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Destination Wedding Costa Rica: A Week-Long Adventure!

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Kristi and David are avid travelers, so when they got engaged it came as no surprise when they opted for a destination wedding. The couple knew they wanted a unique tropical locale outside the U.S., but within a reasonable travel distance. In the end, Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica and the Villa Punto de Vista fit the bill. Their guests were thrilled to make the trek and were thankful the couple didn't choose a location halfway around the globe.





The couple's chosen accommodations (and reception spot) were a picture perfect solution and Kristi and David plan to make an annual trip back to the rain forest! The villa served as a meeting point for the couple's week-long wedding affair and also provided a shuttle service to transport the wedding guests to and from the airport – making transportation a cinch.

As it turns out, Kristi is quite the craft maven and incorporated this into her and David's **destination wedding**. "I did a ton of personal, DIY projects! I really wanted to bring that personal touch to the wedding. Favors for our guests included personalized coffee bags (we resourced a vendor to print a personalized label which incorporated one of our engagement pictures) or "The Perfect Blend" Costa Rican coffee. I also had favor magnets made which utilized Costa Rican wildlife (monkey, frog and sloth) and had water bottle canteens personalized with a monkey logo, our location and year."





One of the biggest hits of the wedding was Kristi and David's spin on a traditional Southern groom's cake: chocolate cupcakes which included flags with a picture of the couple's beloved cat Charles on one side and the couple's initials on the other. The couple also created custom wine bottles using their engagement photos.





While Kristi and David pulled off the destination wedding of their dreams, they admit it wouldn't have been possible without their amazing wedding planner, Larissa Banting, with [Weddings Costa Rica](#). This bride has some words of advice for other women planning their own wedding away: "Pictures, pictures, pictures! I poured over the web for destination picture inspiration and shared those visions with my vendors. This reduced any possibility for miscommunication and kept everyone on the same page – which meant no surprises when I got to Costa Rica!"

Vendors:

Photography: [A Brit & A Blonde](#)

Wedding Coordinator: Larissa Banting with [Weddings Costa Rica](#)

Ceremony/Reception Site: Karahe Beach/Villa Punto de Vista

Gown Designer: [Mikaella](#)

Groom's Clothing Designer: [Alfani](#)

Bridesmaids/Groomsmen's Clothing Designer: [Bari Jay/Alfani](#)