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Dear Reader,

Break Away Moments Caribbean Destinations magazine creates a wonderful vehicle for insight into the beautiful world of the Caribbean. The featured hotels and resorts work diligently to provide superior service and deliver positive, lasting memories of joy. Catering to your whims and fancies is just what they love doing most! Romantic candlelight dinners, spa treatments, hues-of-orange sunsets, walks along fine-grained white sand beaches coupled with natural island rhythms, all help to create indelible impressions.

My daughter Shauna and her husband Takashi traveled to Jamaica for their VIP honeymoon. The newlyweds were whisked away to Jamaica to enjoy the All-Inclusive Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, Montego Bay. The essence of their elegant tropical wedding followed by a romantic Jamaican honeymoon are featured here in this special wedding issue.

To all the lovely couples wishing to be carried away to the Caribbean for your wedding or honeymoon we say... 'No Problem.' The region awaits you in its full splendor and we're wishing you wedded bliss and Caribbean dreams.

Welcome to Jamaica...  
 Tropical Weddings and Honeymoon Paradise!

...Enjoy!  
 Sandy

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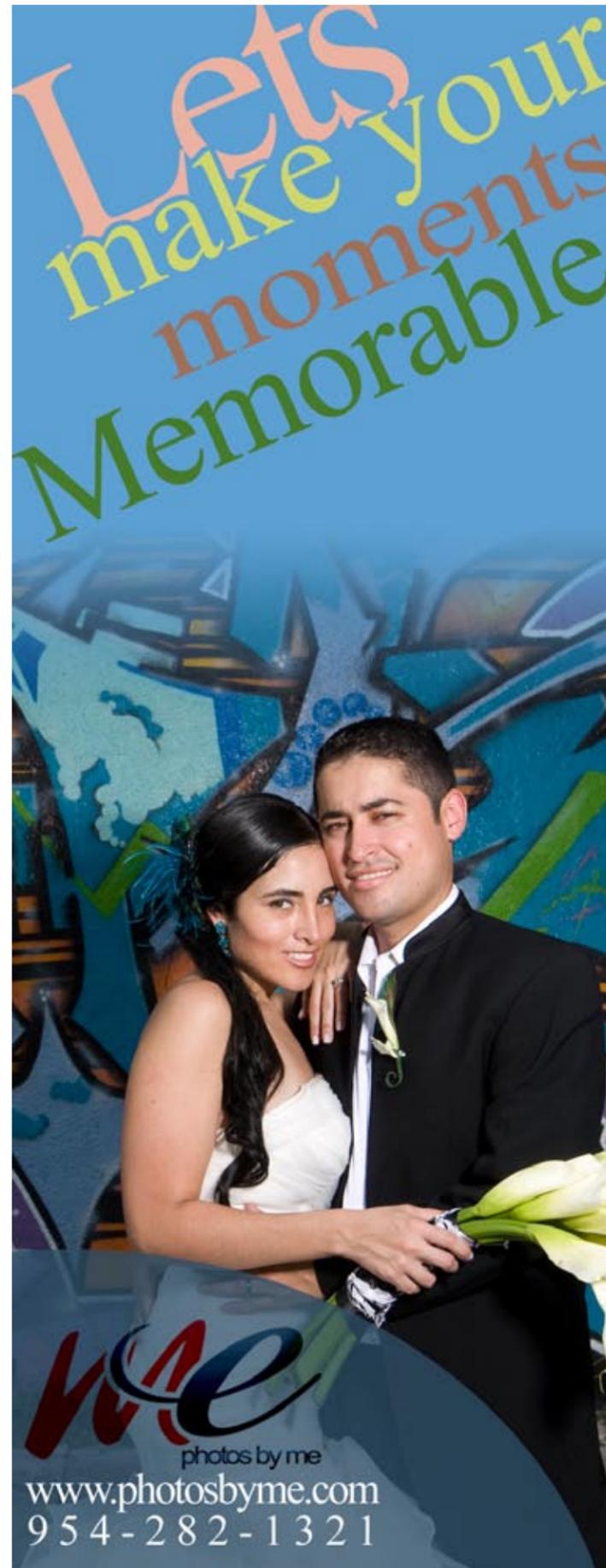


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Award-winning journalist and inveterate traveler, Christine Giordano has made a name for herself by finding the most scenic and interesting locations, on and off the beaten path. With her avid passion for exploring beautiful locations, Jamaica, with its wide range of beauty from rainforests to waterfalls and beaches, was a natural choice. Ms. Giordano enjoyed writing for this issue of Break Away Moments magazine because it portrayed a loyalty to Jamaica's beauty and culture. Ms. Giordano has been an editor for Networking and House magazine and a reporter for the New York Times Co. where she won the New York Times Chairman's award for team coverage of Florida tornadoes. She is currently the president of floridacopywriter.com.



# A Wedding to Remember

written by Sandy Isaacs



to their V.I.P. honeymoon at the newly renovated Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort Montego Bay in Jamaica. Born in Ocho Rios, Takashi is excited to return to his beloved Jamaica on the special occasion of his honeymoon, planned and coordinated for the couple by the Holiday Inn Sunspree resort Montego Bay, Jamaica and Break Away Moments. Shauna meanwhile, eagerly awaits traveling to Jamaica as a first time visitor to the island which she has previously heard much about from she was a little girl. The lovebirds travel in style, 1st Class, aboard Air Jamaica's Lovebird, still known as the 'little piece of Jamaica that flies' The newlyweds delight in the excellent meal and champagne served to them onboard the flight, wondering what the honeymoon in Jamaica has in store for them. They find out soon enough...

## The Honeymoon

The couple are greeted by a liaison who shares with them some of the things that they can anticipate doing while enjoying all the features of the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort Montego Bay, Jamaica. Personalized service is a plus for the honeymooners. They welcome the Spa treatments and the lovely romantic dinner for two on the deck which extends into the Caribbean sea is a definite thrill for the newlyweds, who find the food exquisite and the setting absolutely perfect...honeymoon in paradise has begun!

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The wedding takes place in the tropical setting of South Florida where family and friends gather by the lake at exclusive Pembroke Falls with the palm trees, crotons and smooth saxophone sounds emanating in the air from The Jon Saxx Experience for the exchange of wedding vows between Shauna Isaacs and Takashi Walker. Shauna is a Kindergarten teacher at Frangus Elementary of Orange County Schools in Orlando, Florida and Takashi, a Defensive Back football player for The Georgia Wildcats in Albany, Georgia. Both born of Jamaican parents, they excitedly look forward

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## The Ceremony

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Children, who are celebrated at the Holiday Inn Resort Montego Bay All Inclusive, are a welcome factor and strong focus is always given to the "Married With Children" ceremony, where couples exchange vows and gifts with their children or children from a previous marriage who are included in the ceremony. This additional service is free though couples do need to bring the gift of their choice and give it to the hotel on arrival.

Choices is what it is all about at Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort Montego Bay and so it is no surprise that there is an array of special offerings for couples tying the knot

## The Reception

Romance is of special meaning at Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort where wedded bliss transforms into endless romantic days filled with sunset evenings where walks on the beach appear as timeless as the horizon of the sea. Lovers feel the soft sea breeze of Jamaica, view flowers blooming in effervescent color, grasp the sight of seabirds at the shorelines scampering back and forth amidst 'forever' beauty and enjoy this relaxed paradise haven.

Imagine the smiles...

Where will you go for your wedding or honeymoon?



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# The Natural Mystique

The Lure of the Caribbean

written by Sidonie Walsh

For anyone who has ever visited the Caribbean, the very thought of going back ignites a fervent flame within powerful enough to steer the way back to that radiant destination. On the other hand, if the opportunity never arose, come explore the tranquil paradise that awaits.

The euphoric transformation begins with the first deep breath you take as you walk outside the airport. The warmth of the air moves in with a force and visitors learn quickly to wear cool and comfortable attire. The light clothing relaxes more than the body and before long the mind and soul embraces the simplicity and ease of life. A short ride in a taxi captures the fundamental nature of the Caribbean, everything working seamlessly to bring forth harmony. The exotic plants and trees bow their blooms giving shade from the tireless sun. The closeness to man and nature is at its peak as the turquoise beaches that lash back and forth steps away from the road untamed by any guarded element. From the fields of dancing sugar cane to the stocky cows grazing in the green pastures, the expansive stretch of cultivation and cattle brings a feeling of liberation and lucidity.

The distant grandeur of the pristine mountain becomes a reality as the curvy road embarks on the journey of climbing the ridge. The whistling willows, the chirping birds, the crisp air and the sharpness of the sun's rays add to the scenic course. Faced with nature's untouched beauty the mystical experience continues. The mind and spirit release worry and soak in reflective and insightful feelings. At the foot of the mount, with new perspective and admiration, the flair of the people is brilliantly on display. Eclectic and colorful pieces of art for sale line the roadside. Hand crafted wooden drums and nicely painted clay sculptures - all pieces that embody the Caribbean's people and culture.

On approach to the town, the tantalizing aromas from roasted yam, fried fish and jerk chicken and pork fill the air. Bright faces greet with an array of Caribbean favorites like bagged peppered shrimp, guinep and grater cake. The drive through the town made apparent that the spirit of the Caribbean was also in its people. All smiling faces content and resourceful moving about making their living. Whether it's the old man selling ice cream on his bike, the young man selling juice on the pushcart, the women and children

selling peanuts and fruits on the side of the road, everyone is busy, and everyone is happy. At the end of the drive, the mood is set for the rest of the trip. The atmosphere's light, and anything else will be a treat. A walk on the beach shows simplistic beauty at its best with the various coincidental art forms. The abandoned log is at home on the shore and the wind is playing rhythmic sounds with the ocean. The tired sun paints the sky crimson, the sea gulls fly off into the sunset and the unflinching flame within is forever lit. Natural mystique prevails and the euphoric transformation is complete.

Opposite, Photo Credit: iStockphoto.com

*"The mind and spirit release worry and soak in reflective and insightful feelings."*



# Bringing Out the Vibrance of the Caribbean

with Forever Paradise Caribbean Wear

written by Sandy Isaacs



*Sandy at Sunset Jamaica Grande Resort, Ocho Rios wearing one of the cover-ups from the Forever Paradise collection. A light, sheer, comfortable and colorful piece reminiscent of Caribbean beauty.*

Break Away Moments 'Forever Paradise' Caribbean wear fashion line brings to life the vibrancy of the Caribbean region with a design line that speaks to the 'heart' of the Caribbean lifestyle! The line offers uniquely different resort and cruisewear to travelers and honeymooners visiting the region.

The 'hot' Caribbean colors used in the Break Away Moments fashion is suggestive of nothing less than the 'heat and beat' of the sunshine territory.

Jamaican designer, Yola Gray of House of Flayva, has done a marvelous job of creating fashion that is exquisite, exotic and perfect for resort, leisure and cruise wear with the free flowing style sharing the relaxed and unequalled unique richness and rhythm of the Caribbean. That 'forever paradise' feeling is captured in the look, the feel, and the wear, of Break Away Moments 'Forever Paradise' Caribbean wear.



Lauren Isaacs featured with Mom, Sandy Isaacs, this past summer at Sunset Jamaica Grande, Ocho Rios. She is wearing a dress with elastic balloon bottoms from the 'Forever Paradise' collection.

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# In Jamaica Joy is Contagious

written by Christine Giordano



Where else can you find such a perfect blend of aqua blue waves rolling onto white sand beaches... or cool waterfalls trickling through lush rainforests... mist rising from green mountains, and tiny grotto lakes nestled within caves... Where else can you find historic squares and plantations that allow you to get lost in time, rugged cliffs above breathless views, white stone churches echoing lifelong romance, and world-class lodging that welcomes everyone with a genuine, Jamaican smile.

Jamaica is where Romance is whispered in the gently waving palm trees and captured in the views that sweep from mountains to sea. You see it in the dreamy eyes of the islanders as they look over their mountains. You feel it as the ocean breezes touch your skin. You know it when your stress-free, sun-soaked days

transform into magnificent sunset evenings that stretch over sparkling waters.

Jamaica is where you lose track of time because you never want your days to end. Weddings become unforgettable. Just imagine your wedding whites against a picture-perfect backdrop of island beach with steel drums sounding through the air...

For traditional weddings, choose from a full selection of small intimate chapels to grand, stone churches. Or experience nuptials with rainforest waterfalls flowing at your feet, or on world-renowned golf course greens overlooking the Caribbean. Hotels can make arrangements for you, and offer wedding packages that accommodate special requests and include ceremony, transport and all expenses. Wedding planners are available. And the plentiful array of wedding venues offer themes to please everyone from eco-tourists to history buffs.

Whatever type of lodging is on your fantasy list, Jamaica is likely to have it, from world-class resorts and hotels to bed-and-breakfasts, villas, apartments and guest houses.

And, along with the lush scenery, Adventures and Cultural experiences await your heart's

desire. Walk through flower gardens and river gardens. Take a leisurely ride down the river on a bamboo raft. Shoot through the lush scenery on a zipline. Take a rum tour. Explore plantations and colorful art galleries showcasing international artists. Play polo or ride the beach and countryside on horseback. Bob down the river on a tube. Visit an animal farm. Peddle through history on a bicycle tour. Watch the cliff divers. Shop the island's exotic boutiques.

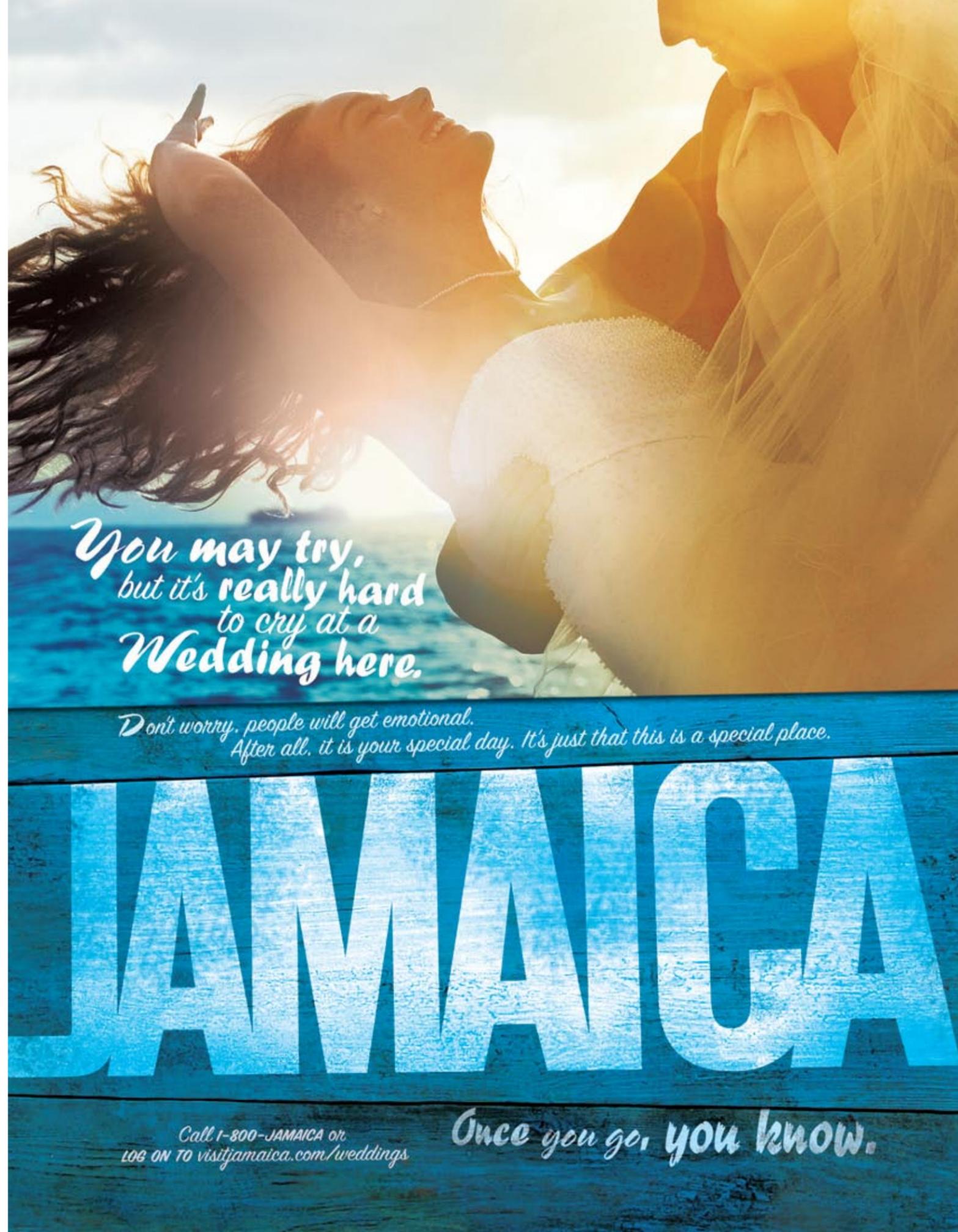
*"It's all available, and waiting, like an island adventure of your dreams."*

And, when you're ready for a night out, you can sneak away to quietly lit cafes, or experience the island's music at one of its nightclubs. Dancing is part of Jamaican life, and reggae is its internationally-known musical claim to fame. Sway the night away at pristine, starlit resorts or enjoy the local rhythms at Caribbean music clubs. Experience sumptuous island cuisine at the island's many restaurants. Sip Jamaican rum on the Caribbean.

Or... take off your shoes and walk the beaches, leaving two sets of footprints in the cool, moonlit sand.

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# Factors to Consider Before Saying 'I Do'

to a Destination Wedding

written by Christine Giordano



Sweeping beaches, wild, galloping horses, and an open-air, white stone chapel were all part of Yemi and Danielle's dream destination wedding in Jamaica, but the perfect day took some planning.

The Roses were born on the island, and knew to plan their wedding at least six months in advance. Setting the date in January provided a cooler climate, and brightly-colored bird of paradise flowers presented the theme for their festive day. They found their pastor and chapel through recommendations from a nondenominational church. They had their food catered through the San Souci resort, and rented its beach for their reception.

Picking Prospect Plantation Chapel as the place to say "I do" was never a hard choice. "It was the most beautiful church I've ever been in," said Yemi, now a 32-year old New York financier.

When scouting the fantasy location, he drove up a narrow, dirt road and passed wild horses and the only camels on the island. The parking lot clearing gave way to a massive stone chapel with rounded, open-air archways, whose setting afforded a romantic view of the island's cool, lush green, multi-canopied rainforests. Built with stone and hardwoods, exclusively from the Prospect estate, its interior was lit by hanging lanterns that created a magical ambience.

Because the chapel remains open to the environment, the couple decorated it the night and morning before the ceremony. They brought their own organ, sound system and musician, and kept the ceremony short since the chapel's chairs sat 90 guests and their guest list was 125. Because ancient Jamaican laws forbid marriages after sunset, they set their ceremony for 3 p.m. -- also an ideal time for photographs.

Before the ceremony, a husband and wife team of photographers from Sungold, took intimate, pre-wedding dressing room shots of both bride and groom. Thirty-minutes after the elegant ceremony, the beach reception offered cool breezes, island foods, and music to dance the evening away.

## Planning Your Dream

Romantic destination weddings can be dreams come true, but take the Roses' advice and give yourself a year to six months lead time.

"You're not going to be able to book a good chapel if you don't do it in advance. Resorts offer package deals. But if you want something truly unique and want to get involved in the culture, find it ahead of time," advised Yemi. Although some resorts have arrangements with churches, travel experts suggest to visit the island, get to know your wedding planner, and investigate details, such as what documents you'll need, and how to get marriage licenses.

Also keep in mind that the Caribbean's hurricane season runs from July through November, which also tends to coincide with much of "wedding season", advises Maya Northen, a travel planner and president of Chimera Travel, LLC. Have an inside venue ready. For weddings during hot seasons, provide drinking water at the entrance of the chapel or venue.

It's a good idea to check out passport entry requirements for guests, direct flights, and find out if the island's tourism association offers package deals and information for couples seeking to get married, said Northen. (The local tourism department can also help with local florists, jewelers, and wedding vendors.) Determine if your location offers an on site wedding planner.

When Mark Hubman married his wife earlier this year at a resort, he arrived on Monday and had the ceremony on Wednesday. "As far as Jamaica goes, you have to be there a certain number of days before the wedding is legal,"

said Hubman, who had a small, intimate ceremony. (There is a 24-hour waiting period for a Jamaican marriage license, provided that applications have been made in advance.) He said the wedding was "99 percent perfect," but advised to get arrangements in writing, especially if you need an administrator to help you during your wedding. In a different culture, it's always a good idea to cement all of the details.

Choosing the right music is important to set the mood. Hiring Mento bands to play island music while guests saunter in is becoming increasingly popular. Some resorts offer the opportunity to listen to bands in advance.

Also sample different island foods from caterers before your big day. Decide whether you'd like a buffet or eating stations. Classic Jamaican Island foods are jerk chicken and pork, ackee & saltfish (codfish), rice and beans, curried goat, yams, plantains and bananas, fresh juice and sour sop, a fruit delicacy.

"Come down for a weekend planning session," said Marcia McLaughlin of Half Moon's Allure Resort. "Meet photographers, florists, your chef, and hear your band."

For beach receptions, keep guests from sinking heels and dress shoes in the sand by offering a tastefully decorated basket of flip-flops of different sizes.

Determine how guests will get from the church to the reception. Consider transporting them with a bus, helicopter, and, of course, providing a map. Give guests about 30 minutes to get there.

Above all, imagine what your dream ceremony would be, decide how much you will spend, and try to match it with a location. Jamaica can create unforgettable dreams to last a lifetime. All it takes is good planning for your dream to come true.



Photo Courtesy of: Yemi Rose

Photo Courtesy of: Yemi Rose

# Destination Weddings: Important Tips

Planning is the Key to Success

written by Christine Giordano



1. Plan your destination wedding by visiting the destination at least seven months prior to your date. See if you can schedule a planning session to meet the wedding planner, chef, band, photographers, florist, etc. Visit during the season you'd like to have your wedding to prepare for the proper climate.

2. Find out how to get a marriage license from the Ministry of Justice. (Tel: 1 876 906 4923 -31 Email: customerservice@moj.gov.jm.) Couples can be married 24 hours after arriving in Jamaica, but only if prior applications have been made for a marriage license.

3. Check passport requirements and availability of direct flights and accommodations for your guests.

4. Choose your months wisely: the winter months are cooler, but more expensive. During the summer and fall, keep guests cool by offering them water, and perhaps a fan, at the door.

5. In Jamaica, weddings must be performed before sunset so do not intend on having a full moon witness your "I do".

6. If your reception is going to be on the beach, be considerate of guests who are wearing high heels and dress shoes, and offer a basket of different sized flip-flops at the entrance.

7. Secure a photographer that you're confident will do a good job. Some photographers in the United States do island weddings. A male-

female photography team offers the opportunity for pre-wedding photos in the bride and groom's dressing rooms.

8. If your wedding is outside, or during hurricane season (July through November), plan for unexpected showers.

9. Keep in mind the pros and cons of resorts. Many can do much of the planning and organizing for you, but may have a chain of weddings scheduled for the same day.

10. Decide whether you'd like a buffet or eating stations. Classic Jamaican Island foods are jerk chicken and pork, ackee & saltfish (codfish), rice and beans, curried goat, yams, plantains and bananas, fresh juice and sour sop, a fruit delicacy.

11. Book a church or chapel in advance, or see if your resort will do it for you. If you don't belong to a parish, consider asking for advice from a non-denominational church on the island.

12. Check with the tourism department to see if they offer wedding discounts, or suggestions regarding florists, caterers, jewelers, etc.

13. If it is important for you to have a wedding administrator or planner at and during your wedding, get the agreement in writing.

14. Determine if payment will be made in advance. Find out what kind of currency you will need for all of your vendors.

15. Appoint a friend or family member to direct the schedule of details.

16. If you intend to have an on site wedding planner, meet them in advance and make sure they are aware of your full vision.

17. On your special day, leave your cares and worries behind, relax into the island culture, and gather your memories for a lifetime.

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**Jon Saxx** is a smooth saxophonist whose sax tones emanate the beauty of the instrument that he plays so well and so passionately. He performed recently at the 5th Annual Jazz in the Gardens 2010, as well as at the Jamaican Jazz & Blues Festival 2010. Jon Saxx was voted Best Local Jazz Artist in South Florida by Miami New Times and has also performed with Frankie Beverly & Maze, The Roots, Najee, Montell Jordan, Howard Hewitt, and does Monthly National Anthem Performances for the Miami Heat games.

He enhanced the Walker Wedding with his smooth 'Jon Saxx' sound and delighted all of the guests.

# Cooking Up Something Special

at the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, Montego Bay

written by Sandy Isaacs



Group (IHG) came in 2005. By 2008, he was named to the executive team where he began yet another chapter of showcasing his creative culinary genius.

Chef Omar's Jamaican heritage is well in evidence throughout the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort property where such local staples as Ackee and Saltfish, Jerk Chicken, Rice and Peas, Steamed Cabbage and Curry Goat are regularly available at the casual Sea Breeze Bar & Grill.



Born in Kingston and raised in Montego Bay, Omar Gordon pours his passions for the art of good eating and his beloved Jamaica into creating sumptuous and satisfying dishes for guests in his role as Executive Chef at the all-inclusive Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort Montego Bay where the 524-room beachfront property is distinguished as the world's only 100% all-inclusive Holiday Inn and which combines the strength of the world's most-trusted hotel brand with authentic Jamaican hospitality, sublime surroundings and world-class amenities to deliver Jamaica's best resort vacation value. Since good food is always included as a must for any vacationer desiring a positive experience, that's exactly what Chef Omar consistently delivers!

Omar discovered the joy of cooking at the tender age of 14. By 16 he was already making a living in the kitchen. His first Executive Chef position with InterContinental Hotels

Chef Omar's professional expertise however, covers a wide range of culinary disciplines, including Caribbean, French, Italian, and continental cuisine. He describes his personal cooking style as "Mediterranean Fusion" and delights particularly in the creation of Italian dishes. His love for Italian cooking blossomed during his studies at the Apicius, The Culinary Institute of Florence, where he gained an intimate knowledge in the creative expression of the country's native gastronomy.

It's little wonder, then, that the top restaurant at the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort is Sorrento, an elegant Italian trattoria, featuring a la carte dining and a *Filetto Di Manzo Alla Gorgonzola* signature dish that keeps guests coming back for more.

Are you intrigued and want to get to know more about Chef Omar? You're invited to visit Jamaica and experience his innovative and delicious culinary concoctions firsthand.

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# Paradise Found: Resorts Offer Specials

for Wedding Luxuries

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### Affordable Wedding Luxuries

Couples can find affordable luxuries in Jamaica, with more than one resort offering quite a few elegant specials for destination weddings. Whether you're hoping for the cool, bamboo-canopied streets of the Mandeville district, the towering, rocky waterfalls of Ocho Rios, or a windswept private beach with soft steel drums, there are many, many resorts in Jamaica that are willing to cater to your every whim.

Here is just a taste of what the island has to offer:

The Ritz-Carlton Golf & Spa Resort & Rose Hall:  
([www.ritzcarlton.com](http://www.ritzcarlton.com))

If you book 25 guest rooms or more at this resort for your wedding, the Ritz-Carlton will include a free wedding ceremony, and a chance to celebrate your first anniversary with a free 3 night/4 day stay at any Ritz-Carlton in the Caribbean or Mexico within the year (airfare not included). The complimentary wedding ceremony includes the location, wedding specialist, wedding concierge, minister, bouquet, boutonniere and décor.

The resort carries a Five Diamond, AAA Hotel rating, and is located on 5,000 acres in Jamaica's Rose Hall with elevated panoramic views of the mountainous countryside. Some wedding locations include The White Witch



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restaurant, with evening sunset views over the resort's 18-hole championship golf course, or the intimate East Beach. Pre-wedding bachelorettes and bachelors can kick their heels up at the Cohobas Lounge, decorated in typical old-world style with richly polished wood paneling and rum tasting sessions.

Receptions can also be held at Jerk Centre, overlooking the sea with a signature drink

served in a coconut on arrival by a traditional coconut cutter. Guests can enjoy a Jamaican buffet including jerk chicken, jerk pork, and plantains among other island delicacies, and get into the island mood with a fire dancer music by a steel band.

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**Breezes Montego Bay:**  
[www.breezes.com/resorts/montego-bay](http://www.breezes.com/resorts/montego-bay)

Breezes Montego Bay, located on Doctor's Cave Beach in trendy Montego Bay, is an all-inclusive resort with 124 rooms and suites of different sizes -- from rooms without balconies, to oceanfront views. Wedding ceremonies are complimentary for couples and include a wedding cake, champagne, marriage license, non-denominational marriage officer and flowers (government fees and taxes are not included).

To enhance the experience, the resort's a-la-carte wedding amenities include floral arrangements, beauty consultants and dressing attendants, photography packages, and private band or DJ at the reception. Romantic hideaways within the resort, include a rooftop Jacuzzi, a great place to take in ocean views and completely unwind and

hotel pool. Windsurfing, kayaking and Hobie car rides are available; an elevated tennis court with night time lighting and a resident tennis pro.

**Half Moon's Allure:**  
[www.halfmoonweddings.com](http://www.halfmoonweddings.com)

Known for its all-inclusive wedding packages and sprawling 400-acre grounds, Half Moon's Allure provides a complete wedding package, including a wedding planner, marriage officer, marriage license, tropical bouquets and boutonnieres, centerpieces, votive candles, 3-course plated dinner, 3-tiered wedding cake, a musician for the ceremony, disc jockey for the reception, 3 hours of photography, professional makeup and salon for the bride, and 4-hour open bar and post ceremony cocktail hour with Hors D'oeuvres.

If weather turns rainy, the resort has 27,000

square feet of indoor meeting space. It also offers plenty of outdoor activities, including horseback riding, golf and water sports and a spa with traditional Jamaican bush bath with fragrant citrus and mint and other herbs (a wonderful couple activity.) Planning to propose? Arrangements can be made with a trained dolphin to deliver your engagement ring.

**The Ruins At The Falls:**  
[www.ruinsjamaica.com](http://www.ruinsjamaica.com)

The Ruins at the Falls is a setting in Ocho Rios with pure waterfalls streaming from mammoth rocks within a rainforest. It offers weddings and receptions in front of the falls.

Private, gated villas are available at multiple places around the island, including Jamaican Treasures, which has prorated cottages that include a butler, chef and housekeeper, and range from one bedroom (\$1,890 for 7 nights), to 16 bedrooms (\$1950 per week) plus the price of groceries (about \$35 per person, per day.) Villas are located beachfront or hillside and can also be reserved for weddings for 25-percent deposit. You can also find villas through the Jamaica Association of Villas and Apartments: 1-800-845-5276.

**The Jamaican Inn:**  
[www.jamaicainn.com/weddings.htm](http://www.jamaicainn.com/weddings.htm)

The Jamaica Inn has wedding and honeymoon packages with interesting extras. Guests can stay at ocean view verandah suites, have private candle light dinners served on their own verandah, enjoy 30 minutes of couple massage, wade out into knee deep water into Dolphin Cove to touch or kiss a passing dolphin, see the waterfalls with a boat trip to Dunn's River Falls, Dance nightly to a Live Band. The wedding package also includes marriage officers fees (includes license and rites), bouquet and boutonniere, photo album with 36 exposures and the negatives, a complimentary wedding cake for two, and champagne, along with a few other things.

**Couples Resorts:**  
[www.couples.com](http://www.couples.com)

Known for its four romantic locations, couples has sunset hour wedding packages from \$890, which include: minister, photographer, wedding cake, champagne for two, photos and marriage certificate signing, 24 printed photos in a Couples Resorts photo album (along with high-resolution images on a CD), two personalized champagne flute, personalized wedding certificate holder, personalized knife and cake server, a "Just Married" breakfast in bed the day after the wedding, and Couples Resorts "Thank You" cards. Different wedding packages are available for more luxury, and include private car airport transfers, sunset cruises on a scuba boat, couples massages, plush matching robes and other amenities.

The four locations are well appointed with amenities and views of the white velvet-sand beaches. Pending on the resort, guests can stroll stone pathways to a secluded Jacuzzi and mineral springs grotto, enjoy a \$30 million renovation, dip in clear Caribbean waters, or wander through tropical gardens.

**Quick Recap:**

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