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# weddings

## Big-Day Countdown!

Use Our Checklist For Everything From Setting The Date To Saying "I Do"

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HOW TO ACE YOUR HAIR & MAKEUP TRIAL

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SWEET & CHIC STYLISH TAKES ON CLASSIC CAKES

489 Creative Ideas To Make Your Own

*Plus*

Find Your Dream Dress (And His Look, Too!)





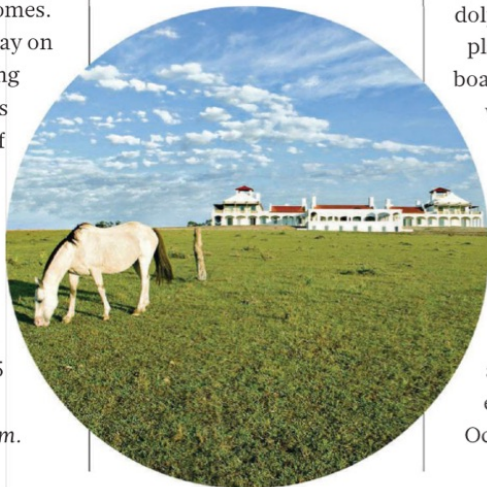
## HORSE COUNTRY

**NEAR: SNAKE RIVER SPORTING CLUB, WYOMING**

Take romance to the range at this Jackson Hole property. (The wedding on page 66 took place there!) The private club—ideally located for visits to both Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks—only just began offering overnight accommodations to nonmembers, from a beautiful sporting cabin overlooking majestic Wolf Mountain to groovy one-bedroom tiny homes. You could spend all day on horseback, exploring many of its 800 acres (including six miles of private Snake River access). If you're there in the summer, don't miss the Jackson Hole Rodeo to catch real cowboys competing. From \$225 per night, [snake-riversportingclub.com](http://snake-riversportingclub.com).

**FAR: ESTANCIA VIK JOSÉ IGNACIO, URUGUAY**

Dusty countryside meets South American-style luxury at this 4,000-acre getaway. Couples can lean in to cowboy culture at its stable of 25 Criollo horses, and saddle up for lessons or guided rides. You can also try your hand at polo on the regulation field, go fishing in the lagoon, or take scenic hikes—all while keeping your eyes peeled for rare birds, wild ostriches, and armadillos. Before retiring to one of 12 spare yet handsome suites—each outfitted in unexpectedly cutting-edge works from a different artist—fill up on grilled skirt steak and creamy mushroom polenta at El Asador restaurant. (Once a week, the property hosts an all-day *asado*, or traditional barbecue.) And for your nightcap, sip a caipiroska, a citrusy mix of vodka, lime, and sugar. From \$440 per night, [estanciavik.com](http://estanciavik.com).



## WILD THINGS

**FAR: JABALI RIDGE, TANZANIA**

Ruaha National Park is the country's largest—nearly 5 million acres—but it's only recently earned a spot on the traveler's map. It currently has just 10 camps, and this property from the Asilia safari company will usher in a new level of luxury. It resides in a remote corner, assuring guests a wildlife experience void of crowds—besides the zebras, giraffes, and lions, of course. (In fact, prides of 20 or more lions are frequently seen roaming the land.) Eight suites with private decks and rain showers overlook landscapes of palms and baobabs, and during siesta time between game drives, you can relax at the infinity pool or spa. Note: Dry season (from June to the end of October) is the best time to go. From \$714 per person per night, all-inclusive; [asiliaafrica.com](http://asiliaafrica.com).

**NEAR: NIMMO BAY RESORT, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

No roads lead to this family-owned nine-cabin lodge set in the red-cedar-and-Sitka-spruce-filled Great Bear Rainforest. There's room for up to 20 guests, who arrive via helicopter or float plane. Stays include excursions to (hopefully) see mother black bears teaching cubs to forage mussels on the beach, or humpback and orca whales breaching and tail-slapping. And the unimaginably remote property shares the waters with many pods of Pacific white-sided dolphins, who will happily play in the wake of your boat. Fly-fishing and other wilderness adventures to see glaciers are also on offer—but to get there, you have to take one of Nimmo Bay's helicopters up, up, and away. From \$1,580 per person per night, all-inclusive; open from early May to the end of October; [nimmobay.com](http://nimmobay.com).



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