

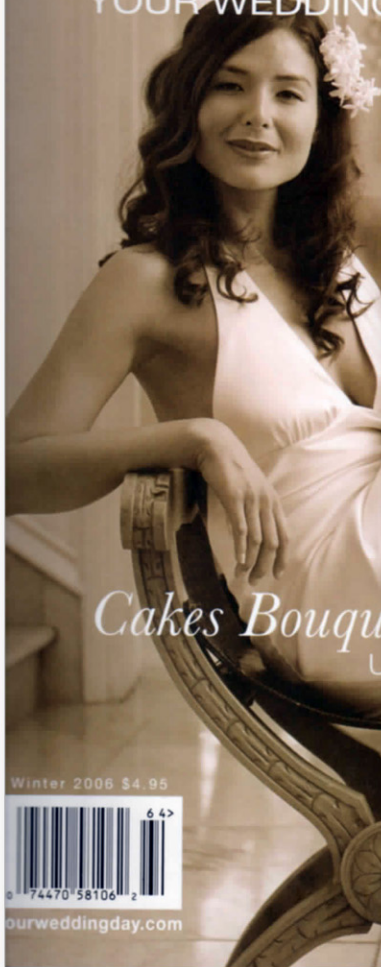
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Information is offered on the latest trends in design and high-quality services. Guests will gain knowledgeable insights for their planning needs and discuss numerous and exclusive options over champagne and hors d'oeuvres.

For a one-on-one meeting, couples first convene with our gallery manager to experience the Gallery's exclusive Bridal Concierge Service; the first step to the ultimate, all access pass to Santa Barbara's top resources and services. The service begins with this initial consult and ends with a full day of indulgence; meeting with a series of hand-selected professionals in an environment intended to spoil the bride. Whatever stirs one's passions, whether its music, hair and makeup, invitations, event production, flowers, food, fashion, photography, locations, etc; the Bridal Concierge Service aligns your personal expression to the professionals best suited for your wedding. It is full and complete access to a covered wealth of valuable resources for the discerning couple.

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THE WEDDING GALLERY

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It may be surprising to learn that Santa Barbara ranks number two for destination weddings in the US. It hosts 2,000 plus weddings each year, reaching a \$97 million dollar annual industry; it only takes one drive through this breathtaking community to know why. This intimate city nestled between the picturesque, cascading hills of its local vineyards and the infinite deep blue of the Pacific, Santa Barbara offers numerous venues. From sweeping private estates, classy or casual beachfront properties, elite resorts, historic adobes to quaint inns, Mediterranean rooftops, public parks and oak-studded vineyards, most couples who flock to America's Riviera to wed come from the adjacent California cities, but many come far and wide, even from foreign lands.

With the world becoming a global community with widely dispersed families, the word *destination* has become the buzz word in today's wedding vocabulary. Why not host your wedding away from where you reside? Most everyone attending will be traveling so choosing a location that intrigues your guests makes for beautiful memories. But planning a destination wedding involves a level of coordination that can be a bit challenging; hence the inspiration for the launch of The Wedding Gallery. Designed to bring the professionals to the bride and groom, we've created an environment reminiscent of the days when you could shop at Saks Fifth Ave or Neiman Marcus whilst sipping a glass of champagne and being treated to a private fashion show or personal consultation.



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