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The Honeymoon Travel Blog

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I'm thrilled to be teaming up with CNTraveller.com to blog my way around this summer 2010's worky-moon. First a little background info to set the scenery...

It all starts here...

So, we're just back from an amazing week in [Croatia](#), where we got married. "Why here?" so many of the 75 people who joined us to celebrate asked - "Why not?" we answered. Actually, it's a long story but my other half and I were in Zagreb after the engagement and got chatting to a lovely Croatian girl who suggested it. It seemed like a good idea at the time over a glass of Ožujsko and a plate of Struckli, so we set about organising it.

For two years (we were not in a hurry since I waited 10 years for the ring...), we cruised the islands off the Dalmatian coast of Croatia and searched high and low for the right spot until we came across the tiny island of Sipan (pictured above), its tiny beach and its perfectly sized hotel. We wanted something simple, beautiful and private. The rest was icing.

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There's no doubt it was the right location. After picking our guests up at the airport, and cruising over to the island all together on a gorgeous wooden boat, all day-to-day worries were left behind. The 'bubble' was formed, and no one broke it until they left the island. There's also something to be said for waving people off on boats - very romantic.

So after 12 years the deed is done and we're married, in Croatian, French and English law. Tricky paperwork, but we've now got all sides covered...

Our guests fell in love with [Dubrovnik](#), as we knew they would. It's simply the most beautiful place, both breathtaking, humbling and with a fantastic atmosphere. [The Excelsior Hotel](#), where friends and family indulged in a little luxury before coming over the island was amazing - VIP treatment and simply the best views of the city. The island of Sipan also worked its magic, and there wasn't a dry eye on the beach as we tied the knot, including the photographer, bar staff, bride, groom and best men! The entire weekend was a dream. If you're thinking of getting married abroad, I highly recommend a wedding in Croatia.

Perhaps it was the weather - with the midnight lightning providing some interesting 'fireworks' without a drop of rain - or the delicious seafood? Or maybe the few kind locals who become like family before you know it? Perhaps it was the incredible efforts put in by our star-planners (essential unless your Croatian is up to scratch) Ines & Marin of [Dubrovnik Event](#)? Perhaps it was the idyllic views over the crystal clear waters, or just that laid back island vibe - perfect for this barefoot bride...

But enough about all that, the real trip is about to start. Another few hours and we'll be taking off for [Miami](#) for a first night at [The Tides](#) in South Beach, one of my very favourite boutique hotels.

Next stop: [Parrot Cay](#) in the [Turks & Caicos](#), before moving onto [Kamalame Cay](#) in the [Bahamas](#), a quick stop at the [One & Only Ocean Club](#) in Nassau, a few days in the [Cayman Islands](#) at the [Ritz Carlton](#) and [Southern Cross](#) and a week in [Jamaica](#) staying at [Half Moon](#), [The Caves](#) and [Round Hill](#) before heading home. Then the second leg of the trip - [Muscat](#) (where he proposed), [Tanzania](#), [Thailand](#), [Singapore](#) and finally [Bali](#). But more about that later...

By Rowena Carr-Allinson

MORE FROM THE HONEYMOON BLOGGER: Find out more about Rowena here

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Amazing it was.... an atmosphere I will never forget! I will keep following the bride & groom on their working-moon... keep writing! XxX

Liesbeth Vellinga07 Jul 2010

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