



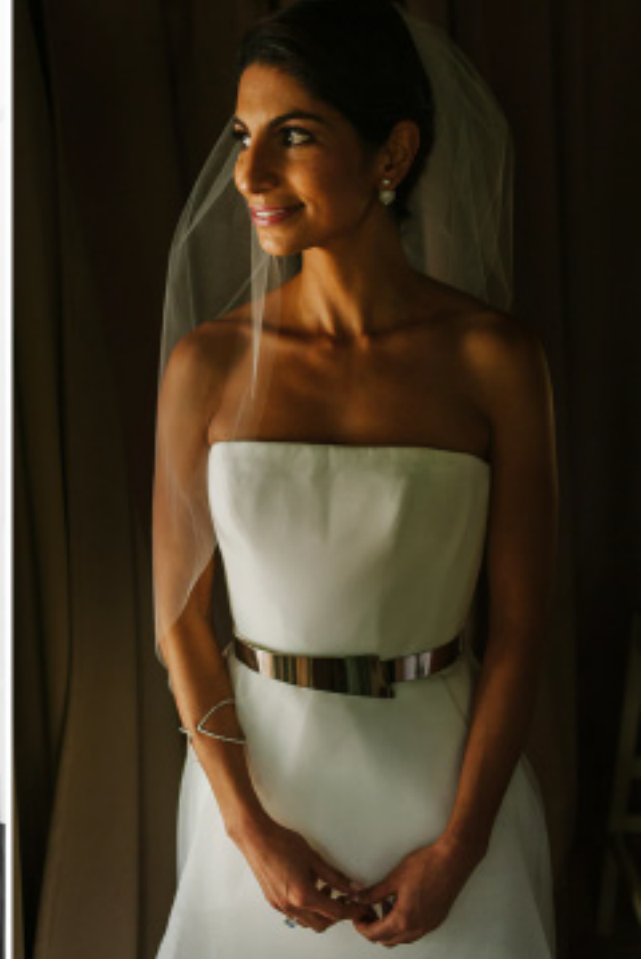
PERFECT LOVE

SHIRIN & ERIC

Tulum, Mexico

Photography
CITLALLI RICO





HOW THEY MET

We met on Sat Dec 10, 2011 at Santacon Festival in San Francisco through our mutual friend Seth.

Eric was dressed as Superman Santa and I was Ms. Gingerbread. We instantly connected and were locked in conversation. Before we knew it a random stranger was dangling a "mistletoe" on top of our heads because he thought we are already a couple. And so our first kiss was under a mistletoe.

Christmas season is very special to us, we had our engagement party in Dec and our wedding in Dec as well, 6 years after we'd met.

THE PROPOSAL

Eric proposed to me on the eve of my birthday (Oct 3 2016).

It was absolutely epic. He'd spent an entire year designing & building a fairy tale proposal book with secret puzzles inside every chapter.

I had to solve puzzles about us and our relationship in order to unlock and open each chapter.

In the final chapter he had hid the ring and by the time I got to that chapter he was kneeling on one knee.

The story of our proposal went viral on the internet, garnering millions of views and features on Huffington Post, Daily Mail and YouTube. We were also on the first Page of Reddit.





I blended the best elements of each of our cultures together. I worked closely with Kristee (our wedding planner) and her incredibly talented florist (Vanessa Jaimes) to do a ground alter and sprinkled throughout have little glass bubbles that had the Persian sofreh elements in it. - SHIRIN



WHY A DESTINATION WEDDING

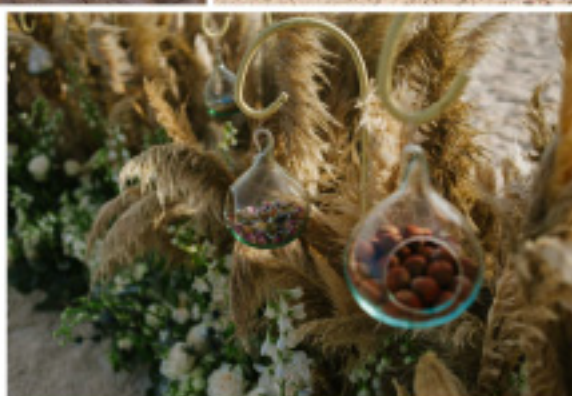
Our life motto is to live a life of Adventure and Change.

So we knew we couldn't have a "standard" wedding at a hotel/resort. It had to incorporate some sense of adventure and fun. We wanted all of our friends to experience a new place with us. A few years earlier we had been to Tulum for a friends wedding and we fell in love with it. We love the gorgeous aqua blue ocean, the boho/relaxed vibe of Tulum. We also loved that there was plenty of adventures our friends could embark on from kite-surfing to visiting mayan ruins or swimming in the cenotes.

THE WEDDING INSPIRATION

I wanted something that was a little unique/different and also rustic/bohemian to fit with the Tulum vibe.

When I saw picture of Pampas Grass Arrangements I was instantly in love. I also loved how the bushy pampas grass





Wedding bands: Eric and I made our wedding bands together from the same platinum bar. We took a full day workshop with a master ring maker who showed us how to make the rings. It was a super fun experience. Engraved inside the rings is our life motto of "Live a Life of Adventure & Change"



HER LOOK

Dress: Romona Keveza
 Veil: Bridal Galleria San Francisco
 Shoes: Stuart Weitzman
 Accessories: Saks Fifth Avenue
 Engagement Ring: Derco Fine Jewelry



reminded me of "Pickles" (our labradoodle puppy's) furry tail. Even though we weren't able to bring him to Mexico, I wanted him to be with us in spirit throughout the day.

For our alter, I also wanted to have something that would blend our two cultures. I'm from Iran and the traditional Persian weddings are with a "sofreh aghd". There are many symbolic items which make up the sofréh aghd spread, all in which represent an element of the couple's new life together. It was important to me that our alter represents our union of two very different cultures coming together. As such I didn't want a traditional American alter nor a traditional Iranian Sofreh.



THEIR HONEYMOON

Vietnam to hike/sleep overnight for 5 days and 4 nights in the worlds largest Cave * Son Doong Cave*. The cave was first explored in 2009 and only a handful of people in the world have been there since it was first discovered. We feel incredibly lucky to be able to do this. Our honeymoon was gifted to us by Eric's grandmother who passed a way just a few years ago. We will cherish this gift forever. After the cave we are going to Railay Beach in Thailand for so much needed R&R and a bit of rock climbing (have to have some adventure in there!)

THEIR ADVICE

Hire a great wedding planner that will take a lot of the stress.
Take time to figure out what is most important to you and optimize around that (for some people it's about the flowers, food, etc...) for us it was all about our friends and how we could create a once in a lifetime experience we would all cherish. We planned a Sailing Trip aboard a catamaya as our rehearsal party to create a great start to the weekend.





MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT

We wanted to remember and savor all the moments so Eric and I made a rule that whenever we encountered a moment we want to cherish we would take two deep breaths together and savor it all.

When I first arrived down the isle.

When we just finished our vows.

When we hugged our two best friends and officiants right after the ceremony.

When we arrived into the reception, realizing that we loved every single face we saw (it was important to us that every single person that got an invite was someone we really loved, we wanted a small/intimate wedding w our closest friends/family)

When we were surrounded by our friends jumping up and down/ dancing on the palapa floor (we could feel the beat of the music all the way through the floor)All of these and so many many more. 🥰

THE VENDORS

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