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the new southern style

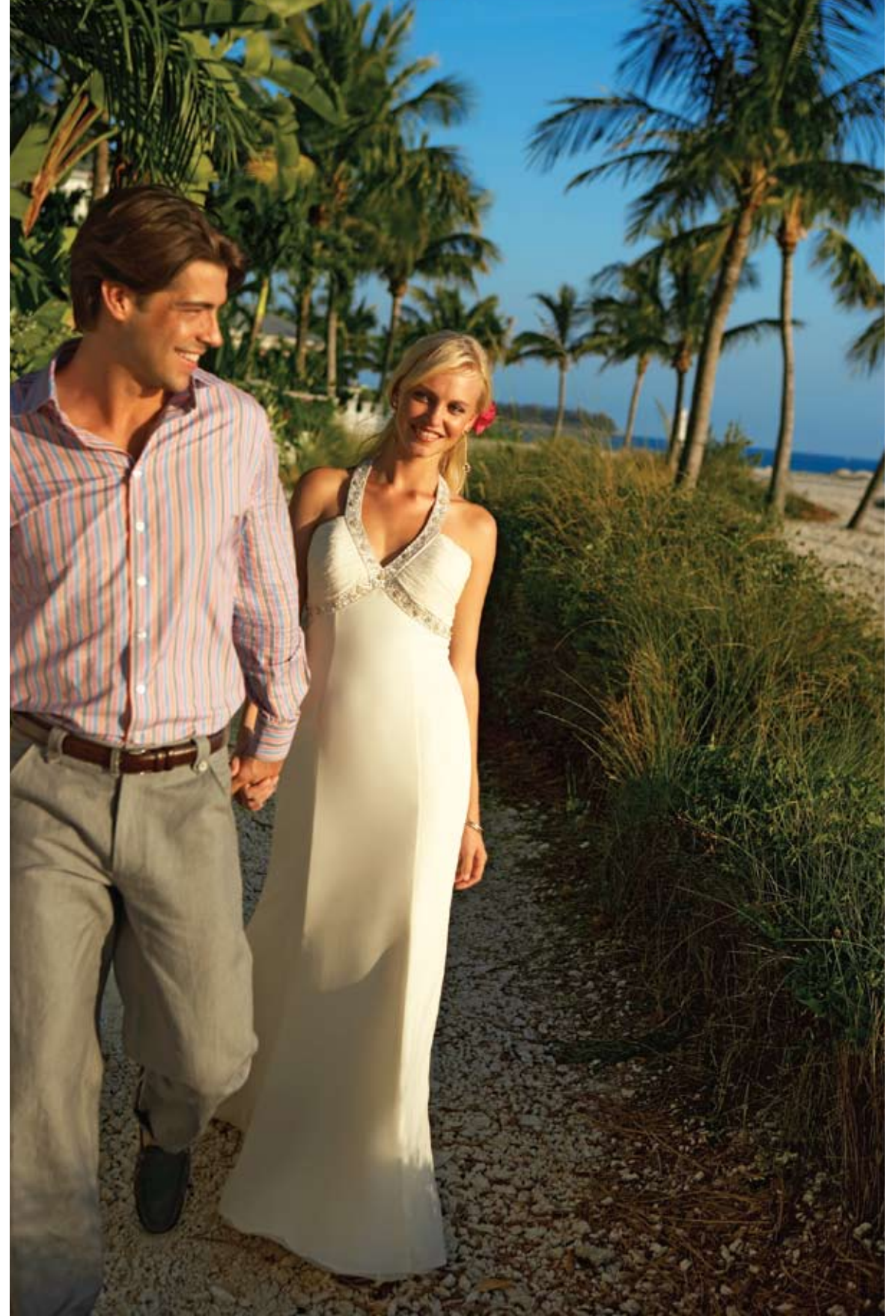
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Like a treasure waiting at the end of the rainbow, charming **KEY WEST** celebrates romance with sexy sunsets, tropical breezes and a refreshingly laid-back attitude. It's the perfect place to showcase what's new and gorgeous in destination-wedding fashion.

THE END OF THE ROAD (above) Key West's U.S. 1 Mile Marker 0. **PORCHSIDE PECK AT SUNSET KEY** (opposite)
On Andrea: Gown, \$6,000, Ines Di Santo. Earrings, \$195, Isaac Manevitz for Ben-Amun. Ring, \$1,480, Yael Sonia.
On Ross: Shirt, \$65, jacket, \$165, and pants, \$69.50, Perry Ellis. Shoes, \$340, Fratelli Rossetti. Ring, \$8,344, A. Jaffe.





TWO VIEWS OF SUNSET KEY On Andrea: Gown, \$549, Alfred Angelo. Earrings, \$1,240, Yael Sonia. Bracelets, \$2,400 each, Sandy Leong. On Ross: Shirt, \$180, Thomas Pink. Belt, stylist's own, Ralph Lauren. Pants, \$155, Façonnable. Shoes, \$350, Fratelli Rossetti. Opposite: On Andrea: Gown, \$9,280, Anne Barge. Earrings, \$195, Isaac Manevitz for Ben-Amun. Bracelets, \$2,400 each, Sandy Leong. Ring, \$6,173, A. Jaffe. On Ross: Shirt, \$295, Canali. Pants, \$128, Kenneth Cole. Shoes, \$1,435, John Lobb.



KICKING BACK AT HOGFISH BAR & GRILL On Andrea: Gown, \$3,300, Elizabeth Fillmore. Earrings, \$2,975, Whiteflash. On Ross: Shirt, \$69.50, Perry Ellis. Ring, \$8,344, A. Jaffe. Opposite: On Andrea: Gown, \$2,200, Melissa Sweet. Earrings, \$8,000, Yael Sonia. Bracelet, stylist's own. Ring, \$6,173, A. Jaffe. Shoes, \$495, Vicini Giuseppe Zanotti Design. On Ross: Shirt, \$24.99, Merona. Tie, \$95, Façonnable. Belt, stylist's own, Ralph Lauren. Pants, \$69.50, Perry Ellis. Shoes, \$1,690, John Lobb. Ring, \$8,344, A. Jaffe.





SHARING A KISS AT SMATHERS BEACH

On Andrea: Gown, \$5,200, Angel Sanchez. Earrings, \$2,460, and bracelet, \$2,989, Whiteflash. Engagement ring, \$6,173, and wedding band, \$6,538, A. Jaffe. On Ross: Suit, \$1,695, Canali. Shirt, \$395, Ralph Lauren Purple Label.

A NATURAL BEAUTY (opposite) *Gown, \$5,400, Melissa Sweet. Necklace, \$155, Isaac Manevitz for Ben-Amun. Bracelet, \$2,275, Whiteflash. Ring, \$1,960, Ritani.*





STOPPING TRAFFIC ON DUVAL STREET On Andrea: Gown, \$3,290, Oscar de la Renta. Veil, \$330, Cheryl King Couture. Earrings, \$1,720, Yael Sonia. Shoes, \$213, Stuart Weitzman. On Ross: Jacket, \$1,325, Canali. Pants, \$69.50, Perry Ellis. Shoes, \$340, Fratelli Rossetti. Ring, \$2,500, Precimet Corp. Roadster courtesy Adventure Rentals.

PUPPY LOVE (opposite) On Andrea: Gown, \$1,900, Vineyard Collection. Earrings, \$2,460, Kirk Kara. Necklace, \$180, and bracelet, \$60, Isaac Manevitz for Ben-Amun. Shoes, \$79.95, Nina. On Ross: Jacket, \$395, shirt, \$115, and pants, \$225, Façonnable. Tie, \$85, and handkerchief, \$70, Polo Ralph Lauren. Shoes, \$340, Fratelli Rossetti. Ring, \$8,344, A. Jaffe. Tandem bicycle courtesy Eaton Bikes.





key west, florida

What we discovered on location

Head south on U.S. Highway 1, and you'll end up at the country's southernmost tip. On our recent shoot, we loved the friendly locals, abundant seafood and colorful nightlife of Duval Street. Better yet, we found romantic backdrops almost everywhere, from gnarled banyan trees to historic Victorian homes. You can reach Key West via air (with direct service through Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Tampa) or by car (a 3½-hour drive from Miami), making it an ideal choice for tropic-loving brides who want to stay stateside.

■ **WHERE TO STAY** Our home base was **THE WESTIN KEY WEST RESORT & MARINA**, which sits adjacent to Mallory Square (home to the town's nightly sunset celebration). The 178-room, dog-friendly property has a top-notch dockside restaurant, a rooftop bar and

a courtyard pool. Other amenities include in-room Starbucks coffee and the signature Heavenly Bed and Bath collection (they even had a Heavenly pet bed for our dog model!), and with its prime location one block off Duval Street, you won't need a car. Just 500 yards offshore on a private island are the **SUNSET KEY GUEST COTTAGES**, 37 elegant one-, two- and three-bedroom villas with full kitchens and spacious living areas, set near a sandy beach. The Westin's onsite planning team makes weddings a breeze, with indoor and outdoor reception venues and catering services for parties of two to 300. They can also partner for events at several area locations, including the landscaped grounds of the circa-1890 Harry S. Truman Little White House. For flowers, look to **MAMA FLOWERS, INC.**; this independent florist does a lot of work with the Westin and specializes in creating unique, custom florals.

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■ **WHAT TO DO** Circumnavigate the island via Sea-Doo on a two-hour guided tour with **ISLAND WATER SPORTS**, and you'll learn lots of fun historic facts along the way. Or rent bikes from **EATON BIKES** to explore the city's storied streets on your own. You can also get around in style in a motorized electric car from **ADVENTURE RENTALS**; options range from mini Hummers to replica vintage roadsters. While exploring, be sure to stop at the **ERNEST HEMINGWAY HOME & MUSEUM**, where the author lived and wrote for more than 10 years. Round out your visit with a sunset sail; our pick is the wooden, double-masted schooner **APPLEDORE II**, which sails Key West in the winter and Maine in the summer.

■ **WHERE TO EAT** A trip to the Keys isn't complete without a brunch of lobster benedict and blueberry pancakes at **BLUE HEAVEN**. You'll need a local to find **HOGFISH BAR & GRILL**, just outside town on Stock Island, but it's well worth it for the rustic marina setting, cool roadhouse vibe and famous Killer Hogfish sandwich. More seafood can be had at the **HALF SHELL RAW BAR**, where the chilled bivalves, fried conch fritters and buffalo shrimp are served at wooden tables overlooking the Historic Seaport. For a fancier meal, **MANGOES** boasts a prime location on Duval Street, a wide patio for people-watching, an upstairs room for private parties and a delectable array of nouvelle Caribbean cuisine. At **KELLY'S CARIBBEAN BAR, GRILL & BREWERY**, located downtown on quieter

Whitehead Street, guests spread out at tables in the big backyard garden. Their flagship beer, Havana Red, is brewed onsite and perfectly complements dishes like the blue crab, avocado and mango martini and the flash-fried whole yellowtail snapper. Bonus: The restaurant's catering and party-planning offshoot, **A KEY WEST AFFAIR**, does beautiful weddings, both on and offsite.

■ **NIGHTLIFE** Take in the sunset show at Mallory Square from the Westin's **SUNSET DECK**, and pay tribute to Cuba (it's only 90 miles south) with a mojito. Go country at **COWBOY BILL'S HONKY TONK SALOON**, where you can saddle up to the bar and order a cold one before riding the bull, *Urban Cowboy*-style. And if you really want to get wild, grab some dollar bills and head to **AQUA KEY WEST** for the hottest drag show in town. The "girls" get delightfully risqué, so check your inhibitions at the door. — Tara Bradley

FUN FINDS IN KEY WEST St. Paul's Episcopal Church (1); Blue Heaven (2); a cottage on Sunset Key (3); The Westin Key West Resort & Marina (4); posing at Aqua Key West with Victoria, Faith and Inga (5); Key West Museum of Art & History (6); the whole snapper (7) at Kelly's Caribbean Bar, Grill & Brewery (8). On Andrea: Gown, \$3,000, Platinum for Priscilla of Boston. Earrings, \$195, Isaac Manevitz for Ben-Amun. Bracelet, stylist's own. Ring \$6,173, and band, \$6,538, A. Jaffe. Shoes, \$280, Stuart Weitzman. On Ross: Tuxedo, \$1,300, Polo Ralph Lauren. Shirt, \$295, Canali. Bow tie, \$60, Thomas Pink. Shoes, \$1,440, John Lobb. Ring, \$2,500, Precimet Corp.

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