

"For us, we knew we would be at our utmost relaxed state to celebrate with all of our closest family and friends," says Janine. "We always wanted to have a destination wedding because everyone gets a vacation out of it, so it creates an experience for them."

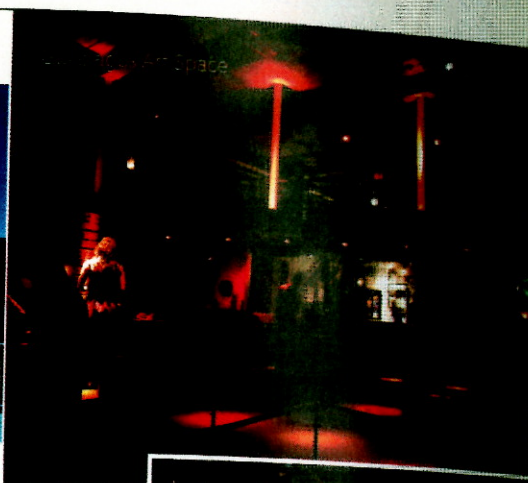
Working with Jacqueline Uilani Ishikawa of White Orchid Wedding in Hawaii, Janine had confidence that she had someone on the ground making sure things were getting done. Ishikawa handled the venue, florist and other local vendors, while the couple spent their time sending out fun e-newsletters to their guests with great places to stay and their top restaurant recommendations for the area. They also planned group events, including a welcome barbecue and a rehearsal dinner.

The big day was thoughtful, intimate and a true celebration of the couple. Janine, T.J. and 28 of their family and friends spent the day just steps from the ocean. Wanting to incorporate Hawaiian culture into the ceremony, the couple had a *Kahu*, or Hawaiian minister, blow a conch shell to announce the start of their wedding. They also included a traditional lei ceremony to not only give nod to their surroundings, but also recognize Janine's mother, who had passed away the year prior.

"The sun was setting over the ocean while we were having dinner," says Babey. "The backdrop was beautiful. It was perfect."



Casa Angelina Hotel



Fairmont Royal Pavilion,  
Barbados Resort



## Get married in one of these spectacular locales for a wedding that will leave your guests impressed

### AMALFI COAST, ITALY (TOP LEFT)

Mix authentic Italian culture with contemporary luxury at the Casa Angelina Hotel. In the town of Praiano on the Amalfi Coast, this architecturally stunning five-star hotel only has 43 rooms and, thus, is a very exclusive wedding getaway as you can potentially rent the entire hotel. Say your vows as you look out to views of the Isle of Capri and the Bay of Salerno. Receptions are held at the rooftop restaurant, Un Piano Nel Cielo, or "a story in the sky," where there are no worries of bad weather with an average temperature of 25°C in the summer. (casangelina.com)

### BROOKLYN, NEW YORK (TOP RIGHT)

Get married at the Galapagos Art Space, an eco-friendly, LEED-certified venue that was transformed from a horse stable into a funky art space — complete with a 1,600-square-foot lake in the middle. In the neighbourhood known as DUMBO (Down Under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass), you'll get a great view of the Brooklyn Bridge and the Manhattan skyline while watching cabaret entertainment, including live music and trapeze artists. It doesn't get more urban-chic than this. (galapagosartspace.com)

### ST. JAMES, BARBADOS (MIDDLE LEFT)

For a classic sun-and-surf destination wedding, the Fairmont Royal Pavilion Barbados Resort offers packages for groups of up to 30 people. The five-star boutique hotel features oceanfront suites just steps away from sparkling blue waves. Get married in Lover's Paradise, their idyllic garden overlooking the Caribbean Sea. With the help of the hotel's wedding planners, go as glam or as minimalistic as you like. (fairmont.com/royalpavilion)

### MARBELLA, SPAIN (MIDDLE RIGHT)

One of the most-exclusive venues in Spain, the Finca la Concepción is a stunning botanical garden on an estate property featuring avocado plantations and exotic fruit trees. Have both your ceremony and reception in the gorgeous grounds complete with candlelit ponds and colourful lanterns hanging from the trees for a bit of Spanish flair. Guests can stay in the exclusive resort town of Puerto Banus and will surely spot soccer royalty on their stay as it is a favourite getaway for European sports stars. (fincalaconcepcion.com)

### NECKER ISLAND, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS (BOTTOM)

Invite up to 100 guests to an ultra-exclusive wedding on Richard Branson's island. Rental of his property includes boat transportation to the land, accommodation, meals and drinks and your very own. Enjoy a six-course gala dinner on Bali Hi Beach followed by a moonlight swim with utmost privacy. Whether it's watersports, sunbathing or a game of tennis on one of two courts on the property, what more could one ask for? (neckerisland.virgin.com)