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# Local Island “I Do’s”

*Couples from around the globe journey to our neck of the woods to tie the knot. Is an island wedding right for you?*

by Andrea E. McHugh

It can be easy to forget that some of the most desired wedding destinations in the world are right in our backyard. The exquisite islands of Nantucket, Martha’s Vineyard and Block Island are as distinctive as they are serene. When hosting a wedding in one of these extraordinary places, the nuptial adventure begins as soon you and your guests board the ferry or hop on the plane, making for an unforgettable experience and treasured memories. For some couples, marrying on these renowned islands evoke the best of childhood memories while for others, saying “I do” miles away from the mainland starts a new chapter all its own. Whichever the case, a wedding on Nantucket, Martha’s Vineyard or Block Island will be one to remember.



The Wauwinet on Nantucket Island

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With its charming mystique and rich history, Nantucket is an idyllic setting for both grand nuptial celebrations and romantic, intimate weddings alike. Thirty miles out to sea, the island offers a handful of full service hotels for a wedding weekend as well as cozy inns and sweeping beaches for a decidedly casual affair. The Wauwinet overlooks glistening Nantucket Bay and though little more than eight miles from downtown, it feels a world away. It's the pristine luxury locale for your whole wedding entourage to take over the 32 guest rooms and cottages for a private weekend retreat. Guests can get to know one another before the big day over champagne and s'mores on the beach at nightfall. In May 2015, The Wauwinet will open their newly converted three bedroom cottage, Anchorage House at The Wauwinet. "It has that feeling of a home away from home – the entire wedding party can enjoy a rehearsal clambake on the beach followed by a tented wedding ceremony and reception on the lawn and a goodbye brunch on the following day," says Aoife Owens, Director of Sales and Marketing at Nantucket Island Resorts. "Nantucket is such a beautiful, special place that most couples fall in love with the island and want to share it with their friends and families. Its pristine beaches, dramatic bluffs, the traditional elements of the downtown historic district all pro-



*The Wauwinet on Nantucket Island*

vide the perfect setting for any wedding with the natural beauty of the island as a stunning backdrop."

The White Elephant on Nantucket Harbor equally offers couples a luxury wedding experience. All fresco ceremonies can be held on the manicured Harborside Lawn with the reception at the Harborview Deck which can accommodate up to 150 guests. Its convenient downtown location allows guests to set out on jaunts like savoring local flavor at Nantucket's lauded restaurants, shopping the unique boutiques, visiting attractions like the Nantucket Whaling Museum and exploring the island by bicycle. "Of course there are pristine beaches, cobblestone streets and old school Americana on every street and street corner, but what makes Nantucket so special are the professional vendors we have on island to ensure that every bride's and groom's

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*The Sullivan House on Block Island*

visions become a reality," says Jimmy Jaksic, owner and wedding planner at Immaculate Reception based on the island. "Because all of us vendors work so much and well together, we take the stress out of wedding planning and executing, which allows our clients the ability to relax, enjoy and celebrate."

On Martha's Vineyard, engaged couples will find a diverse array of venues. For rustic charm, the Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Hall, a 100-year old post and beam barn reconstructed in 1993, sits on 21 bucolic acres. Here you can customize your wedding from the menu to the décor and everything in-between. The Winnetu Oceanside Resort in Edgartown, meanwhile, offers waterfront views, a bevy of on-site ceremony sites and a fleet of unique antique vehicles that will make your ride to and from the church or an après ceremony photo excursion around town something you'll never forget.


The natural beauty of Rhode Island's Block Island promises couples an event with natural elegance. The iconic Spring House hosts weddings big and small with Victoria's Parlor, a Victorian-era lounge area with a bar and dance floor, lending a sophisticated ambiance on the inside with a wraparound veranda and lush lawn peppered with Adirondack chairs overlooking the sea outside. The historic Sullivan House, built in 1904, is the backdrop for tented weddings on the property, all with panoramic water views. "Block Island is ideal for destination weddings. It is easily accessible but once you get here, it is like being in another world," says Rosalie O'Brien Kivlehan, owner of The Sullivan




*The Spring House on Block Island*

House. Kivlehan says the venue offers the best of Block Island – natural beauty combined with elegance and fun. "Our big white tent, on the high green hill, surrounded by the ocean is an iconic Block Island scene. It is the perfect place for family and friends to come together to celebrate the gift of love." **B&C**

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