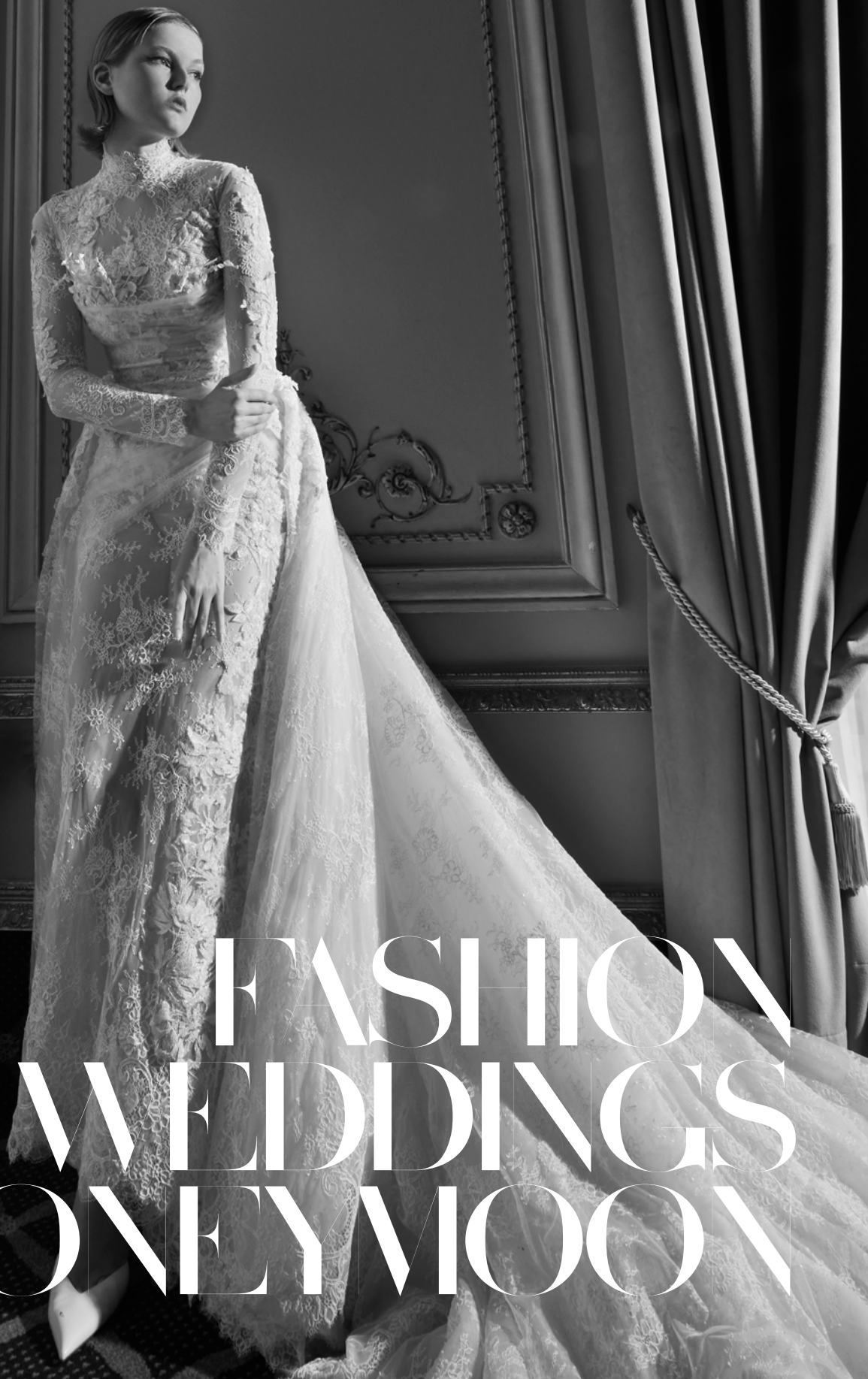




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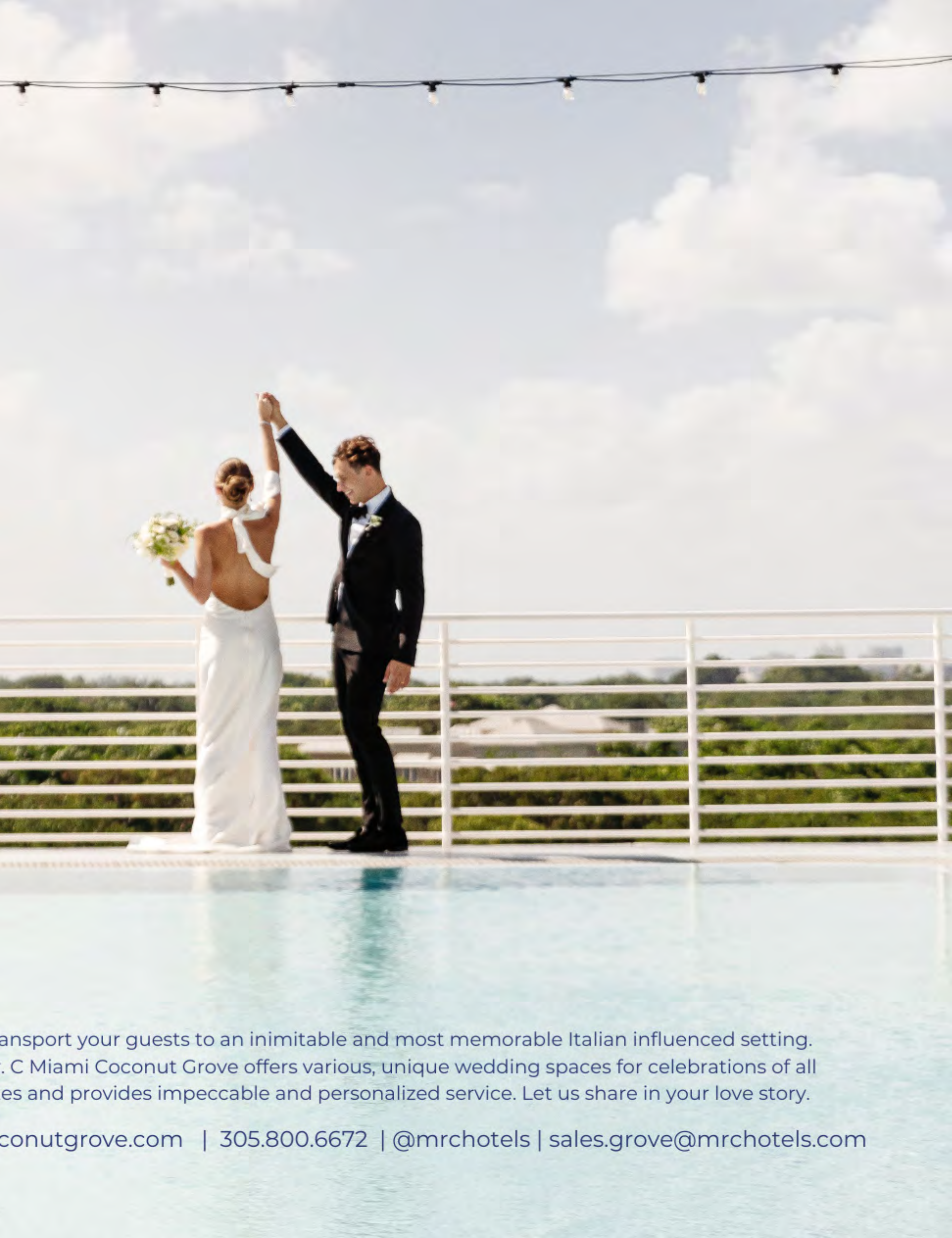
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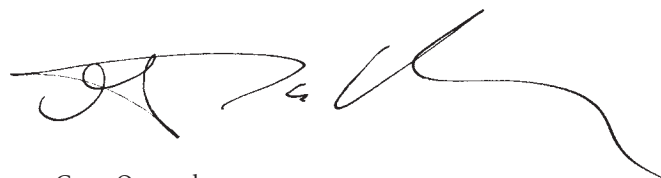
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Winter has a way of transforming luxury into something luminous. As the season deepens and celebrations unfold, many brides naturally gravitate toward pieces that echo the magic of the moment—jewels that shimmer like frost, catch the firelight, and lend a sense of timeless sophistication to the wedding day. This curated roundup of bridal jewelry brings together some brilliant diamond selections that feel perfectly suited to holiday engagements, parties, and wedding celebrations.

For this season's top engagement ring selections, Graff's Round Diamond Ring offers a study in pure, crystalline brilliance. The precision of its cut allows light to ignite across every facet, creating a radiance that feels both modern and timeless. In contrast, the AARYAH Maddox Marquise Ring introduces a more sculptural silhouette—sleek, elongated, and undeniably contemporary. Its bold geometry feels at home in a season defined by sharp winter light and crisp elegance.

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paired with exceptional stones. These are the engagement rings that brides return to generation after generation—refined, familiar, and classically elegant, yet impossibly fresh in their clarity and craftsmanship.

A vibrant contrast appears in the form of Graff's Yellow Pear-shaped Diamond Ring. Its golden hue is a burst of sunlight in a winter palette—warm, saturated, and utterly striking. The elongated pear shape adds drama, giving brides a vibrant, expressive alternative to traditional white diamonds.

Brides who envision themselves having a classic "Princess Bride" moment will love Graff's Round Diamond Tiara. Bridal tiaras can range from theatrical to understated, and this piece is crafted for the bride who wants her wedding day to feel like a real-life fairy tale. Its arrangement of brilliant diamonds results in a glittering, weightless, and otherworldly bridal jewelry statement. The effect is regal without excess, luxurious without pretense.

Necklaces bring another dimension of bridal jewelry to the ensemble, adding a finishing layer of sparkle. Stephen Silver's Oval Diamond Necklace drapes gracefully along the collarbone, with its oval-cut stones reflecting a soft, liquid shimmer reminiscent of candlelight. Leviev's Cushion-cut Diamond Necklace, meanwhile, introduces a romantic warmth through its heritage-inspired faceting.

Rounding out the season's top bridal jewelry picks is a selection of bridal earrings that complement any style of wedding gown. Stephen Silver's diamond hoops provide effortless brilliance—a versatile choice that transitions from ceremony to evening celebrations with ease. Graff's Tilda's Bow earrings bring a whisper of whimsy through their gently curved diamond ribbons, catching and scattering light with every movement.

Worn separately or paired together, these classic engagement rings and bridal jewelry pieces are defined not by trend, but by their timelessness and master craftsmanship. Whether a bride prefers the ethereal sparkle of a round brilliant diamond, the elongated elegance of a marquise, or the atmospheric glow of a cushion cut, the winter season offers a natural backdrop for diamonds to shine at their fullest.

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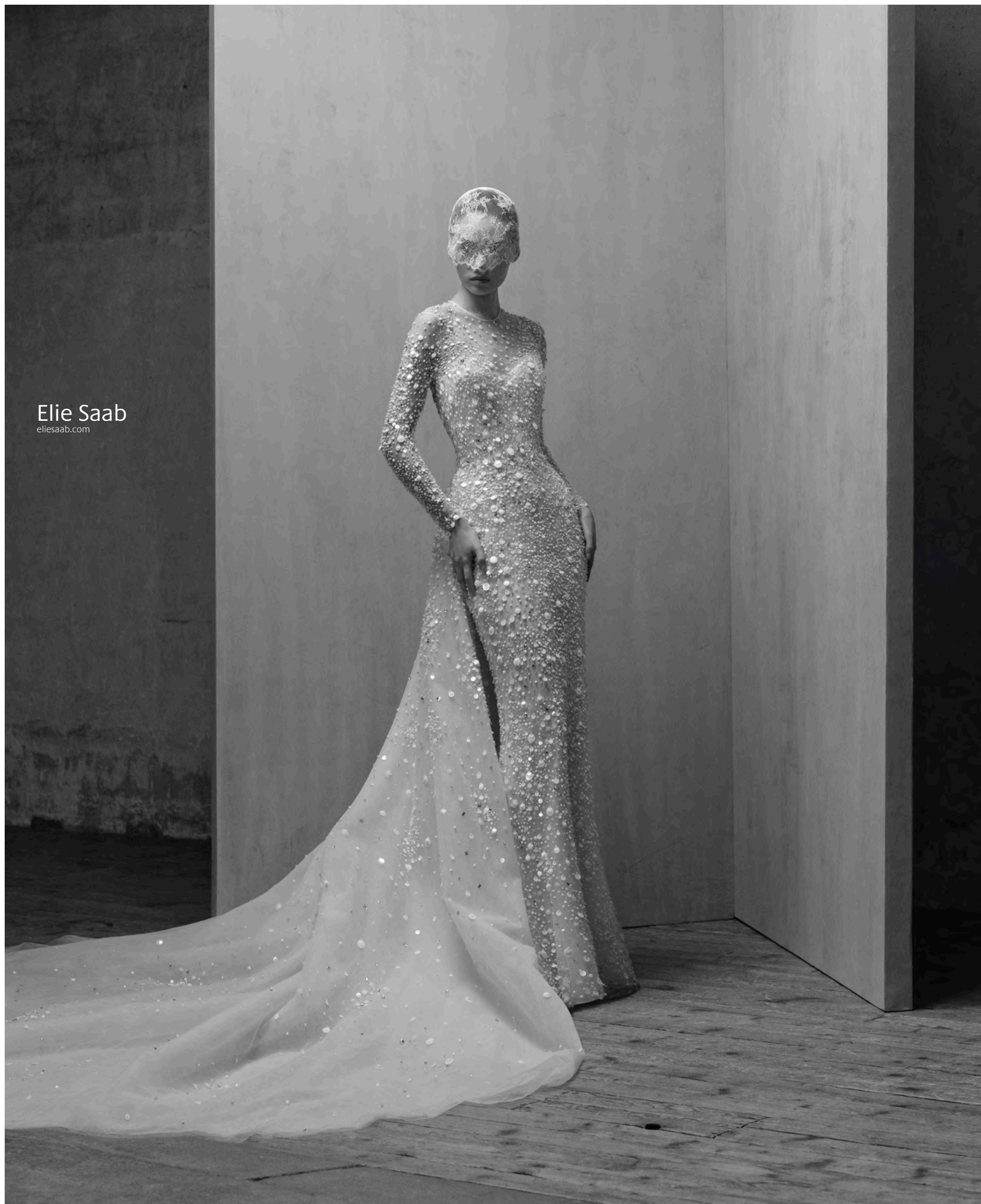
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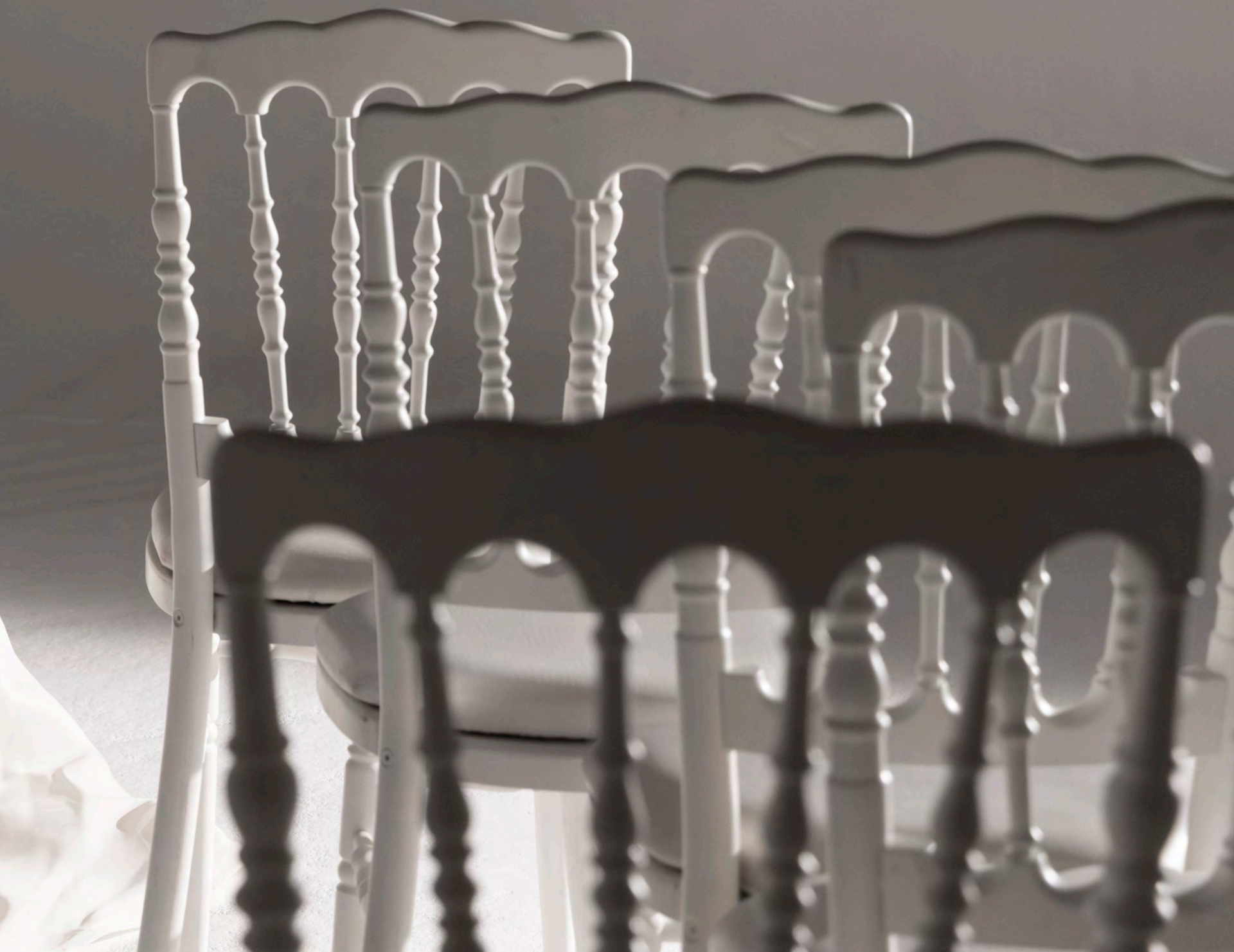
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Aileen and Diego's story began on a warm evening in Tampa, Florida, at a restaurant called Whiskey Cake. The two were introduced through mutual friends, but they never imagined that a simple outing would change their lives in such a significant way. There was an instant spark and an "undeniable connection that felt both exciting and familiar"—more than enough to prompt them to spend the night talking, laughing, and noticing the natural flow of their interactions.

"When I drove home that night," Aileen recalls, "I remember thinking to myself, 'He's the one.' From that moment on, we became inseparable."

A Romantic Engagement in Paris

After spending two years together experiencing countless adventures, growth, and shared dreams, the couple had a month off of work and knew they wanted to enjoy it to the fullest. Diego had always wanted to visit Europe, so they planned a European trip that would take them through some of the most romantic places in the world.

The couple's first stop was Paris. As the sun set over the Eiffel Tower, Diego led Aileen to a beautiful setup of huge, glowing "Marry Me" letters, scattered roses, a violinist playing softly in the background, and sparklers lighting up the night.

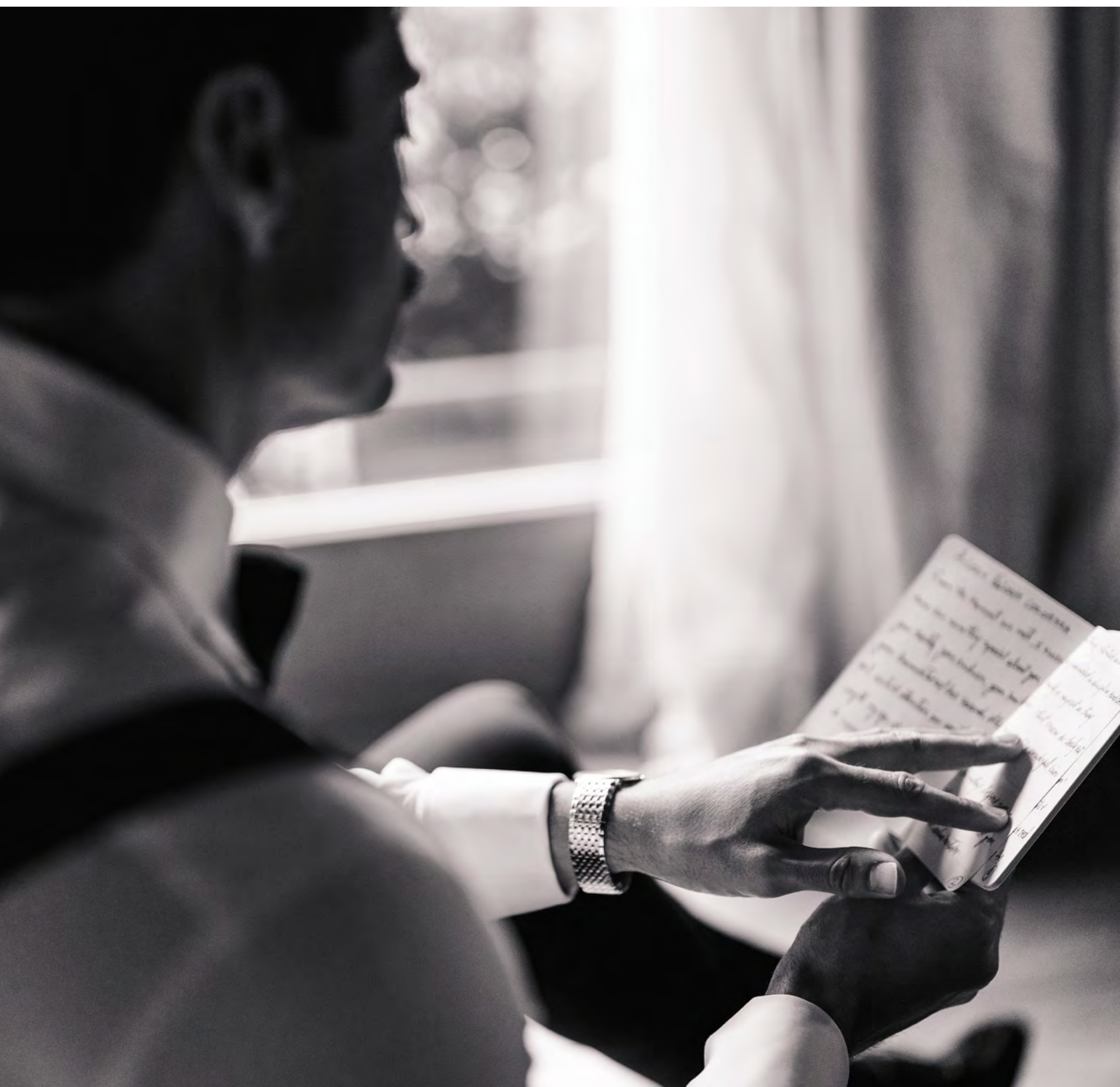


















“My heart raced as he got down on one knee,” says Aileen, “and through tears of joy, I said ‘Yes.’ That evening, we celebrated with the most romantic dinner cruise on the Seine River, watching the Eiffel Tower sparkle as if it were celebrating with us. We got engaged on March 24, 2023—a date we’ll forever hold close to our hearts.”

During that same trip, Aileen and Diego visited Lake Como in Italy, which was a place they had both dreamed of seeing. They spent a day exploring picturesque villas, including the famous Villa Balbianello.

“As we admired the breathtaking views, we saw a couple taking wedding photos on the terrace,” Aileen adds. “We smiled at each other, joking about how magical it would be to one day get married there. At the time, it seemed like a wild, far-off dream.”







A Dream Becomes a Mission

Months later, as the couple began discussing wedding plans, life threw them a heartbreaking challenge.

"My father passed away from cancer," Aileen shares, "and the thought of not having him walk me down the aisle was devastating. I found myself reflecting on how to honor him in a way that felt meaningful and full of love. That's when the idea of marrying in Lake Como resurfaced. I mentioned it to Diego, thinking it was still too far-fetched, but he paused, smiled, and said, 'Let's try to make it happen.'"

"From that moment, our dream became our mission. We found our amazing wedding planner, Zaira, who was based in Lake Como and understood exactly what we envisioned. A year before our wedding, we flew back to Italy to meet her, select our venue, choose our menu, and even do an engagement shoot with our photographer, Cristiano Ostinelli. Every detail began to fall beautifully into place."

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The wedding was beyond anything the bride and groom could have imagined. It rained that day, but as Italians say: "Sposa bagnata, sposa fortunata"—a wet bride is a lucky bride. The setting was ethereal, with Lake Como shimmering in the distance, surrounded by lush greenery and soft clouds.

"I wore red-bottom heels embroidered with our initials, while Diego matched with his own," says the bride. "As my mother walked me down the aisle, one of my father's last voicemails played softly in the background, accompanied by a harpist performing 'Young and Beautiful' by Lana Del























Rey. It was emotional, powerful, and deeply personal. When we released white doves at the end of the ceremony, it felt like my father's presence surrounded us, blessing the moment."

The following reception felt like "pure magic" to everyone in attendance. With wedding guests traveling from all over the world, many were meeting for the first time; yet by the end of the evening, everyone felt like family.

"We wanted a celebration that was elegant, traditional, and authentically Italian," Aileen explains. "The décor featured timeless white florals, gold accents, and candlelight that reflected off the lake's surface. The highlight of the night came when three tenors surprised our guests with a live performance during dinner—an unexpected touch that left everyone speechless. We also had a live painter capturing the evening on canvas, transforming each guest into part of our story."

The night was filled with laughter, dancing, incredible food, and endless joy. Every detail of the celebration—the music, the wine, the conversations—felt like the perfect reflection of who the bride and groom are as a couple: passionate, connected, and full of gratitude.

"When we look back at our story from meeting at Whiskey Cake to saying 'I do' in an iconic Villa of Lake Como," says Aileen, "we're reminded that love is both destiny and choice. It's the spark that begins it all and the commitment that carries it through. Our story is one of faith, laughter, resilience, and a love that continues to grow more beautifully with every passing day."

An Adventurous Honeymoon in Thailand

A month after their Lake Como wedding—and after two back-to-back hurricanes that forced them to evacuate their home during their wedding week—the newlyweds set off for an adventurous and much-needed honeymoon in Thailand.

"We started in Bangkok," says Aileen, "soaking in the culture, temples, and street food. Then we





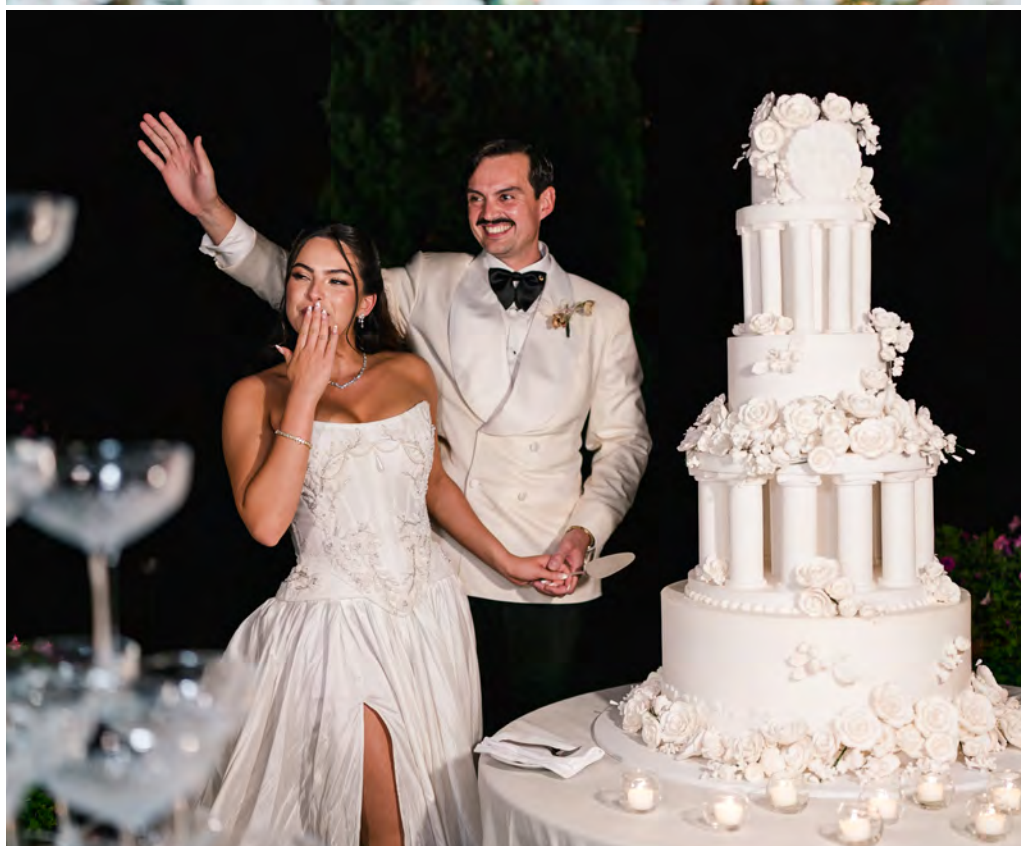












went to Chiang Mai, where we participated in the famous Lantern Festival exactly one month after our wedding, on November 16th. Releasing our lanterns together into the night sky felt symbolic of our marriage, two souls letting their light rise, side by side. We ended our trip in Phuket at the stunning Katathani Resort, where our room had its own private pool overlooking the turquoise sea. From exploring 'James Bond Island' to visiting the beach made famous by 'The Beach' movie, every moment felt like a dream."

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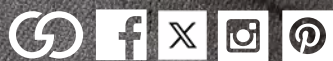
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EMILY & JONATHAN BLANTON

June 22, 2024. **Ravello, Italy**

Photography:
Liz Andolina

A photograph of a white building with arched windows and a balcony, situated on a hillside with dense greenery and a stone wall. The building features a large set of four arched windows on the left and several smaller arched windows to the right. A balcony with a metal railing and white flowers is visible. The building is built into a hillside, with a stone wall and lush green bushes in the foreground.

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When Jonathan and Emily met, they were not looking for anything serious. They had both just gotten out of long relationships and were far from ready to jump into the next one. However, the moment they had their first date, “we were inseparable and said “I love you” after only three weeks of knowing each other. I know it sounds cliché, but when you know, you know” says Emily.

It was always a dream for Emily to get married in Italy. When she began working with wedding planner Alessia, Emily was searching all over the country for the perfect venue—exploring everywhere from Florence to Puglia to Siena. Eventually, she set her heart on Tuscany. But then, a twist of fate changed everything.

Emily’s parents were on a ski trip to Sun Valley when they met a couple who raved about a wedding they had attended in Ravello the previous summer, calling it one of the most magical places in the world. “My mom called me right away and urged me to look into it” remembers Emily. “I immediately emailed Alessia, and soon, we were diving into a whole new venue search focused on Ravello.” Alessia mentioned a brand-new venue that had just started hosting weddings, and the moment she showed it to Jonathan and Emily, they fell in love. They decided to book it sight unseen, even though neither of them had ever been to the Amalfi Coast before.

The soon-to-be bride and groom booked a trip to visit for the first time in July 2023, and the couple from Sun Valley was absolutely right—it was the most perfect place in the world according to Emily. “I’ll never forget arriving in Ravello, seeing







the view for the first time, and feeling chills all over my body despite the 90+ degree heat” she remarks. “Everything just felt so right.” The next day, during their venue tour, Jonathan and Emily were welcomed by a staff who quickly became like family and a setting that immediately claimed the top spot as their favorite place in the world. “I’ll always remember standing on the balcony where Jonathan and I would do our first look 11 months later, looking out over the Amalfi Coast with the boats below and the pristine white villa behind us, feeling so overwhelmed by the beauty and love that I couldn’t help but cry” remembers Emily.





Guest experience

Jonathan and Emily wanted to offer their guests an elevated, elegant, and tasteful experience exposing them to the full range of Italian comforts such as classic Trattoria style dining at the welcome party, formal elegance for the wedding day itself and a fun pool party with a “beachy” vibe after that.

They built on the natural beauty of Italy and used their venue as the focal point at every turn for their first look, portrait photography, ceremony setting, and the reception.

“Having a three-day wedding weekend is an experience in and of itself” says Emily, “but we really wanted to make all of the travel our guests endured worth their while.”

During the planning stages, Emily worked closely with her mom. They would exchange photos and design inspiration ideas and discuss elements they had found and liked. “It was the perfect way for her and I to collaborate” says Emily, “she has an undeniable eye for design, so I leaned on her to help guide me in almost every design decision.”













Emily's favorite design element from the wedding day was their stationary. She worked with Jasmin from Linden Illustrations for over a year to curate the perfect wedding stationary from save the dates to formal invitations to stationary for each day of the wedding weekend. "This was a very personal element and one where I felt we could really get creative in a tasteful way" remarks Emily. She knew she wanted their wedding day to feel timeless and elegant, and their wedding stationary reflected that. It pulled in designs from the save the dates (which were a bit more playful) and incorporated gold foil and debossing to really encapsulate that timeless, classy feel.

For the floral décor the couple chose lush, full foliage without excessive greenery or color so that it didn't distract from the stunning scenery. Both the ceremony and reception were in a garden. Emily opted to allow the naturally growing flowers to shine on their own. The ceremony arch "was just spectacular" remembers Emily "and I actually didn't get a chance to preview it before walking down the aisle, but I could not have been happier with it." The white arch with the blush garden roses and peonies scattered throughout was the perfect contrast to the blue ocean behind them. The reception table tops captured her dream wedding











dinner setup. Two long tables, with floral runners and an abundance of candles, with chandeliers hanging overhead provided the most romantic vibe.

The overall aesthetic of the wedding day was elegant and timeless. “I was adamant that I didn’t want anything trendy or modern, from the design to QR code photo albums” says Emily. “I wanted to ensure that we would look back on these photos 50 years from now and I would still love the florals or chairs we chose. For me, the flowers really

encapsulated an elegant look. They were white and “fluffy” in a romantic way and there was certainly no shortage of them.”

Emily achieved her goal to make the overall vibe feel “soft” and romantic, conveying that sense of classic romance, by incorporating among other things, candles during dinner and rose petals that lined the aisle. A string quartet played some of the couple’s favorite classical pieces during the dinner experience including











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Tchaikovsky's Pas de Deux from The Nutcracker and Air on a G String by Bach among others. "We also had a strawberry moon on our wedding day" remembers Emily "which was so special because we had minimal lighting besides the candles and chandeliers while the moon illuminated the sky."

The experience, smiles Emily "was pure joy and love; Jonathan and I, and honestly every one of our family and guests, were truly beaming on our wedding day. It was wholeheartedly the best day of my life and I felt like I was walking on a cloud all day long. The love during the day was radiating and infectious."

> Written by Innay Samuozt

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Location: **Villa La Rondinaia** Ravello, Italy; Planner & Event Design: **White Emotion Events** Italy; Floral: **Flover** Italy; Rentals: **G&G Party Service** Italy; Invitations: **Linden Illustrations**; Wedding Dress: **Monique Lhuillier**; After Party Dress: **Oscar de la Renta**; Hair & Makeup: **Beauty Livery** Capri, Italy; Groom's Attire: **Suit Supply**; Watch: **Rolex**; Cinematography: **Alberto D'Aria** Naples, Italy; Photography: **Liz Andolina**

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Our wedding two cultures, two families moments that

ESTHER LAGOS VILABOA & FRANCISCO F. TOLENTINO

March 15, 2025. **Veracruz, Mexico**

Photography:
Oscar Castro



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Francisco and Esther met in 2018 at California State University in Long Beach. Francisco was an international student from Brazil, and Esther was from Mexico. He was the president of the International Club, while she attended her first meeting looking to make new friends. “The second I saw him, confidently leading the group with his easy smile,” remembers Esther, “I couldn’t help but find him attractive. I even started asking about him afterward, so yes, I made the first move.”

The two ran into each other again at the next international student event, and this time, Francisco approached Esther intending to talk to her. That afternoon turned into volleyball with friends, then dinner, then hanging out by his pool. He kept suggesting more plans to stretch the day, and Esther remembers laughing, thinking they can see each other any day, but Francisco clearly didn’t want their day together to end. “That mix of persistence and sweetness is what made me realize he was different” remarks Esther. Within a month, they were officially together, and they haven’t gone a single day without talking since.

Fast forward three years and Francisco planned a road trip through California: Palm Springs, Big Sur, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, and finally Lake Tahoe. He had originally planned to take Esther to Yosemite and Sequoia, but because of COVID closures, they couldn’t go. “I thought he might postpone the proposal, so I relaxed, not suspecting a thing” says Esther.

In Lake Tahoe, Francisco suggested they visit a place called Secret Cove, a stunning spot with turquoise waters and pine-covered cliffs. “What we didn’t know” quips Esther “was that it was a nudist beach. So yes, he proposed surrounded by a few very confident strangers.” They climbed to a hill overlooking the cove, and there, with the lake glimmering behind them, Francisco got down on one knee. “My outfit was terrible,” remembers Esther, “but I couldn’t stop smiling. It was private, funny, and perfectly us. I kept it a secret for the rest of the day so we could enjoy the moment before sharing the news.” Later that evening, when they finally told her family, they waited for them at home to celebrate.















Planning a wedding from another country wasn't easy, but "I had a great planner and amazing support from my family" says Esther. They decided to get married in her hometown, Veracruz, a place full of culture, warmth, and ocean breeze. Esther remembers she always wanted a white and green theme, full of greenery, flowers and natural elegance.

Since many of their guests were coming from abroad, they turned the celebration into a four-day event. They started with a boat party where everyone met, drank, and danced together on an island, an icebreaker that made the rest of the weekend feel like one big family gathering. The next day, the couple hosted a cultural night for their guests at Los Portales, one of Veracruz's

most traditional spots. Jarochas performed folkloric dances and la marimba played local music. "It was lively, colorful, and the perfect way to share my roots with everyone" says Esther.

The ceremony took place at San Pedro y San Pablo, the church from her childhood and the place where her father's ashes rest. "That made it deeply personal" she remarks. "The morning of the wedding, my bridesmaids, who stayed over, filled the room with calm and laughter as they got ready. Francisco and I did a first look before heading to the church, which gave us a quiet moment before the rush."

Walking down the aisle and seeing Francisco waiting for her was very emotional. He swore he wouldn't cry, but the second he saw her,

he couldn't hold back. He managed the entire ceremony in Spanish, which impressed everyone. Esther was so nervous, she accidentally said one word wrong, while Francisco didn't make a single mistake. That broke the tension and made them both laugh signifying a small, intimate moment that made the day even better.

"The reception felt exactly how we hoped it would" says Esther- joyful, relaxed, and full of love. My mom surprised us by bringing mojigangas," giant colorful figures that resemble the bride and groom and dance during Mexican festivals. They were meant for her bachelorette party, but her mom thought it would be funny to bring them to the wedding. It became one of the highlights of the night. Esther's brothers and friends also organized a surprise "happening" and wore Brazilian soccer jerseys and Mexican sombreros, symbolizing both countries coming together.

"We made sure our cultures were represented in every detail" remarks Esther. There were brigadeiros and beijinhos from Brazil, caipirinhas and caipiroskas at the bar, and a menu that blended sophistication with heart: octopus carpaccio, tuna with hollandaise, pistachio cream soup, brisket or róbalo in butter sauce, and desserts like pavlova and arroz con leche foam. Late at night, they served quesabirrias and esquites for the die-hard dancers. "The wedding lasted 13 hours, and even then, people didn't want to leave" says Esther.

For their first dance, they chose two songs to represent both of them: "Volar" by Danny Ocean and "Felicidade" by Seu Jorge. "It was nerve-wracking but emotional" says Esther, "surrounded by all the people we love, dancing to the rhythm of both our worlds."

The next morning, the couple hosted a tornaboda, a recovery brunch with comfort food, abundant laughter and everyone sharing stories from the night before. It was the perfect way to close the circle of their celebration.

For their honeymoon, Francisco and Esther escaped to Playa Mujeres, where they spent a week at an all-inclusive resort doing nothing





















more than enjoying gastronomical delights, swimming, and cherishing each other's company. "It was peaceful and exactly what we needed after months of planning" says Esther.

"Looking back, our wedding wasn't just about two people; it was about two cultures, two families, and all the moments that brought us there. From meeting at a university club in Long Beach to dancing barefoot in Veracruz, our story has been a mix of humor, warmth, and love that continues to grow every day."

> Written by Innay Samuozt

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Ceremony Location: **Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church** Veracruz, Veracruz; Reception Location: **Salón L'Incanto** Veracruz, Veracruz; Planner: **Yoab Lara** Veracruz, Veracruz; Event Design: **Esther Lagos Vilaboa**; Floral Design & Linen: **L.C. Bustos Lajud** Orizaba, Veracruz; Caterer & Rentals: **Banquetes Ambianza** Orizaba, Veracruz; Cake: **180 Reposteria** Veracruz, Veracruz; Lighting: **Lum Design** Veracruz, Veracruz; Wedding Dress: **Vivienne Westwood**; Hair & Makeup: **Andres Urdapilleta** Veracruz, Veracruz; Groom's Attire: **Tommy Hilfiger**; Groom's Watch: **Movado**; Photography & Cinematography: **Oscar Castro**









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ANDREINA CASTILLO ARAUZ & FELIPE ARIAS MAMAIS

June 7, 2025. **Panama City, Panama**

Photography:
Ruben Parra

A romantic wedding scene featuring a couple in formal attire. The man, on the left, is wearing a white suit and a dark tie, looking towards the woman with a smile. The woman, on the right, is wearing a white lace wedding dress with a long veil and a pearl earring, looking up at the man. They are embracing each other. The background is dark and out of focus, with many white flower petals floating in the air around them. The text "t of our story has" and "nt to be." is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

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Andreina and Felipe's love story began on New Year's Eve 2017, when they were introduced through a mutual friend. Immediately, something clicked; there was an undeniable spark, and the two felt a natural connection that was both effortless and familiar.

"But as the night faded, life moved on," Andreina shares. "Months passed and we didn't speak much beyond the occasional Instagram like or casual response to a story. It wasn't until about five months later that Felipe told our mutual friend he wanted to take me on a proper date. He reached out, and fate worked in our favor — I happened to be in Miami with my family, and he was finishing his architecture degree at the University of Miami. That's where we had our official first date."

From Miami to Panama

As soon as Andreina met up with Felipe in Miami, she knew it "just felt right." Having already developed a crush on him, spending that quality time together simply allowed the puzzle pieces to fall into place.

"He was thoughtful, confident, and knew exactly what he wanted," she describes. "Even though I was on a family trip and coordinating a date wasn't easy, he made it happen and made me feel like the most special girl in the world. We both returned to Panama shortly after and began dating officially — and the rest is history."

Later on, Felipe decided to surprise Andreina with an unexpected proposal at his family's beach house in Buenaventura, Panama. It happened to be Andreina's father's birthday — a strategic choice, as it was the one day when Andreina wouldn't suspect a thing. Before heading to the party, Felipe suggested they stop by his parents' house to say hi. Having anticipated that Andreina would want to look her best for the proposal, he timed everything perfectly and she was already dressed for the celebration.

"When we arrived," says Andreina, "I found the space beautifully decorated for the big moment. I





had absolutely no idea. It was private, personal, and full of joy — and to make it even more special, my father was overjoyed that such a meaningful event happened on his birthday.”

An Elegant Panamanian Wedding

“Planning the wedding was a dream,” Andreina states. “We had the best wedding planner in Panama — truly the best of the best — and she made every step smooth, stress-free, and actually fun. My mom and my sister were my partners in every detail, from flowers to menus to music. We were hands-on, but never overwhelmed, because the planning process was handled with such care. It was a time filled with laughter, bonding, and a growing excitement for the day we had long dreamed of.”

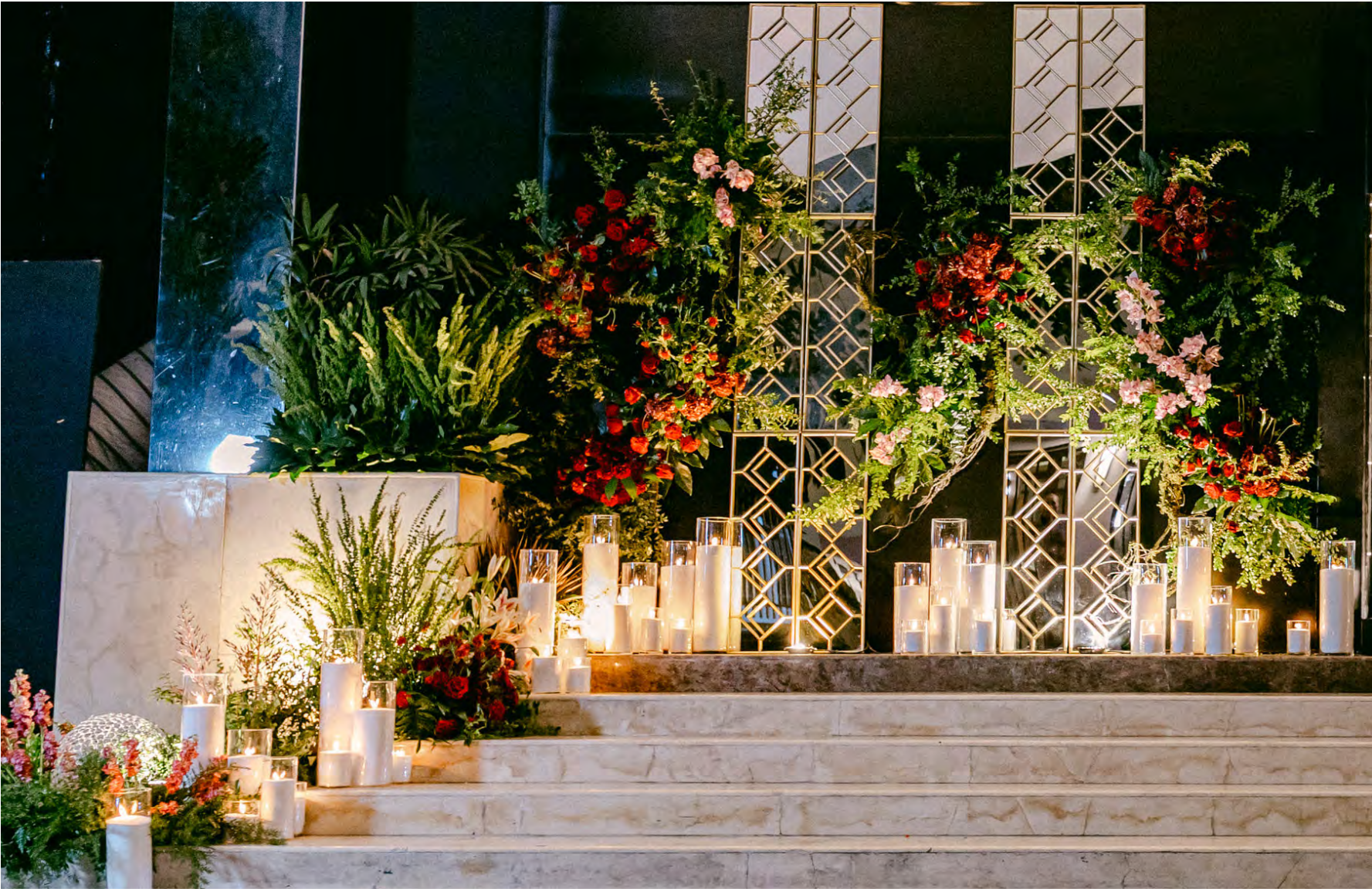
From the moment the bride and groom awoke on their wedding day, every moment unfolded perfectly. Thanks to the intention and attention to detail that was put into the wedding planning process, the couple felt calm and was able to be















fully present for each magical moment.

“Every part of the day felt like it had been curated just for us, and we could feel the love and warmth surrounding us,” says the bride. “The reception ambiance was elegant and timeless. We chose a monochromatic design centered around the color burgundy — a rich, classic hue that brought warmth and sophistication to the space. For the music, we had live instrumental musicians welcome our guests, followed by a live orchestra when the party began, and then two DJs who kept the celebration going late into the night. The whole night was a sensory experience — romantic lighting, exquisite food, and heartfelt moments with our favorite people in the world.”

Right before walking down the aisle in her Monique Lhuillier wedding gown, the bride and her father shared an especially emotional moment together. Trembling with nerves, she asked him repeatedly if everything was okay. He looked at her calmly and reassured her: “Don’t worry, my darling. You are marrying the best man in the world for you. I am at peace — because the only man I could give you away to and feel good about it is Felipe.”

“That moment will live in my heart forever,” says Andreina.

A Two-Part Honeymoon Adventure

After their flawless Panamanian wedding celebration, Andreina and Felipe set off on a beautiful, two-part honeymoon adventure. Their first stop included a visit to Carmel, Napa Valley, and San Francisco. Finally, they flew off to Bora Bora for the ultimate honeymoon in paradise.

“Each destination was unforgettable in its own

























way,” Andreina adds, “but the most memorable part was simply being together, just the two of us, soaking in the joy of our new chapter. Bora Bora was absolutely magical — Four Seasons Resort we stayed at was enchanting and beyond anything we could’ve imagined. It felt like we were living in a dream.

“From that first party in 2017 to the day we said, ‘I do,’ every part of our story has felt like it was meant to be — full of serendipity, laughter, and unconditional love.”

> Written by Lauren Malamala

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Ceremony Location: **Catedral Basilica Santa Maria la Antigua**, Panama City, Panama; Reception Location: **Casa Veranda Hotel**; Planner: **Judy Amado**; Floral & Event Design: **Alex Gaudiano**; Wedding Dress: **Monique Lhuillier**; Bridal Salon: **Chic Parisien**; Reception Dress: **Tal Kedem**; Hair: **Javier Velazquez**; Makeup: **Miranda Makeup**; Groom's Attire: **Brooks Brothers**; Groom's Watch: **Rolex**; Invitations: **Paper Lab**; Honeymoon Destination: **Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora**; Photography: **Ruben Parra**



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SEVAN BEHJOU & OMID NATAN
March 22, 2025. **West Lake Village, California**

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Sevan Behjou and Omid Natan have both lived in Los Angeles for their entire lives, but didn't cross paths until 2023. While visiting Las Vegas for the weekend with separate groups of friends, a mutual friend made the initial introduction. From that moment on, the two groups melded into one, and ended up spending the rest of the weekend enjoying dinners and going out together.

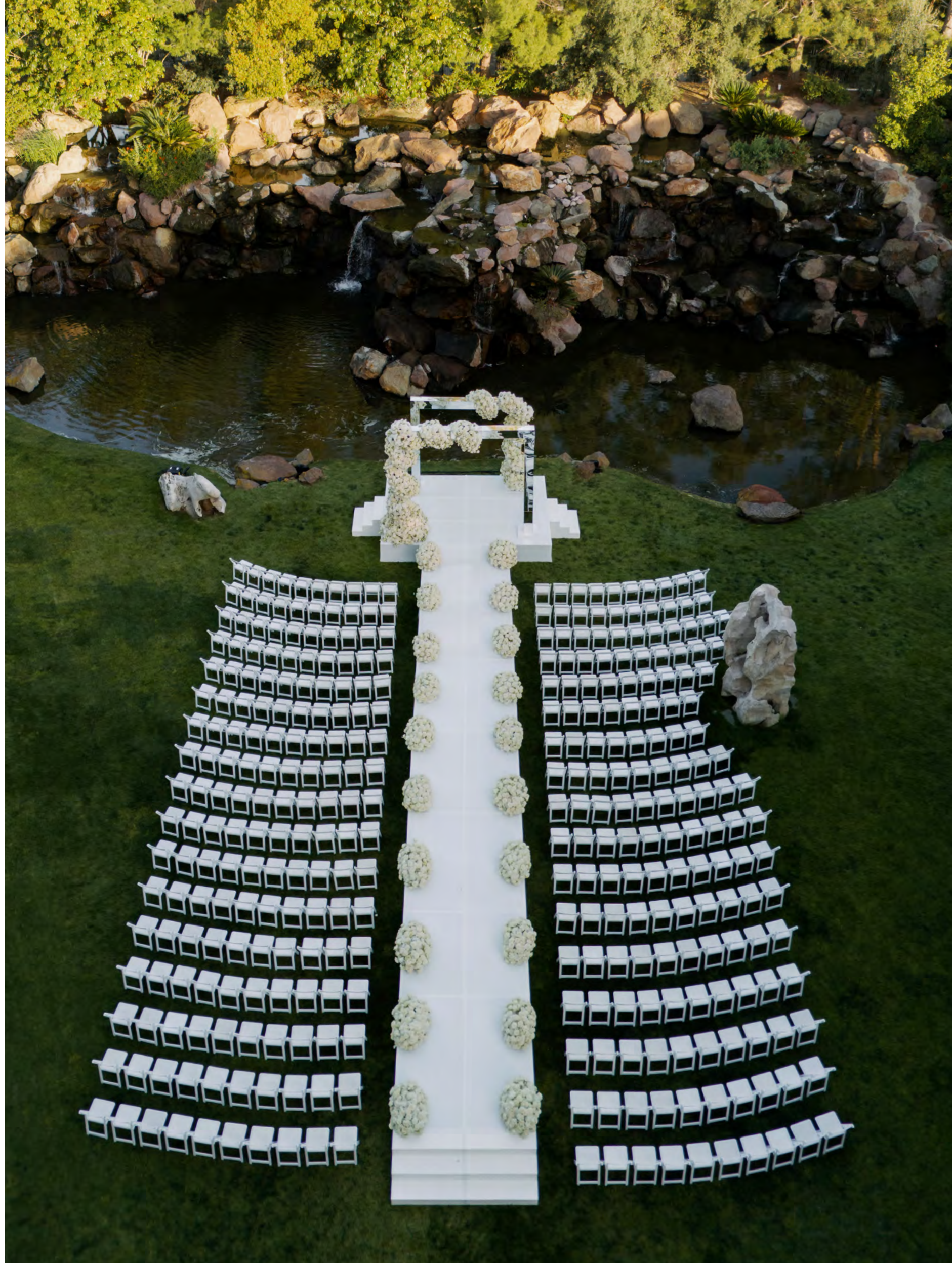
When Sevan met Omid, the first thing she noticed was that it felt like she had known him forever. "He was a true gentleman," she shares. "We had so much fun together and immediately clicked; from then on, we didn't want to spend a weekend apart."

For Omid, his first thought was, "Where have you been all my life?" "A piece of me was missing," he recalls, "and she immediately completed that puzzle. I was instantly mesmerized and willing to do whatever it takes to get us to where we are today."

Villa de Leon in Malibu

The proposal took place during the summer, when Omid told Sevan they were invited to a colleague's birthday party in Malibu. He even went as far as to create a fake invitation. When the couple arrived at Villa de Leon, Sevan realized it wasn't merely a colleague's house.





“It felt like a movie scene with the beautiful Malibu coastline and sunset,” she describes, “rose petals all over, candles, and a huge heart made of thousands of colorful roses. Our closest family members were peeking through the window from inside the villa. Omid proposed on the balcony, overlooking the Pacific Ocean.”

Planning a Timeless White Wedding with a Sultry Twist

The wedding planning process was a collaborative journey between the couple and their wedding

planner, Shadi. Meetings were held weekly, and it soon became an appointment both Sevan and Omid would look forward to – something they even miss to this day.

“We wanted a timeless white wedding with a unique, sultry twist,” Sevan explains, “and our planner really believed in our vision and helped us to bring it to life. Lighting was key; we wanted a warm, candlelit feel to make it feel like our guests had stepped into a dream, our dream. The focal points of our ballroom were the mirrored donut



tables overflowed with roses and candles, and the centerpiece was a 16-foot floral tree adorned with crystals and tassels. Our florist's stunning creation, inspired by an AI generated image."

Four Seasons Westlake Village and Over 400 Guests

Having set an intention to release any worries or concerns, the bride and groom experienced an "outstanding sense of peace and calmness" when their wedding day arrived. The celebration took place at Four Seasons Hotel Westlake Village, and the couple got ready in separate suites before the festivities began. Surrounded by their nearest and dearest, more than 400 guests were showering the newlyweds with unconditional love by the time they entered their wedding reception.

"As part of our venue selection," says the bride, "we made sure to go with a venue that we both truly loved, while also selecting a location that's close enough for the majority of our guests, yet





also enough of a distance for many attendees to create a weekend getaway out of it as well. This resulted in over 100 of our guests booking a room at our hotel, which allowed them all to spend the entire night dancing and celebrating with us comfortably until 2 a.m., followed by spending time all together the following day by the hotel's pool area."

The couple's all-white wedding reception enveloped everyone in a warm and luxurious ambiance, while their DJ collaborated with a violinist, flutist, and a Darbuka hand drummer to create a live band experience. At midnight, the lights dimmed and the ballroom transformed into a club with laser light shows and nonstop dancing.

"The energy in the room was high from beginning to end," the bride adds. "Instead of a traditional sit-down dinner, we offered a heavy cocktail hour and served six global cuisine stations throughout the night such as sushi,















carving station, Brazilian BBQ, Persian, Asian and Italian – so guests could eat as they pleased while keeping the party alive.”

European Honeymoon

Sevan and Omid capped their wedding experience with a European honeymoon, traveling to Capri and Positano in Italy. They also spent five nights on the Greek island of Mykonos, where they celebrated love with close friends.

“One unforgettable moment was when we fell off a Vespa at 5mph on a romantic ride through Italy,” says Sevan. “We got up with just a few scratches on

our knees, but it’s a memorable story to share and laugh at forever! We ended the trip in one of our favorite cities, Paris.”

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Planner: **Everly Rose Events**; Floral Design: **Narine Events**; Rentals: **MTB Rentals, Revelry Inc.**; Lighting: **Lumina Lighting**; Catering: **Da Siani**; Wedding Dress: **Simin Couture**; Hair: **Adir Dana**; Makeup: **Makeup by Marine**; Groom's Attire: **Ralph Lauren Purple Label**; Groom's Watch: **Audemars Piguet**; Entertainment: **DJ Aria Dash**; Photography: **Rene Zadori**







> WEDDING DECOR:

SET FOR AFTER

Location: **Casa Veranda Hotel Sheraton**
Panama City, Panama; Planner: **Judy**
Amando Panama City, Panama; Floral &
Event Design: **Alex Gaudiano** Panama
City, Panama; Photography: **Ruben Parra**



CELEBRATION



THIS SPREAD: Location: **Casa Veranda**
Hotel Sheraton Panama City, Panama;
Planner: **Judy Amando** Panama City,
Panama; Floral & Event Design:
Alex Gaudiano Panama City, Panama;
Photography: **Ruben Parra**





Location: **The Baltimore Los Angeles** Los Angeles, CA; Planner: **Mary Michelle Events**; Floral Design: **Dolce Fiore Florist** Glendale, CA; Rentals: **Rental Avenue Events** Burbank, CA; Lighting: **So Cal Event Lighting** Burbank, CA; Candelabras: **Candlelit Soiree Candelabras**; Photography: **White Oak Studio**





THIS SPREAD: Location: **The Baltimore Los Angeles**
Los Angeles, CA; Planner: **Mary Michelle Events**; Floral
Design: **Dolce Fiore Florist** Glendale, CA; Rentals:
Rental Avenue Events Burbank, CA; Lighting: **So Cal**
Event Lighting Burbank, CA; Candelabras: **Candlelit**
Soiree Candelabras; Photography: **White Oak Studio**





Location: **Stone Mountain Estates**
Malibu, CA; Planner: **The Elegant
Ninja**; Floral & Event Design: **Butterfly
Floral & Event Design** Los Angeles,
CA; Photography: **Travis Bateman** Los
Angeles, CA





Location: **Brentwood Oak Ranch**
Los Angeles, CA; Planner: **Aliana Events**
Los Angeles, CA; Floral & Event Design:
Butterfly Floral & Event Design
Los Angeles, CA; Photography: **Beatrice**
Howell Los Angeles, CA



Location: **Brentwood Oak Ranch**
Los Angeles, CA; Planner: **Aliana Events**
Los Angeles, CA; Floral & Event Design:
Butterfly Floral & Event Design
Los Angeles, CA; Photography: **Beatrice**
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Location: **Empire Polo Club** Coachella, CA;
Planner: **Stellar Events** Los Angeles, CA;
Floral & Event Design: **Butterfly Floral & Event Design** Los Angeles, CA; Photography:
Rene Zadori

Location: **Brentwood Oak Ranch**
Los Angeles, CA; Planner: **Aliana Events**
Los Angeles, CA; Floral & Event Design:
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Los Angeles, CA; Photography: **Beatrice**
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GRACE ORMONDE WEDDING STYLE



Location: **Hotel Del Coronado** San Diego, CA; Planner: **Thomas Bui Lifestyle** San Diego, CA; Floral & Event Design: **Butterfly Floral & Event Design** Los Angeles, CA; Photography: **Jessica Mangia**



Location: **Hotel Del Coronado** San Diego, CA; Planner: **Thomas Bui Lifestyle** San Diego, CA; Floral & Event Design: **Butterfly Floral & Event Design** Los Angeles, CA; Photography: **Jessica Mangia**





GRACE ORMONDE WEDDING STYLE



Location: **Four Seasons Hotel Westlake Village**
Westlake Village, CA; Planner: **Everly Rose Events**
Los Angeles, CA; Floral & Event Design: **Narine**
Events Burbank, CA; Rentals: **MTB Rentals, Revelry**
Inc.; Lighting: **Lumina Lighting**; Photography:
Rene Zadori



Location: **Four Seasons Hotel Westlake Village**
Westlake Village, CA; Planner: **Everly Rose Events**
Los Angeles, CA; Floral & Event Design: **Narine**
Events Burbank, CA; Rentals: **MTB Rentals, Revelry**
Inc.; Lighting: **Lumina Lighting**; Photography:
Rene Zadori





Location: **Taglyan Complex** Los Angeles, CA; Planner: **Mary Michelle Events**; Floral Design: **Dolce Fiore Florist** Glendale, CA; Rentals: **Rental Avenue Events** Burbank, CA; Lighting: **So Cal Event Lighting** Burbank, CA; Chandelier: **Crystal Star Chandelier**; Candelabras: **Candlelit Soiree Candelabras**; Candles: **Instyle Candles** Glendale, CA; Photography: **Rene Zadori Photography**

Location: **Renaissance Venue** Glendale, CA;
Planner: **Mary Michelle Events**; Floral Design:
Rahely Flowers San Fernando, CA; Rentals:
Rental Avenue Events, Casa De Perrin Bur-
bank & Los Angeles, CA; Lighting: **So Cal Event**
Lighting Burbank, CA; Chandelier: **Crystal Star**
Chandelier; Photography: **Kris Kan Photo**



> SPECIAL FEATURE

TURKISH COAST TION CELEBRATE LOVE IN FETHIYE

Location:
D Maris Bay

THE NEW VISIONS OF THE MARMARIS, AND BODRUM





Location:
Hillside Beach Club



The southwestern coast of Türkiye is one of the country’s most visually stunning regions, defined by a dramatic natural landscape that makes it an ideal destination for romance travel. Often referred to as the “Turquoise Coast” or “Turkish Riviera,” this stretch along the Aegean and Mediterranean seas is home to charming towns, pristine beaches, and ancient ruins waiting to be explored.

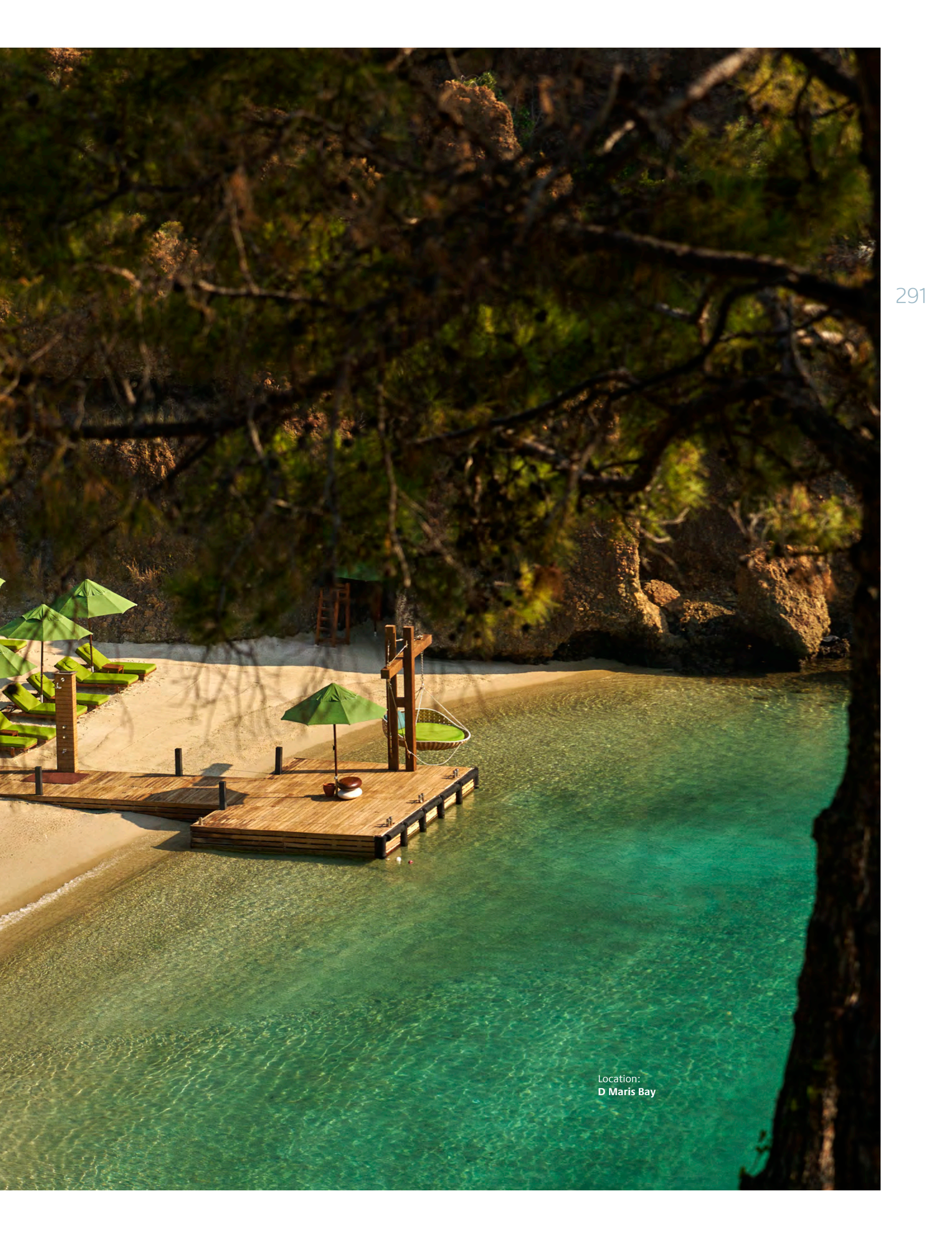
The Aegean coastline, shaped by millennia of history, reflects subtle Roman and Hellenic influences; yet Türkiye as a whole is far too complex to be defined by a single identity. Its heritage is best understood as a beautifully formed mosaic of cultures, ethnic groups, and lifestyles—individual “stones” and colors coming together to create a richly layered country. Within this tapestry, Fethiye, Marmaris, and Bodrum stand out as three of the Turquoise Coast’s most sought-after destinations—each offering its own signature blend of culture, history, romance, and luxury. Whether couples split their time among the three or settle into a single villa for an extended stay, the Turkish Riviera offers endless possibilities for newlyweds to craft their dream honeymoon.

Family Moons in Fethiye

Fethiye is where the Turkish Riviera softens into something warm, charming, and gorgeously scenic, making it a fitting destination for couples traveling with kids or blending romance with family time. Here, the land curves into calm, picturesque bays framed by magnificent green hillsides, creating a uniquely serene brand of paradise. It’s no wonder Fethiye is especially beloved by Turkish locals during the summer months, when families flock to the coast for a quintessential seaside escape from metropolitan life.



GRACE ORMONDE WEDDING STYLE



Location:
D Maris Bay



When visiting Fethiye, couples can check in to Hillside Beach Club—a beloved resort that has welcomed generations of local and international visitors alike. Built directly into the hillside, the property blends the rugged beauty of the mountains with the most incredible cerulean seas. Even with the awe-inspiring surroundings, the vibe at Hillside Beach Club is remarkably laid-back. The resort is family-friendly, with dedicated areas for babies, kids, and teens, yet it maintains a peaceful, quiet atmosphere. Hidden pockets of tranquility—like its silent beach and the forest-framed Sanda Nature Spa—ensure there’s always a place for couples to retreat and reconnect.

It’s worth noting that, due to the steep, narrow stairs and natural topography, Hillside Beach Club is not well-suited for guests with mobility impairments. For active travelers, however, it’s a bucket list destination when it comes to experiencing the beauty, culture, and romance of the Turkish Riviera. The resort offers a multitude of onsite water sports and activities, including water skiing, scuba diving, and sailing.

Between adventures, food lovers will find themselves drawn to Hillside Beach Club’s Main Restaurant—an open-air facility that feels like a gourmet market. Guests can indulge in everything from freshly baked Turkish bread and locally made cheeses, to trays of baklava and intricately crafted confections. With a buffet-style dining setup, it’s a buzzy yet relaxing atmosphere that lends itself to creating a comforting and homey experience for an active honeymoon or family moon.

Ultra-Luxe Honeymoons in Marmaris

The Aegean Sea meets the Mediterranean at Marmaris, where sugary sand beaches and crystal-clear waters reflect every shade of blue imaginable. Narrow streets and Ottoman-era houses are dramatically contrasted by towering mountains, a rugged coastline, glassy coves, and a breathtaking marina peppered with superyachts. Marmaris is unmistakably glamorous, with D Maris Bay being the best resort for ultra-luxe honeymoons in Türkiye.

Location:
D Maris Bay





GRACE ORMONDE WEDDING STYLE



Location:
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The D Maris Bay experience truly reflects Turkish hospitality at its finest, delivering a place where serenity, sophistication, and nature converge seamlessly. Set on the protected Datça Peninsula, the resort feels worlds away from everyday life. Fragrant pines, dramatic rock formations, winding paths, and panoramic sea views create a honeymoon environment unlike any other. Honeymooners can check in to a sumptuous suite with gorgeous views of the bay, then spend their time leisurely exploring all the luxury amenities the property has to offer—from couple's massages and private dinners, to breakfast in bed and Mediterranean cruises.

D Maris Bay is also home to six Blue Flag-certified beaches, each with its own mood and setting. Whether couples prefer calm, shallow waters

for swimming, or open views of the horizon, every beach maintains a coveted level of environmental purity and Turquoise Coast beauty. The orange umbrella-dotted Maris Beach is a favorite, with a beachside spa treatment room, floating daybed, Jacuzzi, and private cabanas.

Additionally, the resort's dining scene is reason enough to venture to Marmaris during a Turkish Coast honeymoon. La Guérite, one of D Maris Bay's signature restaurants, brings the ambiance of the French Riviera to Türkiye, serving up French and Mediterranean-inspired cuisine that pairs perfectly with a glass of rosé. Date nights at Zuma are another indulgent experience, as couples can savor a rich variety of Japanese dishes while dining al fresco under the stars.

Location:
Hillside Beach Club







Location:
Scorpios

At D Maris Bay, honeymoons in Marmaris are curated, catered, and utterly unforgettable. Defined by beauty, exclusivity, and an unparalleled connection to nature, it's a once-in-a-lifetime experience that begs to be repeated.

Signature Turkish Riviera Experiences in Bodrum

Bodrum is the Turkish Riviera's cultural heartbeat—a popular travel destination where ancient history, contemporary design, and effortless Turquoise Coast glamor come together. Whitewashed hillside villages, bougainvillea-draped alleyways, and glittering beach clubs and Michelin-starred restaurants give the region a distinctly cosmopolitan energy, while its archaeological sites offer visitors a tangible glimpse into the past.

As one of Türkiye's top holiday destinations, Bodrum is a favorite among honeymooners who appreciate both luxury and legacy. Couples can immerse themselves in landmarks such as Bodrum Castle, standing guard over the harbor with its sweeping views, or visit the Bodrum Ancient Theatre—the oldest theatre in Bodrum, built during the 4th century BC—which is still in use today. Even a stroll to the Mindos Gate, once the western entrance to the ancient city of Halicarnassus, or a shopping excursion in town can add a layer of history and culture to a Turkish Coast honeymoon.

For accommodations, Maxx Royal Bodrum is a standout choice. Its sprawling bays, world-class service, and extraordinary villas—many with private pools and expansive terraces—offer couples a refined sense of seclusion. Every detail is intentional, setting the perfect stage for luxury honeymoons and extended stays.

Meanwhile, the nearby Scorpios Bodrum offers a more sensual interpretation of coastal luxury. Its earth-toned architecture, curated experiences, and simple yet elevated dining make it ideal for couples who are in the mood for something stylish and soulful. With its connection to music, art, and holistic rituals, it's a place that encourages presence, connection, and slow, meaningful moments.

For honeymooners seeking a quieter retreat, Avantgarde Refined Yalikavak offers an intimate alternative. This boutique property is wonderfully serene, as its smaller scale adds to the hotel's sense of exclusivity. With a waterfront location, world-class dining, 24-hour bar, and minimalist guestrooms, Avantgarde is a sophisticated hideaway for couples who want luxury without any overstimulation—think peaceful bays, a restorative aesthetic, and a sense of stillness that feels tailor-made for romance.

The quiet bays of Fethiye, the dazzling coves of Marmaris, the cosmopolitan charm of Bodrum—every destination along the Turquoise Coast invites couples into an abundant world of romance, luxury, history, and culture. For honeymooners envisioning a trip filled with beauty, exclusivity, and experiences shaped by nature, Türkiye's famed riviera delivers a level of refinement that feels less like travel, and more like stepping into a private dreamscape.

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> DESTINATION WEDDINGS:

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Along the northern coast of Puerto Rico, there's a wedding destination long regarded as one of the Caribbean's most prestigious properties: Dorado Beach, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve. Set on 50 acres that were developed as a private Rockefeller retreat, the resort embodies everything that made it a legendary estate—privacy, natural beauty, and an unparalleled sense of refinement. For weddings in Puerto Rico, Dorado Beach offers a rare combination of exclusivity and cultural depth, providing couples with a setting that stands apart within the luxury wedding landscape.

From the start, weddings at Dorado Beach have the benefit of the property's layout and design philosophy. The resort's event venues—ranging from beachfront lawns to contemporary indoor spaces—provide a versatile collection of options for ceremonies, cocktail hours, and receptions. The Surf Ballroom, Surf Lawn, Surf Terrace, and the expansive stretches of beach create a spectrum of settings that suit everything from intimate gatherings to multi-day celebrations. Each space is defined by clean architecture, subtle integration with nature, and serves as a malleable canvas for event designers.

Accommodations further enhance the privacy and exclusivity that many couples seek during the wedding venue search. With 96 guestrooms and a collection of sumptuous suites, the resort can host wedding groups with ease,

including full property buyouts. Suites with private outdoor areas, tranquil courtyards, and oceanfront views allow guests to settle into a wedding weekend rhythm that feels both luxurious and relaxed. The combination of residential comfort and Reserve-level service creates an experience that resonates long after the festivities end.

As with all Ritz-Carlton Reserves, service is one of Dorado Beach's defining strengths. A dedicated events team guides the planning process with precision, supported by a roster of trusted local partners who specialize in luxury weddings. Rather than an on-site planner, the resort provides hand-selected vendor recommendations to ensure each celebration reflects the couple's chosen aesthetic and creative direction. During the event itself, trained banquet professionals execute receptions with synchronized service, while butlers and hospitality teams anticipate guest needs throughout their stay. For wedding weekends, this level of attention produces a seamless, polished experience that feels both personal and expertly orchestrated.

Culinary excellence is central to weddings at Dorado Beach as well. The Executive Chef crafts menus that draw on Puerto Rico's diverse ingredients, pairing island influences with modern technique. Delectable menu tastings give couples a preview of their wedding menu, leaving plenty of room for



refinements and food customizations. Whether the celebration calls for a contemporary multi-course dinner or a more traditional banquet format, the cuisine consistently reflects the resort's commitment to precision and artistry.

Beyond the ceremony and reception, Dorado Beach offers a curated selection of amenities that transform a wedding into a complete destination experience. Guests are welcomed with thoughtful touches at check-in, and couples often enjoy signature romantic enhancements on the wedding night. Resort activities—from championship golf to guided excursions and nature walks—give wedding parties opportunities to connect across the weekend. The Beach Club offers a vibrant setting for welcome gatherings, while the

property's peaceful corners accommodate private downtime. Spa Botánico is a particular favorite among guests, providing a serene environment for pre-wedding relaxation, bridal beauty services, and wellness rituals inspired by Puerto Rican traditions. Its treatment casitas, apothecary blending experiences, and lush garden pathways create an atmosphere unlike any other spa in the region, making it a natural extension of the wedding itinerary.

The resort's ability to support both large-scale and intimate events has become increasingly valuable as couples approach destination weddings with a focus on personalization. Dorado Beach offers a range of wedding packages, which couples may use as a starting point when piecing together their bespoke celebrations. The recommended booking window—often stretching a



year or more in advance—reflects the demand for weddings at the Reserve. Its limited inventory, expansive grounds, and reputation for delivering unforgettable experiences make it one of the most sought-after properties in the Caribbean. For couples seeking a location that blends natural beauty, architectural restraint, and world-class service, Dorado Beach represents a standard few destinations can match.

As destination weddings continue to favor authenticity, privacy, and a strong sense of place, Dorado Beach, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, remains the premier choice for luxury celebrations in Puerto Rico. Its rich heritage, meticulous craftsmanship, and commitment to extraordinary service create a setting where milestone events unfold flawlessly. For celebrations that call for

both sophistication and a genuine connection to Puerto Rico's landscape and culture, the resort offers a dream wedding experience for couples and their loved ones.

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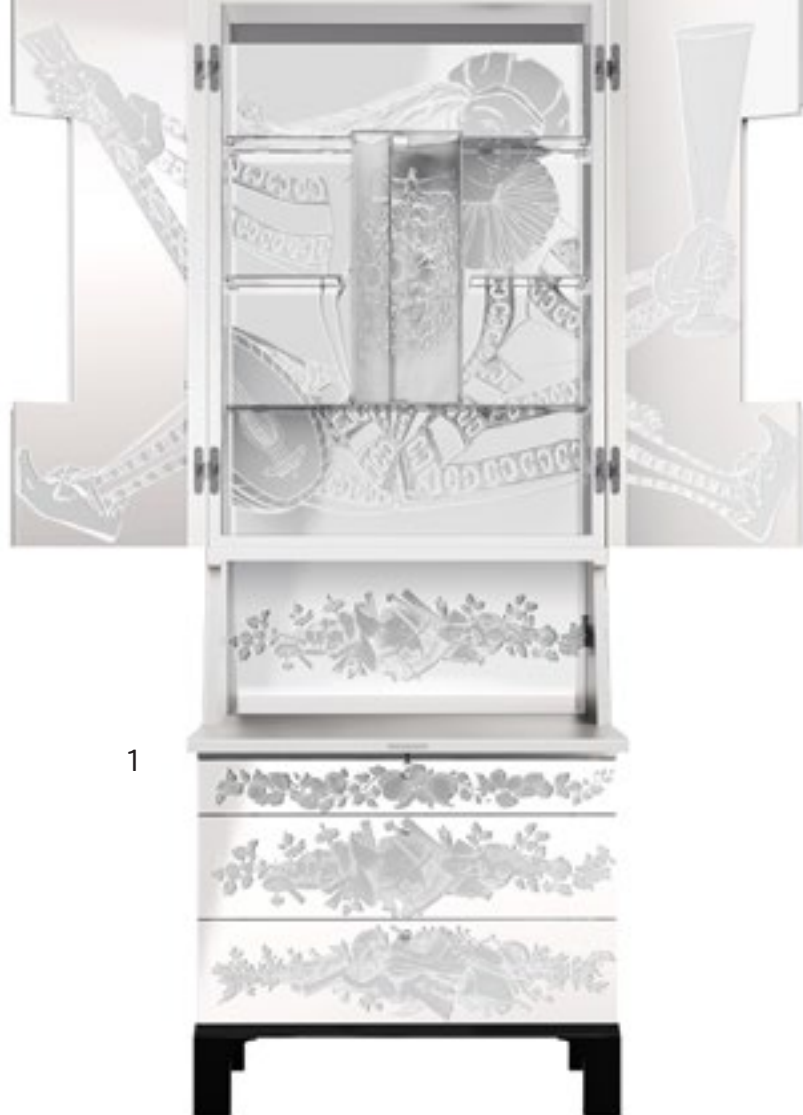
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