

Jet, Set, Wed

When it comes to dream destination weddings, the smart packing-jet setting-millennial couple is done with the usual suspects—move over Palace of Versailles, the Disneyland Castle is here. By PRACHI JOSHI



From off-the-beaten-track islands in the Caribbean, to the majestic castles of Europe, and everything in between, the world is truly your oyster when it comes to finding the perfect backdrop for your wedding. Get planning with an updated list of the newest wedding destinations.



FOR THE NEW SOPHISTICATES ▲

For some wine lovers, Tuscany and Napa may be too cliché, but how about the boutique Craggy Range winery in New Zealand? Get married amid spectacular views of Te Mata Peak from the recently opened Owner's Lodge at the iconic Giants Winery in Hawke's Bay, surrounded by the Tuki Tuki Valley. With just four rooms, the lodge is perfect for an intimate ceremony followed by a wine picnic. Take to the skies in the winery's private helicopter for an aerial tour of the vineyards.

Craggyrange.com

FOR THE BEACH BUMS ►

If you're bona fide water babies, match your tan lines to your wedding bands on pristine sandy shores. Surrounded by tropical gardens and the rich blue waters of the Caribbean Sea, the Villas at Stonehaven in Tobago are ideal for an intimate island wedding. A dedicated wedding planner will arrange for everything from the special three-day wedding licence to a sophisticated white-gloved service. Plus, the 18th century French colonial style Pavilion Restaurant and Clubhouse are perfect reception spots.

Stonehavenvillas.com



FOR THE PRINCESS BRIDE ▼

Play out your royal wedding fantasy at Scotland's iconic Edinburgh Castle, perched atop Castle Rock and overlooking the city. The 12th century St Margaret's Chapel is best for the nuptials, while the sumptuous Queen Anne Building or the dramatic Jacobite Room offer a regal setting for your reception. Impress your guests with a tour of Scotland's Crown Jewels before raising a toast on the private terrace with sweeping city views.
Edinburghcastle.gov.uk



FOR THE NAUTICAL BUFFS ▲

Can't decide on a single destination? Hop aboard a luxury cruise liner along with your family and friends and set sail across three stunning destinations instead. Costa Cruises offers a free run of the Costa Fascinosa as it cruises the Mediterranean from Barcelona in Spain to Marseilles and Cannes in France, going on to Savona in Italy. The cruise liner is designed to suit all your wedding needs—the lavish theatre is perfect for the sangeet, the pool deck for a fun cocktail, and the upper deck for the reception.
Costacruise.com

FOR THE SAFARI LOVERS ▼

If you're more warrior bride and groom waiting to explore the wilderness—Botswana beckons. The stunning Beyond Sandibe Okavango Safari Lodge is set amidst a verdant forest canopy overlooking the sparkling lagoons of the Okavango Delta. Put up your guests in the 12 elegant suites, that come with a private plunge pool and cosy fireplace. The expansive terrace with its soaring cathedral-like roof is ideal for the ceremony. Gear up for a sun-downer reception with streaming sunset colours at dusk as your background.
Andbeyond.com



FOR THE ETERNAL ROMANTICS ▲

Fairy-tale lovers, there's nothing more magical than tying the knot in a fairy-tale castle. Disneyland® Paris offers a storybook setting for your wedding, complete with the magical Sleeping Beauty Castle as a backdrop. Your dedicated wedding planner aka fairy godmother or father will help you design a personalised experience. Book the entire theme park for your guests so they can have privileged access to all the attractions. And as the sun sets, indulge in a dazzling fireworks display.
Disneylandparis.co.uk ■

