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30 Seriously Unforgettable Destination Wedding Ideas for Anyone Who's Over the Banquet Hall Reception

And yup, an underwater altar is an option.



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There are weddings in lovely venues, and then there are legit *destination* weddings—we're talking locations your guests will dream about years after you've said your vows, and Instagram pics your great-grandchildren will not believe (if IG is even still a thing at that point). These destination wedding ideas have a little bit of adventure packed in, like an intimate treehouse wedding set deep within a 40-acre South Carolina farm, a celebration inside an entire wildlife conservancy in the foothills of Mount Kenya (where a giraffe may or may not pop in as a wedding guest), or a ceremony that takes place in a giant replication of a Swarovski crystal in Austria. You can even have your wedding underwater or on top of a ski slope—just make sure your guests are up for those options first, ha.

Destination weddings can be so much more than just places to say, "I do," especially when they come packaged with exciting experiences that the entire group can enjoy together, or when they take place in true bucket list locations. We are suckers for a good wedding story, and a freakin' great vacay that comes along with it, which is why we curated this list of the ultimate wedding venues in destinations around the world for your big day. Some of our picks are resorts and some are cities, while others are abandoned buildings outside of cities...but we promise ya, *all* of them will make memorable backdrops for celebrating your amazing love story. Check out these drop dead gorge destination wedding locations.



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estancia vik josé ignacio, maldonado, uruguay

This 4,000-acre ranch is located roughly five miles from some of Uruguay's most famous beaches. The sustainable resort has a stylish gaucho vibe that brings the best of Uruguay into one destination, from exquisite wines and menus (often cooked on giant asado grills) to gorgeous beaches, art, and even horseback experiences that can take place before, after, or even during the ceremony.

