

LUXURY WEDDINGS

At once upscale and intimate, couples who can afford to do so are spending the money for unforgettable weddings—whether on a private island or yacht or aboard a catamaran with their closest family and friends in attendance during daytime, evening, or romantic sunset.

- Macie E. Dawkins-Hanna, *Calypso Weddings*; Cynthia Schwarz, *Aolani Catamaran Weddings (below)*; Cindy Stevens, *Elegant Weddings, Events, and Moments*



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GROOM GROOMING

Weddings are no longer all about the bride. Today's groom is more fashion-conscious and concerned with personal appearance. Custom-designed men's wear, grooming services, and personalized fashion elements like colorful socks or no socks at all, unique footwear, suspenders, hats, or other details are finding their way into the groom's preparations.

- Maria Cuhna (below); Maria Lugo, PBC™; Maria A. Lugo



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ELABORATE DESSERTS

Cake pops, candy or sundae bars, specialty tea and coffee stations add flair to accompany traditional wedding cakes. Other options are s'more stations or dessert bars with decadent sweets like truffles, chocolate fondue, caramel crème brûlée, and mousse shooters.

- Madeline Chapman, *Madeline's Weddings & Events*; Carol Grisanti, *Carol Grisanti Weddings & Classic Veils by Carol*; Kelly Kauth; Maria Lugo, PBC™; Maria A. Lugo; Rosie Moore, PBC™; 27 Miracles Wedding Consulting; McEmsara Quesada, PBC™; *Without a Hitch (below)*; Amy VanMeter, PBC™; Amy VanMeter Events; Alicia Vilar, *San Miguel Weddings*



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LIGHT IT UP

Lighting design will continue to rise. Whether using a pin spot to accent a centerpiece, a color wash to highlight an entire wall, uplighting, lit tables and trees, or gobos to stencil a pattern, monogram, or name in lights, lighting creates a scene like nothing else.

- Tamika Brown, *Occasions 2 Remember*; Meghan Ely, *OFD Consulting (right)*; Gaby Ruiz, *Terramar DMC/Style Weddings*; Paulina Torreblanca, *Creaciones Inéditas (above)*; Tiffeny Wilson, *Creations by Tiffeny*

THE "UNBOOK" GUESTBOOK

Brush aside the standard book and use photo scrapbooks, framed sports jerseys, a quilt, old fashioned typewriter, mailbox with postcards, or a wishing tree for guestbooks.

- Karolina Warren, *Weddings by Karolina (above)*; Sarah McQuat, *Weddingstar.com*