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PERFECT UNIONS

Each happily ever after begins with a simple ‘I do’, however, there is nothing simple about these luxurious destinations that perfectly cater for those tying the knot.



NEW ZEALAND Huka Lodge

Romantics are sure to find a dream awaiting them the high-end nooks of Huka Lodge, one of the nation’s most historic and esteemed accommodations. Its wedding coordinators will help you build any style of celebration, grand or small. For a large affair, book the entire seven-hectare property for exclusive use and unlock potential to entertain up to 70 guests at the reception, complete with a breezy marquee. After something more intimate? There are a myriad of options. The infamously stunning Owner’s Cottage can hold a ceremony for up to 30 guests (10 if having a sit-down event with a private chef), or opt for the ambiances offered in the cosier confines of the Wine Cellar and Library or amid the wondrous outdoors.

www.hukalodge.co.nz

FIJI Laucala Island

Laucala thrives on a philosophy that encourages nature to flourish and considers each infinitesimal detail to perfection – a philosophy equally upheld when it comes to concocting dream island weddings. Traditional brides can walk down the aisle of the picture-perfect chapel, while flowers are sourced from the island’s gardens and orchid farm. Staff will attentively arrange each additional desire, whether it’s a personally decorated Fiji-style buggy, local serenades, photo shoots at any one of Laucala’s stunning locales, celebratory spa treatments for the happy couple or romantic cruises. There’s certainly no need to venture further for the honeymoon. Rent the whole island for an exclusive, intimate celebration.

www.laucala.com

CARIBBEAN
Biras Creek

Caribbean sunshine combined with a luxury resort already sounds like the perfect cocktail for island wedding heaven. Throw into the mix that this accoladed resort has 40 years' experience in honing its air of romance, and Biras Creek in the British Virgin Islands is likely to surpass all expectations. Whether you arrive by boat or by helicopter, your only problem will be choosing where to celebrate your nuptials and whether you wish for a reception celebration that is sit-down, cocktail or atop the sand. The Tropical Wedding Package will help you make these decisions, showcasing all the resort's lush gardens, and also considers all fiddly dilemmas such as cakes, bouquets, registrar and photographer.

www.biras.com



ENGLAND
Coworth Park

Ensure your wedding is an elegant country-style affair in the stately grounds of the restored Georgian manor house at Coworth Park, just 45 minutes from central London. Walk down an aisle of limes surrounded by sunken gardens, or hold a small ceremony within the dapper surrounds of The Dower House, which dates back to 1775. Making use of Coworth's First Night package is the perfect way to spend your first evening as man and wife, snug inside the stunning Honeymoon Suite, with flowers, chocolates and champagne. Best of all, the bridal party in the lead-up to the big event can enjoy some pre-wedding pampering at the eco-luxury Spa at Coworth Park or by getting sporty on horseback.

www.coworthpark.com



GREEK ISLANDS
Iconic Santorini

Where better to hide away from the world and enjoy the bliss of new nuptials than in the cool, white enclaves of a boutique cave hotel on the stunning island of Santorini, freshly opened in April 2014. A wedding here sees you say 'I do' against a vista of spotless white exteriors, contrasting blue waters, the rocks of an ancient volcano and under stretching sunshine, with space for an intimate gathering of up to 34. Staff ensure all dreams become reality, arranging consultant and planning services in the lead-up to your arrival, and ensuring every morsel of food, artistic cocktail, and the honeymoon-ready suite you retire to – complete with grotto pool – will mark a harmonious entrance into married life.

www.iconicsantorini.com

BALI
Conrad Bali

Weddings held within the Infinity Chapel at Conrad are among the most picture-perfect in the world. Say "I do" beneath a steeple of floor-to-ceiling glass, perched above the ocean with room for up to 60 of your nearest and dearest. If a chapel wedding isn't your ideal, Conrad offers four other wedding sanctuaries. Opt to tie the knot with a cocktail function in the Floating Garden, in a Balinese pavilion floating atop a lotus pond, amid the finery of the Ballroom, or in an intimate ceremony beside the waves. No matter which you choose, the Conrad team ensures your nuptials are hassle free, enlisting a dedicated team of specialists to arrange everything from the celebrant to fireworks and fire dancing.

www.conradbali.com



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