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Have you thought about having a destination wedding? More importantly, have you thought about California being that destination? I was lucky enough to be invited by the San Diego Tourist Board to experience La Jolla's spectacular wedding venues. La Jolla is known as the jewel of San Diego in Southern California and I truly fell in love with it {to the point that I could have lived there forever}. The wedding venues were all straight out of Pinterest too and string lights are as standard out there.

The coastal scenery is breathtaking with sparkling beaches, idyllic year round sunshine and incredible sunsets. La Jolla is certainly a postcard-perfect setting to say 'I do' or spend a honeymoon. You could combine it as part of a fly-drive up the coast to LA and/or Las Vegas but you could also fly to Hawaii easily from here or scoot just down the coast to beautiful Mexico. While it is a fairly long flight to get to California, around 10 hours, there are competitive deals for flights out there and once you're there you have so much to see and do. Plus all of the sunshine and minimal stress compared to an English wedding, win win!

Ok, so let's talk wedding venues in the first of these #sygmdoeskali blog posts. And over the next couple of afternoons there will be a general San Diego and La Jolla travel/honeymoon guide.



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from around the wedding world. I also feature beauty, home interiors, fashion, and recipes. For more information about my freelance work please see above.



LOVELY BRIDES

## The Grande Colonial Hotel



The Grande Colonial Hotel is in central La Jolla, just a few doors down from La Valencia Hotel and offers a picturesque seaside wedding setting overlooking the Pacific in a slightly more low key, toned down manner. It's one of the oldest hotels and has a good mix of historic grandeur but also with modern luxury. There are both ocean and garden view ceremony locations including a top floor loft, an outdoor Grande Terrace and a Garden Courtyard accommodating up to 120 guests. There are three elegant reception rooms too. One of the real highlights though are the menus from the award winning Executive Chef Jason Knibb. We had an incredible evening at Nine Ten, the hotel's signature restaurant and Ben and I both agreed that it was probably the best food we have ever eaten! And if anyone knows how much my husband likes food, that's a huge accolade. The food really was spectacular so imagine being able to serve your guests that kind of wedding breakfast.



A typical wedding package includes tray passed hors d'oeuvres, champagne toast and valet parking for wedding guests with a one night stay for the newlywed couple in an ocean view room with champagne, chocolate covered strawberries and breakfast in bed the next day.



Grande Colonial Wedding Website [here](#).