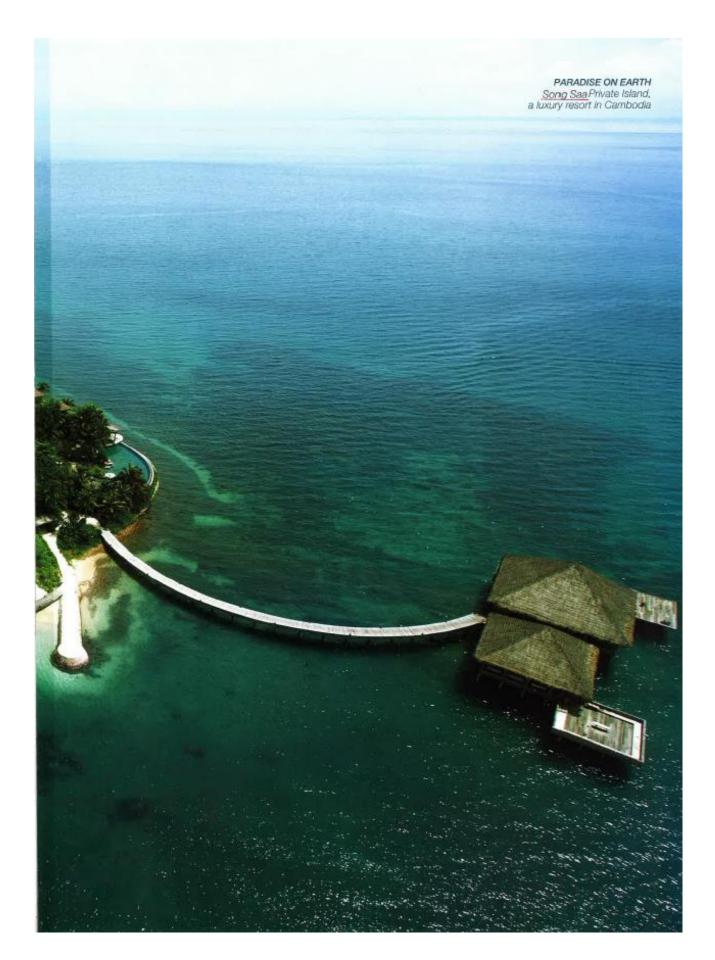


GOINS the Distance

From a heritage hotel in London to a private island in Cambodia, Rik Glauert, Rachel Read and Melissa Twigg highlight some luxe options around the world to celebrate your big day



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Clockwise from top: One of the amazing over-water suites at Song Saa; a pictureque walkway in the complex; a traditional monk's blessing is part of the festivities; the Driftwood Bar is one of the areas at the resort that can be used for a wedding











Song Saa Private Island

The only danger of getting married in Song Saa is that you might find yourself getting weak at the knees for these two tiny islands off the coast of Cambodia, rather than your future spouse. You'll certainly be in love with your over-water suite, with all its effortlessly cool decor, soaring ceilings and private plunge pools. You'll definitely go mooney-eyed for the warm water and spectacular views across the Gulf of Thailand. You'll wax lyrical about the delicious food in the open-air restaurant, and try to capture the beauty of pink and red tropical sunsets on your camera. You'll probably even develop a crush on Rory and Melita Hunter, the tanned, intrepid Australian couple who discovered the deserted islands a decade ago and created this stunning eco-lodge.

But if you and your fiance can survive this assault on the senses, you will have discovered one of the most beautiful wedding venues in Asia. At Song Saa, you can tailor your wedding to your needs and your relationship—couples can choose from a number of magnificent locations to exchange yows, from the beach or the pool to the Koh Rong walkway or the Driftwood Bar.

The resort provides a wedding package that includes a traditional monk's blessing, a flower bouquet for the bride, flowers in the villa, a wedding cake, a make-up artist and a candlelit dinner on the beach. To ensure the party really gets started, DJs, photographers and even fireworks can be arranged. The resort can accommodate up to 50 guests.

Song Saa (which is Khmer for "the sweethearts") is about as romantic as it gets. The only problem is going to be finding a honeymoon destination as glorious as the wedding venue. songsaa.com 0