



THE FRENCH CONNECTION

Kathryn Ireland invites you to tie the knot at her escape in the French countryside

t was a wrong turn en route to Provence that led British interior designer Kathryn Ireland to the one. "We came across this house in Montauban, and I said: 'I want it!'" she explains. Twenty-three blissful years later, the Santa Monica-based star of Bravo's "Million Dollar Decorators" is opening La Castellane to couples in search of a special place to get hitched. Set on 50 acres of farmland overlooking the Tescou Valley, the Tuscan-style Quercy stone-and-adobe estate (which dates back to 1870) offers endless possibilities: a ceremony amid the wildflowers; dinner on the south terrace; dancing in the al fresco dining room; and a wisteria-draped converted cow barn Vogue Living called "one of the 100 most beautiful outdoor rooms in the world." The designer already has a cracker-jack wedding team on speed dial, including L.A.-based event planners Quo Vadis Concierge, French chef Daniel de la Falaise, who trained at London's esteemed Harry's Bar, and winemaker Laurent Cazottes, whose credits include the wedding of Kate Moss. The residence features 10 bedrooms and sleeps up to 16; its event capacity accommodates 100 comfortably—not counting the property's 11 permanent residents: three black Arabian horses, five chickens and three cats. lacastellane.net.





BON VOYAGE

With its exotic, white-sand beaches, yacht-lined harbors and French sophistication, St. Barths (Saint-Barthélemy) continues to reign as one of the Caribbean's most exclusive stomping grounds. For unparalleled honeymoon bliss, repose beachside in a lounge for two at **Le Sereno** (formerly the Sereno Beach Hotel). A new redesign—courtesy of famed Parisian interior designer Christian Liaigre (The Mercer Hotel)—now provides sleek outfitting for its 37 suites and three luxurious ocean-view villas, each with its own private pool and garden. Before a candlelit dinner at Le Restaurant des Pécheurs, head into town, where you can stop for a glass of rosé and snap up a chic swimsuit at the new **Eres** boutique. *lesereno.com; eresparis.com.*

