

wedding PLANNER PICKS

Napa or Nantucket, St. Lucia or Santorini?

The right destination sets the tone for your entire wedding. So when it comes to choosing the perfect locale, let the experts help guide your decision. Here, 25 of *DWH*'s own A-List Planners share the places they consider tops for wedding backdrops.

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Chicago couple Eva Francisty and Michael Anderson amid the vines in Napa Valley.



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1 Charleston, SOUTH CAROLINA

“Charleston is charming in every way, from the people, food, restaurants, streets and historic homes to the gardens, plantations and beaches,” says Tara Guerard of Tara Guerard Soiree, based in the city. “It’s also a walking city, which makes it convenient for weddings away.” **GOOD TO KNOW** The only area beaches where weddings are allowed to take place are Folly Beach, Mount Pleasant, Isle of Palms and Kiawah Island; if you hold your event at a private beach house, plan for parking restrictions and noise ordinances. For a taste of Low Country life, book a block of rooms at the circa-1844 Planters Inn, a boutique hotel with four-poster beds and period furnishings in the historic downtown district, and get the lay of the land on a walking tour with local expert Tommy Dew of On the Market Tours. To add true Southern flavor to the reception, serve a signature dish like shrimp and grits or crab cakes.

2 Napa Valley, CALIFORNIA

“The Napa Valley is like an adult playground of food and wine and offers a U.S.-based slant on a wedding in Tuscany or France,” says Sasha Souza of Napa-based Sasha Souza Events. “You can get married among world-class vines overlooking the valley and provide guests with an epicurean event they won’t forget.” **GOOD TO KNOW** Be prepared for higher rates during peak tourist season, mid-May to “crush” (harvest), which lasts through mid-October, when the weather is most reliable. That said, the dormant grapevines are still beautiful from late fall to early spring. Keep in mind that a limited number of wineries in the county permit weddings, and those may come with a lengthy list of wedding restrictions, from alcohol and preferred vendors to curfew; check legendary napavalley.com for a full list of resources. Before the big day, perk up guests’ palates with a wine-tasting tour, or shop Yountville’s V Marketplace.

3 Nantucket, MASSACHUSETTS

“Nantucket is the ultimate setting for a classic Americana wedding,” says Alison Hotchkiss of Alison Events, in San Francisco. “Summers are unbeatable. The island is bursting with energy, as many families return there year after year. There’s so much to do, whether it’s sailing, riding bikes along the ocean, surfing, whale watching, playing golf or just lounging on the beach with a good book.” **GOOD TO KNOW** The tiny island is very family-oriented, so guests traveling with kids will feel right at home. Here, the beach is the center of any celebration: Kick off a wedding weekend with an outdoor clam bake paired with Arnold Palmers and Greyhound cocktails. Receptions are spectacular under a white Sperry tent on a strand like Brant Point, Eel Point Beach or Jetties Beach (be sure to apply for the necessary permits in advance). End the night with fireworks

4 North Shore, KAUAI, HAWAII

Kauai, one of Hawaii’s lesser-developed isles, is known for epic natural beauty and an emphasis on traditional Hawaiian arts and culture. “Kauai still has that unspoiled flavor of what everyone thinks Hawaii should be,” observes Linda Pittelli of Eventful Designing, in Los Angeles. “The natives have a saying: ‘If you love Kauai, don’t tell anyone about it.’” **GOOD TO KNOW** Avoid Hawaii during popular school holidays like spring break, when there’s an influx of families. For local flavor, have a ukulele player serenade the group with “Hawaiian Wedding Song” at the ceremony. The St. Regis Princeville Resort — the top luxe stay on the North Shore — can host vows overlooking Hanalei Bay and Bali Hai-esque mountains. For a low-key rehearsal dinner, join the locals for fresh sushi and seafood at the Hanalei Dolphin Restaurant, a Kauai staple on the banks of the Hanalei River.

5 Las Vegas Strip, NEVADA

“The lights, energy and types of ambience here are boundless,” gushes Tracey Kumer-Moore, founder of Your Las Vegas Wedding Concierge. “Its wedding experiences range from sweet to adventurous, or simple to downright extravagant. Some people want to embrace the

silly; some want elegant — but you can always make it fun.” **GOOD TO KNOW** Vegas wedding chapels are a perennial favorite, and chapel packages can be real money-savers (just keep an eye out for time constraints, as there will likely be another wedding party right behind yours). For Sin City flair, hire a celebrity impersonator to entertain

the crowd: Think beyond Elvis and book your favorite star, whether it’s Frank Sinatra or Lady Gaga. For cocktail hour, bring in the city’s famous showgirls bedecked in satin and plumage to serve signature drinks. Cap the festivities by giving your guests a bird’s-eye view of the Strip, courtesy of Maverick Helicopters.

6 Aspen, COLORADO

“It offers the perfect balance of nature meets luxury and has activities like fly-fishing, white-water rafting, hiking and spa treatments that keep any wedding guest happy,” says Beth Helmstetter of Beth Helmstetter Events, in Los Angeles. “For couples wanting to wed outside,



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Sara Keefe and David Heltner, from Minneapolis, in Princeville, Kauai. Left: Moss-draped oaks in Charleston. Opposite: New Yorkers Meghan Kelly and Darryl Pardi celebrated in Nantucket.

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there's no place more spiritual or special — you're completely immersed in nature, and the mountains are overwhelming. It's built for reconnection."

GOOD TO KNOW To avoid any potential travel stress, give

yourself an extra day to get to and from Aspen: The airport is infamous for delays and canceled flights in the winter months. For the quintessential Aspen experience, have a mountaintop ceremony with

ultra-chic Little Nell — guests ride a gondola to the top for an incredible view during the vows, then retreat to a reception at the hotel's gourmet restaurant, picturesque Terrace Room or Grand Salon. Winter weddings against a sparkling snowy backdrop are an Aspen classic, but July and August are also popular times to tie the knot. Kick off a summer bash with Paloma cocktails, the local spin on a margarita, with tequila, salt and grapefruit soda.

7 South Maui, HAWAII

"Makena and Wailea are incredibly gorgeous, romantic, inspiring and peaceful, with the Pacific Ocean lapping on the shores; the islands of Molokini, Kahoolawe and Lanai in the distance; the West Maui Mountains along the coast; and Haleakala — our dormant 10,000-foot volcano — rising above it all," says Janet Renner of Maui-based Royal Hawaiian Weddings.

GOOD TO KNOW Although sunset is the most popular time of day to wed, consider a ceremony between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. — you'll enjoy the best natural light and a more tranquil feeling before the hustle and bustle of the day. For a group of fewer than 25 people, Maui's most popular beach is the white sand and black lava rock of Makena Cove (aka Secret Beach). Keep in mind that the state of Hawaii requires a right-of-entry permit for ceremonies on the beach, all of which are public (chairs

aren't allowed except for those unable to stand, but you can mark your site with a circle of flowers on the sand). To marry Hawaiian-style, incorporate a traditional lei exchange.

8 Marco Island, FLORIDA

"What's great about Florida's barrier islands is that you can have a Caribbean vibe without the passport," explains Kelly McWilliams of Sarasota's Weddings by Socialites. "Marco Island has a village-like feel, with small shops, restaurants and excursions, such as sailing, flats fishing, kayaking, riding Jet Skis and going on dolphin tours."

GOOD TO KNOW High season on Southwest Florida's Gulf coast is January through April, when humidity is low. October and November (at the end of hurricane season) are also relatively dry but pose a small risk of storms. Host a welcome party at Snook Inn restaurant, featuring live music seven nights a week. For the big day, the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort, Golf Club & Spa is popular, thanks to its prewedding massages, private beach, chandeliered ballroom and sunset cruises on the *Marco Island Princess* (also available for vows at sea). Marco Island is known for its white-sand beaches and glorious sunsets: Take guests on a stroll along the shore to gather the beautiful shells bountiful on the island, then pop over to nearby Naples for shopping.



Marco Island, Florida's wide beach. Right: A serene scene in Aspen. Above: Grand Wailea's wedding chapel, in Maui. Opposite: Natalia Griffin and Heath Day traveled from San Francisco for their Vegas vows.



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Cozumel wooed Brooklyn couple Heidi Torres and Ed McAleer. Below, from left: Aqua waters in Isla Mujeres; Costa Rica's moody Arenal Volcano.



MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA

9 Isla Mujeres, MEXICO

Just off the coast of Cancun, “this island is a quaint little village with character — there’s not a McDonald’s or Starbucks here,” says Tiffany Lanier of SunHorse Weddings, based on Isla Mujeres. “I love the Sac Bajo (Western Peninsula) area; it’s away from the touristy part

of town, it has private wedding venues to choose from, and the sunsets here are amazing.” **GOOD TO KNOW** Weather-wise, February through May is the best time to marry. Hint: Stock up on sunscreen before you leave home, as it’s expensive to buy on-island. If you’ve got a party crowd, consider Carnival weekend, when your guests can let loose with

impromptu dancing in the streets (but be sure to book early). For a unique attraction during the reception, set up a tequila-tasting table, or entertain loved ones with a live show featuring Maya drummers and fire dancers. Consider staying at the Ixchel Beach Hotel, near the action downtown, and charter a boat to bring guests to the Zama Beach & Lounge

event venue, where your soiree will be totally private. A fun photo op: Rent a golf cart and grab some shots at Isla Mujeres’ stunning North Beach, or visit the sculpture garden at its southern point.

10 Tulum, MEXICO

“Tulum boasts beautiful beaches and an eco-tourism focus. It’s

also very laid-back compared to Cancun, its busy neighbor to the north,” notes Tara Soloway of Canada-based Luxe Destination Weddings. “Plus getting married in Mexico adds an instant layer of culture to your destination wedding. The food, music, flowers, tequila, colors and textiles are just the starting point when drawing up your wedding vision.”

GOOD TO KNOW Generally the best times of the year for weddings are the shoulder seasons (mid-April through May and November to mid-December) — hotels and restaurants aren’t too busy, but you’ll avoid the unpredictable hurricane season. When booking rooms, look to a cozy boutique with architecture drawn from natural local materials (Be Tulum and Ana y Jose Charming Hotel & Spa are great options). Tulum is in the heart of the ancient Maya culture, so consider holding a shaman-led Maya wedding ceremony based on the four basic elements of fire, earth, water and air.

11 South End of Cozumel, MEXICO

“Cozumel is such a romantic, beautiful island for marrying couples, not only for its sunsets, white sandy shoreline and calm waters, but also for its strong history — the Maya first settled the island in A.D. 300,” says Stephanie Skiba of Cozumel

Wedding Planner.

GOOD TO KNOW Maya women used to make pilgrimages to pray to Ixchel, the goddess of love and fertility — and couples can still visit her temple, buried in Cozumel’s lush forests, in hopes of being blessed with bundles of joy. For an ideal beachfront bash, Mr. Sancho’s tropical wedding garden, on the south end of the island, was carved out of the lush jungle to afford views of the turquoise Caribbean Sea. For a splash of culture, serve zesty *tikin xik*, a signature Maya dish of grilled fish marinated in rich spices and presented in a banana leaf.

12 Conchas Chinas, PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO

“The area is lush, tropical and mountainous and has gorgeous Mexican-style villas built into the hillsides,” enthuses Barbara Fancsik of Eventful Moments Vallarta. “The views of the Bay of Banderas are mesmerizing. It has spectacular sunsets, and the hundreds of glittering lights from the shops and residences illuminate the skies by night. You may even get lucky and see dolphins or whales frolicking in the ocean.”

GOOD TO KNOW Cozy villa weddings rule in elite Conchas Chinas. The six-bedroom Estrella Mar (with a 3,000-square-foot mega master suite) and the more rustic Villa Verano — both dotted with potted agave

plants and copper lanterns — offer a sophisticated feel. During the ceremony, add customs like the draping of a wedding lasso and the exchange of 13 gold coins, commonly performed during Catholic weddings in PV. For dinner, bring in a local *tacos al pastor* stand, with pork on a spit rotating over fiery coals, accompanied by fresh salsas, roasted pineapple and handmade tortillas.

13 Xunantunich, BELIZE

Parts of this Maya ruin, in Belize’s western Cayo District, date to A.D. 200. “There’s an overwhelming feeling that comes with standing at a temple built thousands of years ago on ground that has been rendered sacred,” says Iraida Gonzalez of Belize Weddings, on Ambergris Caye. “If there’s one place where the past still lingers and ancient architecture and art blend with the lush and vibrant rainforest, it’s Xunantunich.”

GOOD TO KNOW Xunantunich is one of the only ancient Maya ruins in Central America that allow weddings. Say your vows during an early morning or evening ceremony while standing on the steps of the temples where priests once performed rituals honoring their gods. During the service, burn copal incense, with a woody fragrance that symbolizes purification, spirituality and love. Delight guests with adventures

like cave tubing and visits to wildlife sanctuaries, and stay at the nearby exotic-chic San Ignacio Resort Hotel or the eco-cottages of Chaa Creek. Hint: For easiest travels, avoid the height of wet season in September and October.

14 Arenal Volcano, COSTA RICA

“Gorgeous gardens and rolling farmland play backdrop to the breathtaking cone-shaped volcano that thrills visitors with nightly pyrotechnics of glowing lava spilling down,” says Larissa Banting of Weddings Costa Rica, located in Santa Ana. “Add in a plethora of natural hot springs and activities such as waterfall rappelling, zip lining and windsurfing, and you have the setting for an unforgettable wedding.”

GOOD TO KNOW Arenal’s unpredictable weather is unlike the patterns in the rest of Costa Rica. June through October are generally the clearest months for night viewing of lava flows. To bring a local Tico touch to your wedding, get the party going with a *comparsa* (similar to a Brazilian carnival): Bejeweled and feathered dancers, complete with beads, whistles and masks, shake and strut to the accompanying rhythms of a booming drum band — guests will jump to join in the conga line. For a *pura vida* finish, end the night with fireworks, a Costa Rican tradition.

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15 Old San Juan, PUERTO RICO

“Old San Juan is such a unique place — it’s a city within a city, with a mixture of African and Spanish heritage,” explains Daphne Barbeito of Wed Affair, in San Juan. “The Castillo de San Felipe del Morro, a 500-year-old fortress, is full of history and has great ocean views and incredible sunsets.”

GOOD TO KNOW The six-story El Morro, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, has endless spots for great photos. Our favorite: the Austria Bastion, with a view toward San Juan Bay. Plan your ceremony between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. (after operational hours)

to avoid onlookers and restrictions on attendance. Your guests can wander the narrow cobblestone streets and pastel-painted walls of the easily walkable historic town. Consider lodging at Hotel el Convento, a former convent in the heart of Old San Juan. Infuse a wedding feast with traditional Puerto Rican foods like pork and plantains, and mix in lively dancers who will teach your guests how to salsa. To avoid cruise crowds, aim for summer weekends, or weekdays in the fall or spring — most ships leave Old San Juan by the evening, so a sunset ceremony may be quieter than one earlier in the day.

16 Montego Bay, JAMAICA

“Montego Bay is elegant yet chilled out and easy to get to, and the lush landscape and turquoise water are so pretty they almost don’t look real,” suggests Karen Bussen of Simple Stunning, in New York City. “Plus a beach setting lends itself to a festive, relaxed party vibe, which is great if you want to extend the celebration.”

GOOD TO KNOW The island is *irie* year-round, but spring and early summer are the most popular seasons for Montego Bay weddings. For the most convenience, head to an all-inclusive. Bussen’s pick: Grand

Palladium Jamaica Resort & Spa, a modern hotel on the northern coastline that boasts Jamaica’s largest pool. After exchanging vows in a cliff-top gazebo, serve a must-have combo of jerk chicken and rum punch that reflects Jamaica’s spicy-and-sweet nature. Other fun touches: a live reggae band and plenty of Red Stripe beer.

17 The Cloisters, THE BAHAMAS

“The Cloisters is a totally serene private location that tops the list in the entire Bahamas,” gushes Anne Marie Williams of Nassau-based Weddings in the

Bahamas. “It’s breathtaking: There’s a garden, the Augustinian ruins and a gazebo that overlooks Nassau’s harbor. It’s like part of Italy or France, but with palm trees, yellow hibiscus and purple bougainvillea.”

GOOD TO KNOW Anyone can get married at the Cloisters (for a fee), but prime-time slots such as weekend evenings may be reserved for guests of neighboring exclusive One&Only Ocean Club resort. Weather is most pleasant in April, May and November; in July, August and September, be prepared for heat, humidity and potential storms. After a ceremony amid the ruins, host a reception at

Luciano’s of Chicago, a Tuscan restaurant housed in a harbor-front mansion. Incorporate island rhythms with a steel-pan player, then retreat to the tony Ocean Club or the sprawling, family-friendly Atlantis resort, both convenient to the site.

18 Pigeon Island National Park, ST. LUCIA

“It’s a three-in-one locale: a beach, a fortress and a cliff with an ocean view,” says Natalie John of Dreamy Weddings & Tours, with offices on St. Kitts and St. Lucia. “You can have a ceremony on the sand, then pose for photos at the ruins or on the cliff top.”

GOOD TO KNOW Since the beach is open to the public, aim for a pre-9 a.m. or post-3 p.m. ceremony, when the area will be less crowded. The rainy season lasts from June to November (though the locals call drizzles “showers of blessing”). An event marquee will keep guests dry and provide shade from the strong island sun. Bunk at one of the many hotels in Rodney Bay, a hot spot that makes a great jumping-off point for Pigeon Island.

19 Seven Mile Beach, GRAND CAYMAN

“Seven Mile Beach’s pristine white sugar sand contrasts with the jewel tones of the ocean,” says Amy Rubins of Fete Perfection, in Minneapolis. “The entire stretch has a

wide range of properties that fit almost every budget.”

GOOD TO KNOW Grand Cayman is an upscale island with quality wedding vendors rivaling any available in the States. Fab resorts line the entire Seven Mile Beach strand; one of our favorites is the intimate condo hotel Caribbean Club. For a budget-friendly bash, plan a fete during the quieter summer season, when you’ll find lower rates and fewer crowds (though it’s a good idea to purchase wedding insurance in case of an unexpected hurricane). Schedule a ceremony on the beach just as the sun is setting to avoid the heat — it’s more comfortable for guests, and you’ll get amazing photos. To breeze through the local legal requirements, work with a registered minister as an officiant.

20 Warwick Long Bay, BERMUDA

“Bermuda beaches are famous for their pink sand that, regardless of the temperature, remains cool underfoot,” shares Nikki Begg of Bermuda Bride, in Hamilton. “Dotted along the South Shore, beaches like Warwick Long Bay are snuggled into natural rock that’s been carved away by time.”

GOOD TO KNOW Not technically part of the Caribbean, Bermuda is located in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean about 640 miles east of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina (and its British pedigree means it’s a little

more buttoned-up). Keep in mind that a permit is required for a ceremony on any of the island’s public beaches. For an extra dose of good luck on the wedding day, kiss as you walk through one of the island’s famous moon gates. Afterward, retreat to a posh resort like The Fairmont Southampton, where you can host an after-party featuring rum swizzles in the Cellar nightclub.

21 Virgin Islands National Park, ST. JOHN, USVI

“I love St. John’s peacefulness and undisturbed beauty,” gushes Teresa Buescher of Imagine That! Special Events, in Chicago. “The island itself is magical, with the bluest blue sea, super-soft sand and unrivaled privacy, because the only way to reach it is by boat — there’s no airport.”

GOOD TO KNOW Within the 7,000-acre national park (which makes up two-thirds of the island), Trunk Bay sets an idyllic scene for I do’s, with powdery white sand, lush palms and a panoramic view. History buffs can exchange vows at the Annaberg Sugar Plantation ruins, which have a ceremony spot overlooking the sea (plan for early or late in the day to avoid peak heat). Wedding ceremonies at the park require a permit for a nominal fee. To stay right within the park, book rooms at Caneel Bay resort, on the island’s north shore.



Picturesque Warwick Long Bay, in Bermuda. Left: New Yorkers Amy Mirwald and Joe Kantrowitz with their wedding party at the Cloisters, in Paradise Island.

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EUROPE AND ASIA

22 Santorini, GREECE
 “Santorini is breathtaking,” says Michelle Rago of Michelle Rago Destinations, in New York City. “It’s a distance, but wow, is it worth it! A quintessential faraway destination, Greece welcomes tourism. The people are hospitable, the Mediterranean cuisine is delicious, and the views are a knockout. It’s such a wonderful cultural experience for guests. Greece is a slam-dunk.”
GOOD TO KNOW July and August are peak tourist months in the Aegean isles, so be prepared

for crowds (including those invading the streets of Fira, the main town, from docked cruise ships) and higher prices. To avoid the mayhem but still enjoy the nice weather, aim for late April through June or September through mid-October. For an intimate ceremony, head to one of Santorini’s whitewashed boutique hotels like Carpe Diem, which offers a rooftop event terrace and caldera views. Afterward, hire bouzouki players (local folk musicians) to serenade the wedding party as you walk through the town. Serve *assyrtilko*, a local wine, followed

by fresh fish and baklava alongside or instead of wedding cake.
23 Lake Como, ITALY
 “Lake Como oozes Old World charm,” notes JoAnn Gregoli of New York City-based Elegant Occasions. “The area offers breathtaking views of the Alps that are perfect as a wedding setting.”
GOOD TO KNOW The best time of year for a northern-Italy celebration is April through September (after early autumn, the weather can turn chilly). Host nuptials at a classic hotel such as

Villa d’Este, where events take place in the manicured gardens or on the water-facing deck. During the wedding festivities, feast on *fritto misto di lago*, a fried dish of fresh fish caught in the lake. Hint: To spot the summer homes of celebs like George Clooney and Richard Gere, book a group lake cruise.
24 Edinburgh and the Highlands, SCOTLAND
 “Scotland is beautiful and charming, and the people are warm and welcoming,” enthuses Lisa Light of Destination

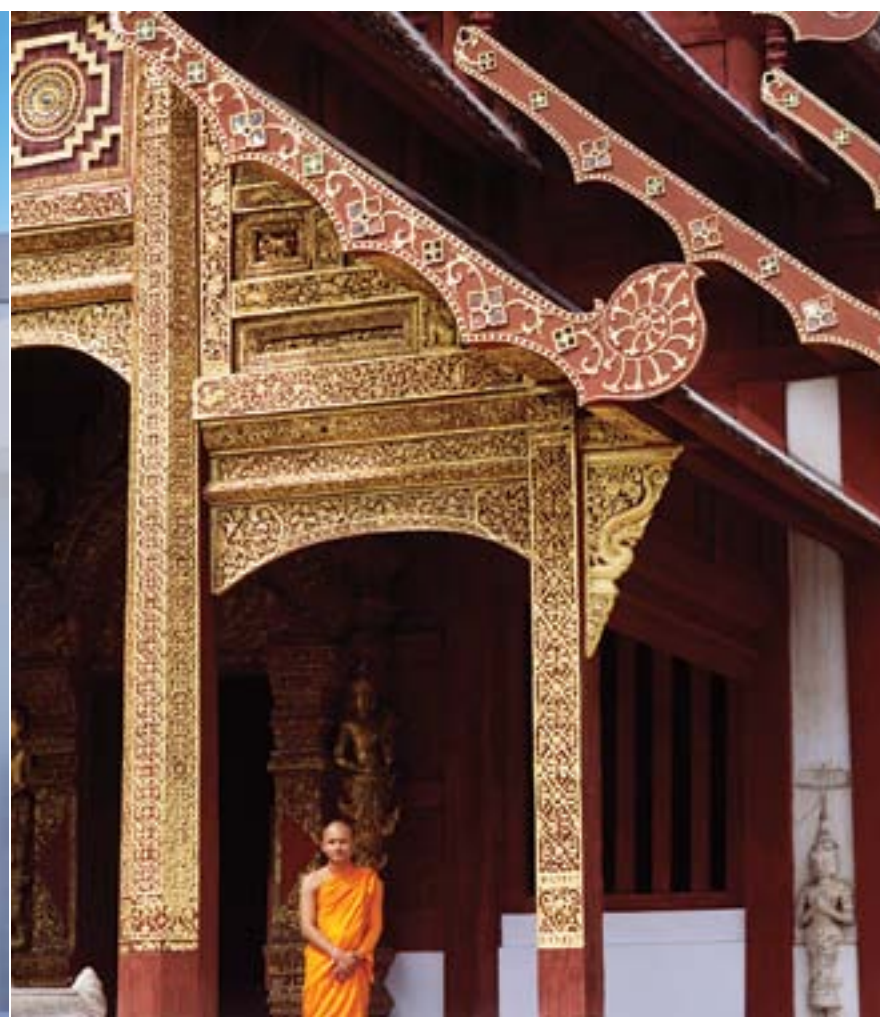
Bride, based in Chatham, New York. “It has lovely castles and estates, and best of all, foreigners can be legally married at any site of their choice, unlike in England and Wales, where you must find a licensed venue.”
GOOD TO KNOW You can marry almost anywhere in Scotland, from gorgeous glens and sandy beaches to mountaintops and historic hotels (her picks: The Balmoral Hotel, Blair Castle and Winton House). The seasonal U.K. weather presents many wedding options, whether you choose May or June, when the flowers are in full

bloom, or winter, with its festive lights and cozy fireplaces. Custom-design modern-day kilts from 21st Century Kilts, in Edinburgh, or if you have Scottish roots, incorporate your clan tartan into the wedding wardrobe. For music, bagpipes are a must. Come reception, hire a toastmaster (the U.K.’s traditional master of ceremonies) to keep the party flowing, and arrange a show of Highland and sword dancing.
25 Chiang Mai, THAILAND
 “Chiang Mai is basically a small

village that has grown into a large city, yet somehow kept its small-town ambience and friendly ways,” explains Somchit Srimoon of Thailand Weddings, based in the area. “It’s safe to wander around, and if you get lost, someone will go out of their way to help you. The one thing visitors remember most is how welcome they felt.”
GOOD TO KNOW Follow Thai tradition and ask a local monk for the most auspicious date for your wedding ceremony at a classic rural venue such as the lush gardens of On Tai (Buddhist and Christian weddings

are easily arranged). Chiang Mai has a relaxed atmosphere, so dress code trends more toward silk dresses and linen suits than ballgowns and tuxes. Don’t fear rainy season: May through September is the greenest time of year, and showers typically occur late at night or early in the morning. Serve one of Chiang Mai’s well-known dishes, like *khao soi* (curry noodles) or *gang han lei* (spicy stew). The city is considered the cultural heart of Thailand, so guests will want to explore Buddhist temples, museums, botanical parks and elephant camps. ■

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Lake Como, Italy’s rugged backdrop. Left: A moment of reflection in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Opposite, from left: Stealing a kiss in Edinburgh; Santorini’s whitewashed heights.