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RESORT-VILLA VOWS

Can't decide between a private villa and a full-service resort for your event? Relax — these posh properties offer both. BY BLAKE MILLER

➔ The St. Regis Punta Mita Resort

NAYARIT, MEXICO

The three-bedroom Presidential Suite was swank enough for Jaime Pressly's November 2009 honeymoon, and it's equally impressive for wedding ceremonies, which can take place on the terrace of the private ocean-view pool, followed by a reception for eight inside. Need more room? Head to the beach or Astor Ballroom, decorated with arrangements by the onsite florist. *Suite from \$2,550; weddings customized.*

Cambridge Beaches Resort & Spa

SANDYS PARISH, BERMUDA

Intimate ceremonies for eight take place on the edge of the infinity pool at the ocean-view North Rock suite (sleeps two). Then treat guests to a sit-down dinner and custom cake designed in collaboration with the resort's chef. Or have your ceremony at one of four private beaches, then return for the reception. *Suite from \$1,200; packages from \$800.*

➔ Peter Island

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

A stay at this private-island resort includes beach picnics, guided hikes and a weekly cocktail party. Perched atop a 360-foot bluff for maximum privacy, the lavish Falcon's Nest boasts six bedrooms, a couples-massage room, gym, media room and nanny's suite (no wonder so many celebs request it by name). Exchange vows before 40 guests on the upper balcony, then move to the patio for a catered reception featuring anything from action stations to a fireworks display. *Villa from \$8,000; packages from \$2,500.*

Maroma Resort & Spa

RIVIERA MAYA, MEXICO

Greet guests with a welcome party at Freddy's Tequila and Ceviche Bar. For vows, the four-bedroom Villa Karolina boasts



rattan furniture, white linens and a thatched roof for a comfy, upscale feel; glass doors open to a covered terrace and ocean-view pool perfect for I do's with up to 10 guests. *Villa from \$5,445; packages from \$4,870.*

Palm Island

ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

The three-bedroom Seafeather Villa is the newest addition to this private-island resort. Hold your ceremony on the beachside porch, then dine with up to 40 guests at casual oceanfront picnic tables. Make your getaway on a golf cart affixed with a Just Married sign. A group sailing trip to the uninhabited Tobago Cays is a must. *Villa from \$1,065, three nights minimum; weddings free (minimum requirements apply).*

➔ Victoria House

AMBERGRIS CAYE, BELIZE

At the five-bedroom Casa Azul, tie the knot on a lush lawn dotted with palm trees or by the private pool overlooking the Caribbean Sea. Alfresco receptions for up to 20 take place on the villa's lawn or pool patio. Add island flair with a steel-drum band and plenty of rum punch. This plantation-style hotel's own Fantasea Dive Shop makes exploring the world's second-largest barrier reef a breeze. *Villa from \$1,595; packages from \$1,150.*

Rancho Valencia

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

At this sun-splashed inland retreat, diversions range from cycling to spa-ing. Eucalyptus trees, towering palms and vibrant bougainvillea frame the Hacienda Suite, which houses three bedrooms and a full kitchen, plus dining and living areas. Go big (100 people on the Croquet Lawn) or small (just you and your beau at the abode) for your ceremony before a sit-down dinner complete with Valencia-orange margaritas. *Suite from \$5,000; packages from \$150 per person.*