

REAL WEDDINGS

WEST COAST FLORIDA

Get inspired by these four wow-worthy weddings across Florida's west coast.



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charlotte & frank

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THEIR STORY
When 110 of their closest family members and friends traveled over 4,000 miles from London to witness them tie the knot, Charlotte Hill (26 and works at Disney) and Francesco (Frank) Piazza (27 and works at Netflix) expressed their gratitude by hosting an epic, weekend-long bash that called for a champagne cruise, piña-colada-fueled disco dance party and a casual barbecue to close out the celebrations. "Our wedding felt like one big sleepover with all of our favorite people," Charlotte says. —Rachel Sylvester



Fuchsia wrap dresses were an exact match for the bridesmaids' bold bouquets.



Peonies, garden roses, spray roses, anemones and tulips were arranged with seeded eucalyptus and greenery.



Paper airplane escort cards detailing the names of city-inspired reception tables were displayed next to a calligraphed globe that hinted at the evening's subtle travel motif. "I definitely wanted the travel details to feel subtle and not too much like a themed event," Charlotte says. "We really focused on what would make our wedding fun: good food, good wine, great music and lots of dancing with a few surprises along the way."



THE WELCOME PARTY

Inspired by Miami's lively nightlife scene, the couple hosted a luxe pool party at the hotel's beach club, where "Lullaby" singer Shawn Mullins performed a 30-minute acoustic set for the crowd. Fresh pineapple centerpieces, palm-print table linens and punchy pillows played up the tropical vibe, along with oversized pool floats and an ice cream sundae bar. "After the meal and live music, we jumped in the pool and partied until 11 p.m.," Charlotte says. "There were definitely some hangers on our wedding day."

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A miniature UK Post Office box served as the guestbook, and partygoers were encouraged to leave handwritten well wishes on vintage postcards. Rather than print paper place cards to denote the seating arrangements, guests' names were written on drinking glasses using a wine pen.



CHARLOTTE & FRANK'S WEDDING INGREDIENTS

- 🏠 **CEREMONY SITE** Banyan Street, Boca Grande
- 🏠 **RECEPTION SITE** The Gasparilla Inn & Club, Boca Grande
- 📷 **PHOTOGRAPHY** Lauren and Tim Fair/Lauren Fair Photography
- 📅 **EVENT DESIGN & FLOWERS** Ashton Events
- 👤 **OFFICIANT** Ben Lapides (friend) 🧚 **GOWN** Aire Barcelona, Golden Sash Bridal, London
- 💇 **HAIR & MAKEUP** Brides by Kelly Anne
- 👗 **VEIL** Maria Elena Headpieces 👠 **SHOES** Christian Louboutin
- 💍 **ENGAGEMENT RING** BlueNile.com
- 💍 **WEDDING RINGS** Bride: BlueNile.com; groom: Cartier
- 👰 **EARRINGS** BlueNile.com
- 👰 **BRIDESMAID DRESSES** Valet Vite, London
- 👔 **MENSWEAR** Hermès; Ralph Lauren; Ted Baker
- 📄 **STATIONERY** Wouldn't It Be Lovely
- 📖 **SIGN-IN BOOK** Host & Toast
- 🪑 **RENTALS** A Chair Affair; DJ Jacob Co; Kate Ryan Linens; Nüage Designs; Quest Events; Wish Vintage Rentals
- 🍰 **CATERING & CAKE** The Gasparilla Inn & Club
- 🎵 **MUSIC** DJ Jacob Co; Ryan Blakemore; Shawn Mullins; The Headliners Band
- 🚗 **TRANSPORTATION** Kappy's Market
- 🏠 **ACCOMMODATIONS** The Gasparilla Inn & Club
- 📖 **REGISTRY** The Wedding Shop
- 👥 **GUESTS** 110 **BUDGET** \$\$\$\$\$ (see key, p. 8)