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Let's Celebrate ...

You!

What a great year it was! In fact, it was this one post on social media, about planning for the new year that got me thinking about our first year and how it all started. As we say goodbye to the old and welcome the new, we, at Ellwed want you to set at least one goal for your 2018 and make it happen! Take action now and write it down, then pin it to the wall, where you can see it every day. It can be as small as buying a domain for your new business, or gym membership for your healthier lifestyle, simply do it. Because words are just words, and actions really do speak louder, you need to make it happen.

Our 2017 was more than amazing! Our community is growing with every step, and you would not be reading this right now, if I wouldn't take action on the beginning of the year. My new year's resolution was to buy our domain. This small action, forced me to start realizing all my ideas and preparing everything for Ellwed. It was actually months before anything tangible happened. As always, the beginnings were hard, but our first issue was more than well received. Thus, we are extremely grateful to all our devoted followers and of course, the talented and amazing vendors who helped us get here! Honestly, we couldn't do this without all of you and we want to celebrate you in this issue!

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Saying it all, this issue won't be all about new year's resolutions and planning for your 2018. Let's leave that to another magazine. We want to inspire you with beautiful weddings and new ideas for your winter wedding or holidays in Greece! Give you advice on planning a winter wedding and of course celebrate the one thing that almost every event cannot do without. Flowers! After all, this is the Floral Edition! Find out the best winter inspired flowers and the next floral trend for your white wedding on page 95.

And our surprise for you! In our last issue of the year and may I say it, best so far, we are announcing Best of Real Weddings and Best Wedding Inspiration of 2017, which we have seen in our magazines through the year! The choice was tough and we had to be really strict about the selection process. If you can't wait, skip to page 154 to find out.

Do turn to page 102 because you won't want to miss our Cover Shoot Editorial with all the beautiful inspirations created by our team. You can find all the vendors who made this shoot possible and created this beautiful Winter Wonderland on page 15.

Now, take some time for yourself, make a cup of hot tea or coffee and get yourself comfortable in front of the fireplace or warm and cozy sofa and enjoy our magazine.

From all of us at Ellwed, may your New Year be as creative and prosperous as you make it to be. Let's grow together!

With lots of love,

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Behind the Scenes of our Cover Shoot

There is a saying that you measure your strength in the most difficult times. Well, then this was our time to shine! On the day, universe was working against us on all fronts. Strikes, shortage of time, incredible traffic, marathons and much more. But on the end, we did not give up, we stuck together and with the help of the whole team, we pushed through!

The desire for showing our winter wedding ideas from Greece to brides all over the world was stronger than any negativity or misfortunes. Seeing our names on the name cards by Chirography, was a really nice surprise, which cheered us all up immediately.

This shoot may not have happened without Vasso Vantali, from My Best Wishes Events, who truly took the time to realize our vision, planned and organized the team on the day. And with the help of LV Petridis Floral Creations and White Lilac Rentals, created the most romantic setting for our winter wonderland. We could not complete our vision without Gianna from Boho Choco, who designed and handcrafted all macramé pieces. Her unique art piece was this amazing accessory for the winter bridal bouquet, which radiated the idea of a warm and snug winter.

Both, our MUAH stylist Julia Popova and our model Vlada Orlova, were simply amazing at realizing our vision, even though they had to suffer "extreme conditions" with all that fake snow we used to create the feeling of magical winter. Of course, this shoot would not be possible without Anna Roussos, teacher, trendsetter and influencer in the wedding photography business. Her photos truly surprised us, and we hope they inspire you for your own winter wedding wonderland.







The whole team was working extremely hard from the morning, and we want to express our gratitude to each and every one, as this issue would not be possible without all.

Have a look at our best moments from Behind the Scenes of your cover shoot! Follow us to see more photos on our blog!





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10 Makeup Best-Sellers of 2017

We think deserve the spotlight

by Natasha Naumenko

For the last issue of the year, we decided to celebrate 10 most talked about makeup products on the market. Our extended research showed these 10 products amongst the best sellers and most used products by the beauty industry professionals, influencers and publications. We made sure to choose a broad range of products, from eye shadows to concealers, for your complete makeup list.





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INGLOT AMC PURE PIGMENT eye shadow (17\$)



Highly concentrated powdered eye shadow well deserved to be our number 1. Available in 59 shades.



lipstick (38\$)



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FENTY BEAUTY foundation (34\$)

New makeup Brand FENTY BEAUTY found by Rihanna was a real breakthrough in 2017. Offering foundation in 40 shades, it is said to suit any skin tone.





palette (45\$)



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GIVENCHY LE ROUGE SCULPT TWO-TONE

Two-tone lipstick, the extension of all-time famous Le Rouge line but this time it comes in 2 shades molded into one, where one color is main (red/purple) and another one darker to create the ombre effect using only one lipstick. Available in 5 shades.

HUDA BEAUTY 3D HIGHLIGHTER

All in one palette, to give you the true 3D effect. How to use tips included. Each set contains 4 shades. Available in 4 color ranges such as: winter solstice, golden sands, pink sands and summer solstice.



ANASTASIA BEVERLY HILLS brow wiz (21\$)

Ultra slim brow pencil, is a must for every brow enthusiast. With its own brush for your convenience and on the go busy ladies. Available in 10 shades.



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Liquid matte lipstick, available in 44 colors, was probably one of the most popular matte lipsticks among beauty bloggers in 2017.





BEAUTYBLENDER ORIGINAL sponge (20\$)

A must-have soft sponge used to apply or blend makeup such as foundation, concealer, bronzer an anything that needs applying.

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Special brush gives a perfect result even for those who are not gifted with long or thick eye lashes. A winner of Glamour Beauty Award for Best Designer Mascara, 2017.





FARSALI ROSE GOLD elixir (54\$)

Dry oil with 24k Gold flakes, can be used as daily moisturizer or primer before makeup. You can even mix it with your foundation.

NYX WONDER STICK concealer (12\$)

Thick multi-purpose stick, with creamy texture. Can be used from both sides, for concealing and contouring. Available in 4 shades.

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The Best Eye Cream

Extended research

by Reviews.com

The best eye cream comes down to using the right ingredients on the right issue. The most common: wrinkles, puffiness, and dark circles. We talked to multiple dermatologists, and pored over skincare research to find which ingredients were ideal for each issue and what ingredients to avoid overall. Then, we tested our finalists to see which ones left our skin feeling moisturized and ready to layer.



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How we found the best eye cream

We started by compiling a list of 318 eye creams available on popular online retailers like Ulta, Sephora, and Walgreens, and those mentioned on beauty lifestyle websites like Cosmopolitan, Vogue, and Refinery29. Then, we talked to dermatologists and pored over skin care research to figure out which ingredients are necessary and which should be avoided.

No ingredients that are common skin irritants

First things first. "The skin around the eye is very thin and sensitive and will not always tolerate the same products that your cheeks and forehead can tolerate," says Dr. Tsippora Shainhouse, MD, FAAD, a board-certified dermatologist in Beverly Hills and clinical instructor at the University of Southern California. The most offensive ingredients when it comes to skin sensitivity around the eye: synthetic fragrance, parabens, and mineral oils. "A lot of [eye creams] have parabens, preservatives, and fragrances. These ingredients should be avoided, especially if you have sensitive skin or notice any skin irritation," says Dr. Rhonda Klein, a dermatologist based in Connecticut.

Certain natural oils, like avocado or coconut oil, can be really good in eye creams for moisturizing, but "mineral oil can be too occlusive; it blocks the pores," says Dr. Debra Jaliman, assistant professor of dermatology at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and the author of Skin Rules: Trade Secrets From A Top New York Dermatologist.

So, we cut all eye creams that included parabens, fragrances, and mineral oils.



The three major issues that eye creams address

After we cut the bad stuff, we wanted to know about the good stuff (aka the most effective ingredients). We reached out to our experts and found that it really depends on what you want your eye cream to do. There are three major issues that eye creams seek to address: wrinkles, dark circles, and puffiness. And, what is a good ingredient to target for one issue, shouldn't be used in combination in the same product for another. Time of day matters too.

"In general you want to address dark circles and puffiness in the morning," says Klein. "And, then use a retinoid or other anti-aging products and moisturizers at night."

We tested eye creams from the biggest brands across multiple price points

Ingredients aren't the only things that matter when it comes to something you're putting on your skin. We wanted to see which were best when it came to texture, smell, application, and packaging. Packaging is important, in particular. When it comes to the ingredients that make eye cream effective, like antioxidants, retinoids, and peptides, they're super-sensitive to light and air. So, an airtight, opaque container is best. This will ensure that the product's active ingredients don't break down before you can use it up. Tubes and pumps versus tubs are also ideal – these ensure that you're not introducing bacteria into your product with your fingers, which can lead to bacteria growth in your eye cream. No good.



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Our picks for the best eye cream

Best for Wrinkles

<u>Botanics Radiant Youth Hydrating Eye Cream</u>, with all the ingredients to fight wrinkles, plus added moisturizers like almond oil and shea butter.

When it comes to fighting wrinkles around the eyes, the combination of ingredients is the most important. Botanics Radiant Youth Hydrating Eye Cream includes retinyl palmitate, a retinoid with a lower level of vitamin A than retinol, so it's less likely to cause irritation on the thin skin in the eye area. (As you may remember from our review on The Best Wrinkle Cream, retinoids are proven to reverse the signs of aging.) It also has more than one peptide, which provides more opportunity to boost collagen growth and smooth out wrinkles. And, lastly, it has the ultra-moisturizer hyaluronic acid.

The lightweight cream felt more like a serum, and we noticed immediately how moisturized our skin felt. Not surprising thanks to the sweet almond oil, shea butter, and fatty alcohols in addition to the hyaluronic acid. Wrinklefighting retinoids and peptides can be drying, so we appreciated these extra moisturizing ingredients. Despite all of these moisturizers, our skin didn't feel heavy or greasy and the product soaked in quickly. There is a slight scent, reminiscent of sunscreen, but it wasn't off-putting and dissipated quickly. The Botanics' Radiant Youth Hydrating Eye Cream comes in an opaque tube with a tip applicator. Not quite as foolproof as the airtight pump of our runner-up, but for \$25, a little oxidization risk may be worth the value. Both Hydroxatone Hydrolyze Intensive Under Eye Treatment (\$69) and First Aid Beauty Eye Duty Triple Remedy Overnight Balm (\$38) come in jars – a much higher price tag for packaging that's going to expose the eye cream to air, light, and potential bacteria.





Best for Dark Circles

<u>Vichy Idealia Eyes</u> with caffeine and antioxidants to combat dark circles, plus sunscreen, niacinamide, and mica to brighten skin instantly.

If dark circles are your biggest concern, then Vichy Idealia Eyes eye cream has the ingredients you want. It includes all the necessary stuff like caffeine, antioxidants, and sunscreen, and a couple of extras too. Mica, one of those minerals that naturally reflects light and helps cover up dark circles immediately, and niacinamide, an antioxidant that's been shown to lighten skin. Its subtle pink-hued serum is lightweight and slightly creamy in texture. It absorbed guickly into our skin, unlike Hada Labo Tokyo Age Correcting Eye Cream, which left our skin feeling too greasy. Our skin felt moisturized without feeling weighed down - definitely light enough to layer on your daily makeup. There was also no noticeable smell, which we appreciated. The product comes in a shimmery pink, opaque tube with a silicone paddle applicator to help massage the product around your eyes. (Out of all the eye creams we tested, this applicator was one of our favorites.) This made application really easy - ensuring maximum absorption without pulling the skin. It costs \$31 for 0.5 ounce. Origins GinZing Refreshing Eye Cream to Brighten and Depuff costs about the same, but comes in a tub, leaving those sensitive ingredients unprotected against air exposure and bacteria.

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Best for Puffy Eyes

Honest Beauty The Depuffed Eye Cream with a cooling metal applicator, plus anti-inflammatory ingredients like green tea and chamomile.

What made Honest Beauty's eye cream stand out was its packaging, and we don't mean just that it came in a nice opaque tube that should help keep those antioxidants active for longer than a jar might. The Depuffed Eye came with a metal tip that immediately chilled down our skin, which made for a pleasant application that could also increase the eye cream's effectiveness.

Klein says these kinds of metal or roller applicators are popular with her patients. Not only do they help immediately cool down the skin, but also the massage helps with lymphatic flow, thereby moving accumulated liquid out of that area, addressing puffiness right away. Jaliman even recommends keeping your eye cream for puffiness in the refrigerator. "The cooling effect will help take down some of the swelling," she says.

The applicator definitely felt soothing and massaging when we applied it to our skin - without the added step of keeping your eye cream in the refrigerator. The cream itself came out as a light gel that felt creamy not sticky, and would be easy to layer on makeup.

Honest Beauty's The Depuffed Eye has anti-inflammatory ingredients like caffeine, chamomile, and green tea, as well as sunscreen and mica, which means it's a great option for your morning eye cream, offering sun protection and some brightening (if you happen to have dark circles and puffiness).

The great ingredient list combined with the applicator that immediately felt like a trip to the spa made it our top pick. And at \$32 you'll get to enjoy that spa-like feeling every morning for a fraction of the price.



Díd you know

What's the difference between morning and night eye creams?

At night, your skin is actually primed for soaking-up moisturizers, which is why it's good to have a creamier, more moisturizing eye cream at night. Another reason? If you're using an eye cream with a retinoid, those are broken down by sunlight, so they won't work during the day anyway. In the morning, you want your eye cream to do different things. "Most people in the morning want an eye cream that shields their skin from sun damage and constricts the blood vessels to address dark circles and puffiness," says Klein. "That doesn't really matter at night, though."

Can you just use your face cream around your eyes?

The dermatologists we interviewed said no. The skin around your eyes is too different from the rest of your face. Take wrinkle-fighting face creams, for example. A common combo includes retinoids and alpha-hydroxy acids. But, around the eyes? "Topical retinoids and AHAs can irritate the skin, actually making it look dry, red, and flaky. It can even trigger the formation of new fine lines," says Shainhouse. Even so, some brands put out eye creams that are suspiciously similar to their face creams, says Klein. Be sure to check the ingredient list, and if an eye cream does cause irritation, stop using it.

The bottom líne

The best eye cream has the ingredients that address the issues that you care about most. If that's wrinkles, look for retinoids, peptides, and hyaluronic acid. For dark circles, eye creams with caffeine, antioxidants, and sunscreen are best. And, if it's puffiness you're fighting, find an eye cream with caffeine and soothing antioxidants like chamomile or green tea. Added points if it has a cooling, massaging applicator.

You can find our extended review and all the runner-ups, on our site: www.reviews.com/best-eye-cream







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Guest Wear for 2018 Wedding Parties

by Natasha Naumenko

If you have recently been invited to an upcoming wedding and cannot decide which dress to wear, then this article is for you. Check out winter 17/18 trends and we are sure you will find something that will suit you best.





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DRESS WITH FEATHERS by Jenny Packham

Tired of boring "prom looks"? Feathered dress is right here for you! More confident ladies may try bright colors, for example like this dress by Jenny Packham.



ASSYMETRIC NECKLINES by Brandon Maxwell

Welcome the Diva! What is the best way to attract attention at the event? In early 2018 play with asymmetric necklines, cuts and chokers.



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SPORT CHIC total look by Prada

Who said sporty clothes are only for the gym? 2018 is right outside the door and sport chic is a thing! Check Resort 2018 collection by Prada to get the main idea of this trend.

TURQUOISE dress by Sherri Hill

Wedding day is a great opportunity to wear something that you do not usually wear on daily basis. Check out turquoise "princess" dresses, as it is the best design for this color, but make sure not to outshine the bride. Let the fairy tale begin!



DARK DENIM DRESS by Öhlin/D

It is no secret that Denim has been one of the biggest trends for a while. Although if you decide to go for Denim dress, focus on Dark Denim, which is the biggest trend at the moment.



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SIDE CUTS by Brandon Maxwell

Side cuts are a great solution for those who want to look elegant with a bit of intrigue. We would suggest choosing dark colors in order not to be "too extra"

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POLKA DOT DRESS by Emporio Armani

Yes yes, great old Polka Dot...No surprise it is the trend which appears in every decade, since it presents classical beauty, elegance and femininity (do not confuse with feminism). Experiment with designs and nobody will call your outfit boring!



SILVER DRESS by Galvan

Wearing white as a guest at a wedding mayhave been a taboo some years ago. Girls, times are changing and while you wear white, the bride might go black? Give this silver dress a chance if you are planning to attend a wedding in 2017/2018.

Photo from galvanlondon.com



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The Bridal Bar's Guide to Getting Married in Greece

Expert's advice

by Harmony Walton

Getting married in Greece has all the romance and beauty a destination couple could ask for! Say "I do" at sunset on the cliffs of Santorini or wed among the ruins of Athens for a city chic big day abroad. Before you



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tie the knot in this fantastically diverse country, check out our tips to planning for your most perfect big day.

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When to Wed

Greece, like most countries, has a rainy season, and since the beauty of your big day will likely be outside, consider a wedding in the late springtime when the weather isn't too hot, the cities aren't too full of tourists, and the rain will likely stay away. If you wed in summer, expect a scene in many places (in a good way), but by fall locales like Mykonos will be a quiet version of its celebratory self for those more intimate affairs.

Where to Wed

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For an intimate event, consider a private villa or buyout of a small property and getaway to Avaton Luxury Villas Resort overlooking the Athos Peninsula in Halkidiki. For a lavish hotel in the city, Hotel Grande Bretagne in Athens has all the fanfare you need to dazzle your guests. If a quintessential Santorini setting is more your style, select a boutique property in Oia like the oh-so charming Santorini Secret Suites & Spa and be sure to opt-in to the honeymoon suite when you arrive. Greece has so many unique destinations that you can host a beach wedding, a mountaintop ceremony, a citychic event, or a countryside "I do"- it's all up to you!





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If you plan to island hop, do it by sea. Flights aren't as easy as you might expect between the smaller destinations, so consider a cruise instead. Set sail aboard Windstar Cruises on a luxury sailboat that sleeps just 148 guests and you'll drop anchor in smaller ports along exotic routes and enjoy the romance of the sails rising at your embark on the next leg



What Not to Miss

Sunsets in Santorini, the beaches of Mykonos, the ruins of Athens and the shopping - everywhere!

How to Dress Up the Day

Why not throw a white party? For your rehearsal dinner, post-wedding brunch or even your wedding day, take a nod from the beauty of the world around you-the white clad streets of Mykonos or the white-washed buildings of Santorini, and weave the palette through your wedding weekend with a glittering sea backdrop to set the mood.



How to Honeymoon

Getting married in Greece is an unforgettable trip-of-a-lifetime experience, and so is your honeymoon! To really experience all the country has to offer, a cruise honeymoon can't be beat. Book a few extra days before and after your week at sea to experience a destination or two in greater depth, and you'll get the best of both worlds.

Deciding to get married or honeymoon in Greece means magical sunsets, beautiful beaches, exotic foods, fabulous shopping, picturesque backdrops, ancient history and modern romance all rolled into one amazing adventure together!

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Greece, a Unique Winter Wedding Destination

Expert's advice

by Lisa Burton

Greece may traditionally be a summer destination especially popular from May to October. However, it shouldn't be overlooked during the winter months when days can still be mild, with temperatures in the early 20's well into November.

With beautiful unique autumnal sunsets and a quiet calm ambience, a winter wedding in Greece can also be incredibly romantic.

With numerous unique venues that are open year-round there are real gems to be found in places like Arachova or Parnassos. With some careful planning and consideration, a winter wedding in Greece, can be simply magical.



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So, what are the Pros?

Your Wedding budget would go a lot further

Hotels usually offer incentives for having a wedding in low season, not only discounted room rates, but sometimes free nights or upgrades for the bride and groom, so along with low season rates for food/drink and venue hire, the cost savings are advantageous. Suppliers tend to be quieter during the low season and therefore may offer discounts on their usual rates. Thus, your budget could go a lot further than you originally thought, for example that 5 star venue or that exclusive supplier may no longer be out of the question.

You can now have all the 'bells and whistles' that may at one time only have been a dream.

More chance of finding a last-minute date

Some venues are now booked up to 2 years in advance, especially in popular destinations like Zakynthos or Santorini, so considering dates in April or October or even later may give you a better chance of finding a date.

More comfortable weather

The winter months can still be mild, depending on the chosen location, enjoying temperatures into the mid 20's, with deep blue seas and amazing sunsets, so it's perfect for those wanting to escape the hot summer months.





Winter wedding themes In low season some of the wedding flowers might be harder to get as you're outside of the main growing season, so be prepared to compromise on your flower choice. Alternatively, embrace the winter seasonal flower themes or even local herbs and create a truly unique look.

So, as you see, a winter wedding in Greece can not only be cost effective but a chance to create a beautiful, unique wedding day.

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And the Con's

Out of season flights & venues

You may have problems finding direct flights during winter months, so find out how easy it is to get to and from the island before booking a date. However, don't discount indirect flights, they can be just as cheap and not always a lot longer.

Some islands like Santorini may close down for the winter months, so do check that before you decide on location. Although, some shops and bars will remain open for the locals, seasonal venues and even hotels may be closed for the winter season. Maybe consider winter places, like Ioannina or Arachova, instead.

Be prepared for inclement weather

You need to be prepared for inclement weather, so we suggest having a backup venue ready and with the likely hood being higher that you will need it, make sure you like it as much as the main venue.

Consider that evenings can be cooler so prepare guests to take a cardigan or coat for after the sun has set. Be prepared for potential snow, depending on your dates and location.

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Destination Wedding Planner Interview

with Bobbie Karagianni from Sand+Lace Events

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Bobbie Karagianni, owner of Sand+Lace Events tells us her story, introduces different ways of working and gives valuable advice to all brides to be.

We are so excited to have this opportunity to get to know the person behind the brand in this exclusive interview. We asked all the right questions and now, is your chance to read her story and get an expert advice, to make the right decision when planning your wedding in Greece.

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Planning, Sand+Lace Photography, Aaron Delaney Photography on pages 54, 64 & 66

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Hi Bobbie, we are so excited to get to know you and your brand. From your website, we can learn a lot about you and that you, as many others, found love in Greece. Can you tell us more about your beginnings and why Greece?

I am so excited too! Thanks for having me.

From when I was very little I did very much my own thing, I was a creative kid and had a lot of imagination. Growing up in a small village in the Netherlands I always felt that I was destined for something bigger. Finding that 'bigger' thing was a journey, with lots of bumps in the road, lots of mistakes and endless disappointments. I travelled a lot and I was naturally very interested in understanding other cultures, countries, art, and design. I knew that, eventually, I would end up creating something with and for people that would stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Before I found out what that really was for me. I had an office job at an IT company in the event sector. A good job, but it wasn't a fit with my personality. I always felt very restricted, different, and tied down by other people's expectations of how I should act, behave, and moreover what I should be. Wanting to fit in so badly, I convinced myself that this was also what I wanted because it was considered normal. And so, I started living someone else's expectations and I completely lost that inner urge to create and inspire - that child in you that has dreams and is fearless to pursue them. Up to two years ago. I took some time off as I felt, sadly like many people in their twenties nowadays, lost in societies pressure to become and be something or someone that is just not you.

From the moment that I started living in a slower paste and I had the time to reflect on my life and about who I really am, it just hit me. Instead of depending on when other people would give me an opportunity to get that dream job, I had the very power to create it on my own. I am someone with a keen eye for detail and I am a strong visualizer. Planning and organizing is something that comes naturally to me, so starting my own event agency was a very logical decision. With having a Greek father and growing up with going to Greece very often, it was clear to me that I wanted to create events there. So, with a background in events, communication and design, a pocket full of dreams, a strong business plan and an endless energy to make this a success, Sand+Lace Events was born!

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Can you describe your style?

Sand+Lace is a wedding management and styling agency that wants to break away from done-to-death décor and dated styling. We want to inspire people to dream up an event that is completely unique. We realize that style is deeply personal and that is all about embracing who you are as a couple and allowing this to be reflected in every element of your wedding.

The weddings that we plan are conceptual and artistic and all about you, as a couple. I love to push boundaries, break the rules, and take the concept of a wedding to a whole other level where all senses are being touched. In my opinion: rather an experience than just an event - something that will stay with you and your guests a lifetime!

What makes your business stand out and does living in the Netherlands help you with this?

I don't believe that living in the Netherlands makes my business necessarily stand out as I feel like a citizen of the world and it doesn't influence the vision that I have for the company or what Sand+Lace stands for. Having said that, I do believe that my mentality and the way that I approach my couples and the business are influenced by the country that I grew up in, mixed with a Mediterranean charm and flair people tell me often. The Netherlands is a small and open-minded country where lots of different cultures come together, this melting pot however inspires me on a daily basis. Even more so it helps me to understand better on how to communicate with people from other countries in different ways and to understand their needs and wishes.

What makes my business really stand out is that we lay our focus, aside of creating unique and cool events, on being real, humble and honest. We are having lots of personal contact with our clients, we give honest advice and are transparent about prices at all time. What you see is what you get. We believe that once you have an open dialogue with your client based on mutual trust, that you can pull an event to another level. Next to this we listen and observe a lot to find out what couples like by talking to them, on -and offline. By speaking to our leads, clients and vendors, we are continuously learning and growing. Based on these conversations, we make decisions for future events and our strategy.

We realize very well that it's a crowded market amongst wedding planners and that it's difficult for a couple to pick an agency. Most of the planners can pull off a nice event - but if you really want to create something extravagant and personal, the process towards the wedding and the chemistry between the planner and the couple is extremely important. For this reason, we make sure that our couples get the best service possible and that the journey towards the wedding is fun and relaxed.

Your way of working with couples is a bit different than some planners. Could you describe your procedure and your values?

I approach my couples on a very personal level, looking at the wedding from their point of view. We realize at all stages that this is one of the most important days of your life. After a first call where both parties are getting the chance to get to know each other, I try to find out if there is a match between us. Most of the time I directly get that gut feeling, other times we need to have a second call. I never push the couples into anything, as I find it super important that they feel comfortable working with me since the collaboration is long and most of the time intense. We realize that this job is something that is going beyond just event planning and that we are the part of your wedding puzzle that pulls everything together. In other words: besides being your wedding planner, we are budget analysts, negotiators, mediators, a friend and at times, yes, a psychologist. Whatever is needed from your side, we will be that for you.



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What is the one thing that drives you in your line of work and where do you find inspiration for your various projects?

I am driven by ambition, the urge to create and by believing that I can have a share into making someone else's life, even if it's just for one day, magical. I get my inspiration from honestly everywhere. I'd like to get inspired with all senses, so it could just be something very simple as taking a bite at a Mexican food truck, listening to music or by travelling. Of course, I follow everything that concerns fashion, art, weddings and interior design, and try to translate the trends that I am noticing into a Sand+Lace manner!

Many different couples wish to get married in Greece, but there might be some doubts. Who, would you say, can afford a destination wedding in Greece?

Yes, that is true! In my opinion it is the most beautiful country to get married in. There is so much variety in landscapes; from seaside to olive groves to mountains. A wedding in Greece is affordable for most people, depending on the choices that you'll make and the wishes that you have. Will you take a lot of guests with you, or will you choose an expensive location, a lot of extravagant décor? It is all up to you! All these separate elements make the total figure for your wedding. However, Sand+Lace strives to deliver something that is totally you and unique, so no copy-paste weddings or all-inclusive packages, but how we like to call them "magazine worthy" weddings. These weddings have a price tag, but no more than what you would probably spend for your wedding in your home country. To see what I am talking about, go to page 112 and check out one of our weddings.

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Which parts of Greece would you say are the best locations for destination weddings?

I believe that you can turn every place into a wedding location! I encourage my couples to always look into smaller, idyllic places as well as the most known locations, with keeping in mind of course, the practical side of it, e.g. easy access for guests. Also, I would like to advise to look beyond a place and imagine what it could look like once decorated. Sometimes you just have an open space and we can turn this into something completely magical – it just takes some imagination and that's where we come in!

What is the best thing Greece has to offer to all brides and are there any locations you think are not appropriate for a wedding? And why?

The best thing about Greece is that it offers so much variety and there is a lot of local talent! I work mostly together with vendors that are based in Greece, as they know their way around plus they are amazing at what they do. The talented artists and creatives that I work with are carefully curated and handpicked for being the best in the industry. I am discerning about the vendors we work with, as we know that their goal and mindset are the same as ours – we will not settle for anything less than perfect. I don't believe that there are any locations that are not appropriate for a wedding - there are only challenges.

When do you think is the best time for a destination wedding in Greece?

The best months for a wedding in Greece are from the middle of May until the second week of July and from the end of August until the middle of October. Or if you want a winter wedding, from November to January.

Many brides decide to get married in Greece for the beach ceremony. What would you say are the difficulties of beach weddings and what is your advice to overcome them?

I can totally relate to their wish - it is a dream indeed! A beach ceremony doesn't have to be difficult, just inform your guests about the beach ceremony so they can dress accordingly. Next to this there are so many solutions for your guests not to get sandy feet, depending on your budget and the look and style that you are aiming for.

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How do you handle the worst-case scenarios? If you had any.

Well, being a planner, I always have a plan B and sometimes even a plan C. Before every event I make an inventory of what could possibly go wrong and I try to anticipate on this. Luckily, I didn't have any worst-case scenarios yet, but if I did, I would handle it on the spot. Just be creative!

What is the one problem you face with all destination weddings, if there is one?

Honestly, I do not face any specific destination wedding problem. I think that every wedding professional would agree with me if I say that nowadays we experience a love and hate relationship with social media. Our couples are very well informed and have a specific idea of what they want their wedding to look like, due to for example Instagram and Pinterest. With that I notice that sometimes that couples are a little

bit over-reliant on the images that they see, wanting the exact same thing. Nine out of ten images are edited and thus in real life the colors of a specific flower that you like for example, could be completely different and in some cases even non-existing! So, my advice is to pin away but with keeping in the back of your mind that you should use it as an inspiration and give it your own twist - being original is in the end the most fun!



What are the trends you see in the Greek wedding industry and how are they different from the rest of the world?

Due to Pinterest and other social media, wedding trends are really widely spread and picked up. Greece has a breathtaking natural beauty that, if you really think about it, doesn't need a lot of décor it's just a fun add on. As most weddings are outdoors, you see that the décor in Greece is really focused on strengthening the natural scenery by using colors that complement the colors of the country.

Although, wedding trends vary from country to country, there are some common ones like Green Colors, Greenery first Flowers second, Metallic Accents, and so one, for the whole wedding community. What wedding trends do you see catching up for 2018 in Greece?

I always look at interior and fashion trends to predict the wedding trends for the upcoming year. This year greenery was in the limelight, but for next year we will definitely see more bold and expressive colors, which we already started to notice amongst some planners in Greece (including us). We will also see a mixture of floral styles. Flowers that wouldn't feel like going together in the first place, will really make their statement. For example, mixing tropical flowers with European flowers like palm leaves or protea with olive branch and hydrangeas. The usage of richer and luxury fabrics like velvet, silk etc. will be used more as well as the mixture of prints and patterns, all done in a classy way without overdoing it.

Next to this, I do believe that the real wedding trend for 2018 will lay not so much in standard décor but in creating a wedding that shows your guests how much they mean to you. With this I mean that the couple wants their guests to really notice how much effort was gone into planning an experience, rather than just the wedding itself. With destination weddings this is already happening on a smaller scale as most guests fly in for the wedding and the wedding is stretched out to sometimes a whole weekend. But in 2018 there will be even more personalization in the details, for example picking individual favors, individual menus, personalized cocktails that reflect the personality of each guests and so on.

I am sure that most wedding trends will be picked up in Greece with a balance and a twist, it must fit with the location and the couple that you work with. We count ourselves so lucky that we work with couples that follow the trends and are definitely openminded enough to add a few cool trends to their own wedding!

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In this crowded market, how and where can brides find you and how do you stand out?

Creativity and content come together in a wedding, so that's why I try to showcase through social media our work, the stories behind the couples and also inspirational images that are going beyond the ordinary. A little bit edgy, sometimes avant-garde and the less logical choices. A wedding dress that isn't a wedding dress for example, something that will boost your creativity and inspires you to look at your wedding day from a different angle, showing you that weddings don't have to be all the same. At this moment I am working on something really cool that will hopefully inspire couples even more to take the leap of faith and get married in Greece.

Who is your perfect client?

Sand+Lace was created out of believe that weddings could be more stylish, cooler, edgier and less "sugar-coated". Thus, the perfect client is basically someone that is like us. You are someone that is caring for traditions, but is daring enough to personalize these traditions into something unconventional. You have, like us, a lot of love for décor and details and you are not scared to create something unexpected and different.

Did you ever get a client that wasn't right for you? How did you deal with that?

Yes, I did. Along the way we found out that we were not a match. These things happen once or twice - sad but no biggie. I spoke with the couple in a very early stage of planning about my concerns, luckily, they felt the same so we decided to go our separate ways. No hard feelings - main thing is that everyone is happy!

What is the important part in making each wedding unique and personal for every couple?

You can't make a wedding personal and unique if you don't know your couple. If possible, I always plan a face to face meeting and during this meeting I let the couple do the talking. I watch and observe - their little silent jokes, the way they interact, and even their little annoyances. I want to know how they've met, what they do in their daily life, interests etc. Along the way you gather more and more information and with all the information that I have I create the personal touches.

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What advice would you give to brides, wanting to undertake the task of organizing their wedding on their own?

If you plan a destination wedding I would always recommend a wedding planner. They know the country, have the contacts, get smarter deals and you can just enjoy the fun part of the wedding. If a bride really wants to undertake planning their own wedding I would say to start with a very clear overview of all the elements, you'll need for your wedding and take it from there.

Is there one question that almost every couple asks you about their wedding in Greece?

Definitely! Many brides ask me if I am able to give an estimation regarding the budget they should have available. This is something that I find difficult to answer, because the weddings that I create are all customized which makes it almost impossible to give a clear answer to this. I usually give a very rough average.

And for the last question. What is the advice you would give to every couple wanting to get married in Greece? What should they know/pay attention to/be aware of, before coming to Greece, no matter where they are from?

Before you plan anything, check with your (most important) guests if they are able to join in for the wedding fun abroad and/ or if they can afford this. If everyone is good to go, I have only one advice: make sure you enjoy the journey and pick a good photographer and/or videographer to make a lasting memory of your most beautiful day!



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The Art of Chirography

Get to know my brand

by Iokasti Skandami

Ever since I can recall I was drawn to different symbols, engravings, the beauty of old scripts, the diversity of written characters and the artfulness of fonts. My first "official" chirography, to ever be seen by the public was at the age of 12, a blackboard menu for my uncle's restaurant in Quartier Latin.



I was so fascinated with the project and it only made my affection greater hearing all the lovely comments, as Parisians are famed for their love of artistic typo and everything calligraphy.

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Credits: Invitations, Calligraphy, Paper goods, Favors: Chirography Photography, Anna Roussos Design & Styling, MAZI Event Catering, Poseidonion Grand Hotel Flowers, Pavlos The Workshop Desserts, Pavlovs Lab Bride's attire, Katia Delatola Groom's attire, Dimitris Petrou

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During my studies, I focused on fonts, the history of writing and their many variations in calligraphy, as well as illustration and design. My first work in the wedding industry was in 2005, when I worked on a handwritten invitation for the wedding of a family friend. The reception of my concept was so warm and that fueled my passion even further. At that time, I decided to advertise my work in a Greek bridal magazine and many brides showed great interest. The following year I participated in my first wedding stationery exhibition and that is how the first orders under my brand name began to stream.

Finally, in 2013, having established a signature style and artistic vision with a solid accord I proceeded to the re-branding of my company and launched Chirography, which until today continues to thrive in the creation of unique



invitations both in Greece and abroad. Our range extends to conceptualized handwriting, printing, calligraphy, autograph and chirography, which we always fuse with more artful and unique approaches.

Along with my team, we employ high-tech professional tools that allow us to bring to life any 2D hand sketched drawing, monogram or symbol from an event with the analytic 3D design and the innovative materials. Our aim is to present our brides with outstanding one of a kind stationery that not only evokes but rather elicits emotions. Each project covers a span of at least two months to come full circle as we apprehend and envision every possible aspect and parameter of our final presentation. Designing a suite becomes a ritual

that will completely immerse you and your guests into the beauty and significance of your special day.



Did you know the art of calligraphy can be used in more ways than just invitations for your wedding? Aside of full wedding stationery suites, Chirography's concept design spans to any form of luxury detail, art illustration on fine art paper, fabric, or raw materials. Special engravings, signs, vow and love letters, can add that singular detail you were longing for. Other ideas like art installations, ranging from backdrops for dessert stations to table runners, cushions and ribbons, glass works, as well as decorative artworks can bring your event to life.

Customized favors and opulent gifts for your guests and closest friends or family can truly show your gratitude. We can also help you customize and produce gold and silver 3D printed jewelry, something we take immense



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pride in as it is offered exclusively in Greece, it can be that special personalized touch, you were looking for.





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Choose the Right Flowers for Your Wedding Day

Tips from JS Divine Events

by Evgenia Koraka

Flowers play an integral part in any wedding. From the bride's bouquet, groom's boutonniere and decoration of the venue, throughout the table centrepieces at the reception. Florals bring added drama, romance and cohesion to the special occasion. They are also vital in wedding photography, helping to create truly stunning images to remember your Big Day.

From simple floral pieces to the most elaborate of displays, flowers can change the whole look and feel of the bridal party's outfits and the venues chosen for the ceremony and reception. So, how do you ensure that you make the right choice when it comes to your wedding flowers?

> Here, at JS Divine Events, we prepared some tips for you to choose the right flowers for your event. Our team of experts in the floral design will support you step-by-step to ensure you have the special day of your dreams.



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About JS Devine Events:

Working within a couple's budget, JS Divine, leading wedding planners & Floral Designers, offer full-service planning to put together bespoke packages which can include the ceremony and reception venues, legalities and translation, photographer and videographer, accommodation, transport, make-up and hair, wedding cake and, of course, the flowers. Our expertise in floral designs & arrangements will bring your event to life. www.jsdivineevents.com facebook.com/jsdivineevents @js.divine.events

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Be open-mínded

Your bridal bouquet should be a once-in-a-lifetime accessory, so it's important to get it right. While you may have one or two colours or few varieties of flowers in mind that you really love, being open to a combination of three or four colours rather than a set palette will mean your florist can create a look with real wow factor. It's also a good idea to be flexible about the type of blooms you have in your bouquet as your florist will know which flowers are at their best during any season.

The most stunning bouquets can also feature non-floral elements, creating a talking point for guests throughout the day. Think about a bouquet which is totally bespoke and don't be afraid to experiment using such elements as pomegranates, apples, succulents, Scabosia pods and silver Brunia balls. An expert florist will be able to perfectly combine these unique elements with more traditional florals.

JS Divine Events creates wedding bouquets which are truly unique. Beautiful options can include classic roses and peonies for whimsical romance, anemone bouquets for seaside weddings, cotton and Craspedia for vintage-style ceremonies, Cymbidium orchids for opulent weddings and baby's breath adornments to symbolize everlasting love.

As well as the flower varieties in your bouquet, it is vital to think about adding some greenery to help your flowers really stand out. Adding gold accents can also provide a touch of opulence and elegance to the occasion.

Style and substance

As considering the type of flowers, unusual elements and greenery you would like in your bouquet, it is also necessary to think about the size and shape of the floral arrangement you will be carrying down the aisle. Show your florist photos of your wedding dress so they can ensure the shape and size of your bouquet complements the style you have chosen.

A classical round bouquet will be formed into a perfect dome. The most traditional of all bouquet shapes, it works well with most wedding dress styles and can be created using just one hue, or a number of different colours and varying sizes and species of flowers.

The cascade, meanwhile, creates a feeling of abundance, with a waterfall of flowers spilling from the front of the arrangement. The cascade works particularly well in formal settings and can be used to balance out a dress which features a train or a lot of detail on the back.



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Not just the bride

Of course, while the bride's bouquet will naturally be the main focus as she walks down the aisle to gasps of admiration from quests, it is not the only floral arrangement in a wedding. Blooms can be chosen which complement the bride's bouquet for the groom and ushers' boutonnieres, the bridesmaids' bouquets, corsages for the bride and groom's mothers and floral head crowns for the flower girls, creating a look of beautiful uniformity for the ceremony and wedding photographs.

Decorating your venue

Exquisite floral arrangements can make a huge difference to the look and atmosphere of a wedding or reception venue. For those who have opted for an outdoor ceremony, floral arrangements adorning the sides of a wedding canopy or arch can create a truly stunning focal point for your ceremony. You may also want to think about the flowers which decorate the aisle, whether you opt for an arrangement on each pew or seat or you wish to have tall vases filled with flowers. For those who have chosen an Orthodox wedding, decorating the tall candles used in the ceremony with flowers will look beautiful as the bride and groom hold a candle each to symbolise the light of Christ which has brought them together.



Cost and longevity

While the price of floral arrangements will naturally play a part in any decision, it's also important to think about value. Imported blooms will last longer, particular in the summer season, ensuring that your flowers look fresh throughout the day. Not all imported flowers are very expensive and there are many choices your florist will be able to discuss with you for all budgets. The results achieved with imported flowers can be stunning, and long-lasting.



Top tips from JS Devine Events

- budget
- Trust and listen to your florist. They're the expert!

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- Reuse the floral arrangements from your ceremony to decorate your hotel suite or breakfast table
- safe for your wedding gown
- them fresh for longer
- Be open-minded and don't be afraid to try unique designs

Choosing floral arrangements which not only create a wow factor, but which mirror your personality and the style of wedding you have chosen can help to make your special day truly magical.

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Remember to include the cost of wedding flowers in your overall

your reception venue. Then take them with you to bring colour to

Some flowers can stain, so talk to your florist about what will be

Keep your flowers in water or a cool place when not in use to keep

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Winter Wedding Trends

This season's wedding inspirations

Flowers and décor from Greek winter

For our winter2017 issue we prepared a winter wonderland styled shoot where some of the best professionals from Greece came together and created this unique winter look. White and pastel colours, like sage green or gray with the influence of warm tones like wood, brown fur and cinnamon, were our focus points. All things that would bring out those cozy winter feelings, while also exuding luxury.



We wanted to incorporate the well-known Danish Hygge style with the new Còsagach, the Scottish take on coziness and make it Greek!

You may not associate warm cozy wool socks or hot winter tea with the word Greek, but trust us, Greece can accommodate your desires in that department as well, if that is your cup of tea. From lavish winter chalets to mountain cottages and even snow-covered winter spas. For more suggestions on venues, go to page 139.

Credits: Photography, Anna Roussos Model, Vladislava Orlova Muah, Julia Popova Jewellery, Paul Sarz Jewellery See full credits on page 15 85 _ellwed-





The Table:

Mix n' Match was the theme of the table scape and My Best Wishes Events with Vasso and her team, have designed and organized the extravagant table setting, where the idea of warmth and coziness was expressed through the playful plates, from White Lilac Rentals. Each plate has a different vintage design, that will remind you of your favorite dinners at grandma's. These plates were accompanied with lavish lace ceramics and vintage cutlery to bring out that sophisticated look, while keeping it warm and relaxed.



The main centerpiece, created and designed by LV Petridis Floral Creations, was the well-established long floral trail of local greenery like Sage, Eucalyptus and Cypress. Combined with silver fuzzy succulents, Brunia balls and of course the star of the show, white Anemones. To elevate the look, we used tall bronze candle holders with white and black candles, which complimented white Anemones perfectly. Some white candles were also decorated with Sage for that extra little detail. For more winter floral tips, go to page 95.



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The Space:

We chose to create this winter wonderland in the small Kipos: The Garden Café at the Botanical Gardens in Chaidari, Athens. This "micro venue" was perfect for us, with tall wooden ceiling, rustic interior and the wood stove, which all together gave us that cozy chalet feeling we were looking for. With the big garden outside, some snow and all those trees, we could portray that feeling of a cozy winter wedding in Greece.

Gianna from Boho Choco, hand crafted all macramé art pieces just for this shoot. The use of this natural twine corelated with the "Greekness" additionally hinting on that cozy Hygge style. We wanted to incorporate the warm and comfortable feeling of macramé with harder materials like wood or pines. From the lush backdrop to these beautiful chair covers for the bride and the groom, which paired with some rustic chairs, will stand out of the crowd.



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The Bridal Bouquet:

Our winter bouquet, carefully crafted by LV Petridis Floral Creations, projected true winter wonderland with white Anemones, soft Sage, silver Eucalyptus and of course some winter Pines. This unique macramé, designed by Boho Choco, was the winter accessory which totally transformed the

bouquet and allied it in Hygge style.



The Cake:

Think different, think comfort food. Warm and cozy cinnamon bun cake from The Cookie Box, will be the right decision for any winter wedding. Pair that with some winter looking cookies and sweets or

even hot chocolate and marshmallows cocktails, and the winter magic will come to life.







The Stationery:

For the wedding stationery we decided to go with vintage calligraphy, all handmade by lokasti from Chirography. Save the dates, invitations, menus and name cards were all made in the bright sage tones with simple, yet sophisticated handwriting, which corelated with the rest of the theme. Thus, the whole stationery will feel more special and homier, as each note is written by hand.

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The Dress:

We chose to play with styles and color of the dress! Who said the bride needs to wear only white? Did you know that it was Queen Victoria who made white bridal dresses fashionable and since then the trend just became a tradition?



Well let's break the old traditions with this black dress from Madame Shou Shou handmade in Greece. Thin black lace will give you the perfect contrast, which also corelated with the small black details from decoration. For cold and snowy days, you can combine it with vintage fur like this one, from Yesterdays Bread or some other faux fur of your choice. Maybe the strong colors are not your style and you would like to feel special on your big day, while following traditions? If you want to feel like true princess in white, check out this white lace dress, handmade in Greece by Tatiana Tsaliki. The soft white tones and the sparkle on this dress, will bring out that magical winter moments, with or without snow.

Check our cover styled shoot on page 102 for more ideas!





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Winter Floral Ideas

by LV Petridis Floral Creations

Winter weddings can be a truly magical experience when thinking of décor and floral possibilities. From silver white magic to standard red and green Christmas themed, your winter wedding can be as charming as you want it to be. Add a dash of snow and your dreams will come true!

As experts in the field with long tradition in floral and event decoration, we, at LV Petridis Floral Creations have prepared some floral ideas for your winter décor at home or any event!

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Beautiful Winter Blooms

Amaryllis in white or red - larger blooms can bring that sophisticated, lavish impression you may be looking for. Red Amaryllis will go perfectly with your Christmas or some darker themes, and the white one, will combine better with open silvery colours or just by itself.

Snowballs like Vibourno - or white hydrangea, can also be used on its own and will give the feeling of snowballs and winter playful vibes.

And we cannot forget Anemones in white - The word Anemone actually comes from Greek and crudely means wind flowers. In contrary to public opinion, Anemones in Greece can essentially be easier to find in colder month than in the summer months. The contrast between white petals and their black centre, can be that one little detail that will bring your winter bridal bouquet or centrepieces to stand out from the all-white winter wedding.

Suggestion for Dry Flowers

The Brunia balls and Kochia - combine these two for a spectacular display. These silver flowers, which are trending now, will be long lasting also as dry flowers, no water needed and can keep you the whole winter long. Silver balls will truly express that winter feeling on your wedding photos.



Other Florals to Combine With

You can combine the above suggestions also with berries like Pepper berries or Snow berries or even Senecio. All these can be combined with greens like Pinus, Spruce (Abies), Conifer, Pine cones etc. Certainly, you can also use branches like Salix and generally materials of the forest.

We hope that with our tips we can bring some winter magic to your home or any event! Go out on a whim, make your Christmas or holiday dinner special for your guests and be the talk of the town. To make your winter wonderland exactly as you imagined, talk to your florist and show them some images of your ideas.



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Sapoon Store

These handmade soaps with virgin olive oil from Athens can be that special gift you were looking for. Choose between their Precious Handmade Collection or Luxurious Pocket Soaps with traditional Greek materials like Mastic or Yogurt & Oats. @sapoonstore



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Find Your Party Favors in Greece

Six special gifts for your guests, you can find on Instagram from Greece

> Surprise your guests with amazing gifts that will forever stay in their memories. The good thing about the special gifts, is the ability to personalize them. And we don't just mean adding your initials on the gift, but to truly design something with the artist that represents both of you as a couple. Here are some designers and creatives from Greece that you can find on Instagram.

Marblellous

Marvelous and innovative marble designs might not be for every bride, but gifts like these unique designs from original Greek marble will truly be that special gift for your nearest and dearest. Ask them for your personalized gifts. @marblellous





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At this florist store you can find the best gifts, if you like flowers. Surprise your maid of honor or mother of the bride/groom with these luxury flowers in a box! Choose from one rose, to the whole arrangement and play with your favorite colors to match.

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Iro Sanouli

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Ilianne Jewelry

No, they are not doughnuts. This Greek artist is handcrafting these tasty pieces of wearable desserts and other miniatures. Fun for kids and grownups alike. Choose your favorite mini dessert or even coffee as a special gift! @iliannejewelry



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Winter Wonderland from Greece

Styled cover shoot

Greece might not be on your radar while thinking of a winter wedding, but trust us, Greece is actually a very wintery place. Winter weddings here can still be a magical experience, maybe even more so than a typical beach wedding. See more location suggestions on pages from 139-147.

Idea behind this cover shoot was first, to have gorgeous winter inspired photos for our cover, and second, to show the possibilities for a winter destination wedding in Greece. True, Greece is a summer holiday location, but you would be surprised how many gorgeous winter destinations you can find all over Greece.

For this shoot we chose a convenient yet special location. Kipos: The Garden Café is just few minutes out of Athens, surrounded by gorgeous Botanical Garden in Chaidari. This cozy venue had everything we needed to portray our Greek Winter Wonderland, with cottage style interior to beautiful forest-like outdoors.

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My Best Wishes Events with Vasso and her team planned the whole day to perfection and took care we have everything needed for this shoot to become a true Winter Wonderland. With LV Petridis Floral Creations, they created this spectacular stetting with the long table and beautiful floral trail in the middle. Mix n' Match tableware from White Lilac Rentals, which is going to be big in 2018, portrayed the cozy and homey atmosphere we were looking for. The whole floral scheme and color pallet was based on white and soft sage colors.

Credits:

Concept and Production, Ellwed Magazin Photography, Anna Roussus Wedding Planner, My Best Wishes Events Floral Design, LV Petridis Floral Creations Tableware, White Lilac Rentals Macramé Art, Boho Choco Stationery & Calligraphy, Chirography Model, Vladislava Orlova Hair & Make up Styling, Julia Popova Dresses, Madame Shou Shou & Tatiana Tsaliki Vintage Fur, Yesterday's Bread Jewellery, Paul Sarz Jewellery *Cake & Sweets, Cookie Box* Venue, Kipos The Garden Cafe

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LV Petridis Floral Creations designed also the bridal bouquet, created the backdrop and decorated the venue with gorgeous floral arrangements, where white Anemones, soft Sage and silver Brunia berries were accompanied with winter components like Pine branches, fuzzy Succulents and Eucalyptus. The bridal bouquet was accessorized with a special macramé piece, handcrafted by Gianna from Boho Choco, who also created the chair covers and macramé for the backdrop.

The stationery was all handmade by Chirography. The use of light sage colors and the vintage style calligraphy incorporated in the menus, invitations, save the date and name cards, portrayed the comfortable yet sophisticated look.

Winter cookies and sweets, as well as the special cinnamon bun wedding cake was created by Cookie Box, which tied the cozy winter theme together.

Our bride wore dresses by Tatiana Tsaliki and Madame Shou Shou to portray the different styles and color ideas. Paul Sarz Jewellery was chosen specifically for each dress to complete the look. Overall style for the bride was carefully created by Julia Popova, took care of the perfect hair and makeup for each look.

The whole event was captured by Anna Roussos

For more Winter Wonderland inspirations, go to page 84.

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Fashionably Romantic & Elegant Daydream

Real wedding in Folegandros

Firs time we saw glimpses of this wedding, we immediately fell in love with the overall décor and impression of the style and theme. We are so happy that now we can show you the best parts of this daydream.

Jasper and Krescent choose this small island in Cyclades for their destination wedding, where they were lucky to have shared it with their family and friends. Together with their planner Bobbie, this creative couple chose to have a simple yet elegant décor which was just right for their location. With a unique ring exchange, they will forever cherish this special day.

The event was organized by Bobbie Karagianni from Sand+Lace Events.



Vendors List: Styling and coordination, Sand+Lace Events Photographer/ Videographer, Aaron Delaney Photography Ceremony venue, Fata Morgana Reception/Restaurant, Eva's Garden Party venue, Patitiri Night Club Floral décor, Moustakis Flower Company Naxos Musician, Marios Papadeas – Santouri player and singer

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From Bobbie,

"Jasper and Krescent from San Fransisco have visited Folegandros last year, fell in love with this tiny island and decided to get married there. They started off with planning the basics on their own, but soon realized that it isn't easy to find everything that you need on a tiny island. When they've contacted me, I was super happy to help them out! Jasper and Krescent are both active in the artistic scene, and it soon became clear to me that these two were open to more unconventional ideas. We decided that we wanted to work with Pampas grass, as the color just blends in perfectly with the rocky landscaping of Folegandros and it gives it a free-spirited look and feel. The round arch symbolizes eternity, as it has no beginning and no end.

















After the ceremony and the cocktail hour, guests were headed to Eva's Garden. Eva's Garden is a beautiful garden restaurant in the tiny streets of one of the most beautiful villages of the Cyclades, Chora. We turned the garden into an enchanted garden, covered in fairy lights. The whites and blues that are so known around the village are a beautiful contrast with the color palette that we had chosen. Green garlands with bright pink and orange hues, gold cutlery, jeans blue stonewashed linen napkins and calligraphed individual menus on Indian cotton. The ambience was very intimate, with amazing food and drinks. There was a lot of space for the guests to be themselves, playing music and just enjoying every single minute. The party continued in the local night club where their friends prepared a DJ-set and everyone danced until the sun came up! "



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Winter Wedding at the Pyrgos Petreza Manor

Real wedding in in Athens

Dora and Panagiotis chose to have their Greek wedding in winter, just a week before the Greek Carnival parade. Therefore, this beautiful wedding had elements of carnival as well as the magical winter vibe. This couple toured most of Greece, to get their special moments, the next day on a snowy mountain of Kalavrita, as well as a beachside in Nea Makri.





The whole event was captured by George Liopetas Photography.

Vendors List: Photography, George Liopetas Photography Videographer, Quick Film Liopetas, Konstantinos Liopetas Venue, Pyrgos Petreza Wedding dress, Nella Ioannou Haute Couture Wedding shoes, Nella Ioannou Haute Couture Wedding shoes, JIMMY CHOO Menswear and shoes, HUGO BOSS Jewelry and accessorie, Κάσσας Κοσμηματοπωλείο - Kassas Jewelry & Watches MUA, Fay Maria & Friends Hairstyle, Marcèlo Sìvs

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From George:

"Despite the winter months, the weather was cold, but very nice. Since the morning of the couple's preparations at Cavo Verde Hotel in Nea Makri, the sun seemed to dominate the day. The reception took place at the amazing Pyrgos Petreza venue, which was specifically chosen for this winter wedding. The stone walls with magnificent tall ceilings were perfect for this group, who were full of energy and passion. Their party was something different, since their wedding was one week before the Carnival. The decoration was not too much, just enough. The main colors were white and green with some feathers, which were representing elements of Carnival as well as cozy winter.







Lavish Summer Escape at the Private Villa

Styled Wedding in Kea/Tzia

This opulent retreat, which is just an hour from Athens is well-liked amongst the Athenians and may not be the most popular island amongst the other tourists. However, Peggy from I Wish Chic Events and her team have decided to create this dreamy summer elopement in this island of Kea or Tzia, as the locals call it.

The incredible blue waters just scream of invigorating while the rock provide fresh and cool shade. This luxury villa with its infinity pool and the most amazing views of the sea, will be the perfect escape you were looking for. While this wonderful theme and styling was made to fit the island and the





The event was planned and organized by Peggy from I Wish Chic Events.

Team Credits: Concept-planning, I Wish Chic Events Photographer, The Cab Look Fotolab Videographer, Nikos Fragoulis Venue, Villa Achillios Flowers, Studio 7 Bridal Dress, Ioanna Kourbela Groom's Attire, Hugo Boss Stylist, Spiros Savvinos Models, Ace models Agency Make up - Hair Stylist, Marylou Tziveleki Stationery, Atelier Invitations Hammock macramé, Boho Choco *Cake*, *The Cakers Tableware*, *White Lilac* Rentals, Stylebox

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We were stunned with the watercolor stationery by Atelier Invitations and the quilted cake with the edible flowers by Bakeworks! The stone built chapel decorated with greenery and cacti/ pansyphytes by Studio7 was just a magical place to be. The Wedding Dress by the Greek designer loanna Kourbela had an inspirational detail of nautical rope in the waist and the hem, which brought out the summer vibes. Nikos Fragoulis presents us the video clip of a love story and the whole wedding preparation with such a unique way! But the most astonishing scenery was created in the beach with the wooden hammock and the handcrafted macramé by Boho Choco, all captured by Darya. Breathtaking!! A wonderful teamwork in a unique location!

From Peggy

Greece! A country with numerous islands and each one of them has its own character and beauty! Kea is in the Aegean Sea known for the hilly countryside and quiet beaches. It was a great pleasure to work with talented Darya, the girl behind Thecablookfotolab, as she shared the excitement and was thrilled with the idea to present a theme wedding in Villa Achillios. This venue is as exceptional as the island itself! Its grey stones and the big transparent surfaces combined with the color of the sunset worked beautifully as a background while the deep blue sea literally got our feet wet! Seafoam blue and landscape's light grey formed my color palette! Sweethearts' table centerpiece was created with such a variety of flowers that anyone could think that they were picked from island's countryside while the shells, the urchins and the corals from the seabed.





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Neo-Romantic Bridal Editorial at the Castle

Styled Wedding in Ioannina

Ioannina, with its vast nature and history, will be the perfect place for your wedding any time of the season. Although this styled shoot was taken in warmer months, Northern Greece and Ioannina are the ideal destinations for a winter wedding in Greece. From this gorgeously elegant and romantic shoot you can get ideas for such a wedding. The beautiful soft and bright colors with the combination of this vintage looking dress and decor, set in this location portrayed the cozy and warm sensations we are all looking for.



The whole event was captured by Two Clicks Photography.

> Team Credits: Photography, Two Clicks Photography Furniture, The Arch of Colours Makeup artist, Eri Tousi Hair, Haris Artistic Team Florals, Anhtopolion Papachristou Jewelry, Arkadopoulos Shoes, Zoukis Desserts, The Candy Cup Wedding Dress, Vintage, Ioannina

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From Two Clicks:

"The fortified old town of the city in Northwestern Greece known as the Ioannina Castle is probably one of the most sought-after locales to hold a wedding photography session. Still many of its aspects remain unexplored in terms of visual dynamics, so instead of going for the panoramic vistas from the castle's citadel crenellations, we took to "Its Kale" (a name given to the southwestern citadel by the Ottomans meaning inner castle) and the large circular tower in the center of the citadel, known as the Tower of Bohemond. The rich in history and ambiance bearings provided a perfect palette for us to work on capturing the romantic notes of our bride's bouquet and florals made up of Lavender, Garden Roses, Delphinium, Eucalyptus, and Leucospermum. The arrangements styled to perfection by Lefteris Kossaras became a wonderful tonal match to our dainty blush tapestry-fabric French mahogany chairs and blue tinted art de la table. We employed a classic arm candelabrum and leafy trails with pops of color in lieu of a table runner for the table set decor while applying the same principle to the single dessert table. We opted for a naked wedding cake embellished with fresh blooms and forest fruit a nod to a bride's love for less frosting and more taste.









added comfort. We loved shooting this editorial and we would like to thank the team of Its Kale Boutique Hotel for their warm hospitality. A tip: if you are looking for a classic venue or a landmark to hold your wedding photography session take a small scouting trip around the premises for a unique location keeping an open mind and looking for the spots where the light is milky and soft."

heel sandals were chosen for their romantic style and







Great Expectations Inspired Bridal Editorial

Styled Wedding in Thessaloniki

Artists and creatives search for inspiration almost anywhere. Phaedra from Phaedra Liakou Events found hers in the literature. This enchanted fairytale styled shoot was set near Thessaloniki in one of the lush forests that countryside has to offer. Lush green forests might remind you of summer, but this magical story actually happened in late Autumn. These deep green forest hues with the combination of deep read, black and gold are perfect color schemes for any forest wedding.

The whole event was organized by Phaedra Liakou Events.



Team Credits: Coordination, design & styling, Phaedra Liakou Events Photographer, Dimitris Bourgiotis Videography, Makis Nikolaidis Floral design, Vintage - Weddings and Events Calligraphy, Manousenia Make-up and hairstyling, Famous Hairstyle by Nino Wedding dress, Denise Eleftheriou Cake and desserts, Pepi Beza Boutique Baking Tableware rentals, WHITE LILAC Ring, Private collection Model, Olga Keivanidou

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From Phaedra:

"You are part of my existence, part of myself. You have been in every line of what I have ever read"

"Our bridal editorial shoot was inspired by the masterpiece of English literature Great Expectations by Charles Dickens. Touching upon the recurring themes of lush decadence, double motifs, the gloominess in the Satis House and the mists on the marshes, we designed a wedding styled shoot sated with dark tones and lavish overcast details in the woods on the outskirts of Thessaloniki.

Overlays of Sacramento, moss, and forest greens, blackcurrant, plum, and grape purples, were matched with black, burgundy, marsala, and gold, and topped with white place settings and rust accents, while twigs and gothic style candelabra were applied to add drama to the succulent autumnal colored florals dominating the scene.





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Since we have a great fondness for the appeal of beautiful desserts, we went for tiered cakes both frosted and naked, all decorated with forest fruit and pomegranates to capture the mood and sensory experience of autumnal ripeness and denseness.

Our invites were designed with Indian imported paper, monograms and a swathe of fine calligraphy by Manousenia. Same as our linen, the stationery and menu got embossed with gold wax seals to evoke the romanticism of the Victorian era, and add gentility to the solid inky setting.

Dimitris Bourgiotis' intuitive lens captured the intensity of our setup to perfection, while our beautiful vendors helped us revive the emblematic era style and spirit with their endless talent. It is always a wonderful challenge to contrive a unique seasonal concept and we're always thrilled to find that Greece offers so many diverse backgrounds and destinations for us to work in."



3 Winter Escapes and Venues

Around Greece

Greece has some fairylike locations, you may not have heard of yet. But if you were paying attention throughout our magazine, you can see that small mountain villages and even bigger cities in the Northern Greece can truly be magical when it comes to winter months. In some parts of Greece, like loannina or Arachova you can even find snow, book a chalet and have yourself that unique winter wonderland wedding.

The good thing about Greece is its warmer climate throughout the year. While, this depends on the location you are staying, there are also possibilities of heavy snow falls and temperatures well below zero. All over Greece, you can find lots of mountains, ski resorts and even winter spa. Check out our list from all around Greece and choose your perfect resort/venue.



Please note that these are objective opinions of each place and are formed solely on the idea of weddings and events. The article is only supposed to contribute to the bride's decision to choose the right venue for her wedding in Greece. These reviews are meant to promote the locations and venues in Greece. The reviews are not in any way meant to discredit or slander any professionals, companies, locations or venues.

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Pyrgos Petreza

Pyrgos Petreza is very popular venue, located just outside Athens. In this and our previous issue, you can see some weddings and our cover shoot that happened in Pyrgos. This estate comes with the beautiful garden, huge open space and even its own vinery with long family tradition. The design and feel of the place with its vast stone walls and massive gate-like doors will remind you of a magnificent manor, which it is. We are in love with this beautiful venue and the amazing hosts.

http://pyrgospetreza.gr/

Pro's:

- On its own, surrounded by nature
- Views of private garden
- Vinery
- Perfect for big or small groups
- Garden and indoor halls
- Great for all seasons

Con's:

- Not a hotel
- Needs organized transportation
- No open views
- Rare snow possibility





Art Mainalon

This new four-star hotel is located in Vitina Arkadias, one of our 3 honeymoon suggestions on page.... Their outdoor swimming pool with views of the mountain might not be your cup of tea in the winter, but it will definitely make for gorgeous photos and even pleasant views. Lots of stone and wooden ceilings with fireplace to warm you up after your hiking or skiing expeditions. The hotel is right next to the town square with the Orthodox church, if that is the wedding ceremony you want.

http://www.artmainalon.gr/

Pro's:

- Perfect for nature lovers
- Lots of hiking opportunities
- Winter and summer sports opportunities
- Surrounded by mountain views
- Possible snowfalls
- Modern and warm interior

Walking distance to the town and main square Con's:

- As a venue better for smaller, private weddings
- More hotel than venue
- In the centre of the town
- Surrounded by other buildings and homes
- Parking could be difficult















Elatos

This resort and health club in Fokida, Parnassos is just two hours away from Athens. With multiple ski centres, mountain parks and even sightseeing, mount Parnassos has everything to offer. At Elatos you can choose from getting a cottage for just the two of you or maybe a whole family chalet? Perfect in winter moths with possible snowfalls and their magnificent indoor pool will make you feel like in a winter fairyland.

http://www.elatosresort.gr/en

Pro's:

- In house chef
- Venue and accommodation
- Winter and Summer
- Multiple chalets and a church
- Nature activities and sports
- Wellness & leisure
- Surrounded by forest
- Mountain views

Con's:

- Located on the mountain, cold weather is more common
- Transportation required
- Far from town/city
- More favorite for nature lovers

All photos from the site elatosresort.gr









Mountain Hopping in Peloponnese

3 destinations in Greece

We visited 3 small charming towns, to experience perfect winter honeymoons.

The good thing about these three towns is that they are very close to each other, so you can actually stay few days here and there, or even just have day visits to the neighboring villages. Only about two hours drive from Athens, which will make your stay more convenient, you can find Vitina, Dimitsana and Stemnitsa/Trikolonoi.







The first of the three small towns with beautiful views of the mountains and the lovely town square with all local stores and delicatessen. The main local attraction is probably the bar in the square, where everyone stops for coffee. With many luxury hotels and guest houses to choose from and numerous hiking activities, you will feel like on a proper winter vacations.









This little picturesque town on the top of the hill, might be a bit harder to get to, but it is going to steal your heart once you get there. From the road, you can see the well nested little town half in shade half bathing in the sun. Guess which side is more popular? With numerous taverns and bars with the views of the valley, as well as exploring paths, you will never want to leave.











Stemnítsa or Tríkolonoi

Maybe the calmest of the three, which depends on the season, but certainly not the smallest. The best part is the top of the mountain monument to the Greek hearos of the revolution, with the gorgeous 360 views of the whole town, the valley and the nearby mountain, which you can almost touch! Small tourist shops with local products and some bars are all located in the small main square of the town.

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Ellwed's Best Wedding of 2017

How we chose the best wedding and the best inspiration?

First and foremost, the story must be published in our magazine. Then we are looking for unique ideas, we focuse on the theme, trend factors and the overall look. We are also paying attention at the style and the quality of photography, as well as:

- The design
- New, inspirational ideas
- Different, unique elements
- The location in Greece
- Magazine worthiness
- The story behind the shoot
- Current up to date

The final decision is then down to personal and expert opinion.

Best of weddings in 2017

For the best wedding in Greece we chose this destination love story from the little island of Folegandros, which ticked all the boxes! Although, there was some tough competition from our previous issues, we could not look past this creative and extremely romantic couple and their whole group! This wedding was the winner for many reasons. The beautiful and innovative décor, different ceremony with special vows and ring exchange and then also their positive energy that is just radiating from the photos. We want to thank Bobbie Karagianni from Sand+Lace Events, for organizing and submitting this Real Romantic Wedding to Ellwed.

If you missed it, see this wedding on page 112

Best wedding inspiration of 2017

This one was difficult to choose from since we had so many beautiful submissions of extremely talented Greek vendors from all over Greece. It was a very close call between several amazing inspirations, but our winner is this incredibly inspirational shoot from Kea/Tzia. This shoot ticked all boxes and more. What truly made this the winner was the presentation of this unique handmade hammock by Gianna from Boho Choco, placed inside the sea. Every styled shoot needs at least one unique element of inspiration, and this was it for this shoot. We want to thank Peggy from I Wish Chic Events for organizing and submitting this Inspirational Styled Shoot to Ellwed.

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Now winners, claim your badge and wear it with pride!

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