

Hacienda Alta Gracia in Costa Rica FOCUS

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The choice of destination for your wedding need not be a run-of-the-mill beach or palace resort, but a charming tented getaway in Mexico, or a remote villa retreat in Morocco surrounded by exotic gardens, says REBECCA MISNER

Besides attracting tourists to see its line of celebrity villas, Lake Como's appeal also lies with a set of to-be-weds who are looking to be jetted off to a destination wedding. But beyond such old favourites, here we pick five resorts that will make your nuptials feel like a private club of your own.

BAJA, MEXICO ACRE HOTEL

Just a 10-minute taxi ride from Cabo, you'll find this stylish hotel with 12 minimalist-chic tree houses (just enough for close family and friends) and a strong pool scene. (The vibe is more adult getaway than families on spring break.) The property is on 25 acres of farmland, and the hotel can handle receptions for up to 500 guests, (know that there are plenty of options for everyone else back in Cabo's hotel zone). Naturally, the wedding dinner will be at the organic farm-to-table restaurant, and the dancing can happen under the stars among the palm trees and agave. Acrebaja.com

COSTA RICA HACIENDA ALTAGRACIA

Between the rehearsal dinner and the ceremony, guests will have plenty to do at this southern Costa Rican resort whose 50 mountainview rooms and cottages make you feel like you're getting married at a jungle estate. Your friends can ride horses up the Talamanca mountains or go bird-watching at the Los Cusingos wildlife refuge. Of course, they could also get away with doing a lot less—like spending a few hours getting a Thai massage in the thatched-roof treatment hut while being lulled into near-comatose relaxation by the sound of a nearby waterfall. Altagracia.aubergeresorts.com

