

The trendy French Riviera is a great option for a lavish celebration



EUROPEAN WEDDINGS

IF YOU'RE DREAMING OF MARRYING OVERSEAS, YOU'LL LOVE THESE BEAUTIFUL DESTINATIONS

FRANCE

Chic and oh so romantic, it's no surprise that France is a popular country for a fairytale wedding abroad. With its elegant settings and its close proximity to the UK, this is a great option if you want a destination celebration that still feels classic and traditional.

Across the country, you'll find a gorgeous selection of places to tie the knot – from dreamy castles to vineyards, farmhouses and boutique hotels. You'll also have a diverse choice of scenery depending on the area you go for. Top locations include the beautiful Loire Valley and the glamorous French Riviera – both of which offer something a little different.

If you're after a château wedding venue, the former will be the perfect location for you. Here, in the heart of France, you'll find rolling countryside, pretty towns and majestic castles alongside the river Loire.

And if you're after a more contemporary or luxury vibe? The south of France will tick the right boxes. The star-studded French Riviera is home to a host of swanky beach clubs, villas and resorts that are perfect for a sumptuous affair. We particularly love Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild – this prestigious venue is a jewel on the sparkling coastline.

ICELAND

A country like no other, Iceland is home to natural wonders such as tumbling waterfalls, lagoons and volcanoes – all of which set a brilliant scene for your special day. Not just for elopements, larger wedding ceremonies can also take place in Iceland, with authentic venues that make the most of the great outdoors.

With so many striking settings to choose from, this vast and diverse country offers something for everyone – and better still, travel companies such as TUI offer comprehensive wedding packages, meaning you won't have the hassle of planning everything yourself.

One of the country's most famous sites is the iconic Blue Lagoon which is a one-of-a-kind spot for getting hitched. But if you want a more remote setting instead, you could consider saying your vows in Thingvellir National Park or in front of Seljalandsfoss waterfall. Surrounded by rolling countryside, this impressive



We love the idea of a dreamy French château wedding – it's stylish and romantic

waterfall promises a glorious backdrop for all your big day photographs. And for something totally unique? You could also wow your guests with a celebration on a spectacular black sand beach in the coastal village of Vik.

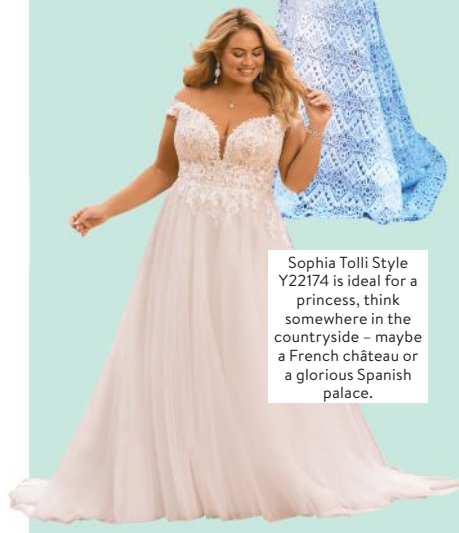
THREE OF THE BEST *Destination dresses*



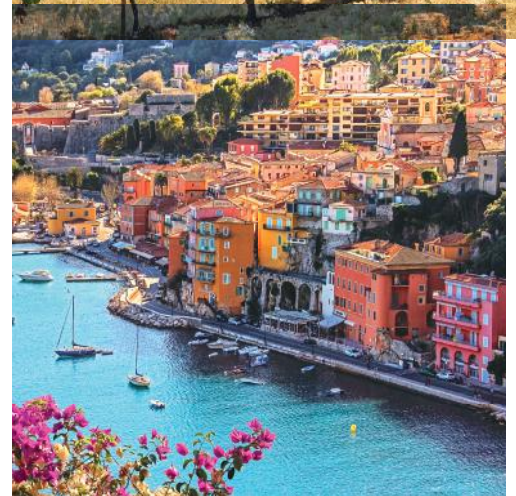
Mikaella Bridal Style 2352 is perfect for a destination 'I do'. The soft flowing skirt and detailed bodice is stunning, but will travel well and feel cool on a balmy day.



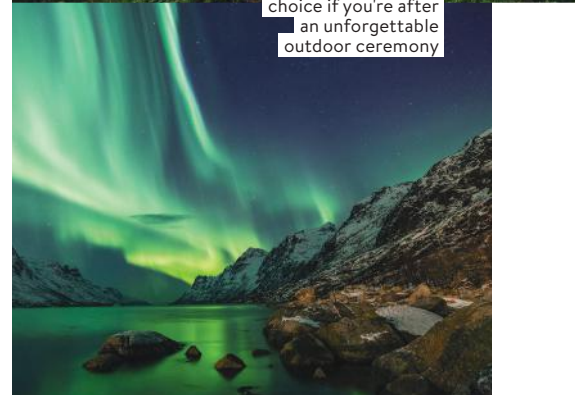
Deja by Evie Young is the perfect gown for a relaxed, effortlessly chic affair. We can imagine this dress worn in a vineyard or beach setting, from Santorini to the Spanish riviera.



Sophia Tolli Style Y22174 is ideal for a princess, think somewhere in the countryside – maybe a French château or a glorious Spanish palace.



Iceland is a wonderful choice if you're after an unforgettable outdoor ceremony





The Amalfi Coast's pretty villages are the perfect setting for a romantic wedding



ITALY

There's no denying the romance of Italy and this is a destination that should be on your list if you want a truly magical setting.

Like other European countries, Italy has a beautiful mix of places, making it a great option no matter your style or theme. For couples after a city wedding, both Venice and Rome offer a choice of enchanting settings with glamorous hotels, grand palaces and historical landmarks. While for a rustic celebration, the hills of Tuscany deliver breathtaking rural scenery.

If you're after an outdoor wedding, the latter is an amazing choice. Tuscany's wedding venues lend themselves to al fresco celebrations with pretty vineyards and farmhouse courtyards decorated with fairylights and flowers.

And if an open air coastal wedding is more your thing? The sparkling Amalfi Coast will take your breath away. As one of the world's most-loved wedding destinations, the villages on the Amalfi Coast are a picture-perfect location for an ultra-romantic celebration. Cliffside Positano is the well-known spot here with its dreamy blush house and panoramic sea vistas. Our favourite venues include Villa Magia and Villa Oliviero – both offer stylish terraces with unmatched views.

GREECE

With its excellent weather, picturesque towns and unspoilt beaches, Greece is a beautiful choice for an overseas wedding. Santorini is usually a first pick with its whitewashed houses and blue-domed churches – but with so many other spots to choose from, it isn't your only option for a postcard-perfect wedding setting.

From Zante to Corfu, all Greece's holiday hotspots promise a breathtaking backdrop for your special day – think olive-cloaked hills, turquoise seas and gorgeous beaches. Crete is one of our favourites, and as the largest island, you'll find options for every wedding; from beach and woodland events to traditional chapel ceremonies.

Over on the mainland, you can't go wrong with the ancient city of Athens. In the heart of the capital, you'll find a bustling destination that's rich in culture and full of chic settings. You could also consider the nearby Athens Riviera, which promises luxe venues, such as the Four Seasons, overlooking the Aegean Sea. As an easily accessible part of Greece, this is a convenient destination for your guests – and can be a perfect starting point before exploring the islands on your honeymoon.

SPAIN

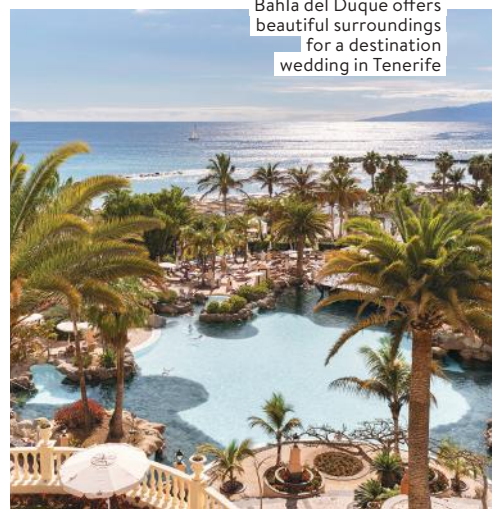
Want a lively, once-in-a-lifetime fiesta for your wedding? With year-round sunshine, delicious food and a beautiful coastline, you're guaranteed an event to remember if you tie the knot in Spain.

As a country that's fast becoming one of Europe's favourite wedding spots, you can be sure to find a venue and location here to suit what you're after. On the mainland, places to wed include the popular Costa Del Sol, beautiful Barcelona and stylish Seville. But for a Spanish island wedding instead, the Balearic Islands offer cool surroundings for a barefoot boho experience. Ibiza remains one of our top choices for destination weddings with its five-star resorts, chilled out beach clubs and beautiful fincas such as the seriously romantic Can Domingo.

Further afield, Spain's gorgeous Canary Islands shouldn't be forgotten about either. Much further south than the country's other islands, you'll find an unbeatable climate, as well as captivating volcanic landscapes, lush forests and beautifully wild beaches. Beach weddings, hotel receptions and church ceremonies are all available here and some of our recommended resort venues include the stylish Bahía del Duque and Sheraton La Caleta, which boast tropical gardens and prime seafront locations.



There are so many gorgeous spots to tie the knot in Greece – from the mainland to the islands



Bahía del Duque offers beautiful surroundings for a destination wedding in Tenerife