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## rarotonga, cook islands

Nicole Nungesser & Joshua Hartley

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**D**uring their first few months of dating, Nicole, a speech pathologist, and Joshua, a procurement analyst, took a month-long trip to the South Pacific from their homes in St. Louis. By chance, they ended up on Rarotonga in the Cook Islands where they fell in love — with the island and each other. After Joshua proposed six years later, it only made sense for them to revisit the place where it all began. Their parents were the only guests as Nicole walked down a sandy aisle for the beachside ceremony at The Rarotongan Beach Resort & Spa. After the vows, the couple planted a small palm tree; then, a dance troupe kicked off a champagne-and-dessert reception, followed by a private dinner for two.

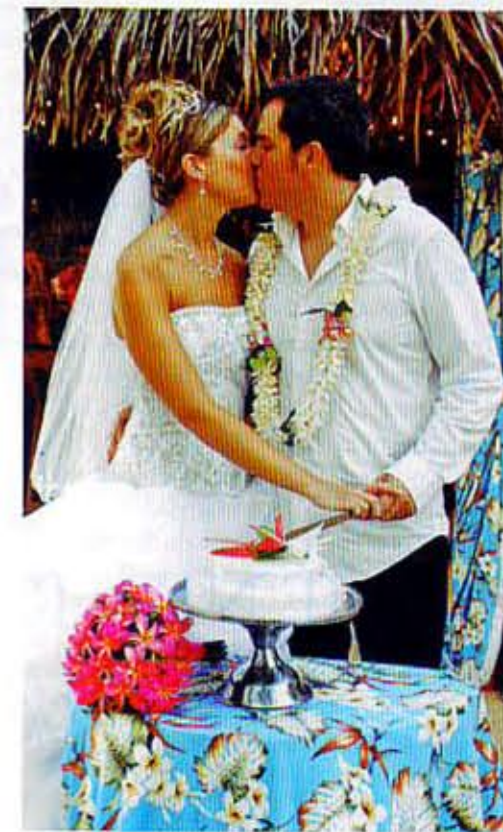


### NICOLE'S TIPS

**GET TRAVEL INSURANCE** We never anticipated missing several days of our trip, but when our flights got postponed, we were glad we purchased the insurance.  
**GIVE YOURSELF EXTRA DAYS** We planned to get married on the fifth day of our trip. Due to travel delays, we ended up arriving late but were still able to make our wedding. We also booked downtime after the nuptials so we could enjoy our new life.

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