

Love *at* first site



In the hospitality business, when you scout a location or property to see if it's suitable for your wedding or event, it's called a site visit. This is a story of 'Love at First Site'. Two couples, both with visions of marrying in the islands, came to the Turks and Caicos to preview what would ultimately become their dream destination.

Sarah and Jason met as kids, through relatives and although they did not know it at the time, they would eventually date, fall in love and get married. Sarah had always imagined tying the knot on a beach, and to her delight, it was Jason's dream as well.

With a guest list of 100 people, they had their work cut out for them. They researched the top beach destinations in the world as well as places within close proximity to New York. Sarah came across the Gansevoort Hotel on Provo. It appeared to combine the New York lifestyle and white sandy beaches; perhaps the perfect blend of both worlds. The couple decided to head to Providenciales on a site visit to check it out.

And it was love at first site. The Gansevoort's urban chic sophistication, set on Grace Bay's world famous beach and turquoise warm water, met all their expectations and more. A second visit to the island, with parents in tow, sealed the deal.

Location decided, the next step was to find 'the wedding planner'. The hotel recommended Tropical Destination Management's Teresa Brunner. They reviewed her website; it's galleries and testimonials and then met with Teresa. Sarah and Jason felt she was so well versed in the wedding business, and the island, that there was no other reason to meet any other planners. Teresa would coordinate the music, the flowers, the minister and paperwork, décor ideas, tent rental and beach set up. Tropical DMC was clearly capable of taking care of everything.

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Sarah, Jason and Teresa collaborated for months to create the perfect blend of casual and elegant for their wedding. Sarah's love of orange provided the accent color in everything they created. "Working with Tropical DMC was a pleasure – they brought our vision to life. A lot of time was spent emailing photos, sharing ideas and sketching out table layouts. Eventually the plan was made and the outcome was more than we could have ever imagined."

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Jenna and Justin have a similar tale. They grew up together in New Jersey. Justin was Jenna's first kiss in 7th Grade and her date to junior prom, but it wasn't until after college that they began to date seriously. On a last minute trip to the Gansevoort Hotel in Turks and Caicos, the couple saw a wedding at the resort and instantaneously knew they had found the perfect location for their own nuptials.

Fast forward to May 2011 when Justin proposed. The happy couple immediately checked on availability at the Gansevoort. The representative in New York confirmed their booking and when Jenna asked about wedding planners she was advised to put in a call to their preferred planner, Teresa Brunner of Tropical DMC.

They returned to the island several times over the course of the year, to meet vendors and to have a mini break from their hectic lives. "Teresa won us over on the first visit. She streamlined the entire planning process. Her suggestions and guidance on every detail made the process so easy. We consider ourselves a relatively low key couple and after seeing pictures of previous events and weddings she had planned, we were confident our wedding weekend would be picture perfect."

"We had some weather issues to battle that weekend, which were completely out of the ordinary, but Teresa had anticipated every conceivable hassle, including Mother Nature. She had organized tents and everything else we needed and our wedding went off as planned. She was with us every step of the way, and she gave us our fairy-tale wedding."

Both couples expressed their gratitude to Teresa and her staff from Tropical DMC, the entire staff of the Gansevoort, Brilliant Photography, Kissing Fish Catering and Sheque Perfection for making all their dreams come true. Friends and the families are still talking about the best weddings they have ever been to, in one of the most 'loved at first site' locations in the world.

Teresa Brunner arrived on Provo thirteen years ago, to manage The Sands at Grace Bay. She left a large convention hotel in Calgary, Canada, where she specialized in high-end weddings and events.

After several years Teresa started up Tropical DMC. The company's tagline is "Anything is Possible!" They specialize in unique décor for weddings, events and theme nights, welcome dinners and incentive groups. They are also involved in many charity organizations.

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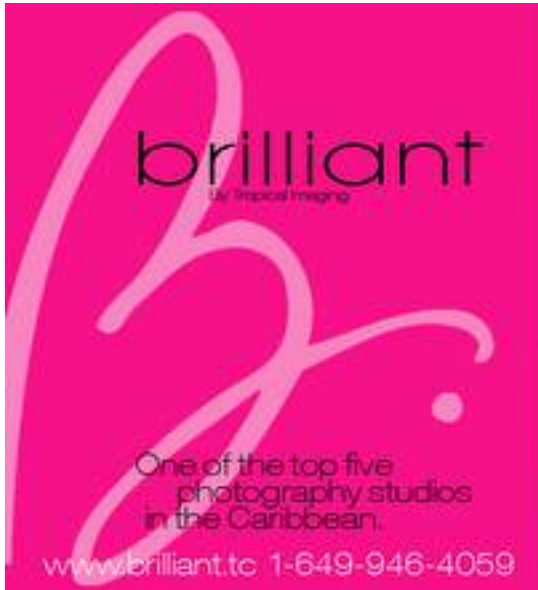
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