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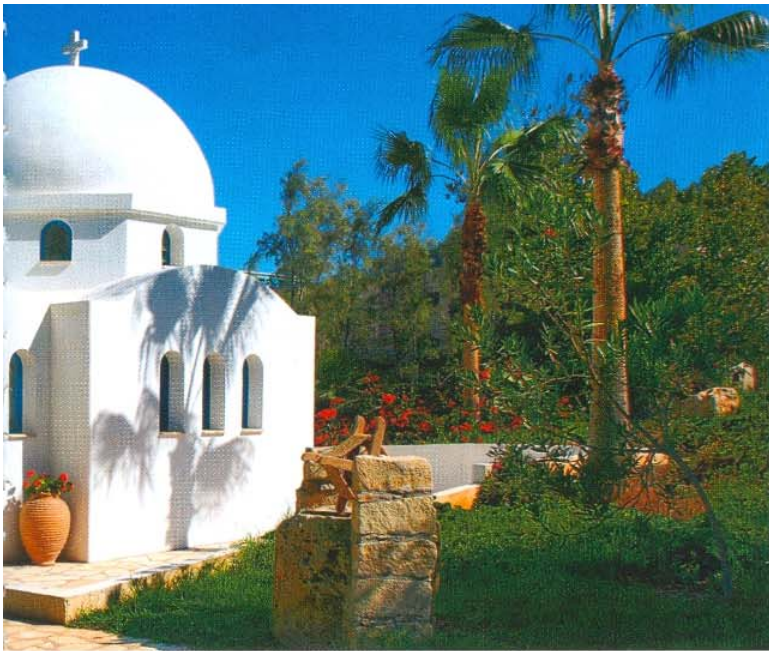
## Real brides

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**Hip hen dos**

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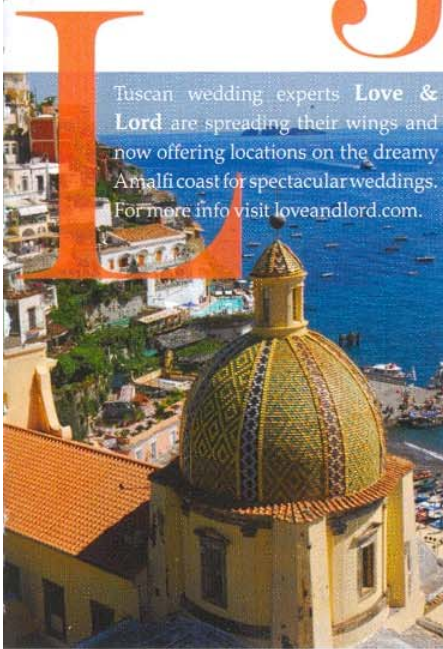




If it's **just the two of you** saying your 'I dos' overseas without any family and friends, arrange something special after the ceremony such as a sunset cruise, a romantic al fresco dinner for two on the beach or a spectacular helicopter tour. Go on, spoil yourselves!



Check out top tour operator **ITC Classics'** ([itcclassics.co.uk](http://itcclassics.co.uk)) new *Romance* brochure, for great ideas on where to get married abroad. ITC Classics' concierge is on hand to help book all the extras from a champagne catamaran cruise to a dinner on a candlelit beach. You can also add honeymoon vouchers to your Wrapit gift list ([wrapit.co.uk](http://wrapit.co.uk)) to be used towards spa treatments or the cost of the honeymoon itself.



Tuscan wedding experts **Love & Lord** are spreading their wings and now offering locations on the dreamy Amalfi coast for spectacular weddings. For more info visit [loveandlord.com](http://loveandlord.com).

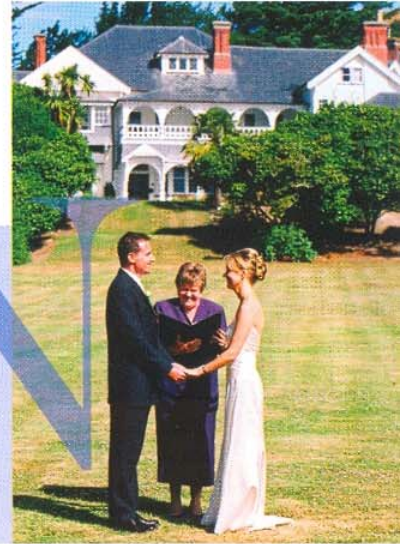
**K** is for **kiss me quick!** Always check the residency period for your overseas wedding with the local tourist board. In Las Vegas you can marry on the day you arrive, while in some places, such as France, you have to be resident for up to 40 days.



Brides can walk down the aisle under a pretty white **marquee** set up by the beach, adorned with ribbons and local flowers at Le Meridien Limassol Resort & Spa ([lemeridien-cyprus.com](http://lemeridien-cyprus.com)). We like!



Otahuna Lodge ([otahuna.co.nz](http://otahuna.co.nz)) has to be one of **New Zealand's** most romantic wedding retreats. Just 20 minutes from Christchurch, on South Island, the seven-suite lodge was built in 1895 and now offers fairytale weddings. Otahuna costs from £1959 per night to rent for weddings, which includes cocktails, canapés, a five-course dinner with wine, and breakfast.



How about planting an **olive tree** to cement your vows? This is the romantic touch offered to lucky newlyweds at the Aphrodite Hills Resort in Cyprus ([aphroditehills.com](http://aphroditehills.com)).

**Princess Cruises** ([princesscruises.co.uk](http://princesscruises.co.uk)) is the only cruise line to allow you to be married at sea by the captain – on a choice of 17 luxury ships around the world. Weddings cost from £880 plus £220 for the licence. Or, if you want to blow the budget, for £10 million you can hire an entire ship! See the new *Tie the Knot* brochure online for more details.



For an intimate rainforest wedding in **Queensland**, St Christopher's Chapel, Cairns, is a private, non-denominational chapel which seats up to 30. With a backdrop of mountains, add special touches such as having tropical butterflies released after the ceremony. Wedding packages start from £896 ([kuoni.co.uk](http://kuoni.co.uk)).

