



# Amanda & Nick

They wanted a small ceremony and loved the idea of combining their wedding with a relaxing family holiday, so Amanda and Nick married in Rarotonga. Amanda tells how they tied the knot standing next to the Love Tree on Aroa Beach...

We flew to Rarotonga eight days before the wedding, and had our hen and stag nights on the island – the boys opting for dinner and drinks, and the girls, island dancing lessons. A friend had designed our stationery, and we'd spent a lot of time making our magnetic, jandal-shaped invites. I'd made the guest book myself using the same material as the bridesmaids' dresses, and the cake also had special significance as my grandmother and I had baked it together using an old family recipe.

Our wedding day dawned warm and sunny, and it was a magical moment walking towards Nick to the sound of U2's *Beautiful Day*. At the reception, our table was less than a metre from the edge of the deck, and we could hear the waves lapping underneath us. Our wedding theme was blue, yellow and frangipanis, so we had frangipani tea lights on our tables, teamed with Turkish delight bonbonniere in blue and yellow wrapping.



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Bride's gown from Brides on Thorndon  
Flowers from Rarotongan Beach Resort and Spa  
Reception Venue: Rarotongan Beach Resort and Spa