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Spring 2020 Cover: Real-life destination wedding couple Brittany and Ryan look as lovely and in love as any two could be. Brittany looks stunning in a gown by Hayley Paige, hair and makeup by Styling Trio, earrings by Anthropologie and bouquet by Vanessa Jaimes Floral. Ryan's blue suit and burgundy tie by Cravats look dapper and sophisticated. The two wed in Tulum, Mexico and celebrated their event at Chiringuito Tulum Hotel. Everything was planned to perfection by Tropical Occasions and photographed by Erin and Gabri Photography. Check out their wedding story on page 106.



Summer 2020 Cover: This sunny, fun cover was captured at our "Desert Daydream" photo shoot in Palm Springs, California at Korakia Pensione by Jillian Rose Photography and can be seen in its entirety starting on page 52. The model, Amie Tollefsrud, is wearing a gown by Tara Lauren and is accessorized with earrings and a hat by BASY Boutique. Her hair and makeup are by 931 Beauty Co., and she is holding a bouquet designed by Inessa Nichols Design with flowers provided by Fifty Flowers. Planning was done by One Social Design and production by Be Inspired PR.

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MEXICO

TULUM

BRITTANY +
RYAN





“The half-moon shaped altar held a double purpose and was moved to the dinner area to spruce up the beach looking out to the water.”

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It's not every day the father of the bride is the match maker. Ryan met Brittany's dad while building her parent's house. Her father was so impressed by Ryan that he jokingly suggested Brittany should move home to date this young builder. After repeated nudging by her father, Brittany decided to ask him out during one of her visits. "When she took the opportunity to ask me out for a date, she was so darn cute about it that I had to go," recalls Ryan. "My dog, Saki, and I met Brittany at Siesta Key Oyster Bar. We laughed for the next four hours straight. I couldn't wait to get together again."

After a long distance friendship (including nightly phone calls, belly laughs and weekend reunions) turned into a long distance romance, the two knew they had found "the one."



A destination wedding came natural to the pair. “Our relationship is first and foremost based on friendship and creating amazing, fun experiences together,” says the couple. “We wanted the start of our marriage to be an adventure in itself. We thought this might be the only time we were all together with the people we love most across the world.”

With 73 people along for the ride, the group headed to Tulum, Mexico to experience its off-the-beaten-path vibe. “Its exotic atmosphere and international bohemian culture, combined with a not-so-great connection to the digital world, creates an environment where you can be carefree and feel removed from society if you let yourself. To us, this is a great way to start a life together,” says Brittany.

The couple planned an incredibly unique ceremony, which included Brittany’s father as the officiant, family vows and group meditation. “[Our parents] promised to accept each of us into their family as their own, to love, support and

guide us and love us unconditionally. We also had everyone take a moment of mindfulness, and the entire audience joined hands as my dad guided them through a mini-meditation to get present and into the ceremony. It really helped to calm the nerves of everyone,” recalls the bride.

The lively and fun atmosphere of the reception was intentional from the start. The couple replaced the traditional cake cutting with a party piñata filled with glow sticks, silly glasses and leis. “We used that to kick off the dancing and told everyone to head up to the restaurant for the first dances with an 11-piece live band. The band was incredible and everyone had such a blast with all the party gear!” recalls Brittany.

The entire wedding went off perfectly with the help of their wedding planning team. “I had a great, experienced team in Tropical Occasions and having them made all the difference. They brought our vision to life.”

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