from the beginning of our relationship or from before. They were all our longest friendships. We had all our favorite people there." In place of a traditional reception, the couple surprised guests with local fire dancers. A dynamic and dazzling 45-minute spectacle, the performance gave everyone a front-row view of the action and had the group up on its feet for a limbo dance.





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SANDALS ROYAL CURAÇAO, CURAÇAO

# Something Blue

THE CARIBBEAN AS YOUR PALETTE

The pristine waters of the Caribbean give new meaning to the timeless "something blue" tradition.

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It's said to bring good luck to a marriage when a bride wears something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue, and a sixpence in her shoe. To embrace the tradition of something blue, brides only need to open their eyes and call upon the vibrant colors of the Caribbean, where blue is always the backdrop.

### SENTIMENTAL HUES

Your something blue should be personal. Maybe it's a meaningful gift from your fiancé, favorite memento, vacation souvenir, or a family keepsake like a powder blue clutch or a handkerchief with periwinkle embroidery. When seeking that perfect blue bit of good luck, the comfort of family might be just what you need by your side.

### BLUE'S THE MUSE

For a modern spin, invite everyone in the wedding party to participate. Consider a bridal party in dresses that match the colors of the sea, sky and island flora. You can ask moms and bridesmaids to coordinate or offer them the freedom to choose a blue best suited to their personal style. Even the little ones can make a big impact with the ring bearer donning a turquoise bowtie or the flower girl wearing cerulean ribbons in her hair.



### COASTAL COOL

Don't forget that the men in the group can dress the part, too. Cobalt tuxedo jackets, pale blue-toned suits, or a subtle nod to the sea with an aqua tie can all make a splash. Whether the wedding is in a chapel on resort or barefoot on the beach, you can find a versatile blue that fits the look you want to create.



### BEFORE & AFTER THE BIG DAY

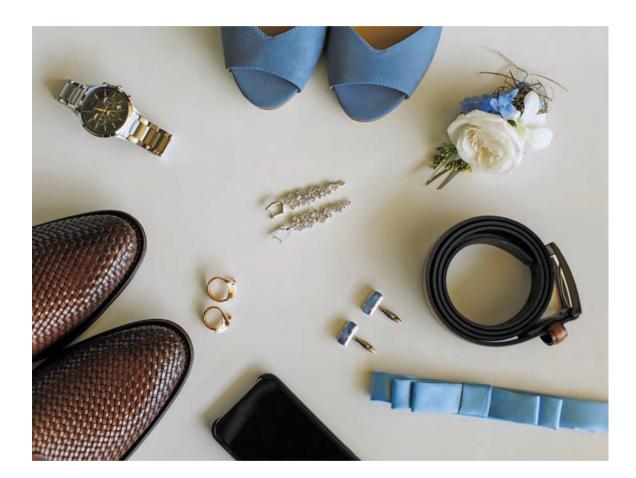
Who says you can't incorporate something blue beyond your wedding day? Forgo the expected white bikini or board shorts and opt for blue swimsuits. Before you walk down the aisle, gift your gals pajamas, robes or sarongs in a shade of blue that sets the color scheme for your wedding week. Plus, it will forever be a reminder of your destination wedding.





### BLUE-TIFUL ACCESSORIES

Accessorizing is an easy way to add a touch of your favorite shade. From turquoise or sapphire jewelry, to an azure pocket square or matching blue shoes, this is the time and place to have fun with color. Consider a bridal bouquet wrapped in pastel blue or a pair of aquamarine earrings for the walk down the aisle. Wearing a jacket? How about a seashell pin on the lapel, finished with a navy ribbon? Every detail is a perfect opportunity to weave in the beauty of the Caribbean.



### CHIC SUBTLETIES

Your blue can also be a private sentiment no one can see. Sew a robin's-egg blue bow into the hem of your wedding dress. Slip into a custom aquamarine garter. Shop for dancing shoes with cyan soles. Even a baby blue heart painted on a fingernail is a perfect way to weave in tradition on your big day. No matter how you choose to honor something blue, incorporating hints of the Caribbean's spectacular color palette ensures your destination wedding is full of personal meaning, luck on your big day, and for all the years to follow.

## Cocktails and Canapés

### EAT, DRINK AND BE MARRIED

Some pairings are just meant to be. White wine served with sashimi and a side of Caribbean sunset is a good example. The idyllic combination of signature cocktails and gourmet canapés to celebrate a beautiful wedding couple is another. When designing a menu full of fun beverages and delectable small bites for your destination wedding, consider the island setting as your inspiration. Menu choices that reflect the destination and infuse the local culture will create an undeniably authentic event.



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### PERFECT PAIRINGS

"When couples are looking for the right food pairings for their cocktail receptions, we encourage them to lean into the flavors the Caribbean is known for," says Ricky DuQuesnay, Corporate Director of Food and Beverage for Sandals Resorts International. "We infuse our dishes with all kinds of spices, tropical fruits and the freshest seafood around." As soon as the "I do's" are said, your guests will be transported into a culinary experience that pairs the best of the region's foods with its most festive cocktails, imparting unique tastes worthy of a celebration.

### PERSONAL PREFERENCE

If something jumps off the page when you're coming up with your menu, lean into that selection and let your food and beverage team pair it with recommended drinks.

One popular cocktail and canapé combination couples love is the jerk chicken risotto cakes with spicy cilantro aioli, paired with a refreshing Mint To Be (limoncello, vodka, mint, and a splash of Sprite). Another is the The Spicy Sunset (Absolut Citron, triple sec, orange juice, Scotch bonnet pepper, and grenadine), served with coconut-breaded shrimp or coconut-crusted shrimp skewers and sweet chili sauce. When it comes to flavor pairings, DuQuesnay offers this advice: "If there are a lot of savory menu items chosen, we'll suggest going with some of the sweeter cocktails as they will pair well." The beautifully balanced Mai Tai The Knot, paired with mini shrimp spring rolls and plum sauce, makes an unbeatable sweet and savory duo.

### RUM AWAY WITH ME

In the Caribbean, there is one spirt that always comes to mind: rum. It's the drink of choice for many and a special indulgence, as the island regions produce some of the best rum in the world. Our suggestion if you plan to include this regional spirit in your menu: the Spicy Rum cocktail (made with dark rum, St-Rémy VSOP, triple sec, lime juice, cinnamon, and nutmeg) partnered with island fritters (conch, vegetable or crab) and finished with a local Calypso sauce. It's a great way to welcome guests and introduce them to the Caribbean's own liquid gold.

### SEASONAL SAMPLINGS

Consider the time of year to enhance the authenticity of your guests' culinary experience. Opt for a seasonal lobster salad on endive with a Cantaloupe Margarita for a light bite and sweet sip combo. Other island favorites include Stamp and Go (salted cod fritters), fish goujons with remoulade sauce, and bacon-wrapped plantains.

### GET GLOBAL

To offer a wider variety of favorites and flavors to your guests, draw inspiration from locales around the world. Try a Sparkling Sangria (sparkling wine, Pinot Grigio, triple sec, and orange juice) with grilled bruschetta, tomato, garlic, and basil. Berry Happy Together (sparkling wine, vodka, blackberry brandy, Chambord, and pineapple juice) is a fantastic accompaniment for smoked salmon canapés with capers.

### LATE-NIGHT BITES

Once the wedding party moves to the dance floor, feel free to change up the cocktail menu, too. Late night cocktails, such as an Appley Ever After (apple cider, Canadian whiskey, Sprite, lime juice, and simple syrup) or a Spicy Watermelon Margarita pair well with a variety of crave-conquering, one-bite samplers: shrimp quesadillas, mini burgers with all the trimmings, buffalo chicken wings, and mini grilled cheese sandwiches. Your guests will thank you for sending them to their suites with enough sustenance until tomorrow.

### FOOD (AND DRINK) FOR EVERYONE

Keep in mind, the culinary teams at Sandals and Beaches are fully trained to take care of special guest requests. "We offer such a variety that any dietary requirement can be catered to. No matter if the couple is vegan, gluten-free, dairy-free, we can create a culinary experience that will work for them," says DuQuesnay. And any well-crafted signature cocktail also makes a fantastic mocktail for guests who don't drink alcohol. No matter which pairings you choose for your nuptials, this is an opportunity to use the islands as inspiration — and to make your celebration a memorable and tasteful showstopper.

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## Wow Your Vows

## ENTERTAINMENT THAT WILL KEEP YOUR GUESTS ON THEIR FEET ALL NIGHT LONG

### Your Very Own DESTINATION SHOWSTOPPER

The most memorable destination weddings stand out for the location, the people, the food and, of course, the entertainment. While DJs are a traditional go-to for receptions, more couples today realize how special it is to choose entertainment that immerses family and friends in the local culture of the destination. In the Caribbean, specific styles of music are part of the every day island lifestyle. By embracing the local charm, couples can set the mood and add another layer of excitement to their destination wedding celebration.

### STEEL PAN PERFORMERS

For a quintessential Caribbean sound, it's hard to beat the magic of steel drums. These unique instruments produce captivating melodies that remind guests they're dancing on the shores of paradise.

Vibrant and rhythmic tones add a touch of laid-back

distinction to any wedding and can be requested for the ceremony, cocktail hour, or as the main entertainment at the reception.



### LIVE BAND

Couples envisioning a more dynamic celebration often consider live bands and musical groups that align with their style and elevate the energy of the reception. These live bands can cater to diverse audiences with classic covers, original songs and local favorites, ensuring that everyone can hit the dance floor and sing along.



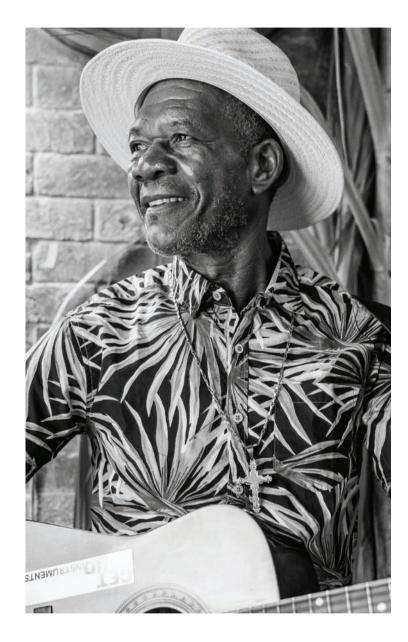


### LIVE GUITARIST

For a more intimate and soulful touch, a live guitarist is the perfect way to serenade guests. The melodic strumming and heartfelt vocals add a sense of romance, while creating a calming ambience for the wedding ceremony or the musical backdrop at the reception. Each musician will gladly tailor the playlist to suit any wedding's vibe.

### FIRE DANCERS

Looking to ignite the night with an electrifying performance? Fire dancers offer an impressive spectacle that will captivate guests. With mesmerizing moves and a daring use of fire, this act offers a striking visual along the edge of the Caribbean Sea. Dazzling, bold and brilliant this is the perfect way to add some flare to the night.



### MENTO BAND

Mento bands are known to entice guests to get out on the dance floor — and isn't that where you want them to be? A precursor to ska and reggae, mento bands are richly Jamaican, fusing African and European musical elements throughout their songs. The outcome: infectious folky rhythms, harmonious vocals and acoustic instruments — including guitars, banjos and the rhumba box. This option is a good choice for couples looking to infuse their wedding with authentic Caribbean sounds.

### JUNKANOO BAND

Embrace with the colorful and exuberant spirit of The Bahamas with a Junkanoo band. This traditional Bahamian music and dance ensemble will parade through the celebration, clad in bright costumes, playing festive rhythms on brass instruments, drums and cowbells. Guests will be swept up in the infectious energy and joy of this unique Caribbean tradition. An array of alternative wedding entertainment options encourage couples to be different, embrace the local culture, and create a wedding celebration that is entirely their own.

### TUK BAND

For musical sounds specifically aligned with Barbadian culture, opt for a Tuk band. Tracing its roots back to Barbados, this traditional ensemble features drums, penny whistles and other homemade instruments. The energetic beats and cheerful tunes are sure to get guests out of their seats and on their feet!

### EXTEND THE FUN WITH A SILENT DISCO

Alternative entertainment options create a unique ambience, but some couples still prefer the more traditional route of incorporating a DJ into their celebrations. With a silent disco, guests can dance to music playing through individual headphones and newlyweds can get creative with the playlist, keeping the party going well into the night.

#### CUSTOMIZABLE EXPERIENCE

A silent disco enables guests to choose from multiple music channels provided by the DJ, catering to diverse musical preferences.

#### INTERACTIVE FUN

Silent discos are all about the dancing. Guests can celebrate with each other by tuning into the same channels, creating a fun, ever-changing atmosphere.

# Which "isle" will you walk down?



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