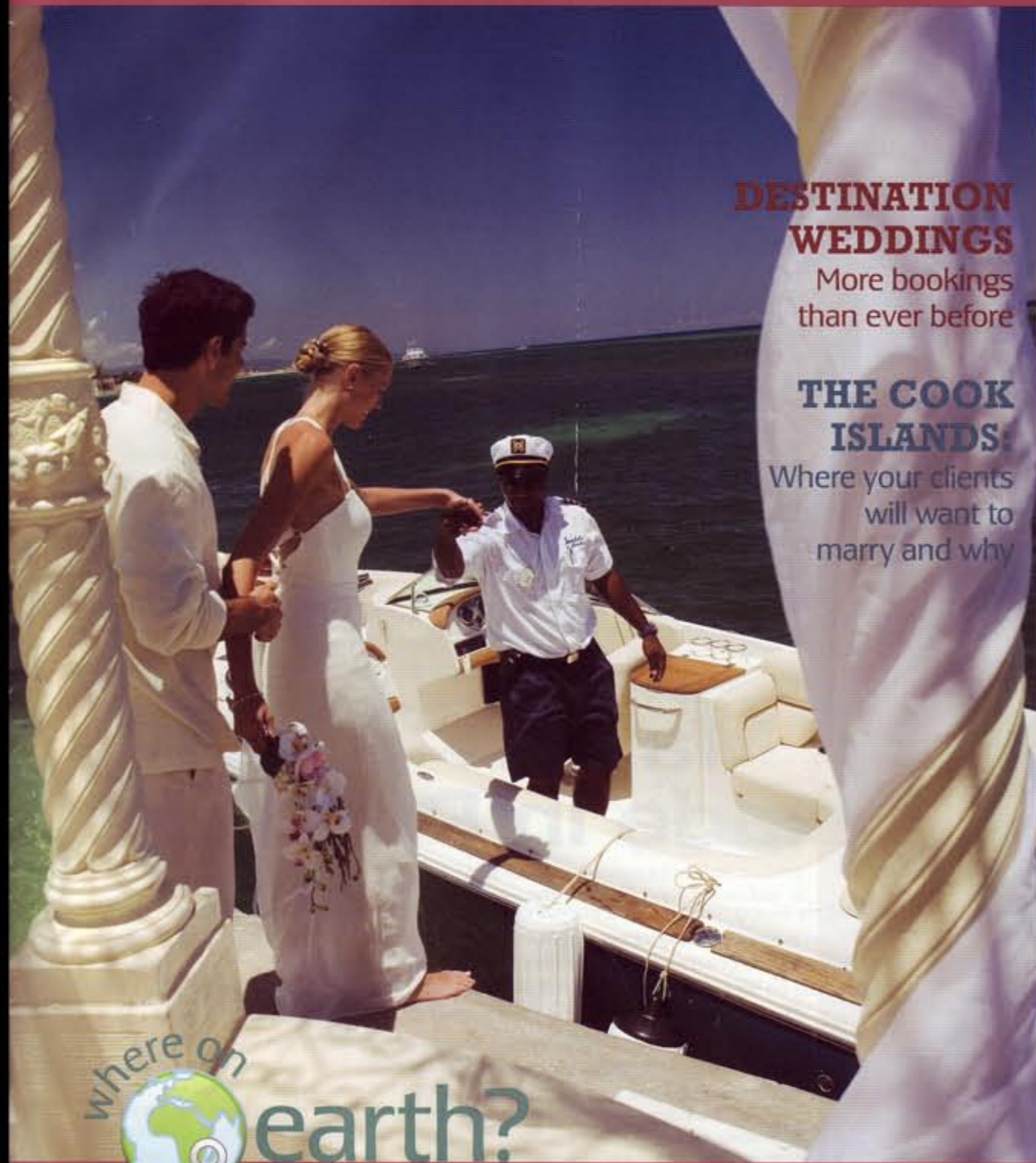


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a package for every couple at Muri Beach.

The Club Classic package includes the following: wedding coordinator, transfers to town, wedding licence, celebrant or minister, witnesses for wedding (if needed), flowered archway on lagoon edge, celebration bottle of champagne, wedding gift turndown. Cost of the Club Classic is approximately \$650.

Muri Beach's Our Polynesian Wedding package includes the following: full Island dance team including maidens and warriors, wedding coordinator, transfer to town, wedding licence, celebrant or minister, witnesses (if needed), flowered archway on lagoon edge, head garland for the bride, neck garland for the groom, professional photographer and 80 photos (including album and negatives), celebration bottle of champagne, wedding cake, full-day his and her pre-wedding spa pamper, DVD of wedding, wedding gift turndown, under the stars three-course celebration dinner for two, morning after breakfast for two, bouquet for bride, island music and drums and more. Cost for the Our Polynesian Wedding package is approximately \$3,250.

The Island Memories package includes the following: private island wedding, canoe and warriors for bride and groom, wedding coordinator, transfers to town, wedding licence, celebrant or minister, witnesses (if needed), flowered archway on lagoon edge, head garland for bride, neck garland for groom, professional photographer and 80 photos (including album and negatives), bottle of champagne, wedding cake, full-day his and her pre-wedding spa pamper, DVD of wedding, wedding gift on turndown, under the stars three-course celebration dinner for two, morning after breakfast for two, bouquet for bride, full island dance team to celebrate and more. Cost for the Island Memories package is approximately \$4,500.

### The Black Pearl Collection

Recommended by: Holiday House

The Black Pearl Collection, of which Palm Grove and Royale Takitumu are a part, features many of the best small accommodations on Rarotonga. Established over 10 years ago, the collection offers a range of quality beachfront hotels and villas in several styles and locations. All are privately owned and operated and provide a variety of wedding

packages including traditional ceremonies or ceremonies with a Polynesian flavour. Friendly and knowledgeable staff can also customize packages so that the bride and groom's big day will comply with all their hearts' desires. Romantic honeymoon options can be added as well to create a completely customized experience. Members of the Black Pearl Collection include Sands Villas, with three-bedroom beachfront houses in a private setting; Moana Sands, a three-storey beachfront hotel with 17 rooms; Sunset Resort, a newly refurbished beachfront hotel with 35 rooms and two swimming pools; Royale Takitumu and Palm Grove.

### Rumours Romance

Recommended by: Romantic Planet

Rumours Romance is a new luxury boutique resort in the Cook Islands that was built to cater to the discerning traveller. They offer wedding and honeymoon packages that include only the best of everything, no holds barred.

### The Rarotongan Resort

Recommended by: Romantic Planet

The Rarotongan Resort has recently added new honeymoon bungalows and beachfront junior suites. This property is just right for wedding groups because it offers a great number of facilities and room categories as well as a variety of entertainment. The Rarotongan Resort also features a picturesque beachfront location, offers meal-plans and all-inclusive options and is good for couples on a budget.

### The Aitutaki Lagoon Resort

Recommended by: Romantic Planet

The Aitutaki Lagoon Resort is located on a private island and offers the only over-water bungalows in the whole of the Cook Islands. The Aitutaki Lagoon Resort is perfect for couples seeking a total escape. This resort also features a world class spa.

### The Little Polynesian

Recommended by: Romantic Planet

The Little Polynesian is great for those who want an intimate wedding. Getting married on this beachfront resort would be the ultimate storybook romance experience.



Cook Islands Sunset

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