



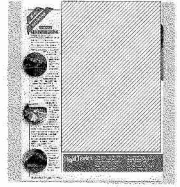
*The Next Hawaii*  
**SAINT LUCIA**  
 THIS JUNGLE-CLOAKED, VOLCANIC ISLE FEELS EVERY BIT AS EXOTIC AS THE ALOHA STATE.

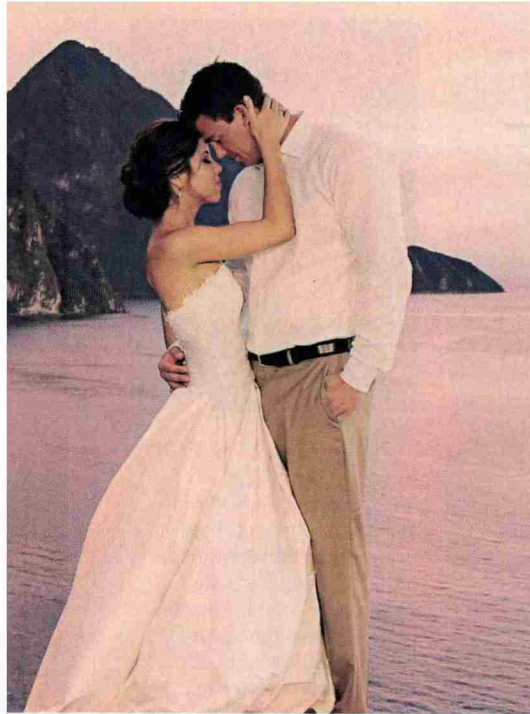
**The vibe** ➔ The best of the Hawaiian Islands merges on the singular destination of Saint Lucia, 3.5 hours by plane from Miami. Expect sheer, rainforested cliffs (a la Kauai), a still-smoking caldera (like the Big Island) and an adrenaline-pumping kitesurfing scene (rivaling Oahu's North Shore). Where they diverge: Largely undeveloped and lacking chain hotels, Saint Lucia is so little-known that most Americans couldn't pinpoint it on a map.

**Where to wed** ➔ Just 10 minutes from the main airport on the island's southern coast, the 250-room **Coconut Bay Beach Resort & Spa** makes it easy to marry on golden sand with green peaks as backdrop. Post-ceremony, adjourn to the onsite oceanfront gazebo to feast on pumpkin bisque, lobster Newburg and coconut cheesecake. The resort is divided into two wings: The kid-friendly side (perfect for bringing along the flower girl and ring bearer) has a water park with slides



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: PARADISUS PALMA REAL; GEEJAM HOTEL; SONESTA MAHO BEACH RESORT; SILVERLIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY, TORONTO; COURTESY COCONUT BAY BEACH RESORT & SPA, SAINT LUCIA; SAINT LUCIA TOURIST BOARD; GRAND ISLE RESORT AND SPA, LONDON; JACOB PHOTOGRAPHY; COURTESY MALLIOUHANA, AN AUBERGE RESORT; GIDSONPHOTO.COM





and a lazy river. The other half is — you guessed it — adults-only. Rooms from \$173 per person, all-inclusive; weddings from \$799.

**Local touch** ➔

Trash the dress under the 56-foot spray of Diamond Waterfall, just outside the main town of Soufriere.

— Brooke Morton

Above: The island's twin Pitons steal the spotlight. Below, from left: Adventurers flock to Saint Lucia. Succulent shrimp and breezy beach vows at Coconut Bay Beach Resort.

