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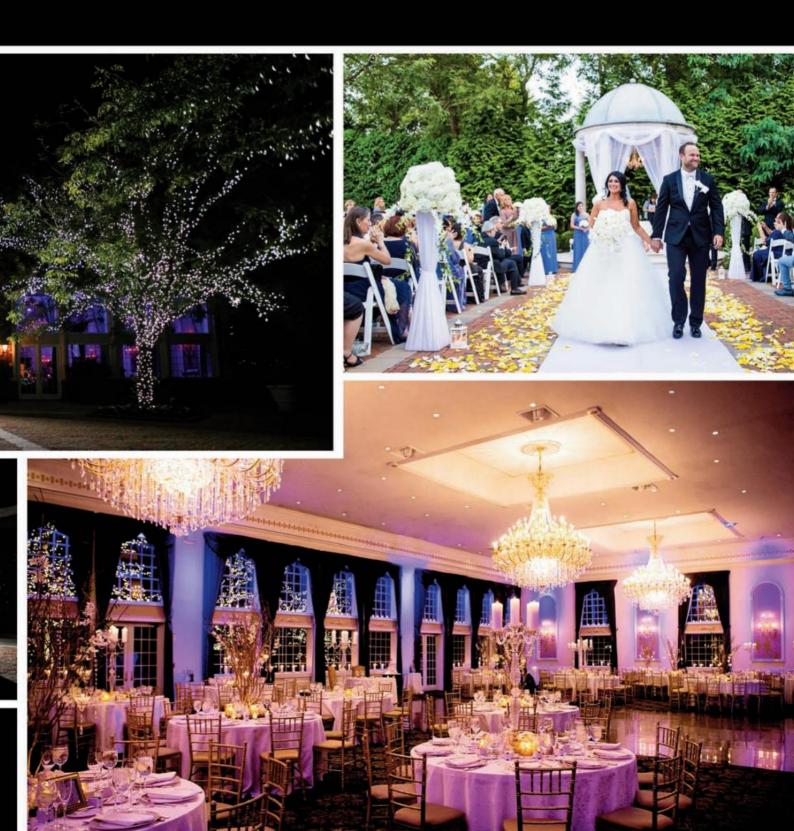


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AMANDA & VICTOR

Photographer: Jessica Lauren Photography Wedding Date: July 8, 2016 Wedding Location: The Park Savoy, Florham Park, NJ

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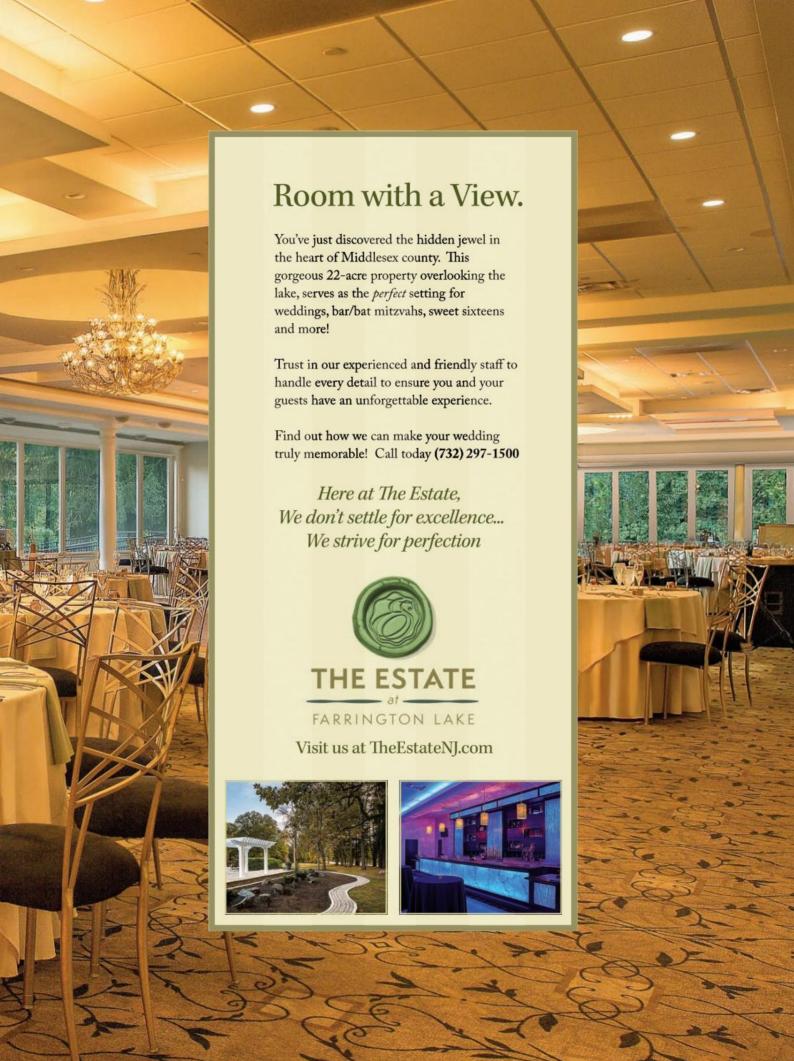


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Recently Engaged!





Dana & Vincent

ENGAGED: December 25, 2015 HOW THEY MET: For Dana and Vincent, getting together took some time. The two went to high school together, but never had class or even spoke. Luckily, they connected after Vincent reached out through social media. CHRISTMAS MAGIC: Dana and Vincent spent Christmas together, and after they left her parents' house, Vincent mentioned there was one more gift for Dana. Upon arriving home, Dana walked over to the wreath by the Christmas tree, where she found a small box, but when she opened it, there was nothing inside. As soon as she turned around, Vincent was already on one knee, asking Dana to be his wife. WEDDING DATE: October 6, 2017 WEDDING LOCATION: South Gate Manor COLOR SCHEME: Black and white WEDDING THEME: Elegant FIRST DANCE SONG: "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You" by Frankie Valli PHOTOGRAPHER: KSS Photography

Chelsea & Mike

ENGAGED: November 19, 2016 AN UNEXPECTED LOVE STORY: Mike never thought he would meet his future wife when a mutual friend introduced him to Chelsea on New Year's Eve of 2013. Chelsea, too, wasn't looking to find Mr. Right, but the two hit it off and even shared a midnight [first] kiss, starting the New Year off to an amazing start. A FAIRY TALE PROPOSAL: After months of hiding a ring, Chelsea joined Mike on what she thought was just a planned business trip and to see their mutual friend George (a Disney cast member), who had "invited" them to Walt Disney World for the day. It was while they were in the Magic Kingdom in front of Cinderella's Castle that Mike proposed, completing the fairy tale they had started years prior on that cold New Year's night. WEDDING DATE: February 18, 2018 WEDDING LOCATION: Pleasantdale Château COLOR PALETTE: White, peony pink, navy, and slate WEDDING THEME: Winter Wonderland PHOTOGRAPHER: Disney PhotoPass Photographers





Danielle & Nicole

ENGAGED: April 30, 2016 A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN: It was a perfect match for Danielle and Nicole who initially met through OkCupid. They both were emergency room physician assistants and hit it off after their date hiking Bear Mountain in New York. THE PROPOSAL: The pair was walking around and exploring Central Park when Danielle got down on one knee and popped the question while on Bow Bridge. Danielle even made a geocache box decorated with photos of all the places they went together with the quote "Once in a while right in the middle of an ordinary life, love gives us a fairy tale" displayed inside. WEDDING DATE: March 18, 2017 DESTINATION DAYDREAMING: Hard Rock Hotel, Riviera Maya Mexico COLOR PALETTE: Royal blue, gold, and white FIRST DANCE SONG: "You and Me" by Dave Matthews PHOTOGRAPHER: Agata Domanska

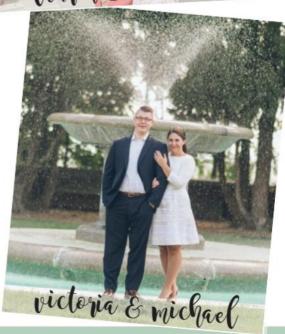
Lauren & Dominick

ENGAGED: January 7, 2016 HOW THEY MET: A blind date set up by Dominick's cousin HAPPILY EVER AFTER: Disney enthusiasts, Lauren and Dominick traveled to Orlando, Florida to participate in the Walt Disney World Marathon weekend. The day before their big race, Dominick proposed in front of Cinderella's Castle in the Magic Kingdom, the perfect start to the couple's happily ever after. The following day, their families flew in to celebrate their engagement weekend in the happiest place on earth. WEDDING DATE: August 12, 2017 WEDDING LOCATION: Versailles Ballroom at the Ramada Hotel PRETTY PALETTE: Slate blue, blush pink, gold, and white WEDDING THEME: Fairy tale FIRST DANCE SONG: "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" by Jason Derulo PHOTOGRAPHER: Nicole Klym Photography

Victoria & Michael

ENGAGED: October 1, 2015 FRIENDS FIRST: Victoria and Michael met during their freshman year while attending Fairleigh Dickinson University. They lived in the same residence hall on campus, participated in the same types of events, and became friends. THE PROPOSAL: Michael brought Victoria back to their alma mater. He was the recipient of an alumni award and at the conclusion of the presentation Michael took center stage to give a speech. Michael confessed his forever love, called Victoria up to the stage, and got down on one knee to propose. WEDDING DATE: October 7, 2017 WEDDING LOCATION: Crystal Springs Resort COLOR PALETTE: White, dusty rose, and gold SWEET SERENADE: Although the couple hasn't chosen a first dance song, they asked their best friend to sing during their first dance. PHOTOGRAPHER: Pearl Paper Studio









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Amanda and Victor may have known each other for years through mutual friends and from living in the same area, but it wasn't until Amanda commented on one of Victor's social media posts that a conversation sparked up between the two. "We would always say hello to each other, yet I never thought he would be interested in me," Amanda shared. They text messaged and talked on the phone for about a week and a half, and although Amanda was hesitant, the two met for drinks at Chakra. After leaving the restaurant, Amanda couldn't stop smiling and later found out that Victor felt the same, making this the start to the couple's happily ever after. The shore has always been Amanda's happy place, so when Easter weekend approached, Victor knew their April 4th visit to Seacrest Beach in Lavallette, would be the perfect opportunity to get down on one knee to propose. Amanda and Victor celebrated the proposal with their families and headed to the Riviera Maya the very next day to continue their engagement celebration.

Elegant Estate: After attending numerous weddings over the past four years, Amanda and Victor wanted to host their wedding reception at a location they had never been to before. From the moment the couple stepped foot onto the grounds of The Park Savoy, they were immediately impressed. From the beautiful chandeliers to the cozy fireplace behind the sweetheart table and sweeping views of the lavish, manicured gardens, Amanda and Victor knew they had found their banquet facility. Following their initial site visit, they brought their families back to The Park Savoy and booked without hesitation.

Blushing Bride: Amanda's beautiful bridal gown incorporated a little of everything she wanted in a dress: lace, tulle, and bling. The gown, designed by Allure Bridals, featured a mermaid-style silhouette, a sweetheart neckline, lace bodice, and tulle skirt. A blusher veil and ivory Badgley Mischka shoes completed her bridal look.

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Memories to Last a Lifetime: From the first meeting to the engagement pictures and throughout the wedding day, Jessica Lauren Photography made Amanda and Victor comfortable and captured the day's events flawlessly. "Jessica was great. She had a very [photojournalistic] style which allowed us to look like and act like ourselves at our wedding. Jess truly allowed that to happen through our pictures. She also answered all my questions and provided us with pictures we love and will look back at forever," the couple shared.

Magnificent Maids: Amanda's eleven bridesmaids wore feminine floor-length, one-shoulder Hayley Paige Occasions dresses in a taupe color.

Beautiful Blooms: The bride's bouquet included blush Sahara roses and white hydrangea. It was embellished with her grandmother's cross, and the stems were wrapped with a sleeve from her mother's wedding dress, which served as Amanda's something old.

Island Hopping: Following the wedding, the newlyweds escaped to St. Maarten and Anguilla for a romantic honeymoon in paradise.











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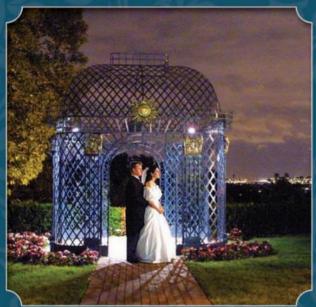
Ceremony Location: St. Anthony's Church • Celebrant: Father Rento • Reception Location: The Park Savoy Photographer: Jessica Lauren Photography • Cinematographer: Studio 94 • Entertainment: Excel Entertainment Floral Designer: Fox Event Planning & Floral Design • Limousine Service: Action Limo • Cake Designer: A Little Cake Wedding Gown & Veil: Allure Bridals • Wedding Shoes: Badgley Mischka • Formal Attire: Conte's Tuxedos • Invitations: Cynthia Adamo Designs Favors: Photo Booth • Hair Salon: Little Joe's Haircutters • Makeup Studio: Blush Makeup Studio Jeweler: Harmon Meadow Jewelry Exchange • Honeymoon Locations: St. Maarten and Anguilla





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12 Months

6-8 Months

2 Months

TWELVE MONTHS

- Announce your engagement & have an engagement party
- Compile your preliminary guest list & organize addresses
- Set a wedding budget
- Discuss & decide wedding budget financials
- Consider hiring a wedding planner
- Start a wedding binder to keep all ideas, contracts, & info together
- Choose a wedding date
- Search & book your ceremony & reception site & secure date with deposit(s)
- Begin to discuss wedding style
- Enter the Honeymoon Sweepstakes & start your search for local vendors on CWeddingsMag.com

EIGHT-TEN MONTHS

- Create a wedding website
- Choose your officiant
- Ask family & friends to be in your wedding party
- Begin to schedule meetings with potential professionals & select vendors (this includes caterer, photographer, cinematographer, floral designer, & entertainment)
- Research, shop, & order your wedding gown, shoes, & accessories
- Block hotel accommodations for out-of-town guests
- Create a wedding registry

SIX-EIGHT MONTHS

- Book your engagement session with your photographer
- Order & send out your save the
- Shop & order bridesmaid dresses
- Book ceremony musicians
- Research & book wedding transportation
- Start planning & book your honeymoon (this includes hotel accommodations & airfare)
- Start researching invitations, hire an invitation designer, & begin the selection process

FOUR-SIX MONTHS

- Hire a calligrapher should you want a professional to address your wedding invitations
- Obtain or renew your passports
- Shop for formalwear
- Begin taking lessons at a dance studio for a polished first dance
- Arrange for any rental needs (linens, chairs, tables, etc.) if your chosen banquet facility does not already provide these items

TWO-FOUR MONTHS

- Discuss & finalize your wedding menu
- Order & select your wedding cake
- Send out your wedding invitations
- Rent the groom's formalwear
- Shop & purchase your wedding rings
- Book your hair stylist & makeup artist & schedule your trials
- Write your vows
- Choose wedding favors or consider making a charitable donation
- Order any additional wedding dayof stationery (i.e. ceremony programs, menu cards, favor tags, custom signage, table number
- Purchase gifts for your parents, bridesmaids, groomsmen, & each other
- Attend your wedding shower

ONE MONTH

- Apply for your marriage license
- Schedule your final gown fitting (make sure your MOH, mother, or wedding planner learns how to bustle your gown)
- Break in your wedding shoes
- Attend your bachelor or bachelorette party
- Put together hotel welcome bags



12 MONTH COUNTDOWN







Tina Elizabeth Photography



Nicole Klym Photography

2 Weeks

2 Days

Day-Of

TWO WEEKS

- Review RSVP's & contact anyone who hasn't responded
- Begin preparing your seating chart & provide your caterer or coordinator with a final version
- Give DJ or band leader final song list
- Provide photographer with any must-have shot lists (if any)

ONE WEEK

- Provide final head count to caterer
- Finalize seating chart & print place
- Call & confirm with ALL hired vendors
- Create & send all vendors detailed wedding day timeline (your planner will take care of this if you have
- Deliver welcome bags to hotel for overnight guests
- Drop all DIY or décor items to your reception facility

TWO DAYS

- Put vendor tips in envelopes for day-of distribution
- Organize items you would like your photographer & videographer to capture during your wedding day prep (i.e. jewelry, wedding bands, garter, invitation, shoes, & anything that might be of sentimental value)
- Pack a wedding emergency kit for the day-of (your planner will have one on hand if hired)
- Organize your day-of essentials in clutch
- Pack a bag for your wedding night (Don't forget to include clothes, a pair of shoes, & toiletries for the next morning)

ONE DAY

- Give marriage license to officiant
- Relax during your last minute prepping (i.e. manicure, pedicure, &/or massage)
- Attend your ceremony rehearsal (don't forget to bring your unity candle, aisle runner, or any ceremony accessories) & rehearsal dinner
- Get a good night's sleep!

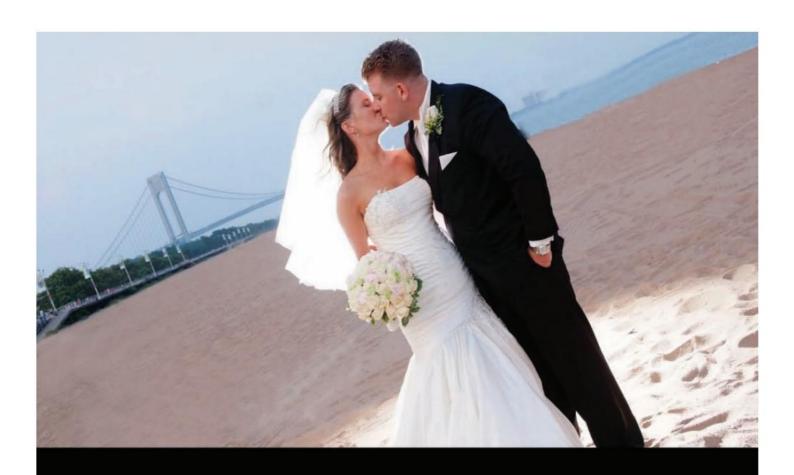
DAY-OF

- Give wedding bands to best man
- Present gifts to parents, bridesmaids, groomsmen, & each other
- Get married & enjoy the day!

POST WEDDING

- Attend your post-wedding brunch
- Relax on your honeymoon
- Send out thank you cards
- Preserve your bouquet & get your wedding dress cleaned
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- Select wedding photos & order album
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The Estate at Florentine Gardens River Vale, NJ

Photography by Milton Gil Photographers



















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Lauren might not have been interested in a serious relationship when she first met Michael in July 2009, but with some persistence Michael was able to change her mind. Over the next couple of months, the two continued to hang out in group settings (Lauren would even attend his softball games), but it wasn't until September when they went to two concerts together and had their first official date to Ferraro's in Westfield. "Since I met Mike, he has been such a loving, caring, and funny person. He would do anything for me and always goes above and beyond to make sure I'm happy," Lauren shared. Although it had only been a few months following their initial meeting, Michael, too, knew he found something special in Lauren. On October 5, 2013, the couple was dining at a restaurant in Warren, New Jersey. As they were waiting for dessert, a plate was brought over to them with a candle, a rose, and a ring box. Lauren, completely shocked, began crying with excitement as Michael got down on one knee and proposed, making this one of the best moments of her life.

Elegant Estate: From the grand entrance to the manicured gardens and large ballroom with floor-to-ceiling windows, The Estate at Florentine Gardens was everything Lauren and Michael dreamed about in a facility to host their ceremony and reception. Maria Daidone, the general manager, also made the couple feel so welcome, and with her warm demeanor paired with her professional knowledge, Lauren knew it was a no-brainer.

All in the Details: Lauren-the face behind Detailed Events by Lo and now no stranger to wedding planning-really wanted guests to be wowed and take notice of the details. Keeping with the style of romantic elegance, shades of blush, cream, gold, and rose gold beautifully adorned The Estate at Florentine Gardens.

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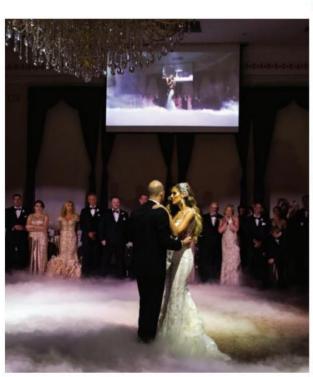
Picture Perfect: After being recommended to Milton Gil Photographers, Lauren and Michael easily connected with them and understood the types of shots they wanted. Nelson and Andrew perfectly captured the day's events in a creative and photojournalistic style.

Bouquet Breakdown: Fragrant white peonies made up the bride's lush bouquet. Two double-sided crystal charms with all four of her grandparents' pictures in them were also included as a way to have them there throughout her day in spirit.

Transformed Tables: Displayed on sheer gold overlays were tall floral arrangements made up of white, cream, and blush peonies, roses, and hydrangeas, with cascading white orchids. High and low floating candles, two different gold-rimmed charger plates, cream napkins, and custom menu cards completed each tablescape.

Statement-Making Program: Rather than traditional paper programs, the couple opted for a statementmaking alternate. The gold mirror, featuring handcalligraphy with the bridal party listed and wedding details, was placed in the garden as guests walked toward their seats.

Travel Diaries: Following the wedding, the newlyweds escaped to Bermuda, Bora Bora, and California for their honeymoon.







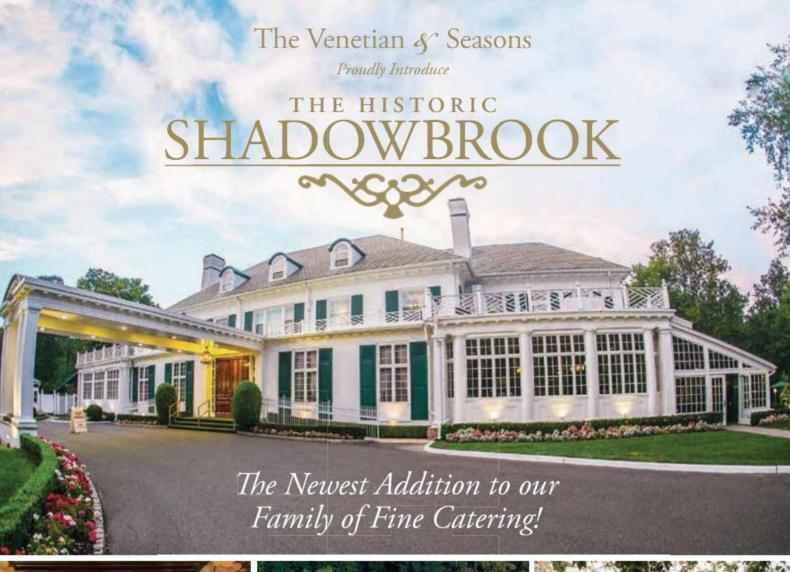






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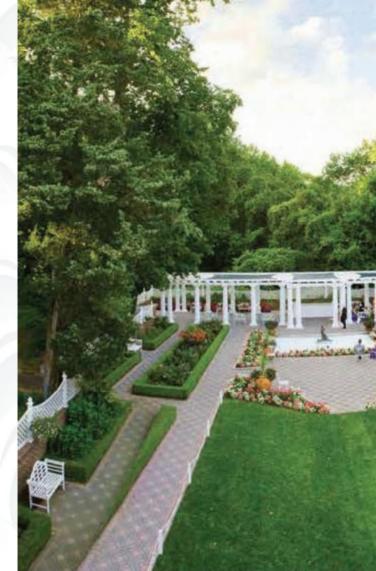


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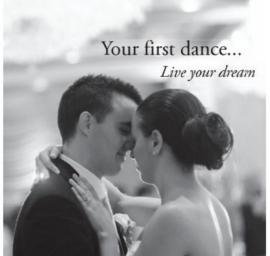






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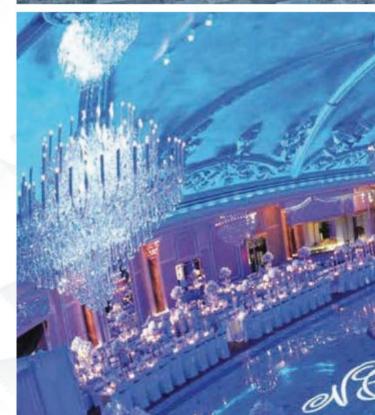
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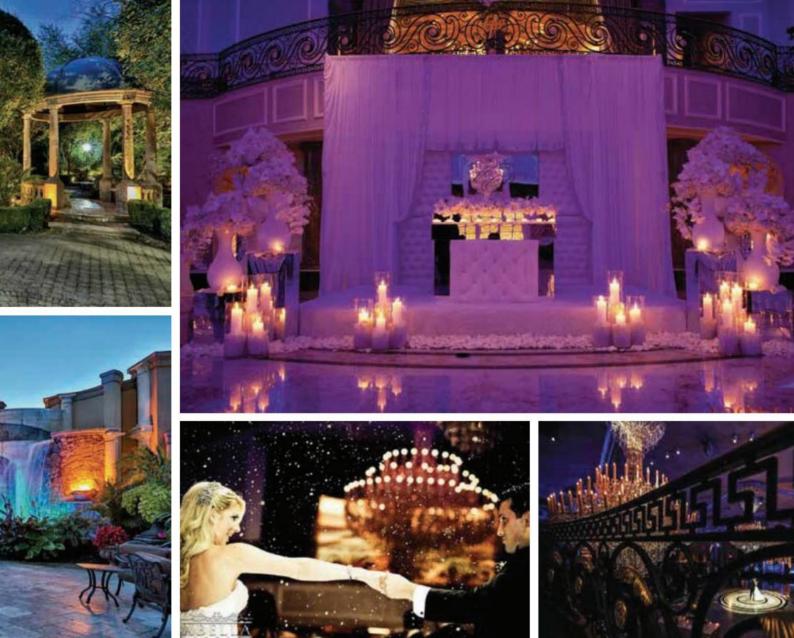
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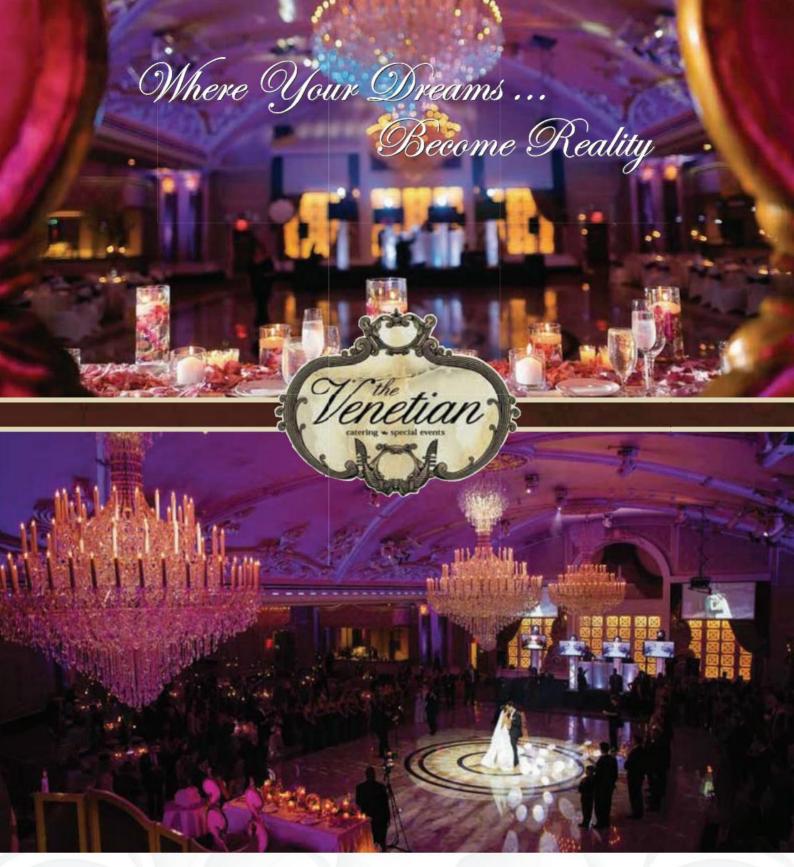












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patriotic party



Amy and Eric met in January of 2013 while she was visiting a childhood friend in Sierra Vista, Arizona, who was stationed at Ft. Huachuca for the Military Intelligence Captain's Career Course. On her third night there, a bunch of her friend's classmates were throwing a barbeque at the pool in the apartment complex where they all lived. "My friend went to the supermarket to pick up supplies and food, while I stayed back to get ready for the barbeque. In the middle of blow-drying my hair (in sweats with half of my hair still clipped), I heard someone walk into my friend's apartment and start yelling his name," Amy reflected. While her initial thought was "Why wasn't the door locked?" Amy quickly responded that he wasn't there, and when that response didn't deter the intruder, she finally ran out into the living room to repeat herself. Eric stood there holding a big glass of cabernet, and after Amy introduced herself, Eric simply responded with, "Hi, I'm Eric. I made ribs," and proceeded to run out the door. "I was definitely looking forward to redeeming myself after I could only muster up [those words] as a first impression," Eric shared.

Just one year shy from their initial meeting, Eric planned a trip to Ellis Island with friends for what Amy thought was to do some ancestry research on their families prior to their vacation to Italy the following week. With rain in the forecast, the thought of rescheduling came up, but they decided to go anyway. After spending a couple of hours there, the weather got worse, and before Amy had the chance to board the last ferry, Eric got down on one knee in the Main Hall and proposed. Completely in shock, Amy finally said yes (after confirming that he had asked her father and mother for permission, of course), and people who were there from all over the world gathered around to cheer for them and celebrate.

Setting the Scene: When it came time to choose a location to host their reception, Nanina's In The Park perfectly set the scene for the black-tie optional affair that Amy and Eric had in mind. Additionally, the facility was capable of comfortably fitting their large guest list, and the staff, too, made the couple feel comfortable from their very first visit.

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Fragrant Flowers: Amy carried a beautiful bouquet made up of fragrant ivory peonies and lisianthus with a slight touch of bling and rosary beads blessed by Pope Francis.

Patriotic Party: The couple incorporated a patriotic undertone throughout various wedding details reminiscent of the bride's favorite holiday and the groom's former military title of Army Captain.

Spectacular Sparkle: Guests were invited to Amy and Eric's nuptials with formal invitations designed by Lace and Belle Designs. The navy blue pocket fold invitation featured a monogrammed P on the front, while the inside revealed the invitation printed on ecru linen card stock, a silver glitter border, and traditional inserts placed within the pocket. The style continued throughout the ceremony programs, silver glitter escort cards, and silver glitter menu cards.









Gourmet Memento: Amy and Eric thanked guests for celebrating their wedding with a pair of Tuscan Herb Olive Oil and four-leaf quality balsamic vinegar from The Olive Tap—the groom's family franchise. Each pair was wrapped and tied together with an ivory bow and a white organza bag filled with five Jordan almonds: the Italian tradition signifying five wishes (health, wealth, happiness, fertility, and longevity) for the bride and groom.

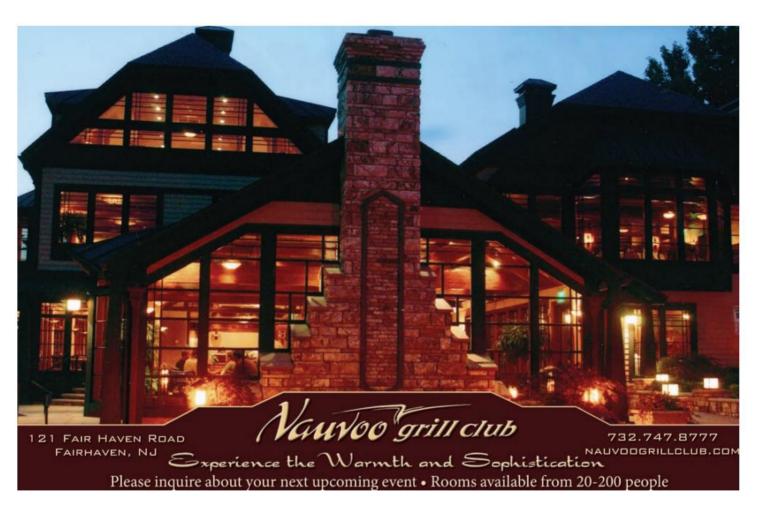
Wise Advice: When asked if they had any advice for couples who are planning their wedding, they agreed to try to embrace every moment. "The day can be overwhelming, but it is over in the blink of an eye," the bride noted. "I took a ten-minute break during the reception and stood back above the dance floor, sipped some bourbon, and just took it all in," Eric added.

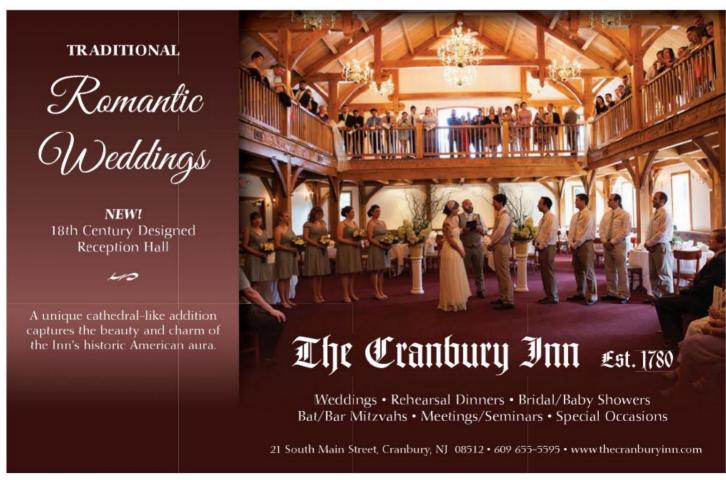


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Ceremony Location: Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart • Celebrant: Deacon Thomas DeBenedictis • Reception Location: Nanina's In The Park Photographer: Adrienne Longo Photography • Cinematography: Villanovision • Entertainment: Hank Lane Music Floral Designer: Family Flowers & Art • Limousine Service: D&G Limousine • Cake Designer: Palermo's Bakery • Wedding Gown: Casablanca Shoes: Jimmy Choo • Formal Attire: My Suit • Invitations: Lace and Belle Designs • Favors: The Olive Tap Hair Stylist & Makeup Studio: Melissa D'Aloia & Co. • Jeweler: Kent New York • Honeymoon Location: Indonesia











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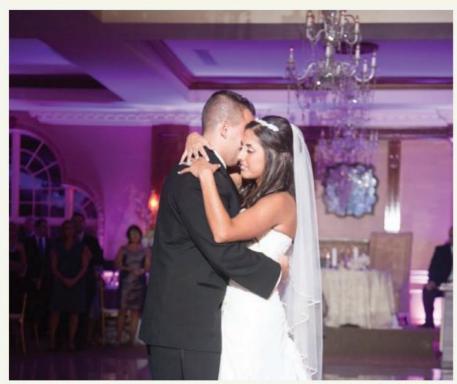
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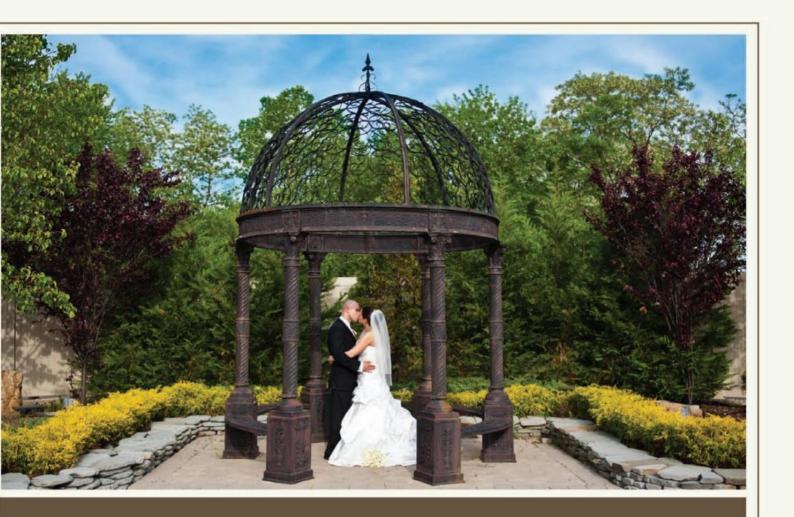


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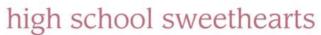














Christina and Alexander met through mutual friends while attending Parsippany Hills High School. Alexander, a junior football player, and Christina, a freshman cheerleader, started off as close friends for most of 2004, but in December of 2005 Alexander asked Christina to be his girlfriend after playing in the State Championship at MetLife Stadium. "I loved Alexander's personality and laugh. He was so well liked and that drew me to him," Christina shared on her first impressions of Alexander. The couple's love flourished over ten years, and like most young couples, they had their ups and downs, but Christina and Alexander knew how special their relationship was. On January 14, 2015, Alexander asked Christina to meet him after work at their favorite restaurant, Hunan Taste in Denville, New Jersey. Following dinner, Alexander sped to beat Christina home to the apartment they shared so he could be there waiting for her when she arrived. With a romantic ambiance of candles glowing among dim lighting, Christina followed the path into the living room, where Alexander stood waiting. Behind him was a poster collage of photos through the years with the words "It's always been you" centered in the middle, and once Christina realized what was happening, Alexander was on one knee, asking her to be his wife. To make the moment even more special, Alexander arranged to have their closest friends and family waiting at a local restaurant to celebrate their engagement.





A Moment in Time: It was important for Christina and Alexander to have a moment alone to feel the raw emotions as they saw each other for the first time, so they decided to have a first look prior to their ceremony. Additionally, it allowed them to take their formal photographs and have more time to spend with guests.

Grand Affair: When it came time to choose a location to host their wedding day, they didn't have to look far as Christina is a seasoned senior catering coordinator at The Grove. The

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contemporary style of the facility was perfect for what they were looking for, and they particularly loved the high ceilings, majestic chandeliers, and proximity of the facility. Christina and Alexander also liked that The Grove hosts one wedding at a time.

Bouquet Breakdown: White peonies, pink roses, dusty miller, white hydrangea, pink cabbage roses, and white anemones made up the bride's bouquet. An antique broach-a gift from Christina's godmother-was attached to the wrapped stems.

All in the Details: The extravagant tablescapes was the couple's favorite detail from the entire wedding. Displayed on ivory silk damask table linens were tall floral arrangements of full hydrangea, roses, and cherry blossoms. Inside each vase were submerged orchids while votive candles were suspended from the arrangements, and pillar candles on the tables created a romantic glow. Custom shimmer blush-pink menu cards with black raised lettering completed each table setting beautifully.

Bridal Beauty: Styled by Lucia C Salon, Christina's hair was pulled back in an elegant updo with a braid sweeping into the back. Her makeup was applied with a smoky eye and finished with a pale, glossy pink.

Late Night Surprise: At the end of the night, the couple surprised guests who were staying at the hotel with a late night food truck serving White Castle, Taco Bell, McDonald's, coffee, donuts, cookies, and an assortment of soft drinks.

Honeymoon Heaven: Following their wedding, the newlyweds escaped on a romantic honeymoon. They visited Napa Valley, California, to break up the long flight before heading to Hawaii, where they visited Maui, the Big Island, and Honolulu.













BEHIND THE SCENES

Ceremony & Reception Location: The Grove • Officiant: Rabbi Dennis Tobin • Photographer: LoveMore Photography Cinematography: Creative Unlimited • Entertainment: Pure Event Group • Floral Designer: Arcadia Floral Co. • Cake Designer: Palermo's Bakery Wedding Gown: Pronovias • Veil: I Do, I Do • Shoes: Belle by Badgley Mischka • Formal Attire: Men's Wearhouse • Invitations: Invitations by Danielle Favors: Pashminas, Flip-Flops, Cigars, and Photo Booth • Late Night Food Truck: Godfather Catering • Hair Stylist & Makeup Studio: Lucia C Salon Jeweler: Pancis Gems and Gabriel Jewelers • Honeymoon Location: California and Hawaii











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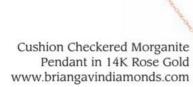
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life in the fast lane



When Onofrio (AJ) reached out to Carly on OKCupid in January of 2013, she wasn't really expecting much to come from it and even thought she was being catfished. "He was so handsome and his pictures just seemed too good to be true," Carly revealed. "Pair that with the fact that he claimed to be a professional race car driver, and I was sure that it was a fake profile." But Carly's gut encouraged her to go ahead and meet him in person, and the love at first sight connection was instantaneous. On Carly's 21st birthday she had plans to have lunch with her grandparents, so when AJ declined the invite to join them, she was a little upset. It wasn't long before AJ messaged Carly, letting her know that he was planning a surprise and to meet her at Sayen Gardens later that day. It was there, within the romantic gardens, AJ led Carly to a gazebo, and upon opening her eyes, AJ was on one knee, proposing with an heirloom ring that belonged to his grandmother. "I was so completely overwhelmed with happiness. I knew from the moment we started dating [he was the one]. It was only a matter of time before he made me his wife," Carly shared.

Garden Party: Carly and AJ fell in love with the old-world charm of the Shadowbrook from the very first visit. "Everything about the facility is exquisite, from the marble floors to the gorgeous grounds to the floor-to-ceiling windows," the bride shared. Not to mention the gazebo within the manicured gardens was the perfect on-site location for their ceremony. The staff, too, proved to be helpful throughout the entire planning process and went above and beyond to ensure Carly and AJ had the wedding of their dreams.

Behind the Lens: From the morning preparations throughout the ceremony and reception, KSS Photography was behind the lens, capturing the special moments on camera. "Kiamarie is one of the nicest people I have ever met. She is such a joy to work with and is so incredibly talented. Kiamarie really makes you feel like her number-one priority," Carly raved.

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Magnificent Maids: Carly's bridesmaid dresses can be best described as "Breakfast at Tiffany's." They wore purple, knee-length Alfred Sung dresses that featured a high neckline, pockets, a low back, and a bow detail.

Bouquet Breakdown: Roses, veronica, hydrangea, wildflowers, succulents, and hanging amaranthus made up Carly's beautiful bridal bouquet. A pin, which her mother-in-law made, was added to the wrapped stems, which served as her something old, new, borrowed, and blue.

The Key to your Seat: Displayed on cork boards were escort cards tied to vintage key bottle openers, which doubled as a décor detail and guests' wedding favors.

Cabin Fever: Following the wedding, Carly and AJ escaped to Montana, where they stayed at Yellowstone Valley Lodge and enjoyed sharing their love for the outdoors. During their stay the couple went horseback riding, hiked various trails, and saw bison, bald eagles, and elk, among many other wildlife.













BEHIND THE SCENES

Ceremony & Reception Location: Shadowbrook • Officiant: Rev. Jill Dilner • Photographer: KSS Photography Cinematography: Creative Photography and Video • Ceremony Music: Bride's Uncle • Entertainment: TNTEntertainment Photo Booth: Celebrations • Floral Designer: Fiori's Flowers • Cake Designer: Palermo's Bakery • Limousine Service: Ross Limousines Wedding Gown: Mikaella Bridal • Veil: MelindaRoseDesign.etsy.com • Headpiece: Fantasy Weddings by Anna Marie • Shoes: Elegantpark Formal Attire: Vera Wang • Invitations: VistaPrint • Favors: Vintage Key Bottle Openers • Hair Salon: Amazing Faces Honeymoon Location: Montana



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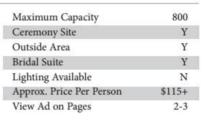
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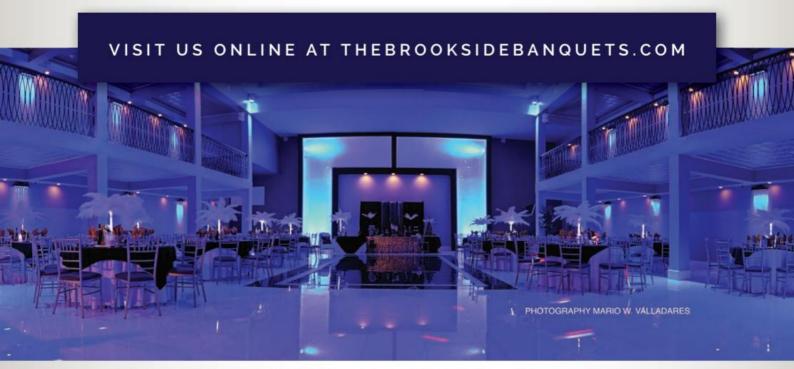


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Bridal Suite	Y
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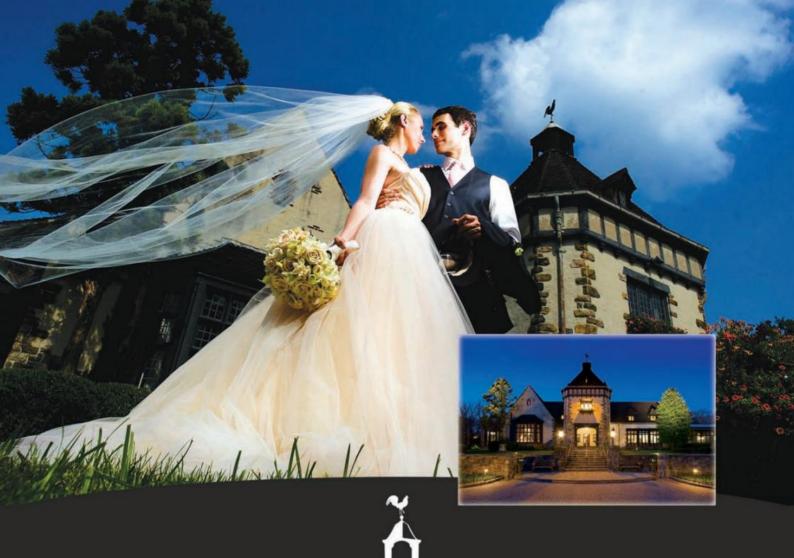
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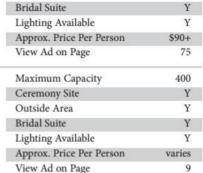
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Maximum Capacity	250
Ceremony Site	Y
Outside Area	Y
Bridal Suite	Y
Lighting Available	N
Approx. Price Per Person	\$124+
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Route 34 and 537 . Colts Neck, NJ

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Maximum Capacity 200 Ceremony Site Y Outside Area Y Bridal Suite N Lighting Available V Approx. Price Per Person \$75 View Ad on Page

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Maximum Capacity	300
Ceremony Site	Y
Outside Area	Y
Bridal Suite	Y
Lighting Available	Y
Approx. Price Per Person	\$89+
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Maximum Capacity	220
Ceremony Site	Y
Outside Area	Y
Bridal Suite	Y
Lighting Available	Y
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Maximum Capacity	150
Ceremony Site	Y
Outside Area	Y
Bridal Suite	Y
Lighting Available	N
Approx. Price Per Person	\$75+
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(732) 747-4666 • www.ravenandthepeach.net

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Maximum Capacity	200
Ceremony Site	Y
Outside Area	Y
Bridal Suite	Y
Lighting Available	N
Approx. Price Per Person	\$115+
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Ceremony Site	Y
Outside Area	Y
Bridal Suite	Y
Lighting Available	Y
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Ceremony Site	Y
Outside Area	Y
Bridal Suite	Y
Lighting Available	Y
Approx. Price Per Person	\$115+
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Ceremony Site	Y
Outside Area	Y
Bridal Suite	Y
Lighting Available	Y
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Maximum Capacity	400
Ceremony Site	Y
Outside Area	Y
Bridal Suite	Y
Lighting Available	Y
Approx. Price Per Person	varies
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OCEAN COUNTY

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Maximum Capacity	300
Ceremony Site	Y
Outside Area	Y
Bridal Suite	Y
Lighting Available	Y
Approx. Price Per Person	\$84+
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Maximum Capacity

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Ì	Bridal Suite	Y
	Lighting Available	Y
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	Maximum Capacity	1200
Ì	Ceremony Site	Y
	Outside Area	Y
Ì	Bridal Suite	Y
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	Maximum Capacity	1200
	Ceremony Site	Y
	Outside Area	Y
	Bridal Suite	Y
	Lighting Available	Y
-27	Approx. Price Per Person	\$100+
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	Maximum Capacity	218
11	Ceremony Site	Y
	Outside Area	Y
	Bridal Suite	Y
	Lighting Available	Y
	Approx. Price Per Person	\$130+
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Ceremony Site	Y
Outside Area	Y
Bridal Suite	Y
Lighting Available	Y
Approx. Price Per Person	\$67
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	Maximum Capacity	500
Ì	Ceremony Site	Y
	Outside Area	Y
10	Bridal Suite	Y
	Lighting Available	Y
Ì	Approx. Price Per Person	varies
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Maximum Capacity	250
Ceremony Site	Y
Outside Area	N
Bridal Suite	Y
Lighting Available	Y
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Ceremony Site	Y
Outside Area	Y
Bridal Suite	Y
Lighting Available	Y
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Highlawn Pavilion West Orange, NJ

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Dina and Patrick met at an event while attending Rutgers University. The two were together for about two vears before Patrick took a job with the NYPD and Dina started school at Columbia University to get her master's degree. Although they didn't see each other as often as they liked, they still made time to travel, and their relationship continued to bloom. Her family's timeshare in Hilton Head, South Carolina, has been a favorite place to vacation for Dina. The couple even kayaked there several times, so when Patrick had the chance to surprise her, he jumped on the opportunity. "I had no idea Patrick was coming to South Carolina. He told me he was working and wouldn't be able to travel with us. My family had asked me to walk outside to the canal, and there he was in a kayak with the ring. I was shocked to see him there," Dina reminisced on their engagement.

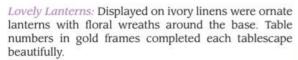
Skyline Soiree: When it came time to choose a wedding location, a view of the New York City skyline was a musthave on Dina and Patrick's list. The Highlawn Pavilion offered sweeping, panoramic views of Manhattan, as well as the ability to host an outdoor ceremony on-site, which logistically worked for a Friday night wedding. Additionally, they were pleased with the menu options and service from the accommodating staff.

Timeless Affair: "We wanted a classic and elegant wedding. We didn't want to look back on pictures and realize any of our decisions had become dated," Dina shared on the inspiration behind their wedding.

Bouquet Breakdown: Pink roses, hydrangea, eucalyptus, and lush greenery made up Dina's bridal bouquet. A bow from her mother's wedding gown, which served as her something old, was tied to the stems.

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Something Sweet: The four-tiered vanilla with cannoli cream cake featured pink florals and brushed gold detailing for a classic and elegant look.

Home Sweet Home: The newlyweds recently purchased their first home and look forward to making it their own.













BEHIND THE SCENES

Ceremony & Reception Location: Highlawn Pavilion • Officiant: Thomas Connelly • Photographer: Tina Elizabeth Photography Cinematographer: Jerry Aquino • Entertainment: Elite Sound Entertainment • Floral Designers: A&K Floral Designs and Freytag's Flowers Cake Designer: Highlawn Pavilion • Limousine Service: Broadway Limousine • Wedding Gown & Veil: Oleg Cassini Headpiece: David's Bridal • Formal Attire: Vera Wang • Invitations: Designs by Elise Hair Salon and Makeup Studio: The Beauty Bar • Jeweler: Casale Jewelers Honeymoon Locations: Arizona and Nevada

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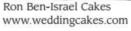
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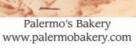


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heather & william

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Crystal Ballroom at the Radisson Hotel Freehold, NJ

Photography by South Street Photography



















golden gatsby



Heather and William might have known each other for years, but it wasn't until they worked together for a short period that they really got to know each other. After dating a little over five years ago, they knew they found the person they would spend the rest of their lives with. When William began planning the proposal, he didn't plan on proposing when he did, but once he had the ring, he just couldn't wait any longer. It was an ordinary Sunday morning in October when William brought Heather coffee in bed-something he always does when they are home together. When he handed her the mug, Heather was extremely surprised to see a ring tied to the handle with the question "Will you marry me?" written across the mug.

Freehold Fête: Heather and William chose the Crystal Ballroom from their very first visit. The venue had exactly what they were looking for: a romantic setting with big, beautiful chandeliers. The couple was also impressed by the friendly staff, who were helpful through the entire process.

Food for Thought: While Heather enjoyed the planning process as a whole, William particularly found the food tasting to be the most exciting part of wedding planning. During cocktail hour guests enjoyed a variety of selections including a slider station, passed hors d'oeuvres, mussels, seafood scampi, and Polynesian chicken.

Bridal Beauty: Heather looked flawless throughout the day with the help of Christina Dellanno of Perfect Bridals by Christina, who ensured the bride's makeup looked perfect. She used a gold shimmery shadow on her lids, while her skin had a dewy glow. "Christina really captured the look I was going for and I could not have been more happy," the bride raved.

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Behind the Inspiration: In keeping with a classic glam Gatsby style, Heather and William used a color palette of black, gold, and champagne throughout their wedding décor. Displayed on black linens were gold candelabras with ostrich feathers, gold charger plates, and gold glitter table numbers. Votive candles completed each tablescape for a romantic ambience.

Something Sweet: Guests were sent home with chocolate cupcakes with buttercream frosting topped with gold sugar glitter.

Island Adventures: Following the wedding, the newlyweds escaped to St. Lucia for their honeymoon, where they stayed at Sandals Grande St. Lucian. During their stay, they enjoyed the scenery while sailing, paddle boarding, and hiking.









BEHIND THE SCENES

Ceremony Location: St. Joseph Church • Celebrant: Deacon Gerry • Reception Location: Crystal Ballroom at the Radisson Hotel Photographer: South Street Photography • Entertainment: WeddingSetGo • Bouquets: Added Touch Florist • Centerpieces: Amore Weddings, LLC Cake Designer: Chocolate Carousel • Wedding Gown & Veil: Alfred Angelo • Formal Attire: Men's Wearhouse Invitations: Anna Soiree • Favors: JenniCakes • Hair Salon: Appearance Workshop • Makeup Studio: Perfect Bridals by Christina Jeweler: Design Jewelry • Honeymoon Location: St. Lucia







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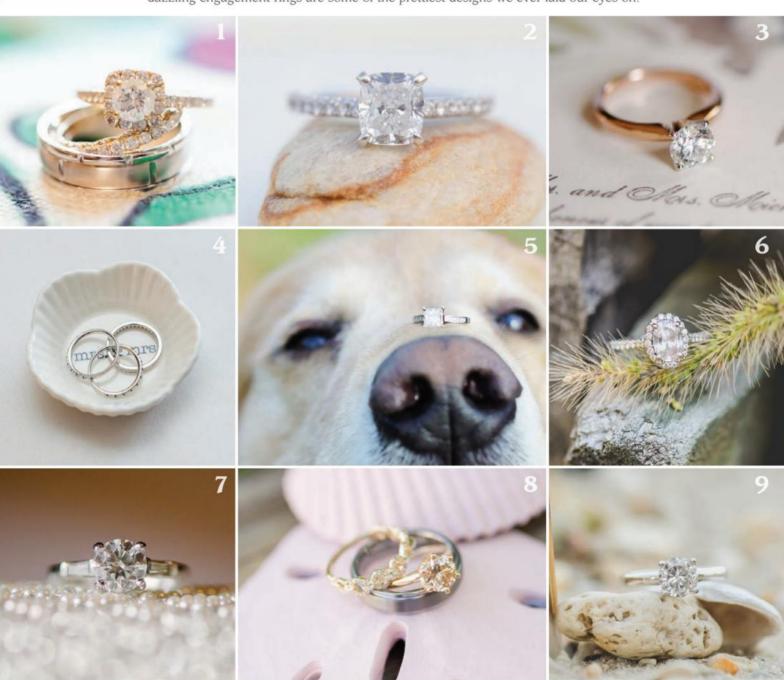




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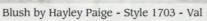


























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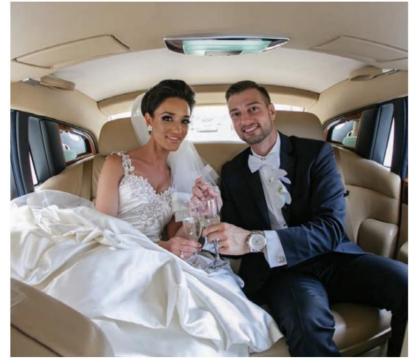












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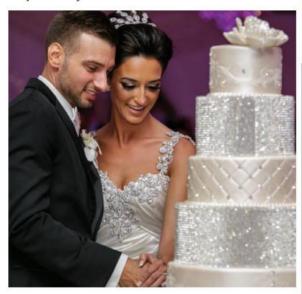
Tatiana and Salvatore have a mutual friend to thank for introducing them six years ago. After speaking on the phone, Salvatore was unsure how their first dinner date would go, but as they waited for their table at the restaurant, he quickly realized this would be the woman he would spend the rest of his life with. In true gentleman form, Salvatore swept Tatiana off her feet with his charm and made quite the first impression, as well. "He was very interested in what I had to say and very curious about my lifestyle in Italy. He made me feel comfortable," Tatiana reminisced. Planning an extravagant proposal in Italy was not an easy task, but Salvatore was up for the challenge as he knew how special it would be for Tatiana's mother to be present. Salvatore hired a wedding planner to put the plan in motion, and about a year later, the two escaped on what Tatiana thought was simply a vacation. It was on August 17, 2014 in Salvatore's hometown on Sicily, Italy, that he arranged for a family dinner at Camemi Castle. Upon exiting the car on arrival, Tatiana was handed a handwritten note from Salvatore and was then escorted along a path of white flowers with beautifully lit lanterns and candles along the walk way. At the end of the path was a gazebo, and there Salvatore stood with a red rose in hand, waiting to get down on one knee. "It was the most romantic gesture anyone has ever done for me, and I feel so lucky to have Salvatore by my side and in my life," Tatiana shared. To make the proposal even more special, Salvatore hired a photographer and videographer to capture the entire event on camera. The two celebrated with an engagement dinner among their closest family and friends.

A Grand Affair: Exquisite cuisine and a facility to host their large guest list were high up on the list of must-haves when it came time to choose a facility to host their reception. The Rockleigh was highly recommended, and upon visiting the Georgian-style mansion, Tatiana and Salvatore fell in love right away. The couple particularly loved the majestic elegance of the facility set amidst twelve acres of manicured gardens, but the staff, too, proved to be very accommodating and delivered impeccable service from the very beginning.

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Towering Tiers: The seven-tiered pearlized wedding cake featured a quilt and damask pattern design embellished with crystals, delicate peony sugar flowers, and brooches.

Fancy Flowers: The couple wanted over-the-top, luxurious floral designs and Eva Madeleina flawlessly delivered. Displayed on satin rosette table linens was one of two centerpiece designs highlighting lush Hawaiian orchids. Two king's tables-reserved for the bridal party-featured two-tiered floral runners with suspended crystals and candles.



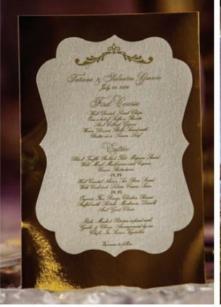
Bouquet Breakdown: White orchids with rhinestone embellishments made up the bride's bouquet.

Glamorous Gown: Deep down Tatiana felt she would wear a Pnina Tornai gown, but before making an appointment at Kleinfeld, she went to about three other salons and tried on about 21 dresses to get an idea of what shape would be the most flattering. During her appointment at Kleinfeld, Tatiana was excited to meet the designer, and as she slipped on the ivory silk, dropped-waist Pnina Tornai gown and looked in the mirror, she knew she found her dream gown.

Love is Sweet: At the end of the night, guests were treated to various snacks and candies from a sweets truck from Jaynee's Party.

Groom's Favorite Memory: Sharing their first dance on the clouds to "I Belong to You" by Eros Ramazzotti and Anastacia was a moment that Salvatore will remember forever. "There were 250 people in that room, and yet in that moment it was as if it was just us."









BEHIND THE SCENES

Ceremony Location: Basilica of Regina Pacis • Celebrant: Reverend Father Marco Brioschi • Reception Location: The Rockleigh Photographer: Michael Romeo Creations • Cinematography: Adriano Profeta Films • Trumpeters: King's Brass • Entertainment: Gio Venuto Band Floral Designer: Eva Madeleina Haute Floral & Event Decor • Cake Designer: Palermo's Bakery • Limousine Service: Double Diamond Limousines Wedding Gown and Veil: Pnina Tornai • Headpiece: Bridal Styles Boutique • Shoes: Christian Louboutin • Formal Attire: Phil's Tuxedo's Invitations: C.U.T. Invitations • Favors: Eleganz Plus • Late Night Food Truck: Jaynee's Party • Hair Stylist: Senada Ceka Makeup Artist: Lauren D'Amelio • Jeweler: Anter Jewelry • Honeymoon Locations: Bora Bora, French Polynesia and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

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Tackle these five wedding planning to-dos first By Meghan Chalfant

The love of your life finally popped the question and now you're engaged! Hooray! Let us be the first to officially welcome you into all things wedding planning. While the thought of planning the biggest event of your life can be a little daunting and exciting at the same time, we're here to help you get on the right track for that walk down the aisle. Tackle these five wedding planning to-dos first to help guide you through the essential first steps toward "I do."

SHARE THE NEWS

Announce your joyous news with your family and friends before you share that post engagement ring selfie. (Ahem, parents first!) Your mom, dad, sibling(s), and maybe even your BFF might possibly already know about the proposal and are eagerly waiting for your phone call. After all, it's not appropriate for your nearest and dearest to learn about the news through social media. Only once you formally share the wedding announcement should you then change your Facebook status to engaged or snap a pic of your ring on Instagram. Just be prepared for many congratulatory posts to be shared on your



DIAMOND DETAILS

If your ring doesn't fit, take it to your jeweler to get it resized stat. While you're visiting your [reputable] jeweler, have a proper appraisal done on your stunning sparkler, and get it insured soon after by adding it to your homeowner's or renter's policy. It's not as expensive as you think, and it could potentially save you both big in the long run.







COMMUNICATION IS KEY

After you announce your engagement, you can certainly expect to hear the famed question "When's the wedding?" quite often. Talk to your fiancé and decide on a general month, year, or even season in which you want to tie the knot. Focus on a range of dates that might work for you, and be sure to consider any major events you would like to avoid conflicting with. Keeping an open mind on a date is particularly helpful during your venue search, as you'll have more flexibility to choose a facility you love since most desired banquet facilities get booked well in advance. While we're on the subject of clear communication, sitting down with your families to discuss the budget is a necessary conversation to have early on, regardless of how big or small a wedding you want to have. Establishing a budget not only creates the foundation for the wedding, but will also help determine which banquet facilities you'll visit, the number of guests you can invite, as well as help you set realistic expectations. (*Wedding planning tip: Figure out who and how much everyone is contributing and consider opening a joint bank account to use specifically for your wedding. Add money to the account on a regular basis to save from the very beginning.)

DRAFT A GUEST LIST

Once you have a budget set, start compiling your guest list in a spreadsheet as soon as possible. (Yes. It's absolutely okay to make an A list and B list.) Gathering your guests' addresses will take some time, especially for those relatives and your parents' friends you might not know. Not to mention, if you have a particular wedding location in mind, you may be limited to how many people it can accommodate. Your estimated guest count will affect almost every aspect of wedding planning, including catering costs, the wedding cake, flowers, and stationery, just to name a few.



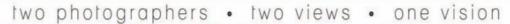


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Grab a bottle of bubbly and celebrate! Embrace the moment and take time to enjoy your engagement. You'll have plenty of time to spend your day pinning wedding ideas away, but be sure to savor the moment. We promise you'll be gown shopping and picking out flowers in no time!



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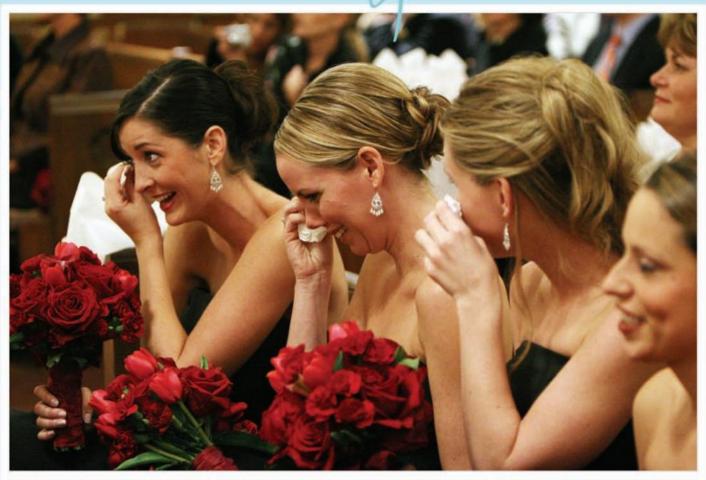






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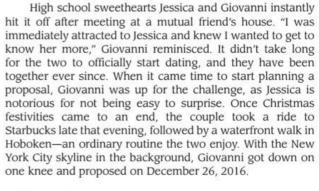
















A Grand Affair: Choosing a banquet facility to host their reception was an easy decision for Jessica and Giovanni, who attended many weddings at The Venetian. "From the décor and the grand ballrooms to the way the staff treats their guests, The Venetian really makes you feel like royalty for the day," the couple agreed. Additionally, they liked how there was a variety of food to satisfy every guest's food palate.

Bouquet Breakdown: Jessica's bouquet included white and ivory roses, hydrangea, and stephanotis wrapped with satin ribbon and embellished with a rhinestone brooch.

Gown Experience: The bride and her mother went to multiple salons to search for the perfect wedding gown, and as Jessica walked out in an Eve of Milady design, the two had a mutual feeling that this was her dress. The A-line ball gown featured a sweetheart neckline, hand-beaded lace, flower detailing, crystal straps, and a French bustle.



A Personalized Experience: "Nicole was absolutely amazing. She captured every moment of the day and truly provided us with an exceptional experience. She is extremely attentive to detail, which makes her such a great photographer. Nicole provided us with a unique, personal experience," the bride raved on her experience working with Nicole Klym Photography.

Surprise Serenade: Giovanni honored his Nonna Pina with a surprise dance to "Le Mamme" by Toto Cutugno.

Practical Favors: The couple opted to gift their guests with handcrafted, ceramic oil bottles they could use in their homes.

Something Blue: A white lace garter with a blue bow and trim.

The Next Chapter: Following their honeymoon, the newlyweds renovated their first home and are looking forward to building new memories as husband and wife.











BEHIND THE SCENES

Ceremony Location: Saint Thomas the Apostle Church • Celebrant: Father Anton • Reception Location: The Venetian Photographer: Nicole Klym Photography • Cinematography: Enchanted Celebrations • Entertainment: Jam Music Entertainment Floral Designer: AW Flowers • Limousine Service: Danaro Limousines • Cake Designer: A Little Cake • Wedding Gown: Eve of Milady Veil: Park Avenue Bridals • Headpiece: Demetrios Bridal • Shoes: Nina New York • Formal Attire: Biltmore Tuxedo • Invitations: Made by Bride Favors: D'Lusso Designs • Hair Stylist & Makeup Studio: Ciro's Hair Pavilion • Jeweler: Local Jeweler • Honeymoon Location: Aruba











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Rock Island Lake Club Sparta, NJ

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on the lake



Amanda and Brian came to be lucky in love months after initially meeting during Saint Patrick's Day festivities in Hoboken. "My sister texted me that day to say she was at a party with her boyfriend (now husband) and that there was a cute guy there that she thought was my type," Amanda reminisced. The two only briefly met that day, and after a few failed attempts, Amanda and Brian didn't meet up again until that summer. Brian, who was disappointed he didn't get to talk to Amanda more that day, ended up making the impression he hoped for later on, and after their first date, Brian realized they had found something special.

About three years later, on September 4th, Amanda thought she was heading to dinner, but when she got to her sister's condo, she was surprised to see Brian out on the back terrace waiting for her arrival. It was there among romantic candles where he proposed, catching Amanda off guard. "Although I was planning to propose after a nice dinner when we were home, I ended up deciding it would have been more special to completely surprise Amanda. I was also able to include her sister and brother-in-law to help since they brought us together," Brian shared. The two celebrated their engagement that night and throughout the weekend among family and friends.







Lakeside Elegance: Nestled in the mountains of Sparta, New Jersey, Rock Island Lake Club perfectly fit the rustic and romantic wedding that Amanda and Brian wanted to have. The private location, lakeside views, beautifully manicured grounds, and ballroom with floor-to-ceiling windows was just a few of the many details they particularly loved. Additionally, Amanda and Brian liked the idea of having the day's events in one location, which made it convenient for guests. Upon meeting the staff, their choice was further confirmed, as they were accommodating and helpful throughout the entire planning process.

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First Look Decisions: The couple decided to stick with tradition and saw each other as Amanda walked down the aisle to an acoustic version of Adele's "Make You Feel My Love."

Pretty Petals: Garden roses, Sahara and sweet Eskimo roses, ranunculus, and dusty miller made up Amanda's bridal bouquet.

Setting the Scene: Guests were invited to the celebration with classic double-layered invitations designed in navy text and accented with a simple twirl of ivory satin ribbon.

Something Unique: Displayed on a table with green moss were river rocks with names and table numbers for guests to find their appointed seating arrangements.

Wise Advice: "Take the time to enjoy the [engagement] celebrations with your family and friends before you start planning. Think about what it is you both want for your wedding, always remember this is your day, and don't feel pressured to have something that is not reflective of your relationship."













BEHIND THE SCENES

Ceremony & Reception Location: Rock Island Lake Club • Officiant: Mitch The Minister • Photographer: Jacqueline Patton Photography Cinematographer: Scott Montague Films • Entertainment: Craig Scott Entertainment • Floral Designer: Schweinfurth Florist Limousine Service: Broadway Elite • Cake Designer: Palermo's Bakery • Wedding Gown: Martina Liana • Wedding Shoes: Badgley Mischka Formal Attire: Vera Wang • Invitations: The Write Occasion • Favors: Donations to Cycle for Survival Hair Salon & Makeup Studio: The Mane Event • Jeweler: Jewelry by Jack • Honeymoon Locations: Amalfi Coast, Italy, and Santorini, Greece



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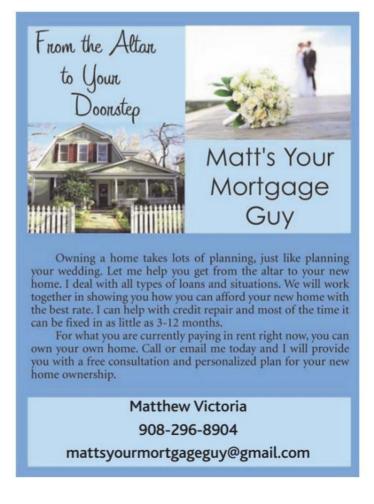
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Stephanie and Anthony initially met in 2008 while attending a mutual friend's wedding and although the two became friends on Facebook, it took another couple of years before they got together for lunch. They both made a great first impression, and when Stephanie and Anthony learned they shared the same family values, they knew they found the person they would spend the rest of their lives with. "My relationship with my family is very important, and it was nice to see that Anthony had the same type of relationship with his," Stephanie shared. Anthony thought about the proposal logistics for about a week after he had the ring in hand, but ultimately decided that an intimate proposal with just the two of them would be the perfect moment. After dropping Stephanie off at work, Anthony put his plan into motion, and upon picking her up later that evening, she was surprised to walk into the house to see a table set up with a bouquet of roses, rose petals, and pictures of them arranged in the shape of a heart. "When I turned around to ask Anthony what was going on, he was down on one knee asking me to marry him," reminisced Stephanie. The two celebrated with a chilled bottle of champagne.

Rustic Romance: Perona Farms perfectly fit the rustic inspiration Stephanie had in mind for their wedding day. Upon visiting the facility, Stephanie and Anthony were warmly welcomed and immediately knew this was where they would host their wedding. Additionally, they liked the ability to host their ceremony on site, which made it convenient for guests.

Pretty Paper: Guests were invited to the celebration with custom invitations featuring a simple and modern take on rustic elegance. The invitation featured a laurel wreath with an interlocking monogram and mint-green lettering tied with a twine embellishment.

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Dress Decisions: The bride tried on four gowns before falling in love with a strapless A-line gown designed by Demetrios.

Beautiful Blooms: Hydrangea, roses, lisianthus, and dusty miller were a few of the blooms that were incorporated into Stephanie's beautiful bouquet. She honored her late father's presence by tying a charm with his photo onto the wrapped stems.

Special Dances: Stephanie and Anthony both danced with their siblings to "My Wish" by Rascal Flatts.

Travel Diaries: Following the reception, the newlyweds escaped to the Dominican Republic for their honeymoon. During their stay at Excellence Punta Cana, they went on a sunset sailing adventure, which included snorkeling, swimming in a natural pool, drinks, and dinner.









BEHIND THE SCENES

Ceremony & Reception Location: Perona Farms • Officiant: Mitch the Minister • Photographer: Anthony Ziccardi Studios Entertainment: Global Productions • Floral Designer: Sussex County Florist • Cake Designer: Palermo's Bakery Wedding Gown & Veil: Demetrios Bridal • Shoes: Pink Paradox London • Formal Attire: Ducoff's Tuxedos • Invitations: Lace and Belle Designs Favors: Donations made to Be The Match and The Pancreatic Cancer Foundation • Hair Stylist & Makeup Studio: The Mane Event Jeweler: Neve's Jewelers • Honeymoon Location: Dominican Republic

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Formal Attire Shopping

By Meghan Chalfant

While the bride and her bridesmaids seek high and low for the perfect gowns, the groom and his groomsmen have a search of their own: to rent or purchase their formalwear. Let's be honest. Fashion and style isn't necessarily a guy's cup of tea. Sure, he dresses to impress, but on your wedding day, it's so much more than simply putting on your tuxedo or suit and showing up. Are you ready to start looking for your very dapper look, but need a little guidance? Well, lucky for you, we're sharing FIVE tips to help make your shopping experience fun and stress-free.

- 1. Do your Research No two formalwear shops are alike, so be sure to do your research before walking into just any store and signing a contract. Start your search by reading reviews online AND physically visiting a few different formalwear shops before making any decisions. This will give you the opportunity to see the store's selections, as well as see how the consultant interacts with you. Some questions you might want to keep in mind are: Is the consultant showing you various styles that fits within the season you're getting married? Is he/she providing the best service possible? Is he/she listening to your wants and needs? If the consultant isn't keeping your best interest in mind, then it's time to keep looking for a reliable store you can trust. A personalized experience is key!
- 2. Start Early Grooms, you may not need to put in as much effort or time for choosing your formal attire, but that doesn't mean you should wait until the last minute to make arrangements. Starting early will allow for plenty of time to do your homework and schedule in-person consultations (if needed).
- 3. Get Tailored Once you choose your menswear, your consultant should know how to properly measure you (inseam, waist, jacket size, etc.). Don't forget to also inform your groomsmen to get their measurements taken ahead of time, too. This will ensure that all of the tuxedos or suits will arrive on time for your special day.













- 4. Accessorize Accordingly This is where you can let your personalities shine through. Once you decide on your tuxedo or suit, choose accessories to coordinate with your wedding style and/or theme through a tie, bow tie, cufflinks, pocket square, and color coordinating socks! (Cufflinks, bow ties and socks make great groomsmen gifts, too!)
- 5. The Details Don't forget to relay all costs to your groomsmen and read through the entire client agreement (including the fine print) before making any commitments. Take note of pricing, pick up and drop off times, and any hidden fees.



Whether you choose a suit or tuxedo, make sure it's a style that fits your personality perfectly. After all, it's your wedding day, too and you should feel equally as comfortable as you look dapper. Happy planning!

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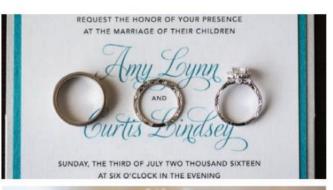


amy & curtis

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Crystal Ballroom at the Radisson Hotel Freehold, NJ

Photography by Richard B. Flores Photography























happily ever after



Amy and Curtis's hearts were in tune when they met over ten years ago during their high school band class. "I was nervous around him because he was older and played the same instrument as I. I didn't want to mess up while he was around," Amy revealed. The two became friends and after the marching band season had ended, Amy and Curtis realized they shared something more. Through high school, junior and senior proms, and attending different colleges, the couple (along with their families) became closer, so it was only a matter of time until Amy and Curtis became engaged.

It was a typical summer day in which Amy's family was preparing for a barbeque when Curtis's mother frantically called, explaining that her car wouldn't start. Upon arriving to the broken-down car-located at the waterfront park-Curtis's mother was nowhere in sight but reported she was on the beach behind the gazebo. "I noticed that Curtis was walking in front of a man taking pictures of his son along the fence separating the park and the beach. I pulled Curtis to the side and questioned why he would walk in the path of the photographer," Amy reminisced. Just as that happened, Curtis turned Amy to face the gazebo and pointed to a white bag sitting at its base. As Amy took out items for their upcoming trip to Walt Disney World, including matching Mickey Mouse shirts and bride and groom Mickey Mouse ears, Curtis got down on one knee and asked her to be his wife.

A Splash of Color: The couple chose the color scheme of teal, gray, and white for a romantic style with a splash of color.

Picture-Perfect Setting: The Crystal Ballroom was the first and last stop when it came time for Amy and Curtis to book a facility to host their wedding. At the time the couple only

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had plans on visiting to take a look around, but after entering the ballroom and speaking with the staff about what they offered Amy immediately was set on booking right then and there. Additionally, they liked the idea of having the ceremony and reception at the same location, which made it extremely convenient for guests. "For me, the staff made all the difference. I don't know the first thing about event planning, so it was really nice to hear how well prepared and professional the staff at the Crystal Ballroom was," Curtis shared. "They were incredibly quick to respond to any questions we had, and I never felt like we had to worry about anything."

Pretty Posies: Displayed on ivory linens were tall floral arrangements made up of white hydrangea, football mums, carnations, and roses.

Something Old: Amy was fortunate to inherit her grandmother's diamond, which makes her engagement ring very sentimental.

Cherished Canvas: During the reception, Katherine Gressel took a blank canvas and painted a scene from the couple's first dance. The live event painting turned out to be a hit among guests and a wedding piece the couple will cherish for years to come.

Happily Ever After: Being Disney Vacation Club members, Amy and Curtis decided to take advantage of the opportunity to visit Disneyland and Hawaii. While in California, the couple toured LA, Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Warner Bros. Studio, and Universal Studios. During their stay at Aulani, A Disney Resort & Spa, Amy and Curtis went zip lining, toured the Dole Plantation, and visited Pearl Harbor.













BEHIND THE SCENES

Ceremony & Reception Location: Crystal Ballroom at the Radisson Hotel • Officiant: Rev. Brian Jude Piatkowski Photographer: Richard B. Flores Photography • Cinematographer: Galis Photography and Video • Entertainment: Off The Chart Entertainment Photo Booth: ShutterBooth • Live Event Painting: Event Painting by Katherine Gressel • Floral Designer: Flower Cart Florist of Old Bridge Cake Designer: Chocolate Carousel • Wedding Gown: Tara Keely • Headpiece & Veil: Erin Cole • Shoes: Badgley Mischka • Formal Attire: Men's Wearhouse Invitations: Paper Rose Invitation and Design • Favors: Magnetic Picture Frames • Hair Salon and Makeup Studio: The Updo Guru Jeweler: Romancing the Stones • Aisle Runner: The Original Runner Co. • Honeymoon Locations: California and Hawaii

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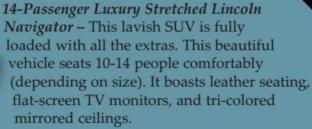
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Versailles Ballroom at the Ramada Hotel Toms River, NJ

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Victoria and Jim first met in college, and their infectious smiles immediately caught each other's attention. The two hit it off and Victoria even knew within the first month of dating that he was "the one." Jim planned the proposal for about five months and decided on reenacting a scene from Love Actually-Victoria's favorite movie. It was in front of the tree in New York City where Jim confessed his love through various signs and asked Victoria to marry him.

Classically Clean: Once the couple began planning their dream wedding, finding the right way to describe their style was easy. Shades of gray, lavender, and yellow created the perfect color palette for the classic clean look they were going for.

Hometown Charm: Choosing a facility to host their reception was also an effortless decision as Victoria used to work at the Versailles Ballroom. "I was confident and comfortable with the staff running the show," Victoria shared. Additionally, the couple loved the beautiful ballroom.

Bridal Beauty: Victoria's hair was styled in a classic updo with a few loose curls framing her face. She opted for simple makeup in neutral tones and dramatic lashes, which enhanced her natural beauty.

If the Shoe Fits: The bride wore lavender strappy Steve Madden heels that tied into her wedding color.

Time Stands Still: Sharing their first dance to "A Thousand Years" by Christina Perri was a moment the couple will never forget. Even with 175 guests watching them, Victoria and Jim felt like it was just the two of them in the room as time stood still.



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Flawless Coordination: Victoria's bridesmaids wore lavender chiffon dresses in various styles from Allure Bridals. The groomsmen complemented the ladies with gray suits and coordinating lavender vests.

Favorite Wedding Memory: The couple agreed that seeing each other for the first time as Victoria walked down the aisle was their favorite wedding day memory.











BEHIND THE SCENES

Ceremony Location: St. Dominick's Church • Celebrant: Damian Ayer • Reception Location: Versailles Ballroom at the Ramada Hotel Photographer: Something Blue Wedding Photography • Entertainment: SCE Event Group • Floral Designer: Alan's and Mininsohn's Limousine Service: Andiamo Limousine • Cake Designer: Chocolate Carousel • Wedding Gown & Veil: Essence of Australia Shoes: Steve Madden • Formal Attire: Vera Wang • Invitations: Shutterfly • Favors: Photo Booth and Wine Cork Holders Hair Stylist & Makeup Studio: Harlow West • Jeweler: Blue Nile • Honeymoon Location: Sandals Royal Bahamian



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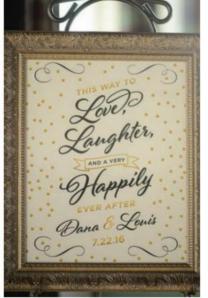














love & laughter



Louis was with friends at a tiki bar in Staten Island, New York, and was even expecting to meet someone else when Dana's orange dress caught his eye. He immediately noticed her beauty, and after the two spent the whole night talking and laughing, Dana knew she really liked him. A little less than a year later, Dana and Louis escaped to the Dominican Republic for their first vacation together, and Dana had realized she found her soul mate. On April 3, 2015, Louis proposed with a cushion-cut engagement ring. Little did Dana know, Louis had the proposal video streaming live, and both of their families were there waiting to celebrate the occasion.

Flawless Affair: Long before Louis proposed, Dana had her heart set on hosting her ceremony and reception at the Westmount Country Club. From the modern ambiance and décor to the attention to detail, service, and food, the couple knew they would be in good hands. Not to mention Dana and Louis loved having the entire day in one location, which made it convenient for guests.

Capturing the Moment: Philip Siciliano Photography captured each and every moment throughout the day's events, using a modern twist on classic photography. "Philip is a true professional," the couple raved. "He is able to capture memories and candid's like no one else."

Bridal Bling: Dana admitted that finding her wedding gown was one of the best experiences of the wedding planning process. She might have enjoyed trying on different styles and designers, but it was a Pnina Tornai trumpet-style gown that won her heart over. The gown featured an open back and Swarovski crystal embellishments along the neckline with matching straps.

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Garden Party: The ceremony took place within the manicured gardens at the Westmount Country Club. Lush white florals beautifully decorated the chuppah created out of white drapery, while flower bunches adorned white folding chairs.

Keeping Cool: The couple opted for fan-style programs, which allowed guests to keep cool during their outdoor summer ceremony.

Favorite Memory: The couple agreed that seeing each other for the first time during their first look was their favorite memory from the wedding.

Island Retreat: Following the wedding, the newlyweds escaped to Bora Bora for a once-in-a-lifetime honeymoon, where they stayed at the Intercontinental Thalasso Resort and Spa. During their stay, they swam with the sharks and sting rays, had a private sunset cruise, and relaxed with various spa treatments.













BEHIND THE SCENES

Ceremony & Reception Location: Westmount Country Club • Officiant: Dr. Joseph Morandi • Photographer: Philip Siciliano Photography Cinematography: Majestic Films • Entertainment: Platinum DI • Floral Designers: Atlas Florist and Bernard's Florist Limousine Service: Romantique Limousines • Cake Designer: Palermo's Bakery • Wedding Gown & Veil: Pnina Tornai • Headpiece: Mia Elena Shoes: Badgley Mischka • Formal Attire: Phil's Tuxedos • Invitations: Sweet Occasions • Favors: Parmesan Cheese Shakers Late Night Food Truck: Jaynee's Party • Hair Stylist: Senada Ceka • Makeup Studio: Bergdorf Goodman Jewelers: Yours, Mine, and Ours Jewelers and Jimmy's Fine Jewelry • Honeymoon Location: Bora Bora





Viva Wyndham V Heavens Playa Dorada - Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic





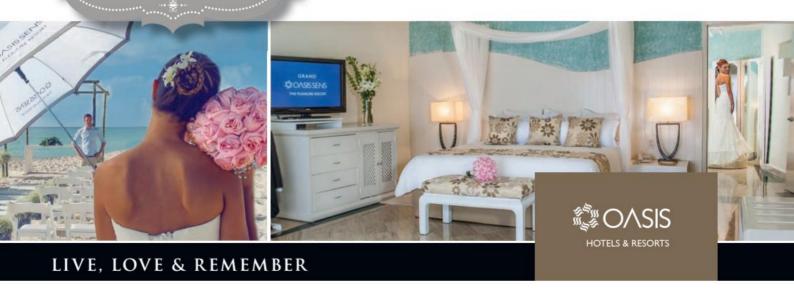
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White sand beach; freshwater pools; choice of nine dining options; seven bars and lounges; non-motorized water sports; golf; spa and full use of the adjacent Tamarijn Aruba.





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Atlantis Paradise Island

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BAHAMAS



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(800) 367-3484 • www.divisouthwinds.com Located on a half mile of white sand beach; twenty acres of tropical gardens; shops; restaurants; nightlife; three freshwater swimming pools; 9-hole golf course; kids program.





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Hilton Barbados Resort

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Plaza Beach Resort Bonaire (855) 242-8899 • www.plazaresortbonaire.com Suites and rooms with ocean and laguna views; private beach; marina; boat rentals; kids club; theme nights; water sports; yoga; fitness center; adult-only pool and kids pool.



COSTA RICA



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ON-SITE AMENITIES

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Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Punta Cana

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Viva Wyndham V Heavens

www.vcollectionresorts.com

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JAMAICA



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MEXICO



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ON-SITE AMENITIES

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Located in the hotel zone in Cancun; two swimming pools; beach club; daily entertainment; close to shopping and discos; eleven restaurants; kids club.





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Five-star, all-inclusive resort; 445 guest rooms; freshwater swimming pool; specialty themed restaurants; daily entertainment; Jacuzzi; solariumterrace; gym; sauna and spa





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MEXICO



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The Pyramid, Luxury at Grand Oasis

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Occidental Grand Nuevo Vallarta

(800) 858-2258 · www.occidentalhotels.com Nestled on the famed Bahía de Banderas; recreational water and land activities; four restaurants; one lounge; nightly entertainment; picturesque destination on the Pacific shores of Mexico.





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PUERTO RICO



The Condado Plaza Hilton

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ST. KITTS



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Sugar Bay Club Suites & Hotel

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T. LUCIA



Calabash Cove Resort & Spa

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(877) 352-8898 • www.cbayresort.com 85-acre, all-inclusive resort; palm-fringed pool; intimate cabanas; adults-only oasis; waterslides; lazy river; swim-up bars; four lighted tennis courts; three swimming pools; outdoor whirlpool.





Ti Kaye Resort

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ST. CROIX



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Divi Carina Bay Beach Resort & Casino

(877) 773-9700 • www.divicarina.com

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The Renaissance St. Croix Carambola Beach Resort & Spa

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ST. MAARTEN



Atrium Resort & Spa

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Divi Little Bay Beach Resort

(800) 367-3484 · www.divilittlebay.com

White sandy beaches; spacious hilltop suites; beachfront guest rooms; three restaurants; three freshwater swimming pools; shopping promenade including gift shops, jewelry, and crafts.





The Westin Dawn Beach Resort & Spa, St. Maarten (866) 716-8108 • www.westinstmaarten.com

Island treasure featuring 310 luxuriously appointed guest rooms and 15 suites; spa; scuba diving; Vegas-style casino; largest freshwater infinity swimming pool on the island.

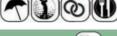


USA



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Boca Beach Club

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Mount Airy Casino Resort

(877) MTAIRY-1 • www.mountairycasino.com Located in the Pocono Mountains; luxury accommodations; casino; spa services; indoor and outdoor pool; nightly entertainment; championship golf course; nearby activities.















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Aldrich Mansion Warwick, RI

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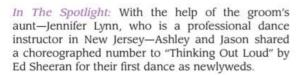
It was Jason's first day working in a new laboratory at Yale University when he and Ashley first met. "Ashley was very beautiful and friendly," Jason shared on his first impressions. The two were friends before they started dating. Two to three months into their relationship, they moved in together, and it didn't take long for Jason to realize he wanted to spend the rest of his life with Ashley. With plans to travel to Italy set for work, Jason knew proposing while traveling abroad would be the perfect opportunity to surprise Ashley. After work obligations, the two traveled to Sorrento, where Jason booked a room overlooking the water and Mt. Vesuvius. While Ashley was getting ready for dinner one evening, Jason called her to go out to the balcony to watch the sunset. "He held my hand and told me that he wanted to watch sunsets with me for the rest of his life," Ashley reminisced. Concerned that she wasn't quite ready for dinner yet, Ashley tried to walk back in the hotel room, but Jason tugged on her hand, and when she turned around, he was on one knee proposing. "It was honestly one of the most romantic and best days of my life!"

Fall Fête: Ashley and Jason always dreamed of having a fall wedding, so choosing to tie the knot in October was a nobrainer. Not to mention, that time of the year is particularly beautiful in Rhode Island.

French Chateau: When it came time to choose a location to host their reception, a historic, mansion-style setting with expansive grounds was the only type of facility Ashley and Jason had in mind. Aldrich Mansion fit everything they ever wanted in a location that was rich with history, so the two decided to whisk guests away to Rhode Island for a destination wedding that was close to home. "Aldrich Mansion was the first venue we visited, and as soon as we left, we knew it was the one. Tony Maggiacomo, the event coordinator, was absolutely amazing, making us feel comfortable from the first appointment. Whatever we dreamed he made happen and also helped us stay within budget," Ashley shared.

JUST MARRIED





Pretty Petals: Displayed on floor-length champagne linens were centerpieces consisting of lavender snapdragon, white hydrangea, purple stock, lavender roses, purple lisianthus, and ivory roses.

Glamorous Gown: Ashley went to seven different bridal gown salons and tried on 15 dresses before she committed to a beautiful sweetheart strapless, beaded gown designed by Casablanca, which she customized by adding an extra two feet to the train.

Something Old, Borrowed, and Blue: Ashley wore an heirloom garter her grandmother and mother wore for their weddings.

Wedding Planning Excitement: When asked what the most exciting part of wedding planning was, Ashley and Jason agreed they enjoyed the weekend getaways to Warwick/Newport, Rhode Island, to meet with vendors and to visit Aldrich Mansion.









BEHIND THE SCENES

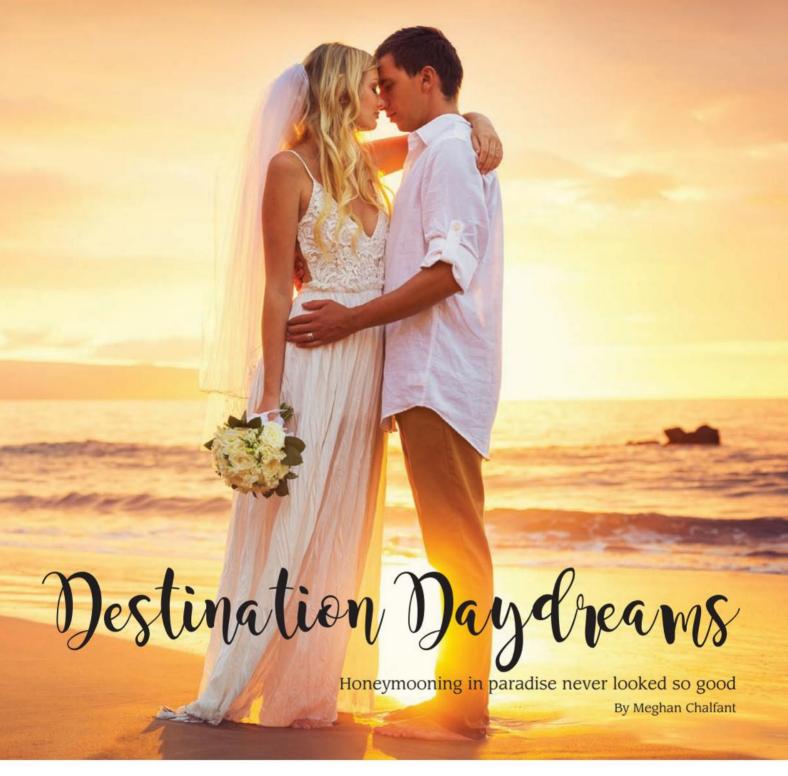
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A post-wedding getaway to a locale where infinite turquoise water meets crystal-blue skies sounds like a pretty fabulous way to spend a romantic honeymoon in paradise. Don't you think? If thoughts of being swept away to a Caribbean destination that's home to stunning, picture-perfect backdrops, verdant hills, and waterfalls have you daydreaming your day away, it's time to pack your bags and head to the Dominican Republic. From lying on pristine beaches to island explorations, V Samaná—a natural treasure—has everything you'll ever want or need in a locale to host your destination wedding or idyllic honeymoon.



A Dreamy Destination

The Dominican Republic's vibrant, sun-drenched, idyllic setting beckons couples with world-class relaxation, rich culture, intriguing history, and lush, tropical beauty. Located in the northeastern Caribbean-about 800 miles from Miami, Florida-you'll find a free-spirited island boasting 1,000 miles of coastline with 250 miles of pristine beaches, offering the perfect blend of tropical splendor and cultural sophistication. Discovered in 1492 by Christopher Columbus, the Dominican Republic is the second largest region in the West Indies, occupying the eastern two-thirds of Hispaniola, which the Dominican Republic shares with Haiti. This 18,000-mile-long island is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean on the north and the Caribbean Sea on the south, with Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to the east and Cuba and Jamaica to the west.

The Dominican Republic's tropical climate has near-perfect year-round weather, making this island a popular honeymoon choice for couples. During the summer, temperatures average 90 degrees and drop to a low of 65 degrees in the winter. Although rainstorms can happen any time of the year, precipitation usually only falls for short periods, with warm sunshine quick to follow.

With over nine million citizens, the Dominican Republic is home to some of the most hospitable people you'll ever meet. Although most residents speak Spanish, the official language of the country, those in the tourism industry are multilingual and speak English, as well as French, German, and Italian.

The Suite Life

Nestled within the Samaná Peninsula—one of the country's most attractive and unexplored regions is a beachfront resort where sultry romance meets island luxury in an all-inclusive setting. Catering to adults-only, the Viva Wyndham V Samaná is located just twenty minutes from El Catey International Airport on the northeast coast of the Dominican Republic in Las Terrenas. This premier oceanfront resort boasts world-class accommodations, encompassing modern design and upscale amenities and featuring 144 stylish rooms. As guests, you can choose between two room categories, where you can select pillows and aromas to personalize your environment and comfort. V Rooms are comfortable accommodations with pool or ocean views, while the VIBE Rooms offer an upgraded private sanctuary, including impressive ocean views and a private plunge pool located directly on your terrace. From 24-hour room service to unlimited drinks, meals, turndown service, and more, everything you need is included during your stay at V Samaná.







Whether you're craving midday snacks or full-course meals, your palate is sure to be satisfied at any of the on-site restaurants. Dine at Le Marché for market-style dining for breakfast and lunch, or enjoy innovative à la carte dishes at the three on-site fine dining restaurants, serving Mediterranean, fusion, and seafood fare. Need a midday pick-me-up? Visit the oceanfront beach bar for libations and a variety of snacks, including brick oven pizza.

Sun Seekers

From relaxation to adventure, there are many things to explore by day while honeymooning in the Dominican Republic. At V Samaná, bask under the Caribbean sun on the secluded beach or at the resort's infinity pool. Unwind at the all-natural spa offering guests a full menu of healing and body treatments, including massages, exfoliation treatments, and body wraps, or enhance your skills in the kitchen through a cooking or mixology class. Zip-lining, kayaking, whale watching, hiking, and horseback riding to El Limón-a breathtaking 50-meter-high waterfallare all exhilarating activities perfect for the thrill seeker. By night, begin your evening enjoying tropical cocktails as you watch the sun set, and dance the night away at El Hip, a bar and cocktail lounge with guest DJs and live entertainment to help get the party started.

An Unforgettable Occasion

Make your destination daydream of oceanfront nuptials and dinner and dancing under the glistening Samaná stars come true. With a romantic, intimate setting and famed sunsets, V Samaná can set the stage for an unforgettable walk down a sun-soaked aisle. The resort offers three wedding packages to choose from, along with a wedding planner to handle the details for you. Say





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hello to your wedding planning fairy godmothers to bring your vision to life, so you can sit back (stress-free) with a glass of bubbly in hand!

Pack Your Bags

The Dominican Republic is known for its casual island vibe and near-perfect tropical climate. When packing your bags, bring items you know you'll use, such as swimwear, cover-ups, hats, sunglasses, shorts, T-shirts, cocktail attire for fine dining restaurants, and a pair of sandals that can easily be dressed up or down. Planning on going on an excursion or two? Don't forget sneakers for off-road adventures, zip-lining, mountain biking, or any other exhilarating activities. If you'll be traveling during the cooler season (December through February), you may need a light jacket or sweater. You'll also need your travel documents (passport, boarding passes, photo ID, and traveler's insurance papers if purchased), basic toiletries, sunblock, and any medications or health supplements.









How to Get Here

Traveling to V Samaná in the Dominican Republic can be reached from most major cities on the Eastern Seaboard. Approximately a threeand-a-half-hour flight from the New York and New Jersey areas, most major US air carriers will fly into El Catey International Airport.

From miles of idyllic coastline to verdant rolling hills, endless activities, and diverse culture, a honeymoon in the Dominican Republic will be nothing short of basking in newlywed bliss on the beach. For more information about V Samaná or to book your honeymoon or destination wedding, visit www.vcollectionresorts.com.

Know Before You Go

- 1. Capital: Santo Domingo
- 2. Entry Requirements: A valid passport and a tourist card or visa
- 3. Flight Time: Three and a half hours from New York City and two hours from Miami
- 4. Currency: The Dominican peso
- 5. Language: Spanish is the official language; however, you'll hear resort and tourist destination employees speak English, French, German, and Italian
- 6. Hurricane season begins on June 1 and extends to November 30th

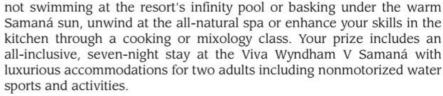




The honeymoon of your dreams awaits in a vibrant, sun-drenched setting that beckons couples with world-class relaxation, rich culture, intriguing history, and lush tropical beauty. Imagine a destination that's home to stunning coastlines encompassing picture-perfect backdrops, spectacular sunsets, and crystal blue water all nestled within the Dominican Republic's most attractive and unexplored regions in the Samaná Peninsula. Catering to adults-only, begin your forever after at the Viva Wyndham V Samaná. This luxury oceanfront resort boasts world-class accommodations featuring modern design and upscale amenities in each of its 144 stylish guest rooms, on-site restaurants, and more.

From relaxation to adventure, the Dominican Republic offers many things to do for every type of guest. Zip-lining, kayaking, whale watching, and horseback riding are just a few exhilerating activities you can participate in. When you're

not swimming at the resort's infinity pool or basking under the warm Samaná sun, unwind at the all-natural spa or enhance your skills in the kitchen through a cooking or mixology class. Your prize includes an all-inclusive, seven-night stay at the Viva Wyndham V Samaná with luxurious accommodations for two adults including nonmotorized water sports and activities.



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A Dreamy Destination

Located in Central America is an inviting destination that captures the essence of natural beauty and romance. Known for its lush jungles, rich culture, verdant landscapes, misty volcanoes, and roaring rivers, it's no wonder Costa Rica has become one of the most visited international destinations. After all, it's not every day you can enjoy a variety of landscapes and microclimates all in one day, making this country a true paradise destination.

This destination (200 miles away from the U.S. and occupying only 20,000 square miles) is surrounded by the Pacific Ocean on the west and Caribbean Sea to the east and is bordered by Nicaragua to the north and Panama to the southeast. Here in Costa Rica you'll enjoy mild, subtropical climates with near-perfect year-round weather. Although this destination does experience a rainy season (May through November), the wet season brings bright, sunny mornings and warm afternoon showers.

While in Costa Rica, you'll meet the most hospitable people among its indigenous population. "The Ticos," as Costa Ricans are commonly known, are well educated, hard working, and will always greet you with a handshake and smile.

Beachfront Beauty

Nestled within the green forests of the magnificent North Pacific Riviera in the province of Guanacaste is Starwood's first all-inclusive beachfront resort in Costa Rica. The Westin Golf Resort & Spa, Playa Conchal-set on 2,400 acres—beckons guests with all the amenities needed for unsurpassed luxury, romance, and adventure. Choose the perfect accommodations in one of 406 oversized rooms and suites, featuring HEAVENLY beds and bathroom amenities. Savor the sun in a private, idyllic setting for adults only at the newly renovated Royal Beach Club, perfect for newlyweds. Indulge in nightly turn-down service, personal concierge, 24-hour room service, and access to a private pool with Bali-style beds, as well as poolside concierge and bar service. Families, too, are well cared for with The Westin Golf Resort & Spa's unique Family Club program, offering specially appointed Family Club Suites, exclusive family activities and sports, as well as an exclusive private area at the main pool, among much more.





From midday snacks or full-course meals, your cravings are sure to be satisfied at any of the onsite restaurants. Dine at Mitra for an international buffet-style meal or indulge in the flavors of the world at any of the contemporary world-class restaurants, serving Asian fusion, traditional Italian, Latin, Mediterranean, or Guanacaste Rodizio. Enjoy midday snacks at Spirula for wood-fired oven pizza or Spanish and Latin American delights at the Caracola poolside restaurant. The hotel also features five bars where you can relax and enjoy mixed libations and other beverages.

Beyond the Beach

From beachside relaxation to island adventures, there are endless on-site activities to participate in at The Westin Golf Resort & Spa, Playa Conchal. Choose from invigorating water sports such as snorkeling, kayaking, and fishing, championship golf, beach volleyball, tennis, and more. When you're not relaxing beachfront or poolside, unwind at The Spa, offering guests a full menu of exclusive treatments that will leave you feeling completely renewed. Beyond the beach, enjoy Swiss Travel tours, catamaran and zip-lining adventures, as well as horseback riding, hiking mountainous paths in the cloud forests, and visiting the infamous Tortuguero National Park for sea turtle nesting that takes place year after year.

















Getting Married in Costa Rica

Whether you dream of an intimate beachfront ceremony or prefer luxurious, grand nuptials on the resort grounds, The Westin Golf Resort & Spa, Playa Conchal can set the stage for an unforgettable destination wedding. Say "I do" with your toes in the sand as the crystal-blue waters create an idyllic backdrop, or exchange vows within the Zen Sky Garden or under the Lake View gazebo. Following your ceremony, dine al fresco under the Costa Rican stars during a poolside, open-air cabana, or lakeside reception. Semi-closed indoor reception spaces are also available with garden views. With impressive views and the experience of an on-site wedding coordinator, The Westin Golf Resort & Spa, Playa Conchal is sure to create wedding memories that will last forever.

Travel Diaries

Playa Conchal in Costa Rica can be reached from most major cities on the Eastern Seaboard. Approximately a four-hour flight from the New York and New Jersey areas, most major US air carriers will fly into Liberia International Airport.

From miles of idyllic coastlines to endless activities, diverse culture, and year-round warm weather, now's the time to put Costa Rica on your radar for your must-visit travel list. For more information about The Westin Golf Resort & Spa, Playa Conchal or to book your honeymoon or destination wedding, visit www.westinplayaconchal.com or www.visitcostarica.com.



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Tue 10th Atrium (West Orange NJ)

Tue 10th Ron Jaworski Valley Brook CC (Blackwood NJ)

Wed 11th Addison Park (Aberdeen NJ)

Thu 12th Ron Jaworski Ramblewood CC (Mt Laurel NJ)

Sun 15th Mansion at Mountain Lakes (Mt. Lakes NJ)

Sun 15th Jericho National Golf Club (New Hope PA)

Thu 19th Clarion Hotel (Toms River NJ)

Sun 22nd Imperia (Somerset NJ)

Sun 22nd One Atlantic (Atlantic City NJ)

Sun 22nd Ron Jaworski's Running Deer (Pittsgrove NJ)

Wed 25th Hilton Hotel (Hasbrouck Heights NJ)

Sat 28th Lord & Taylor Willowbrook Mall (Wayne NJ)

Sun 29th Crystal Springs Country Club (Hamburg NJ)

Sun 29th Sheraton Hotel (Eatontown NJ)

Sun 29th Palacio Catering & Conf. Center (Goshen NY)

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Thu 2nd Exclesior Grande (Staten Island NY)

Wed 8th Mayfair Farms (West Orange NJ)

Thu 9th LaBove Grande (Lakehurst NJ)

Sat 11th Lord & Taylor Freehold Mall (Freehold NJ)

Sun 12th The Bucks Club (Jamison PA)

Sun 12th La Luna Banquets (Bensalem PA)

Wed 15th Pines Manor (Edison NJ)

Thu 16th Waterside (North Bergen NJ)

Sun 19th Holiday Inn (Manahawkin NJ)

Sun 19th Hunterdon Hills Playhouse (Hampton NJ)

Tue 21st Lakewood Country Club (Lakewood NJ)

Wed 22nd Plymouth Country Club (Plymouth Meeting PA)

Thu 23rd Marigold (Somerset NJ)

Sun 26th Perona Farms (Andover NJ)

Sun 26th Honor's Havens Resorts & Spa (Ellenville NY)

Tue 28th Fiesta (Wood-bridge NJ)

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MARCH 2017

Sat 4th Lord & Taylor Livingston Mall (Livingston NJ)

Sun 5th The Clubhouse at Galloping Hills (Kenilworth NJ)

Wed 8th Saddle brook Marriott (Saddle Brook NJ)

Sat 11th Lord & Taylor Palisades Mall (West Nyack NY)

Sun 12th Ridgewood Women's Club (Ridgewood NJ)

Tue 14st The Imperia (Somerset NJ)

Wed 15th Addison Park (Aberdeen NJ)

Sun 19th Ellarsie Mansion at Trenton Museum (Trenton NJ)

Sun 19th Mansion at Mountain Lakes (Mountain Lakes NJ)

Tue 21st The Imperia (Somerset NJ)

Tue 21st Hotel ML (Mt Laurel NJ)

Wed 22nd The Atrium (West Orange NJ)

Sun 26th Waters Edge (Bayville NJ)

Sun 26th Sheraton Hotel (Eatontown NJ)

Mon 27th Exton Square Mall (Exton PA)

APRIL 2017

Sun 2nd Eagle Manor (Fairton NJ)

Wed 5th Arugula at White Sands (Point Pleasant NJ)

Thu 6th Joseph Ambler Inn (North Wales PA)

Sun 9th Doubletree by Hilton (Nanuet NY)

Wed 12th Meadowlands Racetrack (East Rutherford NJ)

Wed 19th Marigold (Somerset NJ)

Thu 20th Aurum (Freehold NJ)

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Sun 23rd The Grand at 1600 (Lakewood NJ)

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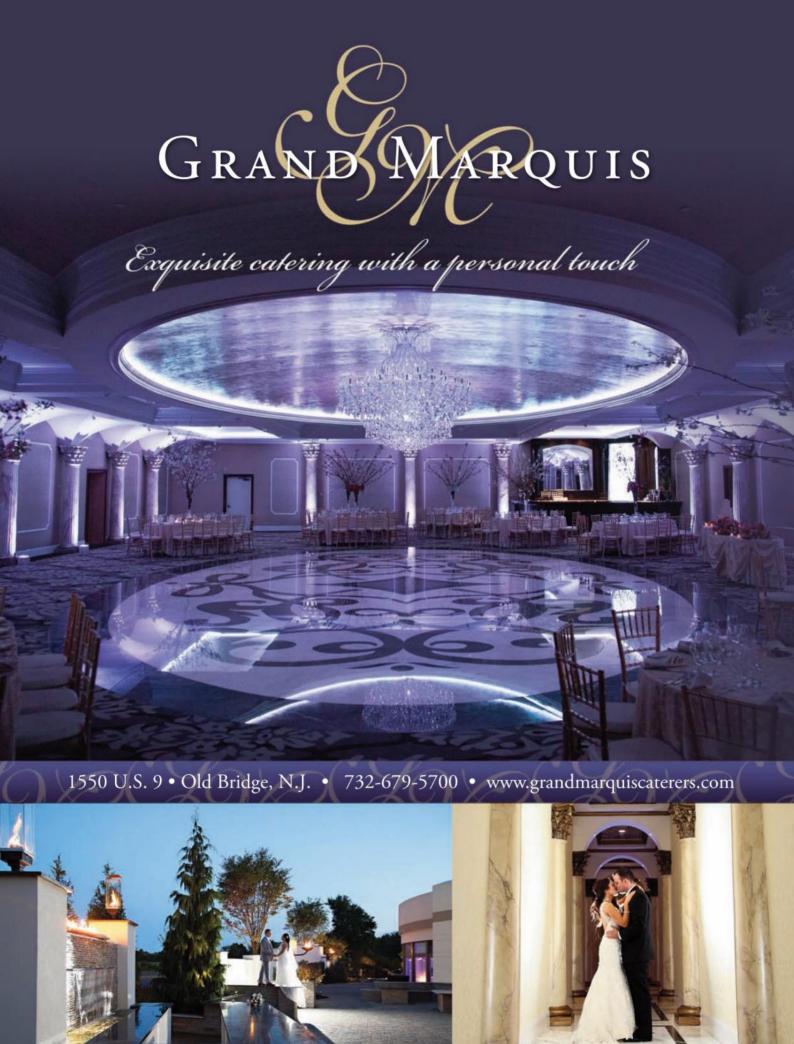


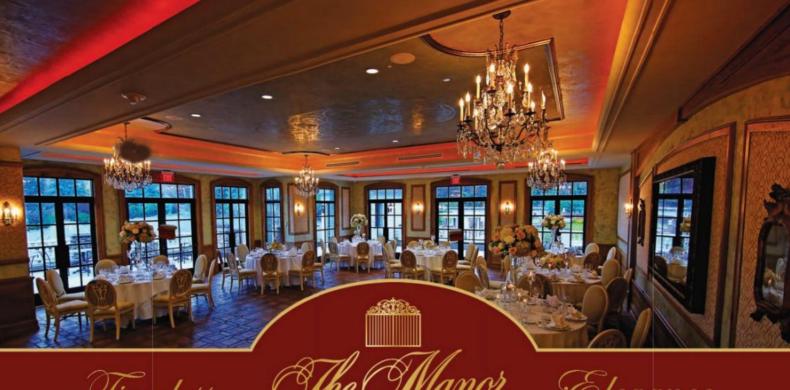
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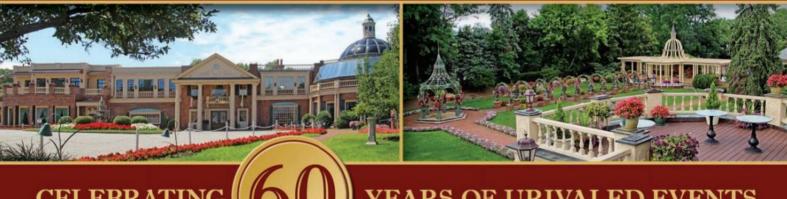
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