

Best Day Ever

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THE FIRST ENCOUNTER. Peter and I met through a mutual friend at her birthday party on the rooftop of the Empire Hotel in New York City the summer of 2011. By the time our friend's holiday party came around, Peter finally asked me out. From the first date, we knew that this was it, even though I was preparing to leave New York for business school in Boston. During my first year in school, Peter planned a last minute trip to Puerto Rico where he proposed by the beach!

IN PREPARATION We were engaged for over a year, so had plenty of time to obsess over all of the details! We knew that we wanted a romantic, elegant wedding, and quickly fell in love with the Dallas Arboretum and its many outdoor venues. We planned the wedding remotely from New York and Boston, but thankfully had Meredith from Significant Events of Texas to recommend an amazing team of vendors and answer our many questions along the way!

THE BIG DAY Our wedding weekend and day came together perfectly – it still feels surreal to look back at the photos and video now. We were relieved that the Texas heat held off, especially for our non-Texan guests, and had a beautiful ceremony in the Arboretum's Color Garden, an intimate, soft and romantic setting we had hoped for. Rosine Hall felt transformed by our vendors with the candlelit tables, floral and lush centerpieces, and draped café string lighting. Most importantly, we were joined by friends and family – from California and Thailand, to New York and London.

THE RETREAT Sunday morning, my family hosted a farewell brunch for our guests at our house. It's my childhood home, with a beautiful garden set on a small hidden lake, and it meant so much to me to be able to host a part on my wedding weekend there. On Monday afternoon, Peter and I jet-setted off to the Amalfi Coast in Italy – truly the perfect place for a honeymoon. For 10 days, we were able to mix in relaxing by the Italian beaches, soaking in the most stunning views, and some cultural sightseeing.





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