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YOUR ROYAL WEDDING BRIEFING

Will Harry get the Hollywood treatment? Will the Obamas be guests of honour? And what will Meghan wear? Here's what we know and what we suspect about the wedding of the year, which takes place on May 20



The Dress
Given she's marrying a British prince (and set to become a British citizen herself), odds are that Meghan will opt for one of London's many top designers. Sarah Burton from Alexander McQueen made Kate Middleton's gown, but rumour has it that Meghan, who has said she wants her dress to be "classic and simple," is more likely to choose Victoria Beckham, Ralph & Russo or Stella McCartney.

The Tiara
Is a royal wedding really royal if the bride doesn't wear a centuries-old tiara? Queen Elizabeth II chose the stately Queen Mary's Fringe Tiara (which famously broke on the morning of her wedding); Princess Diana wore an heirloom of her family, the Spencer Tiara; Princess Margaret wore the dramatic Poltimore Tiara; and Kate wore the simpler Cartier Scroll Tiara. Meghan will most likely wear the glittering Strathmore Rose Tiara, a gift from the 14th Earl of Strathmore to the royal family.



The Bridal Shower
Like a good princess-in-waiting, Meghan has decided to eschew a tequila-fuelled night out with the girls for a more sedate spa weekend away (or at least until the cameras are out of sight). Given that everything else is taking place on British soil, we hope she opts for one of America's famously enticing spas, like Amangiri in Utah, one of her favourite hotels. However, it looks like she'll choose the bucolic Soho Farmhouse in Oxfordshire.

The Guest List
Now this should be interesting. Royal protocol dictates that the US president should be invited, but Meghan has been rather vocal about her dislike of Donald Trump—#awkward. Harry seems to be the best of friends with Barack and Michelle Obama, but would their presence bother the notoriously thin-skinned sitting president? Meanwhile, the Spice Girls are confirmed to play and other guests include Serena Williams, Elton John and the cast of Suits.



The Venue
Swapping the pomp and ceremony of Westminster Abbey (as the heir, Wills had to marry Kate there), Harry has chosen the more intimate but equally beautiful St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, where he was christened back in 1984 and where his father married Camilla Parker Bowles in 2005. After the ceremony, the newlyweds will participate in a carriage procession through Windsor.



The Catering
Rumour has it that the happy couple will be serving Scottish smoked salmon and Norfolk beef at the wedding in a nod to two royal palaces. And Kensington Palace has announced that pastry chef Claire Ptak—owner of Violet Cakes in London—will create the wedding cake, a lemon elderflower creation with buttercream frosting and fresh flowers that will "incorporate the bright flavours of spring."



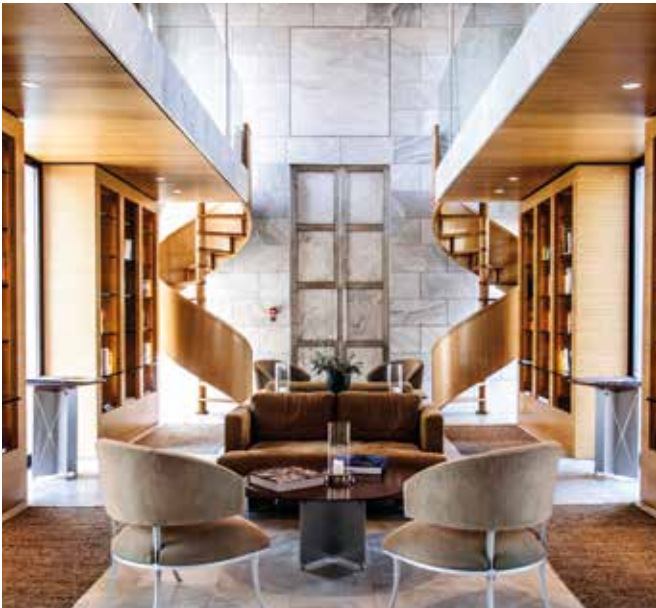
THE COUPLE: THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES

Where did they go? Charles and Diana may not be the ones to emulate when it comes to matrimonial harmony, but they certainly got their honeymoon right. Lent the Royal Yacht Britannia, they set sail for Greece in the summer of 1981.

What should you do? The closest most of us will ever get to royal treatment in Greece is decamping to Aman's only hotel on Hellenic soil, Amanzoe. Set high above the Mediterranean Sea and surrounded by olive groves and cypress trees, this arresting establishment has a distinctly palatial air, thanks to grand Grecian columns that line the entrance and the expansive beach club.

Designed by the renowned American architect Ed Tuttle, it mimics the wonders of the Acropolis (and why not, given that it's just two hours' drive away)—but with some useful 21st-century additions. Think an outdoor amphitheatre where you can order a potent martini to accompany the sunset, a stylish spa that offers treatments based on ancient Greek medicine, and an Olympic-size infinity pool overlooking the vineyards.

Boats are on offer to the gorgeous island of Spetses. But if you're feeling a bit shy like the young Princess Di, there's actually no need to leave your room. Each of the 38 pavilions has its own herb-filled garden, sunny terrace and private pool, as well as two vast marble bathrooms and what must be the most comfortable beds in Greece. While Diana pointedly described her honeymoon as a good time to catch up on sleep, be warned—your pavilion might also lull you into a week-long slumber. 🛌



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