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A FAIRY-TALE FIT

Don't stress over the dress, or the tress, or the mess. With the right people in charge, a wedding day can be a thing of beauty. **CLAIRE SOONG** reports

MEMORABILITY IS THE ESSENTIAL currency of a wonderful wedding, a non-negotiable sine qua non of the nuptials that enables the big day to transcend time and claim its rightful place in a couple's history. But with so much at stake, how many couples have the time or the resources to ensure it all goes swimmingly?

Fortunately there are entities out there that specialise in matrimonial bliss made flesh – and one of the most sumptuous wedding deals is the new one from Four

Seasons Hotel Hong Kong: its A Legendary Wedding package – presented with wedding planner Marriage Maestros – brings new meaning to the word “memorable”.

Founded by Evelyn Mills 15 years ago, Marriage Maestros is known for its luxurious weddings, which have garnered well-deserved accolades over the years. For A Legendary Wedding, a dedicated team from Marriage Maestros works with the couple to bring their vision to life, orchestrating a customised event and coordinating the minute details to ensure the big day is perfect, while at the same time relieving the couple of the stress often associated with wedding planning logistics. Regardless of the chosen theme,

the bride and groom can be assured that their specially created wedding will be fairy-tale fit.

But a wedding isn't solely about the big day. The milestones leading up to it are part of what makes the wedding memorable. Thus, Four Seasons whisks the future Mr and Mrs to a Four Seasons resort in Europe for a photo shoot with a celebrity photographer, complete with prearranged first-class flights, premier accommodation and lavish dining.

The bridal shower begins at The Nail

ABOVE: A COUPLE AT THE FOUR SEASONS BORA BORA
OPPOSITE, FROM LEFT: THE FOUR SEASONS PRIVATE JET DESCENDING THE STAIRCASE FROM THE FOUR SEASONS HOTEL HONG KONG'S BALLROOM



Bar, where the bride and her friends enjoy a private pampering party, luxuriating in manicures and pedicures accompanied by flutes of champagne. Afterwards, the brides' entourage retires to a Deluxe Harbour View Room to gossip, watch movies and share secrets in luxurious comfort at a slumber party hosted by the Four Seasons.

The bride-to-be is treated like royalty, so it's only right that her gown and jewellery are fit for a queen. Through the Marriage Maestros network, the bride has the opportunity to secure an exclusive appointment with renowned couturier Suzie Turner. Since 1990, Turner has created customised gowns with unparalleled design and fit. The proper jewels must be selected to complement the gown, so the bride-to-be enjoys priority appointments with Carnet owner Michelle Ong, whose intricate and contemporary designs are highly coveted.

The last four days leading up to the wedding ceremony can often be the most hectic for the bride and groom. The Four Seasons aims to change all that. Marriage is an intimate ceremony, and rather than being caught up in the whirlwind of last-minute details, the bride and groom should enjoy time with each other and with their families. Leaving the Four Seasons and Marriage Maestros to perfect every aspect of the big day, the couple shares an intimate dinner at Lung King Heen, presented by award-winning Chef Chan Yan Tak, or feasts with family at Caprice – both Michelin-starred restaurants at the Four Seasons. And to enhance that natural pre-wedding glow, the couple are spoiled by staff at the award-winning Spa at Four Seasons. Four

consecutive days of peace and indulgence.

On the morning of the big day, the couple unwinds in the Presidential Suite as they watch the magic unfold. They're amazed upon entering the Four Seasons Grand and Harbour View Ballrooms with their stunning decor and lush floral arrangements. All eyes are on the bride as she takes her first steps down the aisle, swathed in white. Led by a master of ceremonies, the couple say their vows in front of their guests. Following "I do," a banquet created by Executive Chefs Chan Yan Tak and Andrea Accordi is served.

The festivities do not end after dinner; the party starts when mixologists from the Blue Bar start pouring drinks and the DJ takes the stage. The new Mr and Mrs dance until

dawn before retiring to their suite at the Four Seasons. In the morning, friends and family bid adieu to the newly wed couple at a poolside champagne brunch.

While the celebrations may have ended for the guests, the couple embarks on their first trip as husband and wife. For them, the dream-like state continues as they abscond to an exotic Four Seasons resort. Together, they go for a beachside massage, or ride horses into the sunset.

A Legendary Wedding, and the start of a happily-ever-after.

