

Colin Cowie Hits The Beach With Wedding Chic

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It's one of those beautiful scenarios you've imagined when fantasizing about your wedding day. Your toes are dusted with sand that's just as white as your wedding gown. The sparkling Caribbean Sea paints a glorious backdrop that pops with infinite shades of blue and your groom realizes that while your ceremony is the most important aspect, his bachelor party had all-inclusive decadence written all over it.

Ring in 2012 with a bang, Palace Resorts is making waves in Mexico and the Dominican Republic with two new affiliations that are elevating the destination wedding experience to "A List" heights.

I'm on hand at Aventura Spa & Aventura Cove Palace in Riviera Maya for the unveiling of the Colin Cowie Wedding Collection. Created by the "party planner of the stars"

who is also celebrated as one of the world's foremost authorities in nuptial planning, the series of themed vow exchange settings makes chic ceremonies more accessible from budget and time standpoints. So you can work on your tan instead of stressing out over all the details.

Cowie's packages are offered at all Palace Resorts Mexico properties, the new all-inclusive Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic, and a trio of Palace properties in Vallarta, Cancun and Riviera Maya that are in the Hard Rock rebranding process. These reflagged all-inclusives will feature signature Rock Star Suites, showcase an extensive collection of authentic memorabilia, incorporate diverse music genres and host an ongoing schedule of live concerts.

Eighteen over-the-top ceremony designs give couples a high dose of Cowie style with effortless planning. "The programs speak to a broad range of design sensibilities so that there's something for everyone," says Cowie. "It allows brides to express themselves and their style without having to get bogged down in the planning details."

He adds that couples still enjoy the flexibility of adding personal touches through rituals that can include lighting unity candles, ringing celebratory bells or hanging love banners inscribed with well wishes from guests.

Among the most colorful is Cowie's Sultry Sunset that's inspired by the passionate colors of a sun slipping below the horizon off the Mexican coast. My personal favorite, this romantic design features chair backs

decorated in deep oranges and pink that line a coppery aisle runner leading to a flower adorned gazebo.

Created with the Hard Rock client in mind, Rocker Chic sets a stage straight from a rock 'n' roll fantasy with patterns and solids in black and white splashed with just the right amount of color.

Aside from the wedding hoopla, your guests will find more than enough to keep themselves pleasantly occupied. These refreshed all-inclusive resorts feature spas, swim-up pool bars, cocktail lounges, fine dining restaurants, entertainment, nightlife and a slew of aquatic recreation options that have made the Riviera Maya and Cancun among Mexico's most coveted getaways.

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