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DESTINATION WEDDINGS & HONEYMOONS

*Find your
Epic Setting!*

WHAT'S YOUR
*Bride
Vibe?*
— P.30 —
DESTINATION VS. HOMETOWN

*EASY I DO'S
JUST 3 HOURS
FROM HOME*

*DRESS LIKE
A CELEB.
HIDE YOUR
TAN LINES.
STYLE YOUR
RIDE*

*PLUS:
ARIZONA.
FLORIDA.
PUERTO RICO.
MEXICO.
SAINT LUCIA
& MORE*

10 CRAZY-PRETTY
U.S. WEDDING
SPOTS (THANKS,
NATIONAL
PARKS!) P.25

now
arriving

2016

GROUNDBREAKING

NEW OPENINGS AND RENOS GIVE YOU MORE OPTIONS TO SAY I DO.

On Hawaii, the Big Island's Kohala Coast, **Hilton Waikoloa Village** (below) debuted a *Hale Ike* (House of Senses) concept at its renovated Palace Tower in December 2015.

Offering 395 re-freshed rooms, concierge services and even wedding planning, the curated experience kicks off with nature sounds and floral fragrances in the atrium lobby. ... Lawn, garden and beach locations host fiestas at the newly renovated and expanded **Hyatt Ziva Cancun**, which opened in November 2015 on Mexico's Caribbean coast. The 547-suite all-inclusive features swim-up suites and butler service, plus nine restaurants.



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Trend Alert

FESTIVE FOOD TRUCKS

JUMP ON THE BANDWAGON AND SERVE A RECEPTION MEAL-ON-WHEELS.

Resorts have caught on to the food-truck fad, introducing casual options for couples thinking outside the buffet. "Food trucks bring a creative edge to an event," says Suite & Savory blogger Tracy Memoli. And according to Roaming Hunger, a company that helps users find and book food trucks for catering and events from a database of 8,200 trucks, they're a third the price of a full-service caterer. "You're bringing in some local elements," says CEO Ross Resnick, "partially why you've decided to wed outside of where you live." Try one of these yummy twists. **Sinful Sweets** ➔ Fresh off a \$20 million enhancement, **Carmel Valley Ranch** in Carmel-



by-the-Sea, California, rolls out an ice-cream cart near the exit. "It's a delight for guests on their way out; instead of a party favor, they get an ice-cream sandwich," says Resnick. The Barking Frog Mobile Kitchen at **Willows Lodge** in Woodinville, Washington, tacks on sugary endings, like blackberry margarita tarts.

Regional Eats ➔ Just a year old, **The Gates Hotel** in Key West, Florida, commences farewell brunches with The Blind Pig Food Truck's Cuban egg press. In Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, dish out breaded Key West shrimp, courtesy of **PGA National Resort & Spa's iTRUCK**.



Wedding Report

NEWS FROM THE FRONT LINES OF FAR-FLUNG FETES.

1 ➔ GRAND VELAS RIVIERA NAYARIT on Mexico's Pacific coast has introduced a Groom Suite Experience, which includes a Personal Wedding Concierge to assist with writing vows, buffing shoes, tying ties or bow ties, and more.