

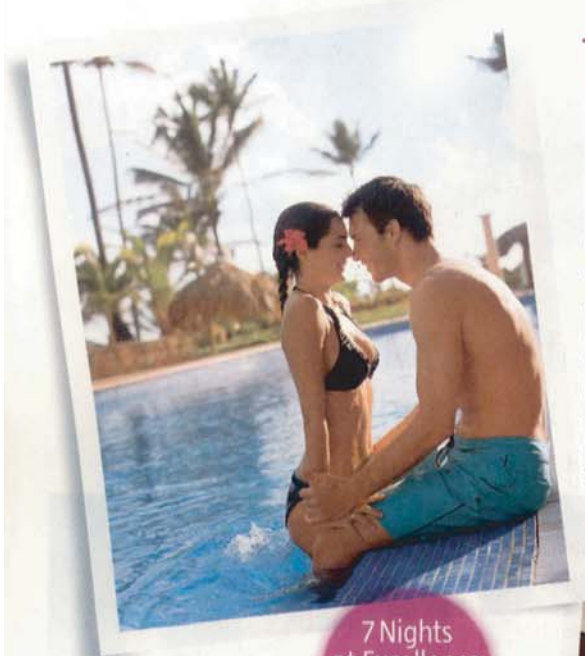
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## Win Cool Prizes!

Here's what we're giving away at [Brides.com/ModernBride](http://Brides.com/ModernBride)



7 Nights  
at Excellence  
Punta  
Cana

### THE CARIBBEAN'S CALLING

In this issue, we're giving away *three* incredible island escapes!\* One lucky reader and her guy will honeymoon at the sexy, upscale, all-inclusive resort **Excellence Punta Cana**, in the Dominican Republic, where they will spend seven nights in a lavish junior suite with a private patio. Another couple will receive a six-night stay in a posh junior suite at the newly renovated **San Juan Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino**, on Puerto Rico's famed Condado Beach. No passport is required for this fabulous trip, which includes a couples massage at the spa, daily breakfast and airport transfers. Yet another bride and groom will be treated to seven nights with breakfast included at **The Somerset on Grace Bay**, a chic luxury resort in Turks & Caicos. When not relaxing in their spacious one-bedroom suite, this winning pair will enjoy a dinner in a private room at O'Soleil restaurant. To enter any or all of these fantastic giveaways (airfare not included; three different winners will be chosen), go to [Brides.com/ModernBride](http://Brides.com/ModernBride). The password for all three sweepstakes is **Caribbean**. For more on these hot honeymoon islands, see page 316.



6 Nights  
at San Juan  
Marriott  
Resort

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**Bride to Bride:** Share your wedding-planning advice.

**Real Weddings:** Submit your own, and check out your fellow brides' receptions.

**Take the Poll:** Answer this issue's pressing question!

7 Nights  
at The  
Somerset on  
Grace Bay



\*NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. For all official rules, see [Brides.com/ModernBride](http://Brides.com/ModernBride). Open to legal residents of the 50 United States/DC, 18 years of age or older at the time of entry, except employees of Sponsors, their immediate families, and persons residing in the same household. Sweepstakes begin on 10/28/2008 at 12:01 AM ET, and all entries must be received by 11:59 PM ET on 12/15/2008, when sweepstakes end. All sweepstakes sponsored by The Condé Nast Publications, 4 Times Square, New York, NY 10036. Dominican Republic sweeps also sponsored by Excellence Punta Cana, Playas Uvero Alto - Higüey Provincia La Altagracia, Dominican Republic. ARV of the prize \$3,600. Puerto Rico sweeps also sponsored by San Juan Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino, 1309 Ashford Ave., San Juan, Puerto Rico 00907. ARV of the prize \$4,350. Turks & Caicos sweeps also sponsored by The Somerset on Grace Bay, Princess Drive, Providenciales, Turks & Caicos Islands. ARV of the prize \$5,500. Odds of winning depend on number of entries received.

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## Caribbean island finder

If you're planning a beachfront destination wedding or honeymoon, see which of these dozen sun-kissed isles match your romantic style

### TURKS & CAICOS

If you love the color blue, make a bee-line for these mellow isles south of the Bahamas, where turquoise, cerulean and sapphire meld into an endless panorama of serenity. Even on Providenciales' popular Grace Bay, lined with resorts, the view is mesmerizing. Just don't expect to do much shopping or see too many sights other than those involving H<sub>2</sub>O (the snorkeling and diving are insane), and you'll leave feeling anything but blue.

**How to get hitched here** Obtain a license (fee: \$100) at the registrar on Grand Turk at least one day after arrival with passports, birth certificates and proof of single status; the wedding can take place two to three days later.

**Where to wed** With just 54 suites on 4.6 oceanfront acres, **The Somerset on Grace Bay** offers an ideal setting for intimate I dos; wed with your toes in the sand, then sit down to a chic indoor reception or a music-filled poolside

party (wedding packages from \$3,100; doubles from \$275; 877/887-5722 or [thesomerset.com](http://thesomerset.com)). For soirees for two to 200, elegant **Grace Bay Club** offers a beach, a gazebo, a private catamaran or an uninhabited cay (wedding packages from \$3,500; doubles from \$501; 800/946-5757 or [gracebayclub.com](http://gracebayclub.com)).

**Honeymoon hot spots** Couples seeking seclusion can head for **Parrot Cay**, with its soothing white-on-white suites and yoga-centric spa (doubles from \$575; 877/754-0726 or [parrotcay.com.bz](http://parrotcay.com.bz)). To be centerstage on Grace Bay, choose **The Regent Palms**, with its poolside daybeds and fab Regent Spa (doubles from \$325; 888/201-1806 or [regenthotels.com](http://regenthotels.com)).

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