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## Four Seasons captures nature's energy for floating wedding venue

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Four Seasons Maldives

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Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru is walking down a glass-bottomed aisle for its newest wedding ceremony option.



Described as the property's most "breathtaking bridal backdrop to date," Four Seasons has constructed a "floating" pavilion meant to elevate the beach wedding concept. The pavilion is located within the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve ocean, ideal for couples looking for a one-of-a-kind setting for their nuptials.

## Guest of the ocean

Four Seasons' overwater pavilion offers couples a wedding venue symbolic of "infinite life and endless beauty," using the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve as a backdrop.

The pavilion is found off the northeast tip of the island of Landaa Giraavaru and is accessible only by boat. The pillared, free-standing structure is light and airy with vaulted ceilings and a concrete floor polished to a shimmer.

Embracing the environment surrounding it, the pavilion includes a glass bottom "aisle" above a sea turtle enclosure, giving guests an opportunity to share the experience with ancient turtles and kaleidoscopic fish. Also, the venue features a wrap-around, bi-folding floor-to-ceiling glass door on three sides which opens onto a timber deck.

Keeping the experience intimate, the pavilion can only hold the bridal couple and up to 16 additional guests.



Four Seasons Maldives' wedding pavilion interior

To personalize the ceremony, couples can select floral arrangements, candles and fabrics in a variety of natureinspired color palettes of "dreamy daytime blues or sunset scarlet hues." Working with Four Seasons' wedding coordinator, all bespoke details of the event will be executed by the hotel, thus limiting stress on the marrying couple.

"Landaa's wild natural beauty has hosted so many incredible weddings and celebrations," said Armando Kraenzlin, regional vice president and general manager of Four Seasons Landaa Giraavaru, in a statement.

"Our UNESCO Biosphere Reserve location really sets us apart, and our vision with the new Wedding Pavilion was to incorporate this in a way that surpassed anything we'd offered before," he said. "Now wedding couples can surround themselves by – and draw inspiration from – the power, possibility and abundant beauty of the ocean."

Many of Four Seasons' properties offer guests bridal packages for those looking for exceptional destination weddings.

For instance, Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts is offering sweethearts an opportunity to wed or renew their vows at its Nevis resort.

The hotel, the only Four Seasons in the Caribbean, is offering four different packages for couples or small groups to select from, a surefire way to appeal to honeymooners with their eyes set on the Caribbean. Four Seasons' location-specific initiatives are a favored way for the brand both to show off its knowledge and place within specific locales and provide consumers with memorable experiences (see story).

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