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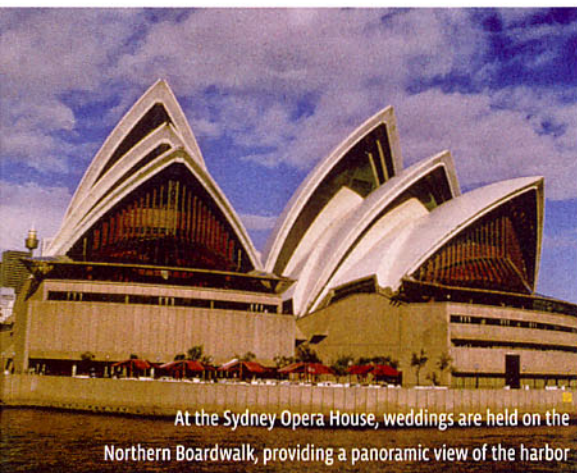
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The wedding chapel at Turtle Bay Resort on Oahu overlooks a popular surfing spot

Start your planning with a call to Kleon Howe at Get Hitched Down Under in San Diego. He and his team of planners can arrange your wedding at the Sydney Opera House, in a colonial home on the Sydney waterfront, or in the Royal Botanic Gardens. They can also make arrangements for weddings in Victoria or Tasmania. And “no worries” about the requirements. They know them all. By the way, at press time, US\$1 = A\$1.40. (www.gethitcheddownunder.com)



At the Sydney Opera House, weddings are held on the Northern Boardwalk, providing a panoramic view of the harbor

For an exotic atmosphere without leaving the country, Hawaii is a sure bet. One beautiful spot is Turtle Bay Resort on the North Shore of Oahu. A la carte weddings can be arranged, but many couples opt for a wedding package that starts with private limousine service from the Honolulu airport. En route to the North Shore, the driver stops to obtain the marriage license, and from there you enjoy an hour-long coastal drive around Oahu’s windward side. Fresh leis await your arrival at Turtle Bay. The package also includes lodging in a luxurious beach cottage, a day of pampering at Spa Luana, and flowers, a lei, an officiant, and a photographer for the oceanfront ceremony. (www.turtlebayresort.com)

Destinations don’t get much better than this. For more ideas on exotic weddings please visit www.ranchandcoast.com.

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Closer To Home

At Rancho Valencia, 40 acres of lush landscaping, bubbling fountains, and dramatic views create an intimate setting for wedding day celebrations. In addition, newlyweds qualify for significantly discounted honeymoon rates at other Auberge properties, including Auberge du Soleil and Calistoga Ranch in Napa Valley, Esperanza in Cabo San Lucas, The Inn at Palmetto Bluff in South Carolina, and Encantado in Santa Fe. (www.ranchovalencia.com)

The Grand Del Mar’s onsite chapel makes this resort the perfect choice for those seeking a church wedding and the facilities offered by a luxury hotel. The Elizabeth Capella — resplendent with rustic wood-beamed ceilings, imported Italian marble and vibrant stained glass — is a non-denominational sanctuary that can seat up to 250 guests for a wedding ceremony or 350 for a reception. (www.thegranddelmar.com)

At L’Auberge Del Mar, an on-site director of romance oversees all things sentimental and shares a wealth of ideas with brides and grooms to be — from planning a private dinner in a poolside cabana to placing rose petals on a turned-down bed to skywriting a love message over the ocean. (www.laubergedelmar.com)

Imagine being married on the new arena stage currently under construction at The Old Globe in Balboa Park. The theatre will accommodate 250, and the Education Center on the second floor will seat 150 for a dinner reception or 200 for cocktails. The bad news? You have to wait until June 2010. (www.oldglobe.org)

➤ The Bridges

If you have ever thought of being a part of the idyllic lifestyle enjoyed by residents of The Bridges at Rancho Santa Fe, the opportunity to save on your purchase has never been more attractive. For those who are ready to buy, the developer is prepared to offer generous incentives on the handful of dramatic custom homesites or Cortile homes that remain in inventory. Bob Jackson, head of sales for The

Bridges, has developed a range of several high-value incentives packages designed to motivate qualified buyers. The Bridges Club is a private membership club within the community and includes a world class golf course and training facility, a family fitness and recreation center, day spa, tennis courts, and swimming pool. Purchase of a home or homesite does not confer or guarantee membership in the club. For details and a tour of the available properties, please call the club. (858/756-8700, www.thebridgesrsf.com)



Rancho Valencia

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