

A-LIST WEDDING DESTINATIONS

If you have the budget, you too can get married at grandiose castles, picturesque resorts and popular properties famous for superstar unions

EMILY BLUNT AND JOHN KRASINSKI



DESTINATION: Lake Como, Italy
LOCATION: Villa d'Este
British-born Emily, 33, wed *The Office* comedian John in 2010 at this 152-room, 16th century lakeside property set amidst a 25-acre park of winding paths, manicured terraces and delicate fountains, long a magnet for the

rich and famous from Elizabeth Taylor to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. The bride wore a cream chiffon Marchesa dress to the private ceremony which followed the couple's week-long stay at close friend George Clooney's holiday home nearby.
DETAILS: villadeste.com



MICHAEL DOUGLAS AND CATHERINE ZETA-JONES

DESTINATION: New York, USA
LOCATION: The Plaza
The Big Apple's most elaborate hotel was where *The Mask of Zorro* lead Catherine Zeta Jones married Michael Douglas in 2000. The lavish 350-guest ballroom was decorated with 20,000 roses and a 10-tier cake whilst paparazzi eager to get shots of superstars like Goldie Hawn and Meg Ryan were kept at bay by tight security in the form of hologrammed invites as the Welsh and American flags flew over the grand entrance. Nods to the bride's home were paid in the form of Welsh lamb being served as the main with rings being made in Aberystwyth.
DETAILS: theplazany.com



BRUCE WILLIS AND EMMA HEMING

DESTINATION: Turks and Caicos
LOCATION: Parrot Cay by COMO
The laid-back Caribbean vibe of the white-sand, turquoise-water all-inclusive Parrot Cay, with its trademark Balinese-style villas, made for the perfect spot for *Die Hard* action-man, who owns a home in the island-resort, and Victoria's Secret model Emma to tie the knot. The ceremony on the exclusive 1,000 acre island also picked by Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck to hold their nuptials was witnessed by Bruce's ex-wife, Demi Moore and their three children.
DETAILS: comohotels.com



PETRA ECCLESTON AND JAMES STUNT

DESTINATION: Bracciano, Italy
LOCATION: Odescalchi Castle
This 15th century medieval castle has played host to a number of seriously starry nuptials ever since Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes put a spotlight on the site. Formula 1 princess Petra splashed out an estimated AED24million/US\$6.5million on her big event which included serenades by Eric

Clapton and Andrea Bocelli, an AED379,000/US\$103,000 Vera Wang dress and a vintage Rolls-Royce Phantom driven by racing ace Jean Alesi. The 250 guests who included Paris and Nicky Hilton, Flavio Briatore as well as the Duchess of York with her daughters Eugenie and Beatrice, ended the night watching The Black Eyed Peas perform with the grand finale being midnight fireworks.
DETAILS: odescalchi.it



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JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE AND JESSICA BIEL

DESTINATION: Fasano, Italy
VENUE: Borgo Egnazia Resort
THE LOW-DOWN: Celebrity couple Justin and Jessica, (who was resplendent in soft pink Giambattista Valli), picked this perfect part-modern minimalist, part-traditional Southern Italian resort on the Adriatic Sea

surrounded by olive trees to seal their love in 2012. All bills for this top-secret Mediterranean celebration, attended by equally starry guests as varied as Timbaland and Jimmy Fallon, were picked up by the happy couple. Why did they chose Puglia? Justin admitted it was because: "We love to eat!"

Who serenaded the bride? The *Sexy Back* singer revealed to **HELLO!** at the time: "I figured if there was something I was going to be able to offer, it would be to sing her down the aisle. Grown men were weeping. Hopefully it's because I didn't sound bad."

DETAILS: borgoegnazia.com



DAVID BECKHAM AND VICTORIA ADAMS

DESTINATION: Dublin, Ireland
VENUE: Luttrellstown Castle
 The 4 July 1999 wedding of chiselled soccer star David and the former Posh Spice set the tone for over-the-top opulent weddings-complete with gold thrones-as the couple splashed an estimated AED3million/US\$800,000 on the one-day event at the 560-acre quintessentially Irish 12-room,

5-star resort. Victoria opted to wear a champagne-coloured, corseted Vera Wang couture dress with a 20-foot train matched with a gold crown before changing for her 230-person monochrome reception which saw the happy couple change into Antonio Berardi royal purple looks and hear their 18-piece orchestra.

DETAILS: luttrellstowncastle.com



BLAKE LIVELY AND RYAN REYNOLDS

DESTINATION: Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

VENUE: Boone Hall Plantation

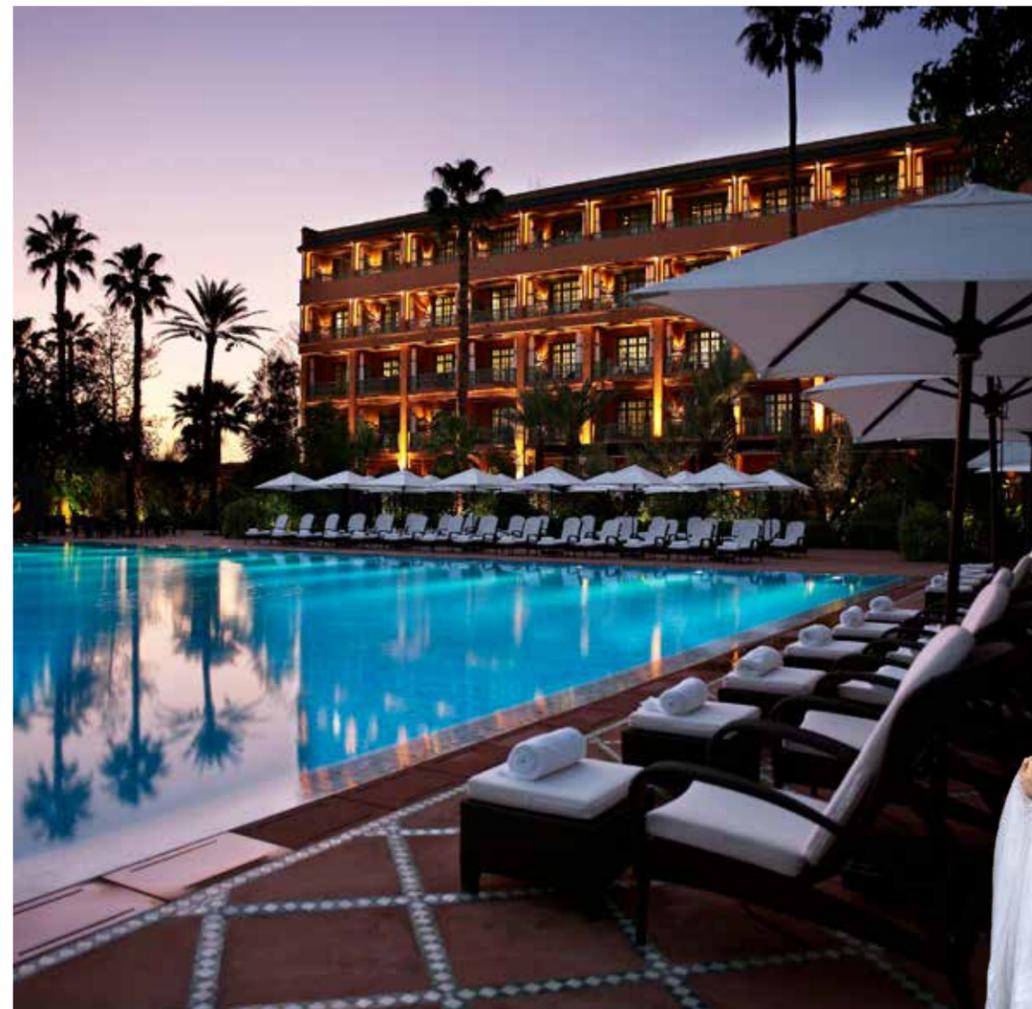
THE LOW-DOWN: A subtle rose-gold Marchesa gown and Christian Louboutin shoes was what former *Gossip Girl* Blake Lively wore to her hush-hush fairy-tale wedding to her Burberry-clad heartthrob Ryan Reynolds in 2012. The blonde beauty and power behind website

her friend Florence Welch sing at the wedding and admitted that an overflowing dessert table was high on her list of priorities. Vanilla and sour-cream wedding cake shared space with S'mores bars and tiny tartlets at this historic 738-acre Charleston working plantation made famous as the setting of Allie's home in the tear-jerker *The Notebook*.

DETAILS: boonehallplantation.com



POPPY DELEIVINGNE AND JAMES COOK



DESTINATION: Marrakech,

Morocco

VENUE: La Mamounia

The second part of society Brit couple Poppy and James' star-studded wedding saw their nearest and dearest, which included Suki Waterhouse, Sienna Miller and of course Poppy's supermodel sister Cara, jet off to exotic Marrakech. The majestic La Mamounia hotel, long loved by luminaries from Alfred Hitchcock to Kate Winslet and Tom Cruise, was the epicentre of the moorish celebrations, with a desert party and a garden soirée being part of the revelries at which the Pucci-clad bride went full boho chic.

DETAILS: mamounia.com



KATE BOSWORTH AND MICHAEL POLISH

DESTINATION: Philipsburg, Montana

VENUE: The Ranch at Rock Creek

THE LOW-DOWN: The scenic beauty of this pristine 6,600-acre Montana homestead was the idyllic setting for a truly Americana-rustic-chic celebration for actress and model Kate Bosworth and director Michael Polish. The 2013 four-day nuptials, organized on a ranch, took place surrounded by a supporting cast of family and friends as the bride wore bespoke Oscar de la Renta and entered in a horse-drawn carriage. Looking to emulate these I do's? Opt for the run of the place with an all-inclusive rate which includes fly fishing, clay shooting and horseback riding for up to 125 invitees.

DETAILS: theranchatrockcreek.com





JELENA RISTIC AND NOVAK DJOKOVIC

DESTINATION: Montenegro
VENUE: Aman Sveti Stefan
THE LOW-DOWN: The nuptials between two-time Wimbledon champ Novak Djokovic and his long-time love were held at the super-luxury 58-room shore-side setting of the Aman Sveti Stefan in Montenegro. The couple who admitted they had set their hearts on this secluded islet also thought it was the perfect spot as it wasn't far from their native Serbia with the location's rugged cliffs and Adriatic waters visited by A-listers like Sophia Loren and Princess Margaret, providing the ideal location for the three-day long party. "We wanted everything to embrace the spirit of nature that we are surrounded by," Novak told **HELLO!** exclusively at the time.

The bride, meanwhile, referred to the Adriatic as "one of the most beautiful seas in the whole world."

DETAILS: aman.com



BEHATI PRINSLOO AND ADAM LEVINE

DESTINATION: Los Cabos, Mexico
VENUE: Flora Farms
THE LOW-DOWN: It was a rock'n'roll wedding for Maroon 5 crooner Adam and his model-wife Behati as the couple took their vows in the family-run 10-acre organic farm and restaurant in the foothills of the Sierra de la Laguna Mountains in front of 275 well-wishers including Robert Downey Jr,

Coco Rocha and Jonah Hill in 2014. A relaxed vibe pervaded the partying as Stevie Nicks took to the stage to take the revelry up a notch after which the newlyweds flew off on honeymoon across the world to South Africa to celebrate with those who couldn't make it from the Marchesa-dressed bride's native Namibia.
DETAILS: flora-farms.com

