



Map Quest

Practical and adorable, Couture Maps are a stylish way to let your guests know where they're going — wherever you go. Creator Stephannie Barba creates whimsical, customized illustrations for destinations from Mexico to Morocco, and from cities to the countryside. Maps can be printed on your choice of paper, in any shape and color to match your invites. For something extra special, print the design on your gift-bag totes for a wedding keepsake your guests will love. Price varies depending on design, printing and paper; the Paris hand-stitched map shown here (with hand-stitched edging by artist Mira Aster) costs approximately \$1,000 per 100. — MELISSA LAMKIN

TAHITIAN DREAM

Picture saying “I do” on a luxury yacht as the sun sets over the South Pacific. Bora Bora Cruises can make it happen with Vavau: My Bridge Deck, their new all-inclusive package for small groups. Just \$9,750 per person (with a total of 12) gets you the entire aft deck of the ship, complete with six cabins, a private terrace and the services of a chef, butler, masseuse and housekeeper. Mingle with the other guests during the seven-day cruise or keep to yourselves — it's up to you. Ceremonies cost an extra \$650 or so and can be tailored to your specifications. Note: French law requires a 30-day residency to make things legal, so make it official at home, then bring a few friends to celebrate. — LIZ LANGLEY



SELLING OUT

As destination weddings become more popular, resort buyouts are the next step for couples, according to Matt Soloway, president of Luxe Destination Weddings. “When you take over an entire resort,” Soloway says, “you not only get complete privacy, you also get more flexibility out of the staff, which makes it easier to customize your event. And buyouts can be an affordable option for all kinds of guest lists.” The company matches groups with the right venue, then coordinates services including website designers, wedding coordinators and an in-house travel agency, depending on your needs. A recent partnership with Island Outposts opened up a whole world of boutique hotels in Jamaica (that's the Caves, above) and the Bahamas. “Over the next 10 years, I expect to see a lot of new high-end boutique hotels all across the Caribbean that are perfect for buyouts,” says Soloway. “There's a strong demand for that type of hotel.” Note: If you like the idea of a buyout, plan early; you may need to book at least a year in advance to snag an entire resort. — JACKIE D'ANTONIO