

# elegant bride

FALL 2009

WEDDINGS MADE BEAUTIFUL

## Inspired Ideas

*Delicious details in pretty colors*

## Dream Dresses

*Guarantee the perfect fit for your gown*

## Get Better Photos

*The one trick you need to know*

## Truly Unique Cakes

*World-class confections to sweeten your day*

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*Elegant blooms for a reception rich with glamour*



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## Hotel Hotwire

Each of the 132 villas at **BANYAN TREE MAYAKOBA** on Mexico's Riviera Maya has its own large pool and a dreamy setting among the snaking lagoons, mangroves and beachfront. Villas from \$655. • A \$7-million renovation has transformed the former Inn at Beaver Creek in Colorado into **THE OSPREY AT BEAVER CREEK**, a glamorous 41-room boutique hotel, now part of the RockResorts collection. Snow bunnies will thrill to the ski-in/ski-out accessibility of the Beaver Creek slopes and the outdoor heated pool, fire pit and cocktail bar. Rooms from \$245. • In the Saint Blaise quarter of Paris, the founders of Club Med teamed up with design guru Philippe Starck to create **MAMA SHELTER**, a 172-room hip hideaway that fuses classical touches with art gallery-worthy contemporary design and distinctly down-to-earth rates. Rooms from \$124.



Banyan Tree Mayakoba



Palazzo Sasso

## VIEWFINDER

**CONSISTENTLY RANKED AS ONE OF THE BEST** hotels in the world, **PALAZZO SASSO** is the place to make the second-best commitment of your life. A stay at this 12th-century palace is the stuff of dreams, from the setting—a clifftop in the seaside town of Ravello, Italy—to the Michelin-starred restaurant Rossellinis, where a terrace table provides the perfect spot to view fishermen hauling in their catches a thousand feet below. A staff-to-guestroom ratio of two to one ensures you'll get the full aristocratic treatment, from pampering in the spa to remembering just how you like your Bellini at the terrace bar. The 43 intimate rooms and suites evoke a romantic Old World mood, with 18th- and 19th-century furnishings, antique rugs and handmade tiles. Splurge on a suite and get your own terrace, which affords swoon-inducing views of the sparkling Amalfi coast. Rooms from \$450.

## GIRLS' GETAWAY

Aspiring Southern belles can have a memorable getaway at **THE INN AT PALMETTO BLUFF** in Bluffton, SC. Guests can stay in one of 50 charming cottages with water views, porches and luxurious touches like fireplaces and walk-in steam showers, or rent one of the larger Village Homes. The resort provides bicycles for exploring the gorgeous grounds, with its Spanish moss-draped oaks and shady pathways along the tranquil May River and the lagoon that winds throughout the property. Indulge one evening in the spa's Pajama Party, a decadent two-hour affair that comes with treatments, champagne, sweet treats and adorable satin pajamas and sandals as a gift. Guests booking the experience have exclusive access to the spa for the duration of their PJ party. Rooms from \$475; Pajama Party, \$450 per person.



The Inn at Palmetto Bluff