

bride ideas



FRENCH POLYNESIA

LEGALLY TAHITI

Countless couples have swapped symbolic vows in Tahiti, but because of red tape, legal weddings weren't realistic for nonresidents. Happily, in 2010, new legislation made legal ceremonies attainable for overseas visitors, and Tahiti Tourism's brand-new microsite, tahiti-tourisme.com/weddings, walks couples through all the details. The official union takes place at a city hall (there are a number of city hall locations, including on Tahiti, Moorea and Bora Bora); afterward, hold your emotional ceremony at a scenic beach or hilltop overlook. Don traditional garb (including his and hers pareus) and incorporate Tahitian touches like a headdress-bedecked priest, fragrant floral leis and rhythmic song and dance. You'll need to begin the application process at least six months in advance and translate and file multiple documents at least 45 days prior to the ceremony. Your best bet? Hire a local planner and let the pros handle the details for you. — *Donna Heiderstadt*

COOL SERVICE

under the big top

Destination weddings and event tenting go together like the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey. And few rental companies do it up quite like **RAJ TENTS**. With offices in Los Angeles and the Bay Area, the business offers luxury tenting and decor that's anything but boring or corporate, from an all-white marquee with twinkling chandeliers and ivory Chiavari chairs to a beach pavilion with bamboo screens and chic chaise lounges. But what Raj Tents does best is exotic themes like Moroccan or Indian — think hanging lanterns, rich fabrics, colorful floor cushions and gleaming hookahs. Whatever your vision, Raj Tents' structures shield from the elements, enhance your wedding motif and frame the views around you. The company offers full installation service throughout the United States, the Caribbean, Mexico and beyond so you can plan your own greatest show on earth. *Tent rentals from \$950.* — *Erika Hueneke*

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CHIC SHEETS

The Bridal Bar — a boutique that gives brides a complimentary peek at top wedding vendors, with locations in Atlanta, Los Angeles and San Diego — works with the industry's best pros, so it's only natural that its first foray into home goods is equally exclusive. To launch **BRIDAL BAR HOME**, the boutique joined forces with celebrity interior designer Jennifer Adams, who masterminded a bedding collection so luxurious it will welcome you back to bed long after the honeymoon is over. Perfect for your registry, the set is made from an ultra-soft microfiber that's stain- and wrinkle-resistant, hypoallergenic and produced from recycled materials. Each set is available in white, chocolate or ivory and includes a flat sheet, a fitted sheet and two pillowcases in queen, king or California-king sizes. Sweet dreams are guaranteed. *Sheet sets from \$450; buy or register at jenniferadamshome.com.* — *Alison Klein*

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