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In each issue, we scout a delectable destination that's absolutely perfect for tying the knot away from home.



Does the fantasy of a barefoot-on-the-beach wedding have you scoping out options in the Caribbean? The Dutch island of Aruba may be your perfect "I do" spot. Among its many appeals: The island has a relaxed vibe, there are direct flights from a variety of U.S. cities and shops accept American currency. Best of all, there's a wide selection of beachfront hotels where you can hold your nuptials.

Planning an intimate affair? The tranquil 63-room Bucuti Beach Resort is a good choice. This tasteful boutique hotel (think chic white stucco and elegant

mahogany furniture) hosts stylish weddings for up to 15 people on its own quiet stretch of Eagle Beach, the largest and prettiest strand on the Island. This part of the beach is extremely secluded, and, since the hotel is "couples only," the gorgeous landscape is unspoiled by throngs of tour boats or screaming kids. The hotel's wedding coordinator will even arrange a private "wedding for two," where you'll enjoy an evening ceremony followed by a five-course dinner on the beach (L.G. Smith Boulevard #55B, Eagle Beach; packages start at \$400 plus catering fees, which start at \$37.50 per person; 888-428-2884; bucuti.com).