

# 7 WEDDINGS ON THE WATER

Float away to marital bliss with a memorable ceremony on the water that will thrill your guests.

From ocean liner to river barge, the ideas are inspiring with prices to fit all budgets.

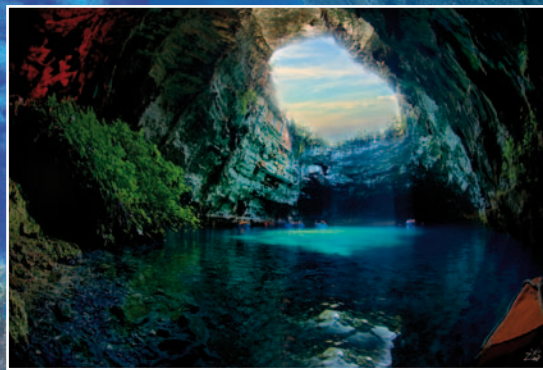
Here are our favourites!

## 1 ROYAL ROMANCE AT SEA WORLDWIDE

Couples choosing to honeymoon aboard a luxury cruise ship can now have their wedding ceremony on-board too or if they prefer, they can arrange to marry at one of the ship's ports of call. Royal Caribbean International is offering the Royal Romance package – a full-service for weddings and vow renewals with ceremony, reception and honeymoon on-board. Couples can choose either Shipboard Duet or Shipboard Harmony in which they can marry in a romantic venue on-board including in the pretty wedding chapel in Royal Caribbean's newly launched Independence of the Seas, or tie the knot in an exotic island ceremony, historical city or marry atop an Alaskan glacier at one of Royal Caribbean International's sailing destinations around the world. Flowers, photography, videography, spa treatments, stationary/favours, entertainment and transportation can all be arranged and the couple can continue celebrating on-board with a wedding reception to suit their specifications. [www.royalcaribbean.co.uk](http://www.royalcaribbean.co.uk)







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## SUBTERRANEAN FLOATING CEREMONY GREECE

Exchange your vows in a unique floating wedding ceremony on Melissani Lake in Kefalonia, Greece. The beautiful lake was revealed in the 1950s when the roof overhead collapsed, and now offers a most spectacular subterranean setting for a wedding, with amazing photo opportunities to capture the moment. Melissani Lake is enclosed by grotto walls that are up to 36-metres high and covered with 20,000-year-old stalactite and stalagmite formations. Be married in a beautifully decorated boat floating on the neon-blue water, basking in the vast shaft of sunlight that floods this ultimate romantic location. The cost of marrying on the Melissani Lake is from £2,474, which includes wedding coordinator, boat hire and decorations, ceremony on the boat, flowers, cake for 12 people, transfers to and from the lake and photographs.

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## BARGE INTO MARRIED LIFE ITALY

Take your family and friends on an Italian barge for a floating holiday in which they join you aboard for your wedding ceremony with the stunning Italian waterways as your gorgeous backdrop. You charter the whole barge for six nights for a cruise with up to 20 guests, which takes you on a route taking in Prosecco, Venice and the Po Valley on a seven day cruise with an Itinerary which includes dinner at a 17th century private villa, a private wine tasting and sightseeing in Venice. You can choose to get married in the town hall in Venice and then board the barge for the reception, or you can have the ceremony on board. Costs depend on the number of guests ranging from £2,250 per person for 20 guests to £3283.33 per person for just 12 guests. Price includes paperwork and consular fees, flowers, photographer, violinist for the ceremony, celebrant, Italian champagne cocktails and canapés, cake and dinner on board.

**Contact The Italian Connection & Spirito Italiano on: 01424 728900**





# 4 CRUISING ROUND THE BIG APPLE NEW YORK

One of the most popular overseas wedding destinations is New York City, but if you choose to marry in NYC, instead of taking the usual path and exchanging vows in Central Park, why not see the Big Apple from a whole new perspective? This unique wedding afloat includes a ceremony on board one of the luxurious World Yachts with fabulous views of the famous skyline, wedding welcome pack, assistance of a wedding specialist, all tips and gratuities, witnesses if required, limousine from hotel to World Yacht, three-hours sailing, cake, dinner and open bar. From £950 per couple Kuoni offers 7 nights room only at the 5-star Mandarin Oriental, New York in a standard room including flights with Virgin Airlines from Heathrow. Price from £2,760 per person based on two sharing, includes the World Yacht Wedding in New York.

[www.kuoni.co.uk](http://www.kuoni.co.uk)



# 5 FLOATING AFRICAN SAFARI WEDDING MALAWI

Couples staying at the Makokola Retreat, perched along the shores of southern Lake Malawi in central Africa, can now marry aboard the resort's 24 metre-cruiser, the M.V. Sunbird for a delightful safari wedding afloat. The stunning backdrops of African wildlife, including elephant, crocodile, hippos, exotic birds and antelope will create the most amazing wedding photos and an unforgettable wedding. Lake Malawi, despite being a freshwater lake, is vast and more like an inland sea – crystal clear waters and beaches of golden sand. A cruise on the M.V. Sunbird is a special way to experience Lake Malawi. The cruiser has been recently refurbished to offer accommodation for up to eight people comfortably sleeping in three cabins with two bathrooms and provides excellent meals with a full bar service on board. Wedding charters cruise to Cape Maclear, Monkey Bay in the Lake Malawi National Park, a world heritage site. Another popular route is to the Liwonde National Park on the Shire River.

[www.makokola.com](http://www.makokola.com)







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## SUNSET VOWS ON STAR CLIPPERS

Say 'I do' on deck as the sun sets over the sparkling ocean aboard a spectacular tall ship. Star Clippers is offering the opportunity for a sunset marriage blessing on the upper deck of the company's four-masted 'Star Clipper' or 'Star Flyer' and the five-masted 'Royal Clipper' conducted by the ship's captain, attended by uniformed crew. The blessing can be arranged on Star Clipper voyages in the Caribbean, Mediterranean and Central America aboard the 19th century-style clipper ships. The ships have been recreated for modern-day sailing voyages and have all the mod cons with expansive teak decks, swimming pools, informal dining and first class accommodation. The romance starts when the couple and their guests are welcomed on board with champagne and fruit basket in their cabin. Seven nights sailing the Caribbean on board the Star Clipper costs from £949, wedding package not included. [www.starclippers.co.uk](http://www.starclippers.co.uk)

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## YACHT WEDDING CYPRUS

Tie the knot at sea on yacht in sun-drenched Cyprus for a fabulous nautical wedding. Exclusive Yacht Weddings are a well established company in Cyprus offering fully-inclusive wedding on the Mediterranean and a team of expert wedding planners to help you every step of the way to create the perfect wedding afloat. Exclusive Yacht Weddings offers a fleet of yachts in various shapes and sizes, from a traditional 'Jolly Roger' sailing vessel to a sleek luxury powerboat. The company has three wedding all-inclusive wedding packages – the Admiral's Package, starting from £6859 for up to 20 persons, including a 6-hour charter time, ceremony, decorated cars, a coach for guests, flowers, photo album and DVD, hair and makeup and a full champagne reception aboard including the cake; The Petty Officers Package starts from £4,995 for up to 20 guests, including 5-hours charter time; The Cadet's Package starts from £3499 per person. All packages include a personal wedding coordinator to assist with all legal paperwork, arranging hair and makeup, flowers, photography, transport and much more. [www.exclusiveyachtweddings.com](http://www.exclusiveyachtweddings.com)

