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## Want a Completely Private Destination Wedding? Rent a Resort

With more couples looking to create a safer travel experience for their guests, hotels and resorts that offer buyout wedding options are seeing an increase in requests.

If you've ever wanted a weekend-long wedding in your own personal enclave, buying out a resort, where you would have the entire property to yourself, might be the perfect option.

Buyouts provide couples and their guests with exclusivity, flexibility, and a host of other benefits. And they are often comparable in price to more traditional venues.

Almost anything can be customized at the resort, and the usual rules put in place to ensure the comfort of all resort guests can often be relaxed.

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Resorts around the world, including Dive Palm Palm Springs and Mar del Cabo, offer buyout wedding options from the super simple to the stunningly sublime all depending on your budget and your desires. Here are a few resorts and hotels to consider for a truly private wedding celebration.

**Caerula Mar Club** in South Andros, Bahamas, the Bahamas' least inhabited island, has a three-night minimum stay for buyouts, with rates starting from \$32,000 a night. Originally built in the 1960s, the property was restored by Bryan and Sarah Baemler of HGTV fame. It includes six private villas and 18 Clubhouse Suites. Buyouts can accommodate up to 56 guests and include meals, nonmotorized water sports, transfers, event coordination, and other perks. Weddings are coordinated by a third party at an additional cost. Guests are not required to wear masks on property. Rapid antigen tests are administered on-site.