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Planning a Destination Wedding? Here are Three Hot Tips

From casual beach party themes to designer goodie bags for the guests, destination weddings are changing as much as weddings are back here in the "real world".

"The day of the cookie-cutter destination wedding is ending," says Tara Soloway, CEO of Luxe Destination Weddings, specialists in planning luxury beach weddings. "These days, we're planning everything from barefoot bashes to chic ceremonies in tropical gardens."

Other trends Soloway sees include beach tent parties. A marquee-style tent filled with paper lanterns provides the perfect "roof" for a dancing-in-the-sand reception. "It's a great way to tie in the destination with the special day, so we organize luau parties in Hawaii and reggae parties in Jamaica."

Trend two? White weddings. No, Billy Idol's 80s hit is not making a comeback: it's white as a colour theme that is in vogue. Using the local, lush scenery as a backdrop, all-white flowers and decor are the craze. To make sure everything follows the colour scheme, some couples are even requesting that their guests wear white. "And for photography, white is simply stunning against turquoise Caribbean waters or banks of white candles."

And lastly, for those who think loot bags are for tiny kids or pouty Hollywood celebs, welcome gifts for destination wedding guests are becoming all the rage. Gifts could include locally-made art or CDs of local music. "A nice idea is to have the gifts waiting in the room for guests' arrival," suggests Soloway. "We're also seeing couples going for monogrammed towels or sun hats as souvenirs of their special day, which complements the beach theme nicely."

Whether it's a wedding all in white or where to find that special memento for guests, Luxe Destination Weddings can come to the rescue—even providing couples with their own wedding coordinator to accompany them to the destination. For more information, visit www.luxe-events.com or call 1.888.LUXE.WED toll-free from anywhere in North America.

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