

How to choose the perfect honeymoon destination

(NewsUSA) — So, you are engaged and ready to choose that romantic spot for your first getaway as husband and wife. But where should you go?

A lot of couples have difficulty finding the honeymoon destination that is “just right” for them. The following are a few things to consider when planning that once-in-a-lifetime vacation.

- In what season are you traveling? Remember that every destination has its own weather pattern. You want to make sure that you choose a place where the weather suits your taste.

- How many amenities are you getting for your money? Be sure to pick a destination that offers you the romance and relaxation you need after the wedding. How big is the room? Does the destination offer honeymooners special packages? Spas are always great for considering your every need. You could try a mud bath for two or a couple’s massage.

- Are there enough activities to keep you busy? Consider what you would like to do. How about water sports and nightlife? Are there cultural aspects that you can explore?

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“there was no way I could get tickets,” Weisinger said. “At that point, I went back to bed, disappointed, and figured I’d try the next day. But everything was sold out.”

So he did what any hopeful fiancé would do.

“I wrote a letter to [Sen.] Dianne Feinstein and President Obama,” he said. “I figured what the heck. I’ve never asked for anything. Maybe they could help me out. Unfortunately, I didn’t hear from them.”

So he turned to the next-best resource: Google.

A search directed him to the Statue of Liberty Club, a group and website run by a New York man — who had proposed to his wife on Liberty Island.

“He had four tickets to the crown at 8 a.m., and he told me he would love to help make our day come true,” Weisinger said.

Once the precious tickets (only 240 were available for the first-day reopening) were secured, Weisinger charged the couple’s friends, Chris and Augustina, with keeping a secret, and snapping photographs as he bent down on one knee.

Last summer in New York, it rained for days preceding July 4. But on that morning, the sky cleared and the view from the top of the Statue of Liberty “was breathtaking,” said Breder, 25.

The 8-foot deck inside the statue’s crown was cramped. The couple was squeezed in with eight other people. Though out of breath after climbing 354 stairs, Weisinger started to talk about how amazing their relationship is, and that’s when he made his move.

“When Aaron got down on one knee I did not realize that he was proposing,” Breder recalled. “He grabbed my hand and held it firmly. I looked down to see his bright blue eyes looking right back at me. He looked nervous but had a big smile. It was at that moment that I realized my life was going to change forever.”

Breder was “shocked, ecstatic and filled with joy.” She was also surprised that Weisinger was able to keep the proposal a secret from her, while still letting his family know,

getting her parents’ blessing and buying a ring.

Less than 24 hours later, they boarded a plane to Tel Aviv.

They were so exhausted from the hula-hula that they fell asleep within an hour of boarding.

When they woke up, “I remember opening my right eye and seeing a group of people holding a newspaper and staring at us,” Breder said.

The newspaper they were holding was the *Sunday New York Times*: Weisinger and Breder were featured in a photo and a front-page article about the reopening of the crown. The Associated Press also wrote a story that was picked up by papers across the country — giving the happy couple even more coverage than the ribbon-cutting ceremony and appearances by the U.S. secretary of the interior and the governors of New York and New Jersey.

Breder said their fellow Birthright travelers “could not believe the lengths Aaron went to propose and the publicity as a result of it.”

Weisinger and Breder have a long history. They first met in fifth grade at religious school at Congregation Ohr Emet in Walnut Creek. Because Weisinger lived in Danville and Breder lived in Lafayette, they lost touch for a few years and then reconnected in high school, through Midrasha, an educational program for Jewish high school students in the East Bay.

Weisinger graduated high school one year before Breder, and they lost touch once again. But when Breder transferred to the University of California at Santa Barbara, they ran into each other and became good friends.

They both moved back to the San Francisco Bay Area after college, where they reconnected. “And the rest is history,” Breder said.

A summer 2011 wedding is planned, where Breder hopes “to surprise Aaron with some cleverness of my own.”

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