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GROUNDBREAKING

FOUR HOTEL OPENINGS ARE BIG NEWS FOR TO-BE-WEDS.

Walk down a petal-covered aisle on Hulopoe Beach at Hawaii's **Four Seasons Resort Lanai** (below), which reopened in February 2016 after a multimillion-dollar redo that

redesigned the rooms and added two new restaurants. Five wedding packages from \$5,500. ... After a \$100 million restoration, Bermuda's

"pink palace" returned to its former glory in June 2016.

The 400-room **Hamilton Princess & Beach Club** boasts entirely renovated interiors, three new restaurants (one by acclaimed chef Marcus Samuelsson), a private beach club, an Exhale spa and an infinity pool. ... I do's at the sleek new **Mar Adentro** by Encanto

(left), opened December 2015 in Los Cabos, Mexico, call for a mod all-white theme. Prepare mind and body in the holistic spa, and

choose from five venues for the main event. ... Wed like royalty at **Villa Pliniana** (below), a 16th-century palazzo perched on Lake Como in Northern Italy. The 19-room villa, which opened March 2016, sleeps up to 39, but it can host parties of 500 in its waterfront gardens.

Overflow guests can stay at the neighboring **Il Sereno, Lago di Como** hotel, opening July 2016. —Katrina Deister and Maya Vandenberg



Trend Alert

SAY YAS TO THE YACHT

GET YOUR SEA LEGS FOR A CELEBRATION ABOARD AN EXCLUSIVE HOTEL SHIP.

If secluded beaches and hidden villas just aren't elite enough, consider heading out to sea. Resorts worldwide have dropped anchor — and beaucoup bucks — to invest in private yachts for bachelor(ette) get-aways, wedding parties and newlyweds who need to truly cast off. "Having a private yacht gives us a lot of freedom to curate special excursions in an intimate setting," says Andrew Hedley, managing director at Jumby Bay, A Rosewood Resort, in Antigua.

The Last Hurrah ▶ You and five BFFs can take NIZUC Resort & Spa's 56-foot catamaran out for an overnight trip to Isla Mujeres, Mexico, for shopping, snorkeling and sipping (tequila, *por favor!*)

in the islet's lagoon. From \$15,000. Across the pond, the sloops chartered by EROSantorini will sail along remote Greek isles, then drop your 22-person squad off for a volcano hike, snorkeling and a picnic of fresh seafood and ouzo shots. From \$1,414 per person.

The Big Day ▶ A five-night island-hopping package (four nights on land, one at sea) doubles as an intimate, progressive wedding celebration for up to 30 loved ones at Phulay Bay, A Ritz-Carlton Reserve in Krabi, Thailand. Choose from five beaches with crystal waters for the ceremony, or say I do on board. Package from \$2,350. Another option: Get Bloody Married on Florida's Pirate Coast aboard



CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM RIGHT: PHULAY BAY, A RITZ-CARLTON RESERVE; COURTESY JUMBY BAY, A ROSEWOOD RESORT; IL SERENO LAGO DI COMO; COURTESY MAR ADENTRO HOTEL BY ENCANTO; COURTESY FOUR SEASONS RESORT LANAI

Flight Tracker

LESS TIME LAYING OVER = MORE TIME LAYING OUT.

1 LOS ANGELES (LAX) ▶ KAUAI, HI (LIH)

Hawaiian (6 hours) Earn almost 5,000 Hawaiian-Miles for an anniversary return. Upgrade to first class for two free checked bags aboard the only direct flight to Kauai outside peak season.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: DEVONSKI PHOTOGRAPHY; CLUB MED PUNTA CANA; ANNA KAT; SOFTEL FIJI RESORT & SPA; KINKORE NIZUC RESORT

Sanibel Harbor Marriott Resort & Spa's 100-foot *Princess* yacht (up to 120 guests) during a brunch or dinner cruise, where bottlenose dolphins often bless vows. *Wedding package from \$2,500. The Honeymoon* ▶▶ At **Jumby Bay, A Rosewood Resort**, just off Antigua's coast, you and your boo can sail on the resort's yacht to a deserted Caribbean islet for a massage, a picnic and bubbly on Maiden Island's virgin beach. *Three hours, \$800.* — Holly V. Kapherr

Above: Kissing and cruising. Below from left: Jumby Bay's Casaway Experience redefines solitude. The Andaman Sea beckons at Phulay Bay, A Ritz-Carlton Reserve. Plying the Mexican Caribbean with NIZUC at Sea.



No Kids Allowed

We get it. You like kids — just not at your wedding. Meet these three resorts that recently made adults priority No. 1.



1

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

CLUB MED PUNTA CANA

In December 2015, this all-inclusive opened its Zen Oasis, a tot-free resort-within-a-resort with 78 rooms that flaunt spa-like bathrooms and outdoor daybeds. Before or after the wedding, play in an Olympic-size lap pool, or Zen out under a palapa on aptly named Zen Beach. *Rooms from \$182 per couple; weddings from \$2,450.*



2

HAWAII

HOTEL WAILEA

Fresh off a \$15 million reno, this 72-room Maui hotel is adults-only as of spring 2015. Swap ceremonial leis at sunset on one of two lawns, followed by dinner in Capische's wild and lush garden. Coax guests into the aloha spirit with welcome apothecary cocktails and pressed juices at The Cabanas. *Rooms from \$499; weddings from \$2,500.*



3

FIJI

SOFTEL FIJI RESORT & SPA

Float down the aisle escorted by a Fijian warrior at this five-star resort, home of the adults-only Waitui Beach Club, debuted July 2015. Expect a restaurant, a pool, a dedicated check-in area and 74 rooms that are separate from the main resort. Did we mention the champagne bar? *Rooms from \$255; weddings from \$2,100.* — Kristine Hansen

COLOR ME PRETTY

Consumers bought 12 million adult coloring books in 2015, according to Nielsen Bookscan, so it's no surprise that wedding-themed options have hit bookshelves. Relieve planning angst with **Color Me Married: The Stress-Free Way to the Big Day**, by Maggie Lord and Kathryn Holeman. Designs range from bouquets and cakes to dresses and accessories. Yep, there's even a honeymoon page. (\$12, amazon.com) — KH



2 NEW YORK/NEWARK, NJ (EWR) ▶▶ LAS VEGAS (LAS) Southwest (5 hours, 30 minutes) Start the wedding-weekend fun with Southwest's in-flight entertainment options, which include 18 free channels of live TV.

3 FORT LAUDERDALE (FLL) ▶▶ PARIS (CDG) Norwegian (8 hours, 40 minutes) Go green: The airline's Boeing 787 Dreamliner was named the most fuel-efficient fleet by the International Council on Clean Transportation.

4 LONG ISLAND (ISP) ▶▶ AGUADILLA, PUERTO RICO (BQN) & SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO (SJU) National (4 hours) Save money transporting wedding must-haves thanks to one free checked bag per passenger. — KD