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FROM DAZZLING PRISTINE WHITE BEACHES TO EXOTIC LUSH JUNGLES,
COSTA RICA HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY.



** LISA'S ADVICE: incorporate costa rica's flora into your arrangements. the orchids there are so fabulous, it would be a shame to skip them. and check out purple and yellow alameda flowers, also native to the region.*



Spread across just 20,000 square miles, roughly the size of West Virginia, Costa Rica boasts a landscape of breathtaking variety for couples seeking a one-of-a-kind destination wedding. From dazzling white beaches and striking volcanoes to exotic jungles, Costa Rica has something for everybody.

Costa Rica was colonized by Spain in the early 1500's and became an independent country in 1821. The country's peaceful history and commitment to environmental preservation stand in contrast to many of its Central American neighbors. Its strong central government, 266 days of sunshine per year, and ecological abundance make Costa Rica one of the most popular destinations for American visitors.

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Even better, its convenient location, easy requirements for foreign weddings, and many English-speaking residents make Costa Rica an ideal site for destination weddings.

If you're considering Costa Rica for your destination wedding, start your search at Costa Rican Rentals, suggests Lisa Light of DestinationBride.com. These luxury vacation villas, located in the northwestern town of Playa Ocotal and the southern town of Playa Dominical, both on the Pacific Ocean, offer unparalleled service,

complete with an on-site maid, cook, and butler at your beck and call. Many of the villas have private pools with waterfalls and Jacuzzis. The Playa Ocotal villas are close to the action — just 30 minutes from Liberia Airport and five minutes from the bustling resort city of Coco Beach. The villas in Playa Dominical are a four-hour drive from San Jose and make for the ultimate nature lovers' retreat. The villas are managed by Savannah, Georgia resident Heather Mahaffey, who has strong ties to the area and can assist you in rounding up vendors and suppliers for your wedding celebration.



* TIPS FROM LISA LIGHT, DESTINATION WEDDING EXPERT.

No. **1** incorporate the local flavor into your wedding, whether it be the fruits native to the area or the incredible abundance of orchids, use readily available local products for a truly authentic experience.

No. **2** take advantage of the surrounding amenities ~ scuba diving with your wedding guests, touring volcanoes alongside your future mate, and ziplining through the jungle with your bridesmaids will all create lasting memories.

Picturesque, relaxing, and surprisingly affordable, Costa Rica is an exciting new destination wedding possibility! Start your marriage off right with an adventure full of sun, sand, and plenty of natural beauty.

ABOVE. (L TO R): UNWIND WITH AN OUTDOOR, POOLSIDE MASSAGE; TAKE IN THE BEAUTY OF THE ROLLING HILLS AND MOUNTAINS; RELAX IN YOUR VERY OWN COSTA RICAN VILLA; PULL UP A CHAIR TO A CANDLELIT OCEANSIDE EVENING MEAL.

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