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Want to combine an overseas wedding with a romantic retreat?
Here are our favourite spots for a twin-centre celebration

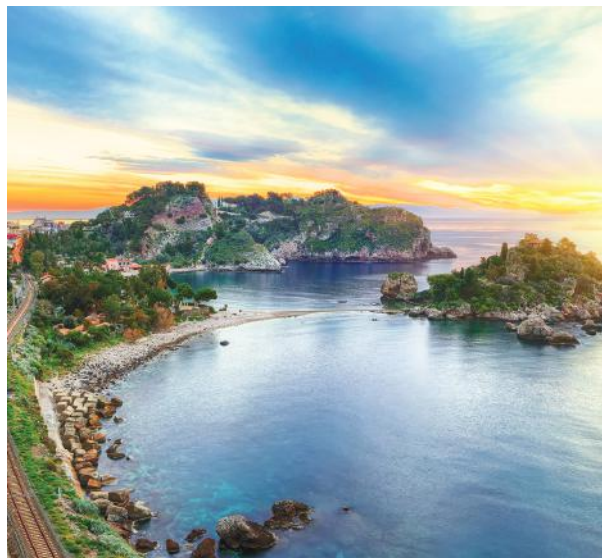




ITALY

MARRY IN... SORRENTO

Weddings in Italy are undeniably romantic. From the rolling hills of Tuscany to the picturesque Amalfi Coast, you have a choice of magical spots to say 'I do'. One of our favourites is cliff-top Sorrento with its blush buildings and sweeping water views. In this part of Italy, stunning surroundings are part and parcel so you can take your pick of dreamy fairytale venues. For a sprinkling of medieval charm, you'll adore Sorrento's Cloisters of San Francesco. Tucked within the walls of a monastery, this historic venue is an enchanting location that's steeped in history. With its gorgeous outdoor courtyard surrounded by gothic arches and trailing vines, this is the venue for you if you want an intimate – and utterly mesmerising – ceremony. When it comes to your reception, there are boutique hotels and luxe villas aplenty in Sorrento with many offering classic outdoor settings. One we particularly love is Hotel Mediterraneo with its modern terrace overlooking the glittering bay – perfect for all those big day photos.



HOLIDAY IN... SICILY

If you're marrying in Sorrento, you'll definitely want a few days to enjoy the Sorrentine Peninsula and beautiful Amalfi Coast. Then, for your honeymoon getaway, the Italian island of Sicily needs to be on your radar. Just a short flight from Naples, you'll find yourself in the historic city of Catania, which offers a gateway to the ultra-pretty Taormina. Located on the east coast, this charming town encapsulates romance, making it a must for a southern Italian sojourn. This Sicilian jewel is one of the island's best-loved towns and offers visitors lots to see and do. For history lovers, the ancient amphitheatre is a sight to behold, while adventurous couples will jump at the chance to explore the hiking trails of active Mount Etna – the scenery is beautiful. And if lounging on a beach is more your idea of bliss? You'll find a variety of beaches in the area, too, from small pebbly bays to glorious golden stretches. When it comes to somewhere to stay, consider the Grand Hotel Timeo – a deluxe hideaway overlooking the coast.



SPAIN

MARRY IN... MARBELLA

Tie the knot in Spain and you'll be treated to great weather, gorgeous scenery and lively fiesta vibes. Across the mainland and islands, there's a host of stunning venues fit for a whole variety of wedding themes and styles. If you're dreaming of a trendy beachside affair, one place you'll want to prioritise is the sun-drenched city of Marbella. Sheltered by mountains on the sparkling southern coast, this city is Spain's answer to St Tropez, so you can expect plenty of glamorous spots to swap rings here. For a cool beach club wedding, Marbella is definitely the right place and we recommend checking out Nikki Beach – a coveted luxury space overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. Or for a grand soirée, consider Villa Del Mar at the exclusive Marbella Club. Set in lush Andalusian gardens right by the beach, this majestic venue is an elegant choice for a sophisticated wedding. Whichever you choose, we promise you'll have exceptional hospitality and a seriously dreamy setting for your big day!



HOLIDAY IN... SEVILLE

Following a beach wedding, a great option for your honeymoon is a sophisticated city break. Located inland, Seville is the largest city in the region of Andalusia and a fantastic spot for a romantic getaway. If you're happy to hire a car, the city can be reached in under three hours from Marbella, and you also have the option of stopping at the striking town of Ronda en route. Seville itself is a buzzing destination that will win you over with its fairytale architecture, sun-washed plazas and sultry vibes. During the day, you'll have lots to fill your time, including visits to the magical Real Alcázar and historical Plaza de España. However, it's in the evenings that this city really comes alive. Renowned for its nightlife, a honeymoon here involves balmy evenings discovering flamenco, sampling authentic tapas and drinking sangria at the terraza bars that spill across the city. When you're finally ready for sleep, you won't be short of quality hotels here either. A top option is the grand Hotel Alfonso XIII, which offers a heavenly setting for catching your Zzzs.



GREECE

MARRY IN... SANTORINI

Greece is the ideal destination if you're after a backdrop of picturesque towns and unspoilt beaches. Each island has different characteristics, which means there's somewhere perfect for every type of wedding here, too. While lesser-known islands are becoming more popular, hotspots like Santorini are famous for good reason. With its whitewashed houses, blue-domed churches and twisting alleyways, Santorini is one of the most beautiful locations in the world, which makes it perfect for an unforgettable day! From Firá to Oia, Santorini has an abundance of luxury venues so you'll be spoilt for choice if you host a civil ceremony or symbolic blessing here. Venues generally offer breathtaking views, and options like Le Ciel are no exception. Canaves Oia's stylish and secluded properties also promise an idyllic setting for your wedding. If you want to close your day with one of the island's renowned sunsets, we recommend the Sunset Terrace at Canaves Oia Epitome – a rustic-luxe space perched above the fishing port of Ammoudi.



HOLIDAY IN... CRETE

Beautiful Greece attracts visitors from all over the world. It's an incredible honeymoon destination and one you definitely need to make the most of if you're getting hitched here. Thanks to its location, Santorini is a great starting point if you fancy hopping to other islands in the Cyclades group such as Mykonos, Naxos or Ios. But, for slightly different scenery, we suggest a getaway to the sunny island of Crete. As the largest island of Greece, Crete has lots to offer – from heavenly beaches to diverse rural landscapes and colourful old towns. Honeymoon here and your days will be spent soaking up sunshine, exploring natural beauty spots such as Samariá Gorge and taking snaps at the pretty pink Elafonissi beach. Chic resorts are found across the island so you can be sure of a glam place to stay. The Syntopia Hotel in Rethymno is a really cool choice for honeymooners with its free-spirited boho vibe. Likewise, Daios Cove is a blissful retreat that's nestled in the hillside overlooking a private bay – perfect for your first relaxing escape as newlyweds.