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by BROOKE SHOWELL



TOWN HONOLULU

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THE MODERN HONOLULU, OAHU

Though a two-minute walk from the white sand of Waikiki, this 353-room hotel is more chichi than beachy. Make time (no, really) for the spa's five-hour Modern Maleana prewedding body polish, lomilomi massage, oxygen facial, wax, and hand and feet treatments. Then say aloha to a rehearsal dinner with theater-like presentations of seared yellowtail and sake flights in a private room at Morimoto Waikiki. Think that's hard to top? Try a ceremony aisle of glass tiles over a lagoon that leads to the teak deck of The Modern's candlelit Sunrise Pool, framed by palms, autograph trees and jasmine. Then, move up to the 1,500-square-foot penthouse suite with a wraparound lanai. Guests won't ever forget sipping mojitos muddled with fresh mint and coconut while overlooking the Ala Wai yacht harbor. The finale? A helicopter tour for two of the island. *Rooms from \$278; wedding-site fee from \$2,000; buffet receptions from \$72 per person.*

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LEAVE SOME FREE TIME. FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE MOST LIKELY PUMPED TO EXPLORE THE CITY ON THEIR OWN, SO MAKE SURE THE ITINERARY GIVES THEM SOME WIGGLE ROOM TO WANDER. WHILE YOU'LL WANT TO PROVIDE PLENTY OF ENTERTAINMENT AND HELP THEM GET AROUND, THEY'RE PROBABLY COMING IN WITH A SIGHT-SEEING PLAN OF THEIR OWN.

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— PLANNER
CRISTINA VERGER

COUNTRY keauhou bay SHERATON KONA RESORT & SPA

Uninterrupted panoramas of crimson sunsets and the cobalt Pacific Ocean north of Kona mean you're far from fast-paced urban life. Located in the birthplace of King Kamehameha III near the ruins of an ancient Hawaiian village, this 22-acre property ensures that weddings connect with the spirit of the Big Island through cultural elements such as a ceremonial lei exchange on black-lava cliffs. After kayaking and diving with manta rays, it's time for some exploration on solid ground: Set up a group trip to a nearby Kona coffee farm, visit Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, or stargaze atop Mauna Kea volcano. And it doesn't get any more local than reception cuisine sourced from nearby farms. *Rooms from \$189; wedding packages from \$3,100.*

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MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ROOM FOR EVERYONE. IF HOTEL OPTIONS ARE LACKING, LOOK INTO PRIVATE-HOME RENTALS. COLLEGE FRIENDS MIGHT ENJOY SHARING A FIVE-BEDROOM HOUSE NEAR YOUR VENUE.

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— PLANNER
HEATHER
ARCHDEACON-
WILLIAMS



FROM TOP: FLOYD PHOTOGRAPHY; BRETT HICKMAN PHOTOGRAPHERS

CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: The Modern Honolulu is redefining Waikiki weddings with sleek spaces and bespoke service. Nothing says drama like the Sheraton's big rocks on the Big Island.