

Town & Country WEDDINGS

FALL/WINTER 2010

**GET
THE
LOOK!**

**THIS SEASON'S
GORGEOUS
GOWNS**

**ELEGANT
JEWELRY**

**GRAPHIC
CAKES**

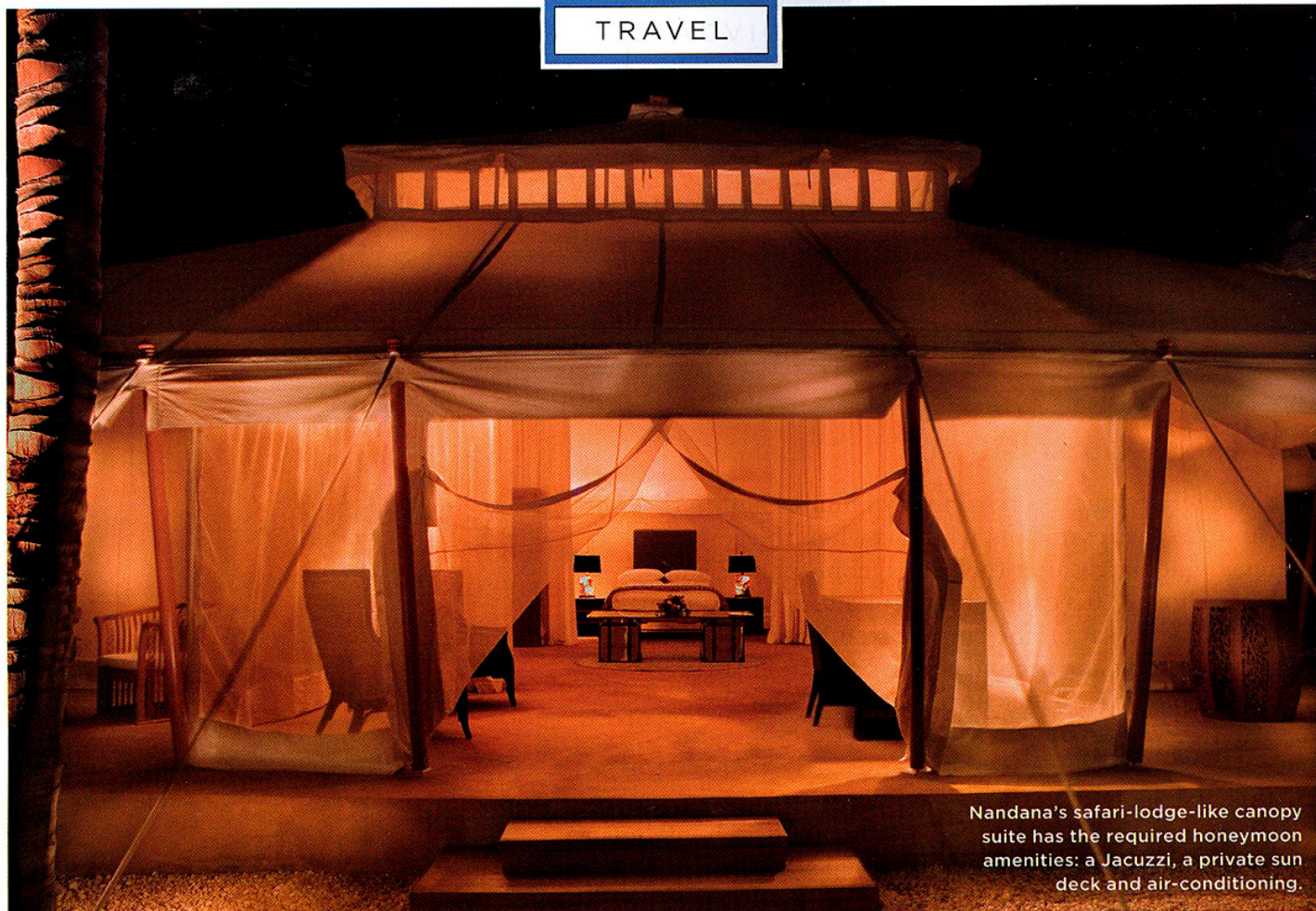
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**BEAUTY
MAKEOVERS**

*Plus: ULTIMATE
DESTINATION
WEDDINGS*



The bride wears
Carolina Herrera



Nandana's safari-lodge-like canopy suite has the required honeymoon amenities: a Jacuzzi, a private sun deck and air-conditioning.

The Complete Package

Rent one of these five retreats for an action-filled wedding weekend, then check right into your luxurious honeymoon. *By Heidi Mitchell*

BAHAMAS *Nandana Private Resort*

No need to fly all the way to Thailand for a Southeast Asian affair. The intimate Nandana Private Resort, an Asian-inspired oasis, sits just off the East Coast.

THE APPEAL: Only twelve guests can call Nandana home at a time, but there's plenty of space for everyone to spread out. The five oversized suites and main hall are lined with Thai teak, and Asian flourishes (a carved elephant here, a door salvaged from a Javanese temple there) appear at every turn to transport you to another continent. The staff is on call 24/7, so if you crave pad Thai at 2 A.M., simply pick up the phone. And for a rehearsal dinner under the stars, the secluded beach rivals any on Phuket.

DON'T MISS: The enormous safari-style tented suite (bride and groom have priority!), set right on the shore.

THE FINE PRINT: Nandana's staff will secure a marriage license; all you have to do is turn up at least twenty-four hours before your wedding with the appropriate identity papers. The

resort works with top-notch planners to stage weddings and can handle all the heavy lifting, from hiring an officiant to organizing a late-night fireworks display.

GETTING THERE: Commercial airlines fly to Freeport, Bahamas, where staff will greet you with cold towels and ground transportation. Private-jet passengers arrive at the resort's airstrip, while yachters pull right up to the front dock; customs officials await.

THE PRICE TAG: From \$8,000 a night for a group of twelve, all-inclusive. 877-220-0737; nandanaresort.com.

FIJI *Laucala Island Resort*

An adventurous, eco-conscious couple and forty-eight of their closest friends can take over Malcolm Forbes's former refuge on this self-sustaining private island.

THE APPEAL: The 3,000-acre island's twenty-five thatch-roofed bungalows were built in the style of a Fijian village. Each is outfitted with a wooden bath, an outdoor shower and a private pool so