



The Zuri Kumarakom Resort & Spa, Kerala
Inset: Designer Suneet Varma

THE BRIDAL DESIGNER

SUNEET VARMA

THE LOCATION

ZURI KUMARAKOM RESORT & SPA, KERALA

With swaying palm trees mirrored in stretches of languid water, it's a wonder that more couples don't travel to Kerala for their vows. Designer Suneet Varma, who worked on weddings for the Lakshmi Mittal and Lal Chellaram families, says, "Kerala is so lush and stunning. It's great for what I call 'reverse chic'—where you choose a more rustic option over opulent glam."

Hidden within 18 leafy acres on the shore of Lake Vembanad, the Zuri Kumarakom Resort & Spa resort is hardly roughing it. Recent visitors have included Siddhartha Mallya, Deepika Padukone, and Vidya Balan, who fell in love with its Maya Spa—great for pre-wedding pampering sessions.

With many of the dining and reception areas overlooking the lake, guests can drink in the view while enjoying seafood canapés and local entertainment. Suneet adds, "You can still have the luxury you would expect from a five-star hotel, but this place is for those who want a more intimate celebration."

Hotel offers: The hotel can make an authentic Kerala wedding come alive with a decorated elephant for the groom to arrive on, traditional clothing for the couple, and a proper Malayali wedding feast for all the guests, authentically served on banana leaves.

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THE WEDDING ORGANISER

ADITYA MOTWANE

THE LOCATION

VILLA LE ROSE, TUSCANY, ITALY

Surrounded by the rolling hills and olive groves of Tuscany, this 15th-century Medici villa has been painstakingly restored to palatial standards by the family behind the Ferragamo fashion empire.

It was here that Tanvi Jindal and Krishna Shete exchanged their wedding vows, amid the balmy breezes of the Italian summer. With clean and warm stone palettes that complemented the villa's delicate Renaissance frescoes, the event proved that minimalist chic, rather than fussy decadence, is the choice of the über-wealthy. Aditya



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Wed in a 9,200sq ft ballroom that once belonged to the Hawaiian royal family at the **Waikiki Edition** hotel