



Jake, The Bachelor, slept here.



## HERE COMES the bride

Perhaps a wedding is in your future (again or for the first time) or maybe you're helping your daughter plan her walk down the aisle. In either case, here are some ideas

### Frou-frou, take two

For those who don't want to abandon all the frills but would prefer someone else take care of the details, all-inclusives are the new wedding planners. We're talking about saying "I do" with sand squishing between your toes, the ocean playing second fiddle and a no-worries attitude — even if the humidity is wreaking havoc with your hair. Check out [honeymoonsinc.com](http://honeymoonsinc.com), [weddingchannel.com](http://weddingchannel.com) or [weddingmexico.com](http://weddingmexico.com).

### Outta sight

Do issues of ex-spouses, stepchildren and former in-laws have you thinking elopement? If you want remote — as in, no-one-will-ever-follow-us-here — head for La Mamounia in Marrakesh where ladies will transform you into a Moroccan bride, hennaed from head to toe, draped in coloured silks and bedecked in gold

coins ([mamounia.com](http://mamounia.com)). Too ornate? How about tying snorkels underwater ([islandpreacha.com/scuba-weddings.html](http://islandpreacha.com/scuba-weddings.html)) or skydiving into wedded bliss — just make sure he jumps with you! ([vegasextremeskydiving.com/skydiving-weddings.html](http://vegasextremeskydiving.com/skydiving-weddings.html))

### If it's good enough for Jake...

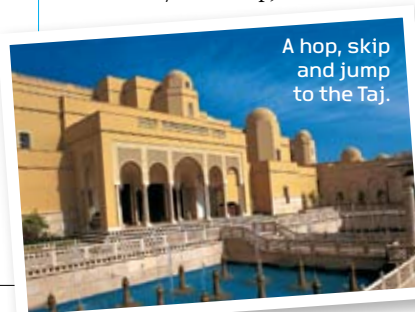
Starting to tap your foot waiting for your partner to pop the question? There's actually a spot that claims a 100 per cent "yes" success rate. Open for about a year, Cap Maison was the location where the cute airline pilot invited the three finalists to the Fantasy Suite on *The Bachelor*. And talk about icing on the wedding cake! The hotel even boasts a proposal concierge who quietly handles every detail. The St. Lucia property also has wedding and honeymoon packages, as well as — you guessed it — a proposal package ([capmaison.com](http://capmaison.com)).

### Recycled wedding

Something old, something new, something borrowed, something...green. Show the planet some love by purchasing carbon credits for family and guests before heading out of town. Book an eco-friendly hotel — one that recycles and supports green building initiatives. In Mexico, the holistic Tides Riviera Maya is just such a spot ([tidesrivieramayacom](http://tidesrivieramayacom)). Conserve energy by keeping the lights out (kind of obvious on a honeymoon!) and eat local (lamb in New Zealand, salmon in B.C.). Rent a Smart car to get around. At The Brides' Project, you can even nab a recycled wedding dress and help a worthy cause at the same time ([thebridesproject.com](http://thebridesproject.com)).

### Princess bride

There's only one place for a queen to wed and that's in a castle. But choosing a royal residence is oh so taxing. To the rescue comes the guide *Castle Wedding Planner* to help you choose turrets to suit your taste ([lovetripper.com/lovetripper-books/castle-weddings.html](http://lovetripper.com/lovetripper-books/castle-weddings.html)). Meanwhile, moonlit visions of India's glittering Taj Mahal may get you polishing your tiara. Built by an emperor as a monument to the woman he loved, the Taj is a mere 600 metres away from the Oberoi Amarvilas in Agra, which provides postcard-perfect views tailor-made to kick-start your marriage ([oberoihotels.com/oberoi-amarvilas/index.asp](http://oberoihotels.com/oberoi-amarvilas/index.asp)).



A hop, skip and jump to the Taj.