

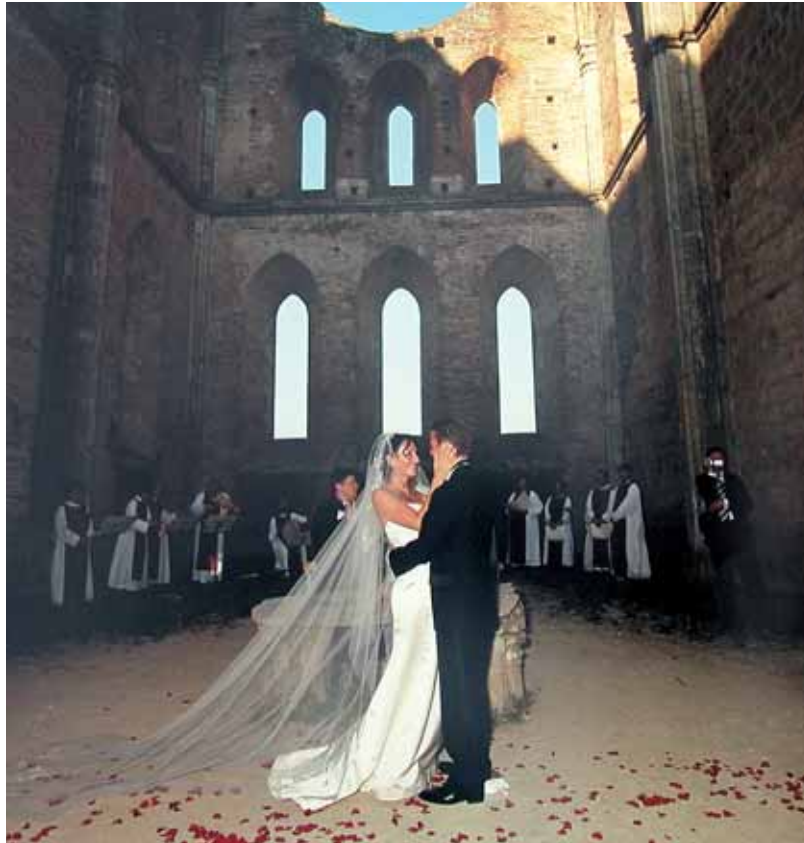
Weddings International



Since 1996 Weddings International has assisted a select group of clients plan incomparable events. We have the luxury to limit ourselves to 20 events each year, ensuring that every client receives a truly personal level of service.

Weddings International has made an art out of creating Italian events of unparalleled style and distinction. We have planned spectacular parties, family reunions, birthday celebrations, debutantes balls. It's all we do. Here are some important reasons you should consider engaging us to help plan your event: competence, experience, accuracy and lots of passion!

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We created Weddings International to take the stress out of planning your wedding.

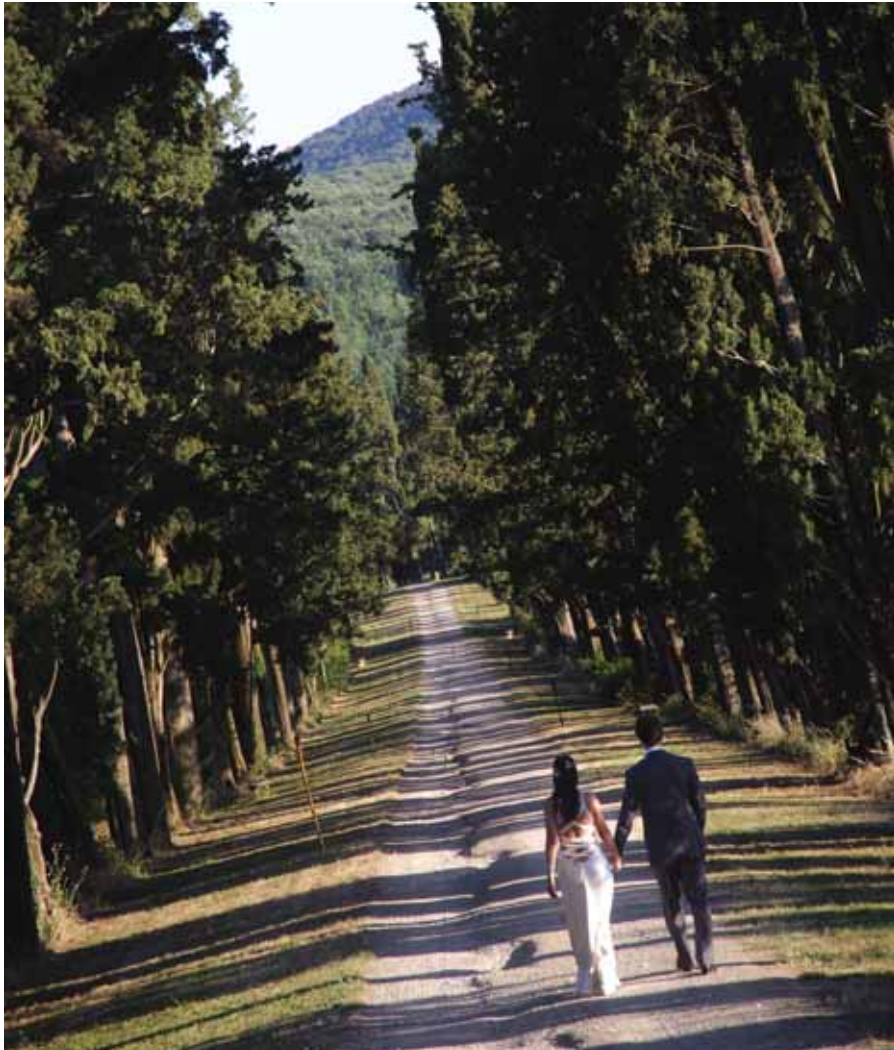
Consult with Barbara and Stefania. Sit and talk with us (on the phone or in person) about your hopes and desires for your special event. We will brainstorm with you and make suggestions for locations and ideas that will bring Italy's romance alive for you and your guests.

Once you have selected the venue and the location, we will prepare a package with all the information you need to send your prospective guests. This "Save the Date" package lets you inform your friends and family about your plans well before you send out the invitations.

We work hand in hand for the planning of the event, making sure that every detail is customized as per your needs and wishes.

On-the-Ground Total Care. The best thing about Weddings International is that our professional, knowledgeable, completely bilingual staff is there to receive you and take care of you and your guests. Forgot something? Don't worry about it. We'll handle it.

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A wedding can be glamorous, exotic but certainly UNIQUE-ness is the key word for every wedding we plan.

Italy and its beautiful locations create unbelievably romantic settings; sometimes finding the perfect location takes considerable research. We hand-pick every venue to fit our clients' desires and the parameters of the party (number of guests, type of ceremony, etc.).

Individual details complement each venue, and are our best means to turn any wedding into a memorable, elegant, meaningful one. What we really want is to surprise but also create a warm feeling about the wedding, enveloping the guests in an atmospheric aura.

In order to achieve this, we like to mix the elements that come from the bride and groom's country of origin, and their families' habits and traditions. To this we add a taste of the local culture.

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Living History - Inside Out



Living History - Inside Out



A couple's love for opera and for Italy transformed a roofless, 13th century cathedral into an unparalleled wedding site. The monument is today a carefully-preserved archeological site that stands in the middle of the most traditional Tuscan landscape with its picture- perfect alleyway of cypress trees that lead to the entrance of this temple of the past.



Living History - Inside Out

As soon as the guests entered the site, a tenor sang the couple's favorite song accompanied by a grand piano. The bride arrived on horseback to reflect her Irish family's heritage as large farm owners. We had kept the site completely unadorned to retain all the beauty of the architecture.



Living History - Inside Out



The reception was held in a stunning villa the family rented for the week. We liked the idea of using the beautiful villa where they were staying, but we wanted to be able to create a surprise effect – despite their familiarity with it. So we thought about creating new elements to alter the familiar backdrop to the evening. We achieved this goal by creating temporary “new spaces” within the villa and its grounds while the family was out at the wedding ceremony. The dining table was set up outside the buildings – a very long table for 95 guests – creating the setting for a Tuscan-style country fete. There, “outside on the street” we re-created, like some Italian Renaissance paintings, the table as a place all guests share – very rich and full with wrought-iron candelabras, a brown runner and a lot of herbs, wild flowers and fruit.

We used the traditional old Italian street lamps to make it feel like it was a dinner in small town's street. Folk musicians strolled around the scene – singing classical Italian songs under the stars.



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The bride did not like the idea of a traditional wedding cake – but everybody loved seeing the chef come and create a magnificent cake, hand-crafted of meringue covered in whipped cream – on the spot. The freshest cake ever tasted!

After dinner – the pool was also transformed into a place with colorful tents and canopies and informal sitting areas created from big cushions, rugs and carpets where the guests could lounge.



To continue with the wedding's "inside out" theme, we placed the villa's inside furniture outside. A bunch of Moroccan lanterns and candles completed the effect of a romantic desert bivouac.

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A Vintage Celebration



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A couple's love for wine made us think of a wedding in the beautiful Chianti region where the region's lush vineyards, sprawling private estates and castles provide a gorgeous backdrop for weddings.

For the rehearsal dinner we staged a special private barbecue party under the stars and amid an olive grove. We kept it very countryside-looking with checked tablecloths and wooden benches, all festooned with paper lanterns hanging moonlike from the olive trees.



A Vintage Celebration



The reception itself was held in a magnificent 15th century villa – the ceremony under a loggia from where you could gaze at the Florentine palazzos in the distance.

A Vintage Celebration



For the dinner we preferred to use the historic cellars instead of the more traditional sitting room of the castle. The intimate, romantic result was created by placing a very long, oval table in the middle of the old estate barrels. We let guests prepare themselves to be wined by placing seating cards on corks.



A Vintage Celebration



The favors were wine cork screws in cozy boxes in the color scheme we had selected (a brown-and-green color palette that matched the vineyards) – and displayed them on a barrel at the entrance of the cellar. Welcome baskets were placed in each room, with local treats guests could eat, plus a couple of miniature bottles to take home, one of olive oil, and one of balsamic vinegar with personalized labels.



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Romantic Birthday Party



The clients had come to it on a previous trip and got lost by its beauty... a Tuscan small hamlet abandoned about fifty years ago. We convinced the owner to use the un-habited villa and an outgrown garden for the aperitifs. We had to hire a team of cleaners, upholsterers and a gardener to revamp the beautiful site but the result was terrific.



Romantic Birthday Party



After the ceremony, the cocktail was held in a walled terrace of a former lemon house. We placed big vases of lemons trees back, added a curtain to a very old, semi-discarded door and placed a canopy in the middle of the "secret garden" to create some shade and a cozy seating area. We used ivy festoons for the canopy and curtain – sunflowers for the tables. Strolling musicians and a tenor to sing "O sole mio". The combination of the rustic, ruin-like setting with the drapery and the sofas was of romantic elegance.



Romantic Birthday Party



The dinner was served in the main hall of the villa that we revamped with some rich-colored curtains in a brocade fabric that created a Baroque feeling and enriched with color the pretty somber room.

While the dinner was served, we worked frantically to create the after-dinner and dance area so to create a "wow" effect in the attendants who had passed through the same area before dinner.



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East Meets the Amalfi Coast



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The couple shared a passion for Italy and had to deal with the logistics of having their across the ocean families at their wedding – the groom was a native New York of Chinese origin, and the bride was Japanese, recently transplanted to the U.S. Italy represented the middle meeting point among them and their families. They aspired to find a unique, jaw-dropping venue for their wedding.



We brought them to Ravello, a small town tucked away from the hustle and bustle of the Amalfi coast. As difficult as it may seem to add to the beauty and magic of the setting, we built a wedding theme to reflect the bride and groom's heritages.



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The day of the wedding, the ceremony was held in the most panoramic spot of the coast on one of the highest point on the Riviera. For the late afternoon of a hot day, we provided the guests with red Chinese parasols placed in a basket at the entrance of the garden. Other favors were Chinese filigreed wooden fans offered to ladies before sitting down.



The aisle was "tented" by billowing fabric that gave the bride's entrance a regal feel, and the bamboo and fabric canopy marking the ceremony site was carried by four guests. The bride's bouquet had an Asian modern feeling, with brown orchids and pale roses.



East Meets the Amalfi Coast

The table was minimalist and modern but unique, with a very rich embroidered Chinese textile runner and tall, slim vases filled with orchids and tall flowers.

After dinner guests danced on terraces overlooking the ocean. For the décor, we had chosen to stay with the red touches of many Chinese lanterns hanging from the trees and the pergolas of the infinity pool.



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A Colorful Escape



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This playful couple wanted an unconventional, colorful wedding! So, to start, we gathered vintage Fiat 500s from all over Italy, to pick up the party. The result was a colorful, diminutive motorcade that turned heads throughout the countryside.



A Colorful Escape



Everything about the untraditional wedding itself was bright PINK, so we worked with the bride and groom to find fun ways of using the color. The two young bridesmaids wore jeans and pink hats and sweaters – the bride's bouquet was a huge long-stemmed flower with a pink corolla made by our florist. The groom, naturally, wore pink.



A Colorful Escape



The ceremony was in a quaint small Catholic church – and after the ceremony, we orchestrated a picnic under a huge tree in the most picture- perfect Tuscan countryside. Italian folk strolling musicians and beautiful baskets equipped with white and pink checked tablecloths and pink accessories complemented the most relaxing open-air reception. Sandwiches, fresh fruit and home-bakes treats in pretty pink packages elevated them to wedding-style cuisine.



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A Room with a View



This Renaissance-style wedding matched the desire of a New York jewelry designer who wanted a romantic Florentine wedding. The couple chose a very elegant villa (the same where "A room with a view" and "Tea with Mussolini" were shot) with amazing views over the city.

A Room with a View



The bride and her family greeted the entire party as they arrived on a horse-drawn carriage.



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The wedding ceremony was held in the Italian formal garden of the villa. For the reception and dinner, we chose a very warm palette of okra, yellow and terra cotta colors. Continuing the Renaissance theme, we arranged very simple lemon decorations as centerpieces, like the typical Della Robbia bas-reliefs. The brides and bridesmaid's were rich with aromatic herbs like rosemary and lavender.



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Country Contemporary



Scouting for a great location for their destination wedding, Martin and Wendy fell in love with a villa and an old hamlet near-by. The 18th century chapel, in pastel green and white stuccoes, was only candle-lit and needed very little flowers. We chose two extra tall flower arrangements in rust-color urns by the altar and we placed one large peony on each pew.



Country Contemporary



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Bouquet: Elegant bouquet is made with orchids and roses in the tone of off-white and greens.
Favors: Miniature olive oil bottles from the estate with hand-written cards.

Country Contemporary



The dinner was in the backyard of the villa the family rented for the week. This time we opted for a sleek décor but with numerous cues evoking the Tuscan countryside. The table was a very long U-shaped table with a chocolate runner and green palette with potted plants, wrought iron candelabras and patterned votives.



Country Contemporary



The food was a selection of traditional Tuscan recipes – with a contemporary twist. Fireworks topped the dinner party and kicked off the dance, while for those more laid back, we created a relaxation area by the pool with a small lounge area under the pergola that was embellished with some hanging lanterns. Floating candles and a score of hurricanes around the border made the difference.



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A very elegant and romantic affair



We had to find a location for a large party – Bride and groom wanted their guests to stay in Florence where everybody would have had access to restaurants and museums during the day and able to join their pre-wedding gatherings at ease.

Since they had selected an out-of-town location, we thought of organizing the rehearsal event in a central location. We thought of using the most famous Florentine Rowing Club as an unusual place that is situated just under the Old Bridge, the heart of town.

The set up of the place was minimal but we reached a great effect with a few bamboo tall torches and low-flamed terracotta torch dishes scattered on the lawn, some hurricanes and lanterns and big white cushions laid directly on the grass.



A very elegant and romantic affair



The ceremony was held inside the Orthodox church in the city center – in a pedestrian area. Both the bride and groom were very involved in the organization of the wedding but it was only the bride the one to give us clues of how to find the thread of style for her wedding. She was utterly romantic, she loved old lace and pastel colors.



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The beige palette was particularly beautiful mixed with different shades of pink of the roses and ranunculus and peonies of the table pieces that were enhanced by very elegant jewel-like crystal candelabras.

The majestic villa was very gently lit with soft amber tones up-lights that were also used very moderately in the garden to give depth to the large park and define the architectural accents of the beautiful Renaissance villa.



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A wedding on the beach in Sardinia



A wedding in Venice



A wedding on the Italian Lakes



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