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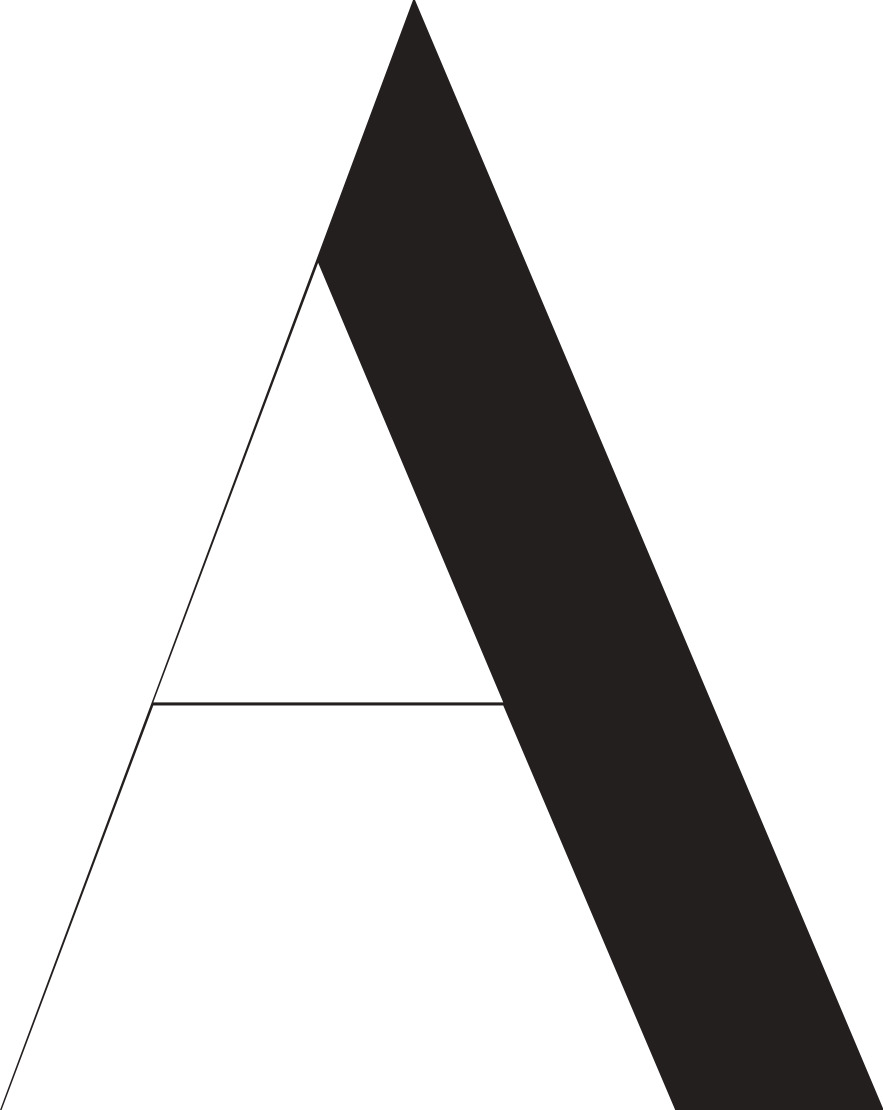
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Every time we think we have seen it all, designers discover a new path that leads them to create wedding dresses that are sexy, classy and simply stunning, elevating the bar even further.

As summer sets in and you will be searching for ideas and inspiration for your wedding day and beyond, we have curated an abundance of content ranging from uber-chic eveningwear, stylish cufflinks for the groom and groomsmen, the hottest picks for jewelry, shoes, accessories and sexy lingerie.

Our Lifestyle section features items for couples that seek to embellish and accent their home with unique, stylish pieces that reflect their personality and style combining comfort and esthetics.

Two real weddings for ideas and inspiration, one in Lake Como Italy and the other at Vizcaya Museum and Gardens in Miami, juxtapose different styles and guest experiences as one offers whimsical beauty and an authentic Italian experience while the other old-world romance and charm.

The honeymoon destination of choice in this issue is adventurous Belize where you can experience barefoot luxury and an ultimate romantic escape at world-class resorts.

We hope you enjoy this issue as much as we enjoyed curating it for you.

Happy summer.

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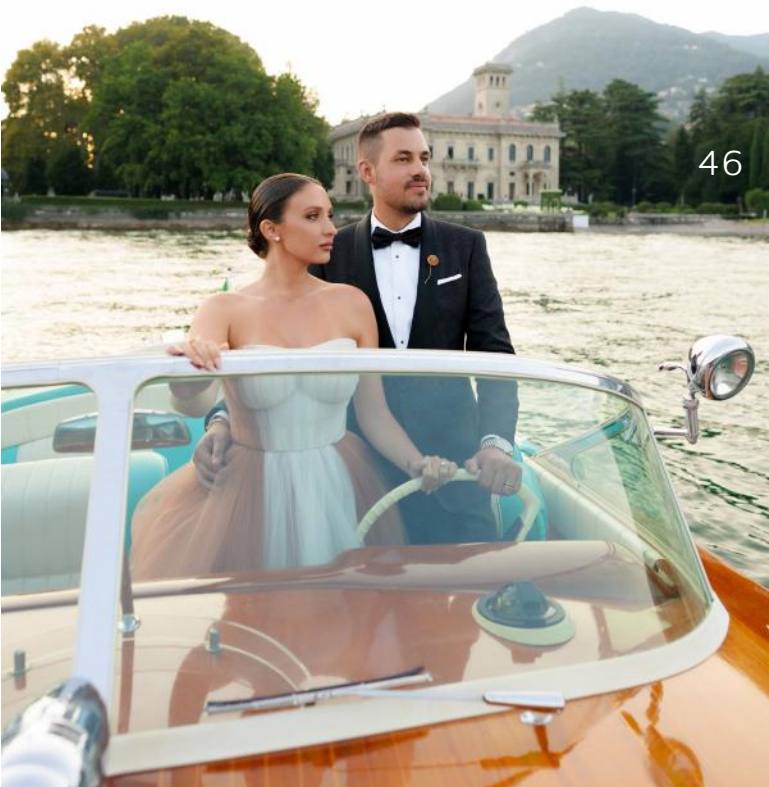


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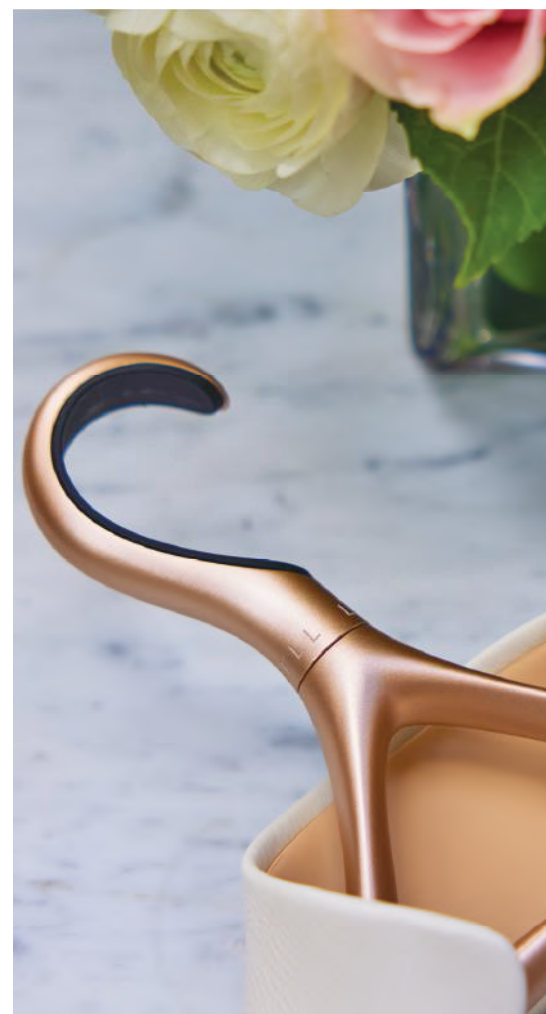


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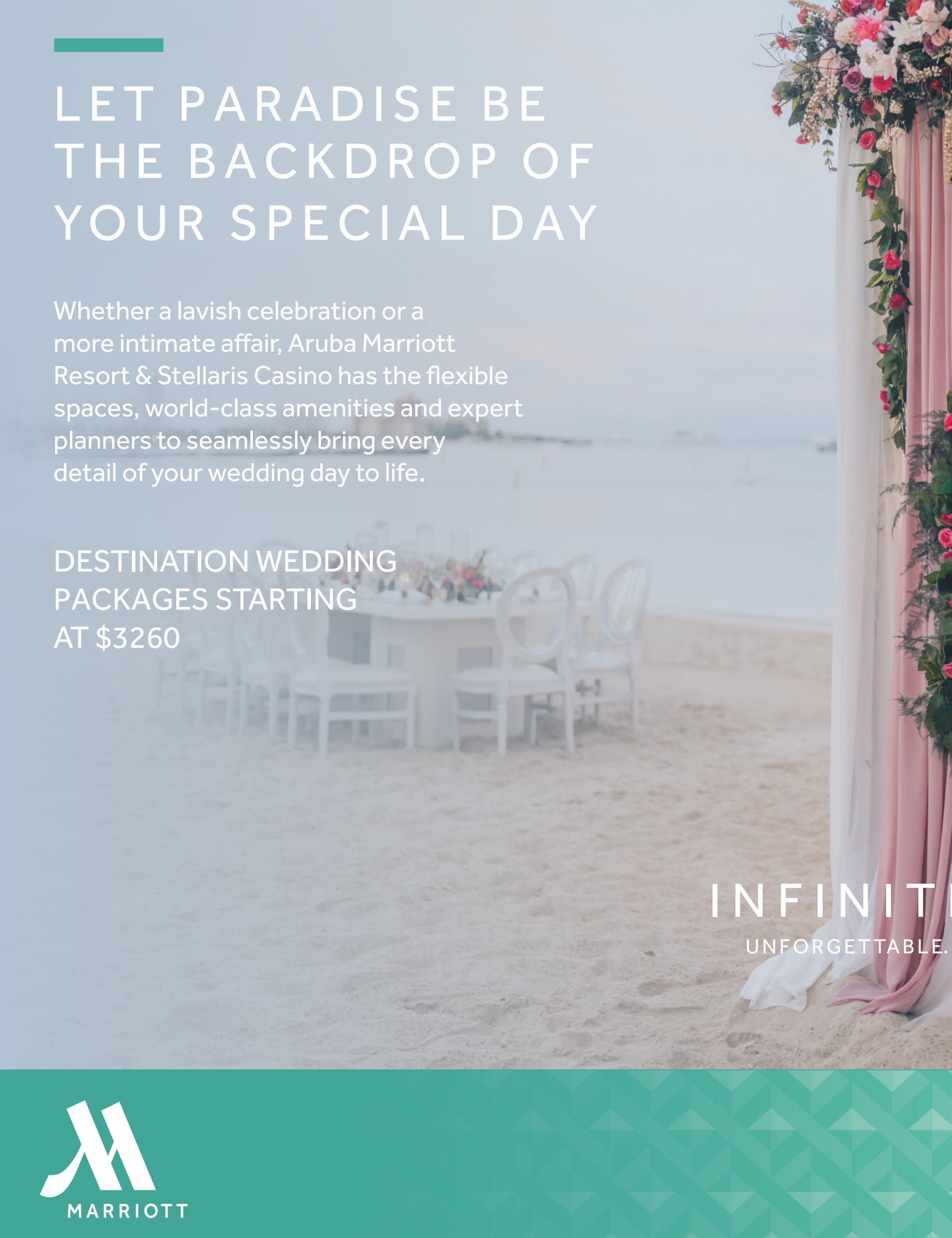
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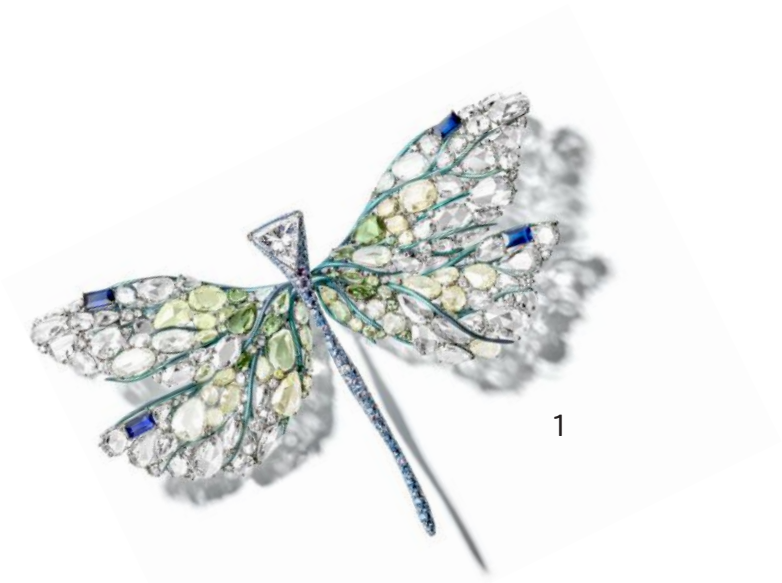
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Florida's Paradise Coast is a Top Destination for Weddings on the Beach

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The ideal months for beach weddings on Florida's Paradise Coast are April, May, October, and November, offering optimal weather, easy beach access and seasonally adjusted rates.

Imagine exchanging vows against the backdrop of Naples' iconic Wedding Beach or Marco Island's serene shores. With 30 miles of white sand beaches, you can find a spot that's perfect for everything from intimate beach ceremonies to large group celebrations. And if it's a sunset ceremony you're looking for, get ready to be wowed. Florida's Paradise Coast is famous for stunningly colorful and dramatic skies as the sun goes down.

Rarely does a destination offer such a variety of different vibes and experiences, letting you find the perfect setting no matter what you're looking for. For chic urban sophistication matched with upscale luxury, Naples offers unparalleled elegance. Wedding guests can explore picturesque streets lined with cafes, boutiques, and art galleries, all just minutes away from stunning beaches and breathtaking Gulf sunsets. Luxury resorts such as the Edgewater Beach Hotel and The Ritz-Carlton, Naples offer refined venues amidst Naples' natural beauty.

Marco Island's white sand beaches and crystal-clear waters create a more casual and enchanting setting for beach weddings. With luxurious beachfront resorts like JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort and Hilton Marco Island Beach Resort and Spa, couples can



treat themselves and their guests to upscale accommodations, world-class amenities, and impeccable hospitality.

Looking for something more rustic? Everglades City offers old Florida charm with close proximity to the natural beauty of Everglades National Park. Couples seeking a slower pace and outdoor adventures will love exploring this unspoiled oasis, perfect for day trips during the wedding weekend.

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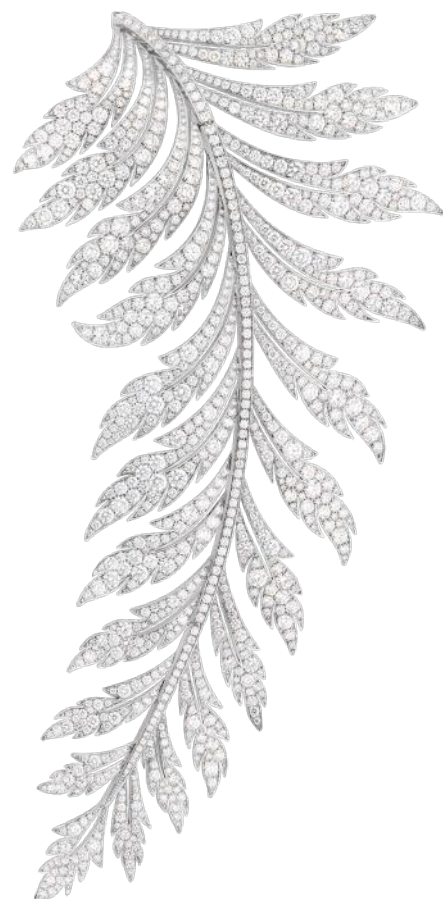


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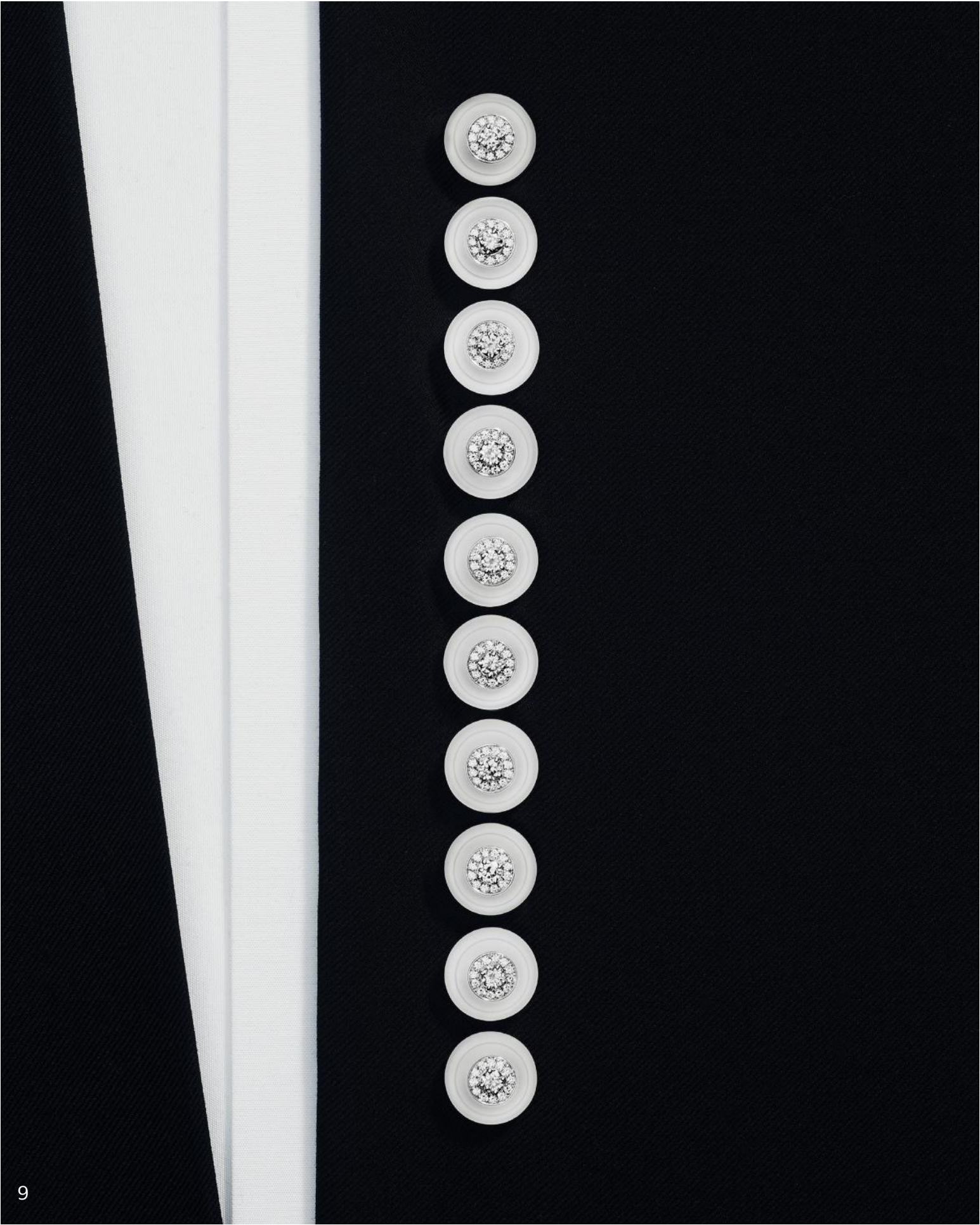


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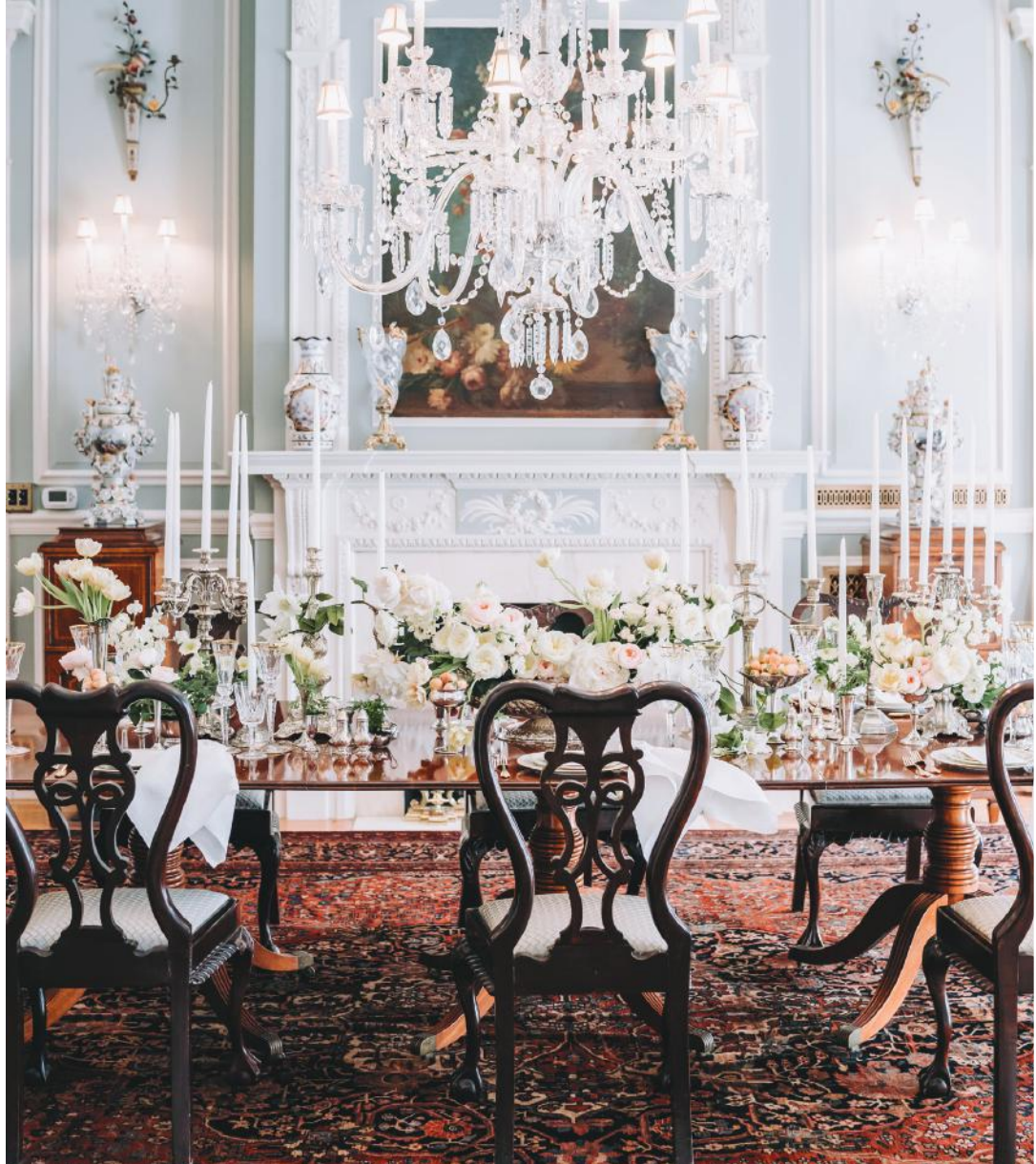
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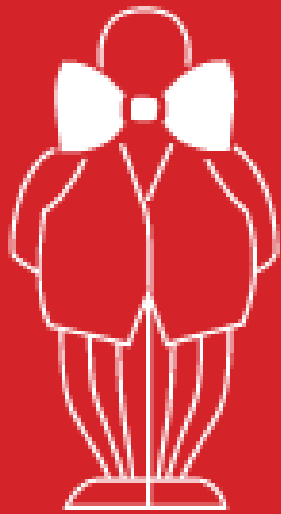


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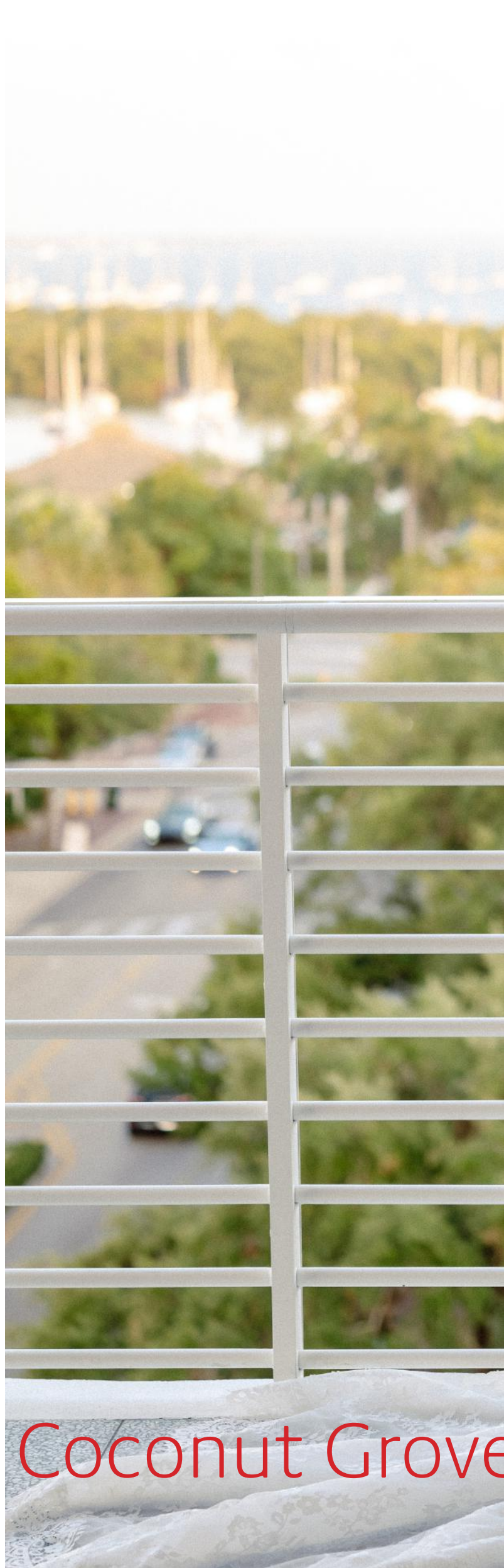
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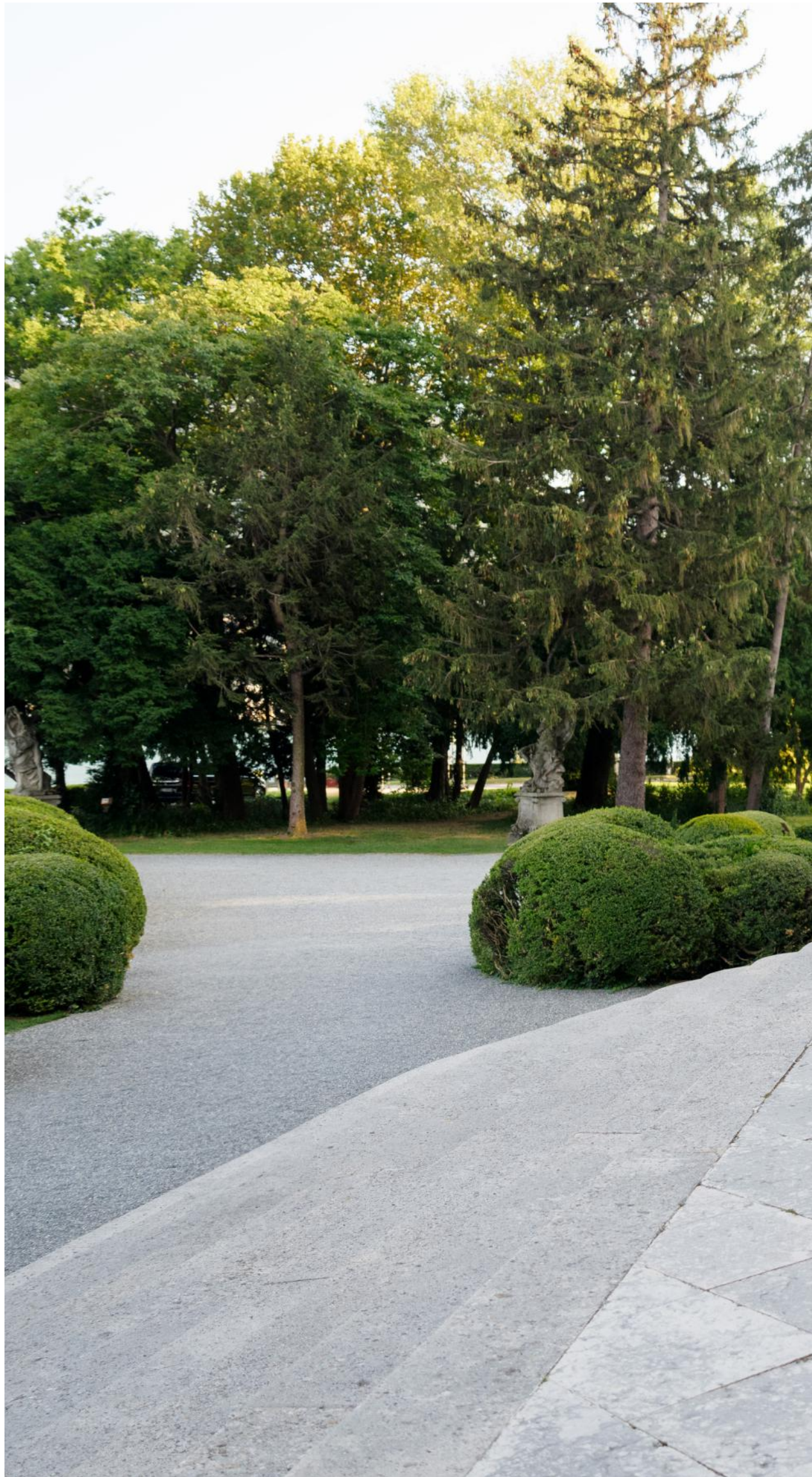
KATYA MIHALETOS & JOEY SPANGEL

August 19, 2023. **Lake Como, Italy**

Katya Mihaletos and Joey Spanghel just missed each other in high school, as Joey was a few years older and had just graduated when Katya was entering. While they never attended school at the same time, however, they did have some mutual friends and ran in the same social circles.

“In 2016, I applied for an internship in Barcelona, Spain,” Katya shares. “As I was prepping to go, I got reintroduced to Joey through my best friend who dated someone friendly with Joey. We clicked right away and although I was leaving soon, I knew there was something special there. I remember telling Joey I would be gone for 3 months and I didn’t know if this would turn into anything between us. As fate had it, he was going to Barcelona for a Spanish program for a similar amount of time!”

Joey and Katya spent time together in Spain; and by the time they returned and the dust had settled on their summer romance, they were inseparable.

























A Destination Engagement in Barcelona

With Spain being such a special place for the couple and their love story, it only made sense for them to have a destination engagement in Barcelona. Joey surprised Katya with a trip to their beloved city, but she didn't know what else was in store.

"On the third day, he told me to get ready early in the morning," Katya recalls. "As we walked downstairs, he had a vintage Porsche waiting to drive us along the coastline of Costa Brava. As we were arriving, I had a slight inclination he was going to propose but I wanted to go along with it. We arrived at a beautiful botanical garden and although confused, I followed him to the most gorgeous spot I had ever seen. We walked down almost 300 steps to this incredible view overlooking the ocean of Costa Brava. At that moment he turned me to face him and got down on one knee. As he was proposing I distinctly remember hearing three beautiful singers and the next thing I knew, they were singing our song, 'Say You Won't Let Go' by James Arthur."





























Joey didn't miss a detail when planning their destination engagement, as he organized photographers, a videographer, and a group of singers to create the perfect moment. The couple spent the next several hours taking photos around the botanical garden and enjoying their newly engaged bliss.

Planning a Wedding With Sacks Productions

There was absolutely no rush down the aisle for Katya and Joey, who knew they'd prefer having a longer engagement and wedding planning process.

"It was supposed to be enjoyable and low-stress," Katya explains, "so once we found the perfect planners, we spent almost two years planning. I think having that extra time made it even less stressful for us. Every vendor we hired went above and beyond because they saw our vision and wanted to bring it to life for us. What truly helped ease our stress was our wedding planners. I'll never have enough good things to say about Sharon and Robin from Sacks





Productions. Not only were they there for every trip, every call, every meltdown, but we built a life-long connection and friendship that I will cherish for the rest of my life.”

Whimsical Beauty and Authentic Italian Experiences in Lake Como

After two years of planning, the couple hosted a destination wedding in Lake Como that was filled with whimsical beauty and authentic Italian experiences for their guests to enjoy. Upon arrival, loved ones were greeted with hand-painted itineraries detailing what was to come. They were then whisked away by yacht to a private beach, where they were surrounded by vibrant fuchsia and orange hues for an all-night party. A welcome dinner took place the next day, during which guests were dressed in all-white while the bride and groom wore blue and grey.







The Bride Wore Alta Moda Dolce & Gabbana

When the wedding day arrived, an outdoor ceremony took place during an exquisite Lake Como sunset. The bride wore an Alta Moda Dolce & Gabbana gown, and the couple exchanged vows under a breathtaking custom altar designed by Vincenzo Dascanio.

"I was so blessed to be able to design not only my wedding dress, but my bridesmaids' dresses as well," says the bride. "My wedding dress was a custom Alta Moda Dolce & Gabbana gown. It is one-of-a-kind and will never be replicated. I never wanted to be a white dress kind of bride, and D&G helped to bring my vision to life with my incredible wedding dress and veil."

The groom also wore Dolce & Gabbana, completing the couple's wedding wardrobe which was timeless yet reflective of their own individual style.

"Each day was so unique and special, it's difficult to decide my favorite," Katya says. "But if I could highlight a few moments, I'd say the day I spent getting ready with all of my closest girlfriends and family, and walking down the aisle toward my soon-to-be husband. Those are memories I relive daily."

> Written by Lauren Malamala

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> LINGERIE :

LINGERIE MEETS SENSUALITY

A bride's wardrobe tends to center around her wedding dress, followed by shoes and accessories to complete the perfect wedding day look. However, there's a burgeoning trend that is shifting the spotlight towards what lies beneath the gown – designer bridal lingerie. Even beyond the aisle, there are several moments that may call for a luxury lingerie set including bridal boudoir photo shoots, couples' pre-wedding shoots, and – of course – the honeymoon. This season's top designer bridal lingerie picks come from Tatu Couture and Paloma Casile, showcasing an exquisite blend of elegance and sensuality.

The Role of Bridal Lingerie

Designer lingerie serves a dual purpose for brides. To say a bride's lingerie picks are important would be an understatement, as proper undergarments will make or break how a wedding dress fits and flows. Along with providing structure and support under her bridal couture, lingerie also gives brides an opportunity to indulge in luxury and personal expression. While it may not be on display, those select pieces reflect the wearer's personal style, adding an element of sensuality and sophistication.

Bridal Boudoir Shoots

Bridal boudoir shoots can be an exciting part of the wedding experience, whether a couple chooses to do a session together or a bride opts to go solo. The possibilities are endless when it comes to themes and lingerie picks; but the most timeless bridal boudoir shoots tend to showcase elegant lingerie pieces with classic features like lace, garter belts, and a neutral color palette. These styles and colors also photograph beautifully in black and white for a high-fashion, editorial aesthetic.





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Trends in Designer Bridal Lingerie

Recent trends in the realm of designer bridal lingerie include the use of luxurious fabrics like silk, satin, and lace. Intricate details such as embroidery, beading, and appliques also add a touch of artistry to these intimate pieces.

Regarding silhouettes and cuts, Tatu Couture has a spotlight on higher necklines and cap sleeves, which provides a deceptively demure contrast to their sensual lingerie styles. The Gabriella Embroidered Bodysuit and Sheer Skirt combo would work perfectly under modestly cut wedding dresses or evening wear. For a more daring option, the Nadya Collar and Thong Body Harness, Bodysuit and Crystal Suspender Belt, and Collar Bodysuit are three showstopping options for a bridal boudoir shoot or honeymoon.

Honeymoon Lingerie

The difference between the lingerie a bride would wear under her wedding gown, verses packing to take on her honeymoon, simply comes down to functionality. Lingerie sets like the Tatu Couture Rosalia Balconette Bra and Thong may provide enough support and structure under a wedding gown, without adding any bulk or interfering with the gown's details. The Tatu Couture Melania Pussy Bow Lace Bodysuit Blouse, however, would be better suited as an elegant honeymoon lingerie option, as the statement bow and sleeves are meant to be showcased on their own.

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Function Meets Fashion

Lingerie for boudoir shoots, weddings, and honeymoons effectively combines practicality with aesthetics. Many pieces are designed with convertible elements like detachable garter belts and adjustable straps for multiple ways to wear them. With versatility in mind, this season's top designer lingerie picks include several pieces from Paloma Casile in classic black. Black lingerie is universally flattering, never goes out of style, and is an easy way for brides to mix and match pieces for their own custom look. Some favorites from Paloma Casile include the Alba High Waisted Thong, Triangle Bra, Andree Suspender and Triangle Bra, and the lacy Jane Basque.

The growing popularity of designer bridal lingerie for weddings and honeymoons represents a shift towards embracing elegance and personal style in every facet of bridal fashion. These beautifully made pieces are no longer mere undergarments – they're bold statements of style as well. From boudoir shoots to honeymoons, selecting the right designer bridal lingerie adds an extra layer of beauty and sensuality to those special moments.

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KENDALL & AUSTEN GRAY

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Europeas at Vizcaya Museum

in Garden Inspired Wedding m and Gardens

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Kendall and Austen Gray were both students at a small Minnesota college when they first met. While Kendall was a sophomore at the time, Austen was in his senior year and taking the same class as Kendall for a “filler credit” – that is, he had mostly completed his degree by that point.

“He showed up to class in a basketball jersey and a mustache that had been dyed black as part of a dare between him and his friends,” Kendall recalls. “Despite this, I thought he was incredibly handsome. It could have been the summer tan and Disney-prince-level-charming smile that did it.”

The instant attraction was mutual – the moment he spotted Kendall, Austen felt compelled to get to know her.

“To know her, is to completely be in love with her,” he says.

A Destination Engagement in Costa Rica

Austen decided to propose with a destination engagement in Costa Rica. After an all-day snorkeling trip, the couple was enjoying a private sunset dinner in their villa with rose petals and champagne. It made for a beautifully romantic, yet relaxed setting.

“The proposal was complete with sea salt still in our hair, our skin sun kissed from the day and in a total vacation daze,” Kendall describes. “It was the best, most unforgettable day.”











Old World Romance at Vizcaya Museum & Gardens

Having worked in the bridal and wedding industry for about seven years, Kendall had a relatively solid vision of what she wanted as a bride. The wedding planning process was a seamless one – thanks to wedding planner Lourdes Milian and her team – and the couple chose to celebrate their nuptials at the iconic Vizcaya Museum & Gardens in Miami.

“We wanted the wedding to be an overall extension of the beauty that Vizcaya naturally offers,” explains Kendall. “Old world, grand and incredibly, effortlessly romantic. We wanted it to feel like our 75 guests had been whisked to an Italian seaside garden.”

With Vizcaya having so many hidden nooks nestled within the estate, the ceremony, cocktail hour, and reception were each hosted in different areas. This allowed guests to move through each space, adding a nice flow and a fresh ambiance to each portion of the wedding celebration.

“Austen and I have traveled to Europe several times,” Kendall adds, “our favorites being Tuscany and the South of France. We wanted to bring elements of our experiences abroad into the wedding – al fresco dining with long tables, tapered candlelight paired with grand French chandeliers and endless wine. We kept our guest list small for an intimate dinner party feel. I wanted the florals to feel as an extension of the Vizcaya garden itself, organically lush, vast and idyllic.”





Custom Wedding Looks from Chic Parisien and an Italian Atelier

By the time they were planning their wedding, Kendall and Austen had been together for a decade and already felt like a married couple. However, they were thrilled to use their wedding day as an “excuse to put on a fabulous dress and tux” while partying with loved ones.

“I’ve worked in the bridal industry at Chic Parisien in Miami for several years now,” Kendall shares, “so my wardrobe was a very important part of the wedding planning and one of the most special experiences for me, as it was something I looked forward to for many years! My main dress was a custom, one-of-a-kind Monique Lhuillier ballgown with a silk organza layered skirt, Alencon French lace corset bodice and a tulle halter that tied into a bow at the back of my neck with cathedral veil length tails. I tried many different styles throughout the years (work perk!) but this custom combination

felt the most me – a little drama, a little fashion, and a lot romance.”

The second of her custom wedding looks was an Ines Di Santo pearl-embroidered feather mermaid gown. Kendall worked closely with Ines’ team to choose the silhouette, neckline, and embroidery, creating a bespoke dress that was fun and fashion-forward. Her wedding wardrobe was rounded out with a third bridal look that consisted of a sparkly beaded mini dress by Yolancris – a flirty number she spotted while in NYC for a buying trip during New York Bridal Fashion Week.











The groom also wore a custom wedding look with an off-white tuxedo, black bowtie, and black pants.

"I saw the Spring '23 Ralph Lauren collection, which inspired Austen's ensemble," says Kendall. "We worked closely with the team at House of Suits and their Italian atelier to create this look, and they did phenomenally!"

Celebrating Love from the Midwest to Miami

Kendall and Austen's wedding date was a meaningful one. Their relationship officially began on March 20th, 2013, and they said "I do" exactly ten years later on March 20th, 2023.

"We are both midwestern to our cores," says the bride, "Austen from a small town (of 100 people!) and me about three hours away closer to the cities. We believe where we are from and our families helped shape who we are today and as a couple. We cherish our midwestern values and we feel so lucky to call Minnesota our home (Miami a very close second!) We feel so incredibly lucky our friends and families came all the way from Minnesota, as well as Oregon, Alaska, the Dakotas, and Colorado to celebrate our love."

The entire celebration incorporated special moments with family, starting with the ceremony which was officiated by the bride's brother. Five flower girls joined the bridal party wearing silk satin dresses with statement bows, floral headpieces, and carrying petal-filled baskets. The bride notes that they all "took their jobs very seriously," and were perfectly complemented by an adorable ring bearing duo.

"Our day would not have been complete without Arlo, our Cavalier King Charles spaniel," says Kendall. "He was a co-ring bearer and accompanied Austen's nephew down the aisle wearing a floral wreath to match the garden theme."

To celebrate Austen's grandparents and their 50+ year marriage, the newlyweds gave them the dance floor during the reception.





“‘This Magic Moment’ by the Drifters came on, and Austen’s grandpa threw his cane to the side and danced with grandma like we’d never seen before,” says the bride. “It was an unforgettable moment and we still go back and watch the clip of them and it steals our hearts every time.”

“I have a sweet tooth that I take very seriously,” she continues, “so the cake was a big decision for me. It was an almond flavored cake paired with vanilla buttercream and dulce de leche filling, of which we cut during a favorite song of ours – ‘Real Love Baby’ by Father John Misty.”

Honeymooning in the Maldives

After the wedding, Kendall and Austen had the time of their lives honeymooning in the Maldives. Arriving via seaplane, the resort staff of Fairmont Maldives greeted them upon arrival, and the newlyweds soon had coconut drinks in hand as they settled into a luxurious villa overlooking the water.

“One of the parts we loved was putting on snorkel gear and jumping straight from our villa’s deck into the water and exploring the depths,” Kendall reflects. “It was truly post-wedding heaven! We went on a dolphin cruise and saw dozens of dolphins play at the boats’ bow just a few feet from us. It was so special.”

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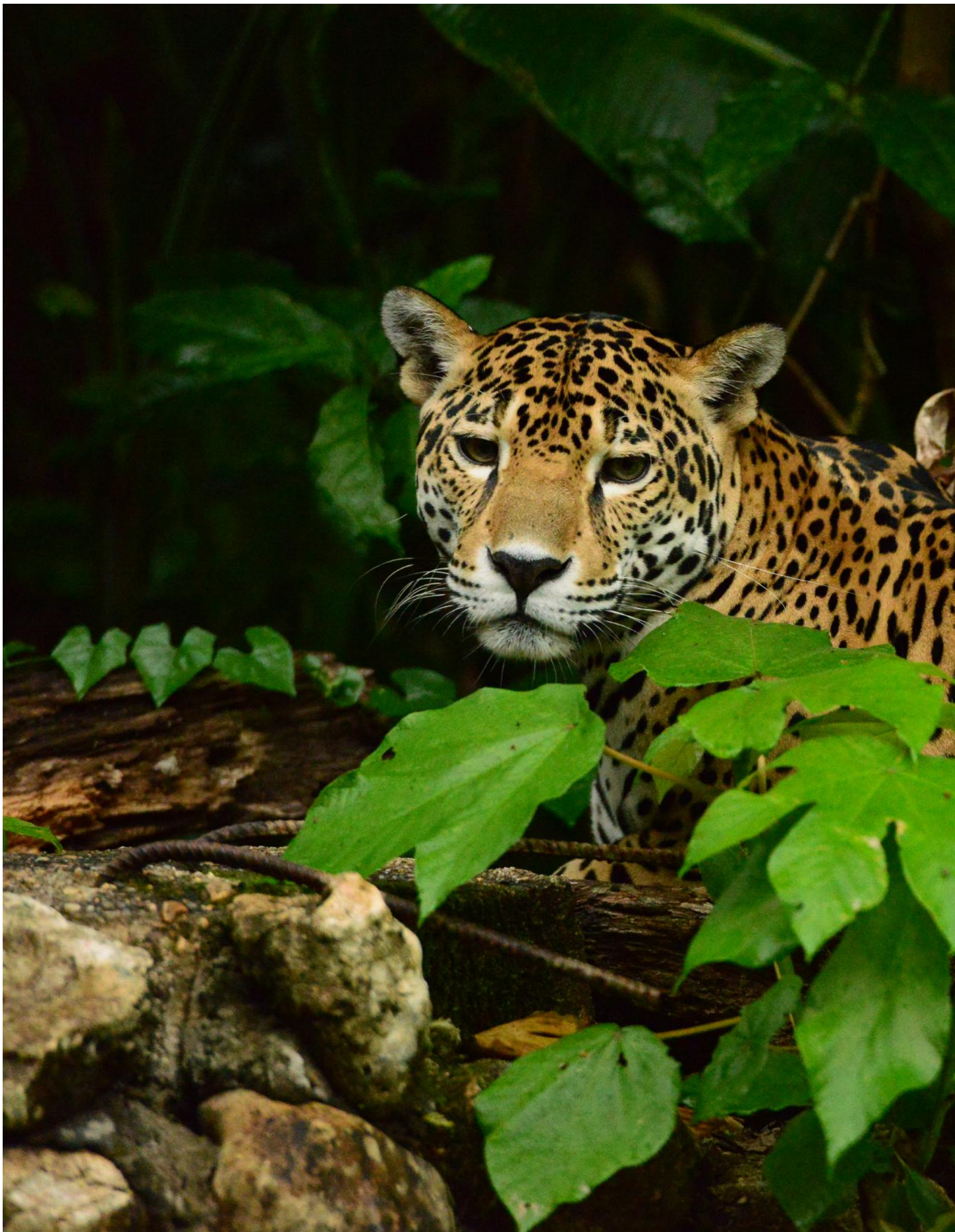
Belize has long been a favorite destination amongst eco-conscious travelers who value adventure, culture, and sustainability. As a picturesque example of barefoot luxury, the landscape speaks for itself, with turquoise waters lapping against pristine beaches; the sun-warmed scent of tropical flowers filling the air; and a stunning contrast between the jungle and sea creating the perfect haven of unspoiled nature. For newlyweds, a honeymoon in Belize is the ultimate romantic escape – not to mention, an opportunity to immerse themselves in a world of coral reefs, ancient Mayan ruins, and friendly locals.

Why Choose Belize for Your Honeymoon?

Tucked into the Caribbean coast of Central America, Belize is a relatively accessible honeymoon destination for newlyweds traveling from Europe and across the Americas. There are several direct flights available from major U.S. cities, and the country has built an efficient tourism infrastructure that ensures visitors a stress-free journey from the moment they arrive.

Belize is also the only country in Central America where English is the official language. Without any language barriers, it's the perfect honeymoon pick for international travelers who may be worried about navigating another country. Visitors who have honeymooned in Belize often note how incredibly friendly and knowledgeable the Belizean people are, whether they're sharing tales about the ancient Mayans, recommending which tourist attractions to see, or identifying different flora and fauna. The deep connection and reverence they

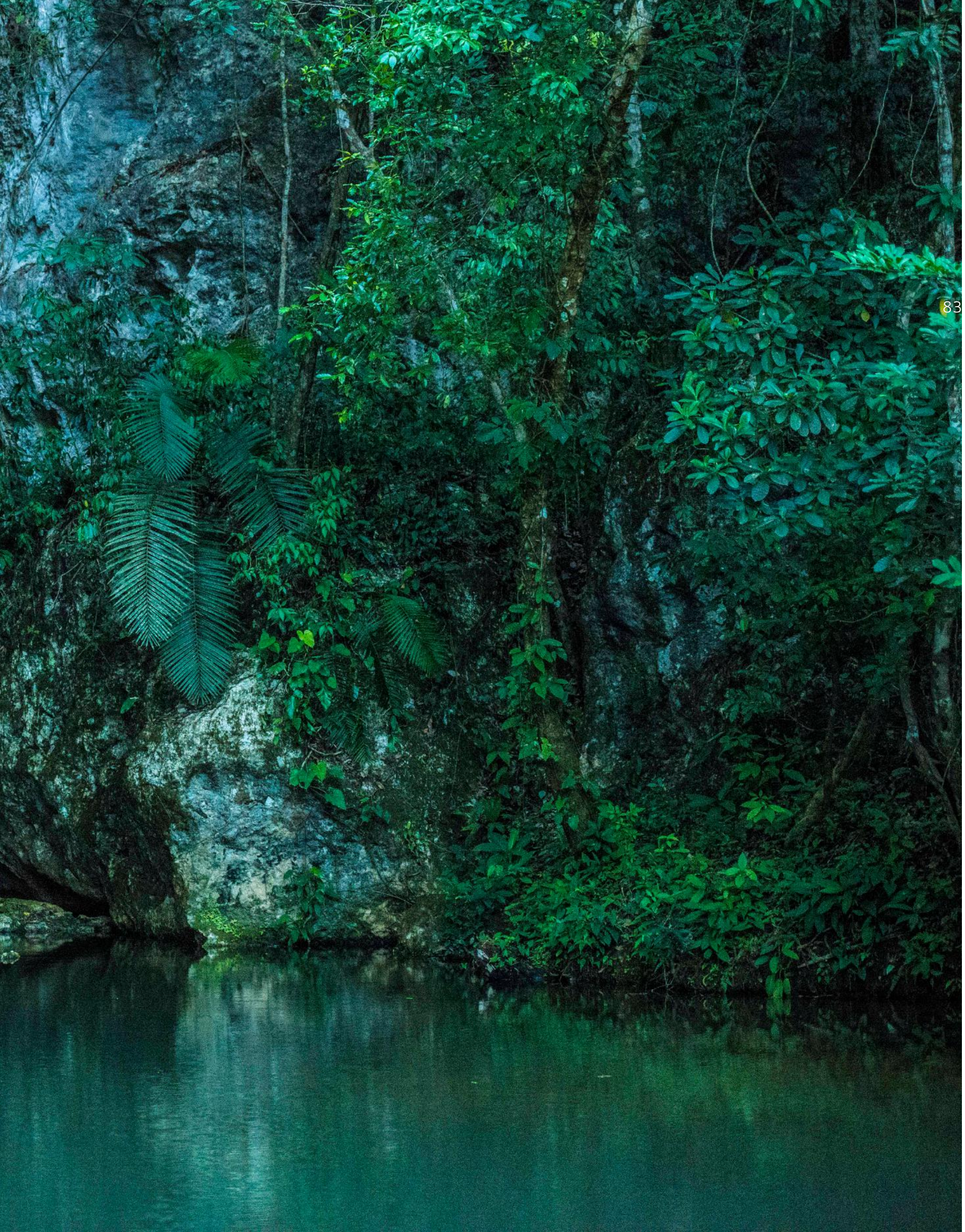
have with their country and culture is palpable. Interacting with the locals is truly a highlight of the Belize honeymoon experience, and the country has an idyllic setup for catering to newlyweds from around the world.

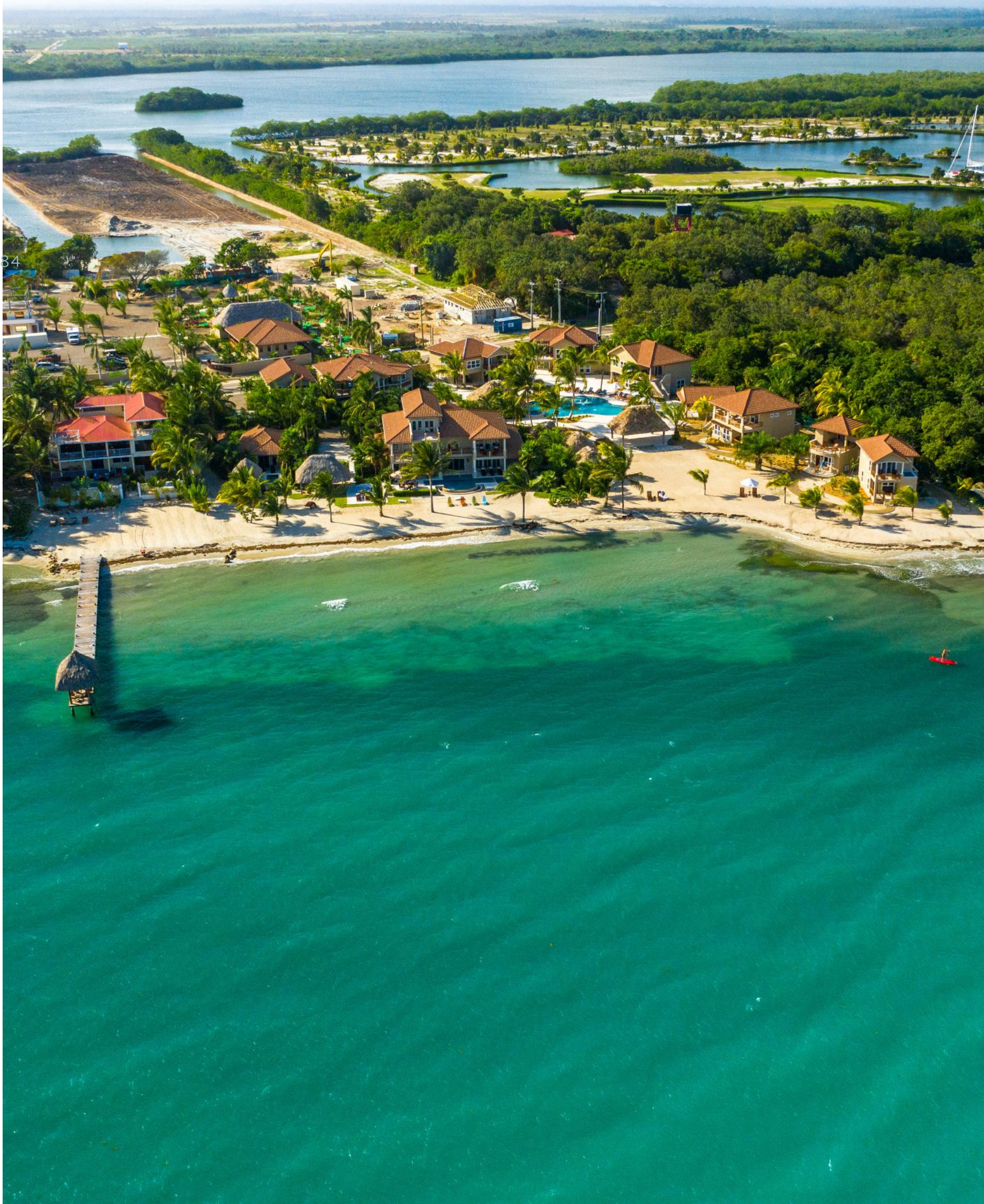






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Experience Belize from Jungle to Sea

With lush jungles on one side and the Caribbean Sea on the other, Belize has a universal appeal and offers bucket list experiences for any traveler. While a honeymoon in Belize certainly presents plenty of options for those who need a quiet oasis to decompress after the wedding rush, there's an endless list of activities and experiences for adventurous newlyweds as well.

One of Belize's most famous attractions is the Belize Barrier Reef – a UNESCO World Heritage Site that divers and ocean lovers from around the globe visit year after year. Scuba divers, freedivers, and snorkelers can immerse themselves in an underwater world of colorful coral formations, vibrant fish, and the iconic Great Blue Hole. Honeymooners can also charter a sunset sail along the coastline for a more leisurely experience at sea.

Inland, the magnificent jungles and rainforests of Belize offer a completely different set of excursions and experiences. Adrenaline junkies may get their fill by ziplining through the canopy, cave tubing down subterranean rivers, or caving through the Cayo District. Couples can also embark on guided tours to the Mayan ruins of Xunantunich and Caracol, where they'll find stone pyramids and learn about the country's ancient history. Another honeymoon favorite is the Actun Tunichil Muknal (ATM) cave tour, which involves spelunking through caverns to see ancient artifacts and ceremonial sites.

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After exploring Belize from jungle to sea, couples can kick back and relax with spa treatments, private beach picnics, sunbathing, and yoga sessions. Many resorts cater to honeymooners and travelers seeking a private getaway, so it's easy to arrange romantic date nights and private dinners for two. With so many options available, couples can perfectly cater their honeymoon in Belize to their individual needs and preferences.

Luxury Honeymoons in Belize

After diving the Great Blue Hole, ziplining through the jungle, or exploring an ancient cave system, honeymooners can return to a relaxed state of newlywedded bliss by checking in to a beautiful resort.

Sirenian Bay Resort & Villas is an exquisite haven for honeymooners in Belize who want a blend of luxury and intimate seclusion. Situated along the gorgeous Placencia Peninsula, this boutique resort offers a range of elegant accommodations, from spacious beachfront villas to cozy bungalows – each designed with comfort and privacy in mind. The resort features world-class amenities including a spa and a multitude of dining options with local and international cuisines. Newlyweds can enjoy a personalized honeymoon experience with customized excursions and private beach dinners, surrounded by ocean views and tropical gardens.

Alaia Belize is another exceptional destination for luxury honeymoons, with its inviting combination of sophistication and tropical charm. Located in the heart of Ambergris Caye, this Autograph Collection hotel integrates modern elegance with the island's natural beauty. Honeymooners can check in to a beachfront suite or overwater villa, enjoying direct access to the Caribbean Sea. Amenities include an exclusive beach club and full-service spa, known for their rejuvenating spa treatments tailored for couples. Foodies will enjoy Alaia's gourmet dining options, which highlight locally-sourced ingredients; and private yacht charters are readily available for romantic date nights on the water.











For those who wish to fully experience the beauty of Belize, from jungle to sea, Turtle Inn checks all the boxes. Owned by acclaimed filmmaker Francis Ford Coppola and located in Placencia, Turtle Inn exudes its own brand of barefoot luxury, pairing rustic elegance with five-star amenities. Accommodations include private cottages and seafront villas, which are adorned with handcrafted Balinese furnishings. Couples can enjoy a thrilling itinerary by day – snorkeling the Belize Barrier Reef or touring the nearby Mayan ruins – and return to Turtle Inn for bespoke spa treatments and intimate beachfront dining experiences. The tranquil atmosphere, coupled with Coppola's signature touch of luxury and attention to detail, ensures that every moment at Turtle Inn is infused with romance and serenity.

Belize embodies an enchanting blend of natural beauty, cultural richness, and luxurious accommodations that make it the perfect honeymoon

destination. From the beachfront resorts and private island escapes, to the jungle hideaways, to the adventures at sea – couples can find the perfect setting and curate the ultimate itinerary to kick off their new life together with adventure and style. A honeymoon in Belize is not just a vacation or romantic getaway; it's an opportunity to build a collection of new memories in one of the world's most colorful and enriching destinations.

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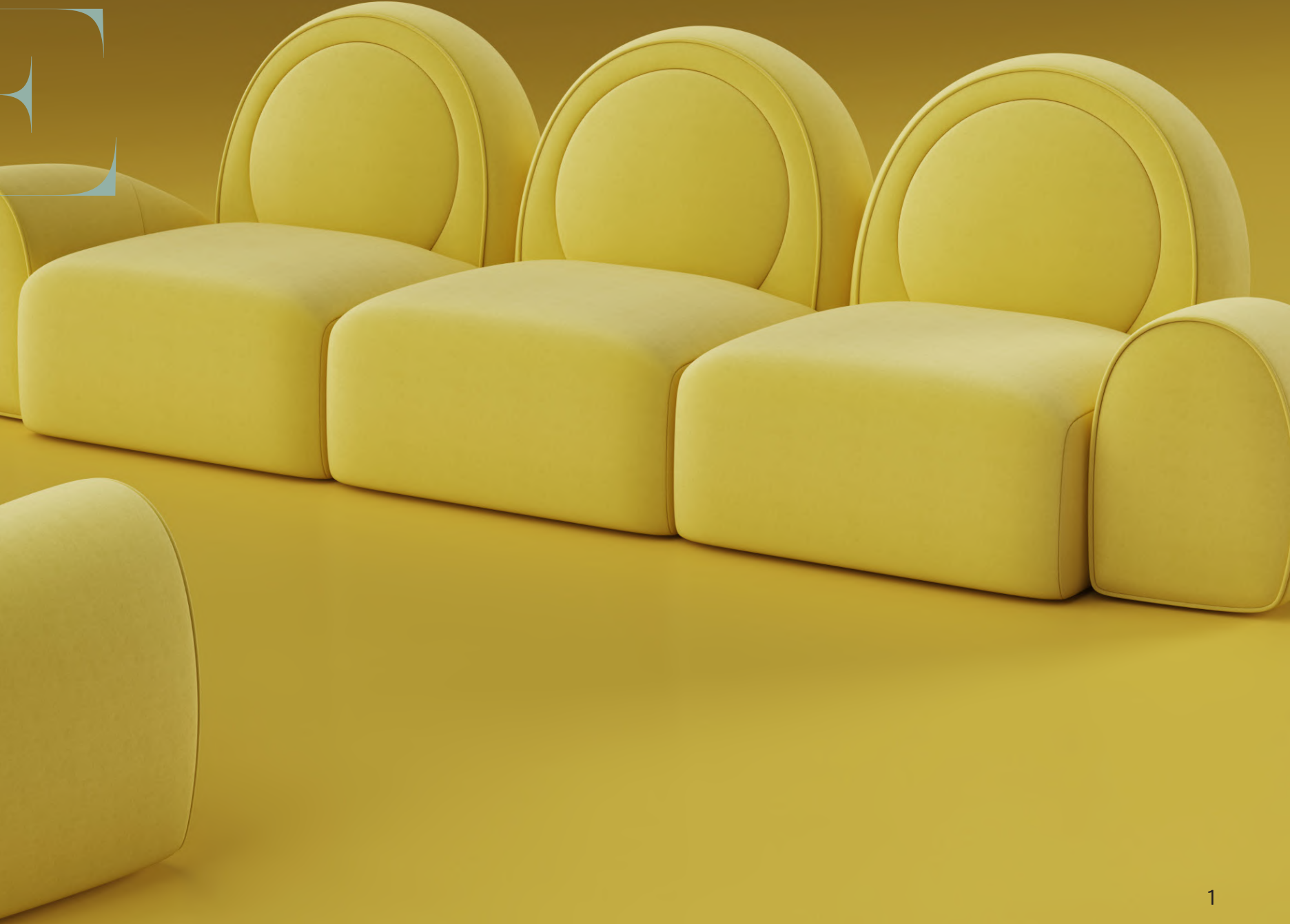




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