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BOHEMIAN BLISS



Angie and Yann, both 32, tied the knot at an intimate venue on the Barbadian beach where Yann first proposed

Photography by Diana Lewis



PASTEL PALETTE

All of the bridesmaids chose different dresses in similar colours to reflect the relaxed and laid-back style



ANGIE'S ADVICE

Breathe, smile, and enjoy every single moment. The whole week is part of the wedding, and just as special. After the ceremony, take a few minutes alone with your new husband to take it all in



Notebook // **Venue** Turtle's Nest, blueskyluxury.com **Photographer** Diana Lewis, dianadigitalstudio.com **Bride dress** Grace Loves Lace, graceloveslace.com **Brides accessories** Something Samarah **Make-up** Ciara Mohamed **Hair** Tenika Tang **Catering** Anna Went **Entertainment** DJ Trev Perkins, djtrevperkins.com **Wedding Planner** Whirlwind Events, eventsbyleigh.com



SIMPLY STUNNING

Keep décor to a minimum in a naturally beautiful setting to really enhance the backdrop

We wanted somewhere magical and tropical, a place that brought all of our closest family and friends together. We've spent a lot of time together in *Barbados*, so the memories it provided were very special — it was the perfect destination. I knew exactly what I wanted — the four B's! Beach, Boho, Beautiful and Breezy — and we got them all. Believe it or not, the beach was the hardest to find. There are many beachfront properties in *Barbados*, but very few private ones large enough to host a sit down dinner. We wanted it to be more private and intimate, so a hotel was not for us.

My wedding dress was from *Grace Loves Lace* and I knew I wanted a dress from them before I was even engaged. The lace is exquisite and one-of-a-kind. The dress was a flowy, boho-style, so perfect for a beach wedding. As I wanted a boho-beach vibe, it was best to have a relaxed style. All of my bridesmaids chose different dresses in the same colour palette and had different hairstyles. I was a bit worried as we really just chose the hairstyle in the spur of the moment, but it all worked out and blended so well!

Our colour palette was inspired by blush, neutral tones with a splash of gold. Yann's sister who is an artist uses these colours in a lot of her artwork, and our wedding was inspired by those pieces. When thinking of them paired with a pastel-coloured sunset on the beach, it was the perfect combination. We chose a lot of textures such as burlap and lace to achieve the rustic, vintage look we were going for. In combination with the soft colours and the whimsical flowers, it was exactly what I dreamed of. The end result was stunning: a romantic night under the stars on the beach.

We had everyone stay on the West Coast of *Barbados*, as that was where our venue was. This was a challenge to organise at first, as we tried to choose just one hotel for everyone. But since everyone had different tastes and needs, we created a wedding website with different choices of hotels within a few kilometres of each other. We held all of our activities in this area so it was easy for everyone. However, the biggest challenge of organising a destination wedding was having the trust that everything will turn out okay, without being there in person. I'm a really hands-on person and I love being involved. Without a wedding planner, the planning process would have been near impossible. She took the look we wanted and knew the challenges we might face and how to get around them. If there was a problem — she had the answer!



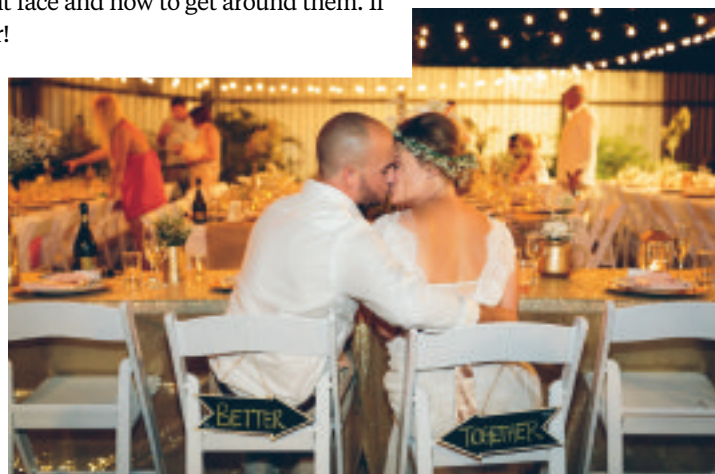
LAID-BACK CHIC

To create this rustic look, the couple chose burlap and lace textures, soft colours and whimsical flowers



SWEET TOOTH

Angie and Yann opted for a dessert bar instead of the traditional cake





Nenneth Jay Lane silver-plated cubic zirconia necklace, £285, net-a-porter.com

White Gold halo diamond bridal set, £2,000 goldsmiths.co.uk



Vintage pierced earrings, £59, swarovski.com



Valentino 'Donna' eau de parfum, £96.50, thefragranceshop.co.uk

IDEAS TO STEAL Glitz & Glamour

Jazz up pale pastel outfits with stunning accessories. Bring on the crystals and make sure to add plenty of sparkles!



Rose Bloom wedding invitation and RSVP, EPOA, Eliza May Prints at notonthehighstreet.com



Faux palaenopsis orchid wreath, £32, oka.com



Stella McCartney asymmetric sateen dress, £780, net-a-porter.com



Reiki headband, £255, freyarose.com



Spring camellia shoe clips, £85, jimmychoo.com



Stella McCartney faux leather clutch, £650, net-a-porter.com



Glamore lipstick, £19.50, illamasqua.com



Faux shagreen memory box, £350, oka.com



Dusty rose satin sandals with camellia mix anklet, £2,995, jimmychoo.com



Waterlily candleholder, £125, swarovski.com



Crystalline toasting flutes, £249, swarovski.com



Lou Dalton twill shirt, £85, jaeger.co.uk



Versace 'V-Race Driver' stainless steel watch, £1,200, selfridges.com



Brown reversible Italian leather belt, £24, riverisland.com



Osborne wine ribbed braces, £22, debenhams.com



Camel skinny Trousers, £35, riverisland.com



Jeff Banks patent leather loafers, £85, debenhams.com