



Tropical aisle

Jacqueline Au recounts the day she and Alexander Li married on Phuket, Thailand, in a romantic island resort wedding.

Tell us about the first time you met your husband. “He was a friend of my flatmate when I was living in London. He came over to say hi one evening but it wasn’t love at first sight. I couldn’t understand his British accent or his humour. And then somehow we hit it off when we were back in Hong Kong a year later.”
When did your husband propose? “On Easter Sunday at Repulse Bay Beach [in Hong Kong] where we shared our first kiss.”
How would you describe the theme of your wedding? What overall feeling were you trying to create? “A romantic, timeless and chic resort wedding.”
Were you involved in the styling of the event? “Yes, very much so, as I am very particular about colours and decorations.”
What flowers did you use and why? “White and purple are my favourite colours and I wanted to keep all the decorations minimal and only use flowers to bring in colour. For the arch, we used white hydrangeas and roses (my favourite flowers), and for the bouquet I wanted something that would go back to the high-

low silhouette of my dress. In the end I chose a cascading shape of roses and calla lily. The bridesmaids’ bouquets were purple and lilac roses and eustoma.”
Tell us about your dress and why you picked it. “It is a Giambattista Valli couture gown that is short in the front and has a very long train and layers and layers of tulle. I love short skirts and dramatic shapes and silhouettes and it is so me!”
What about your accessories; what went into choosing them? “The diamond earrings are designed by our family friend Peter Baer, who is a jewellery designer from Switzerland. I also wore a headpiece from Jenny Packham. I really like how the shapes on the jewellery echo the vines and flowers I was using for the ceremony arch – romantic and elegant.”
Regarding your hair and make-up, how would you describe the look you were aiming for? “It’s an effortless romantic look that is timeless, because I want to look back at the photos in 20 years’ time and not feel like it looks dated.” ▶

Jacqueline Au in her Giambattista Valli couture gown; its long train complements a short front hem.



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White book

DRESS: Giambattista Valli couture (white) and Ms Min (red)

SHOES: Aquazzura

HAIR & MAKE-UP: Neil Donkin

FRAGRANCE: Byredo Blanche

Rings: Boucheron Bridesmaids'

BRIDESMAIDS' DRESSES: Self-Portrait

GROOM'S SUIT: Tom Ford

PHOTOGRAPHER: Weerayut Jantjai

VENUE: Point Yamu by Como, Phuket, Thailand

FLORIST: lamflowers

CAKE: Point Yamu by Como

MUSIC: Mellow Motif

FIRST DANCE: *A Thousand Years* (from *Twilight: Breaking Dawn*) by Christina Perri and David Hodges

TOP TIP: "Take a chill pill and enjoy the day! Don't worry about things on the day; it's too late to fix them. Just enjoy every second of it."

What shoes did you wear, and why did you pick them? "Aquazzura 'French Lover' lace-up heels. I chose them because the dress has a short hem in the front and the shoes needed to be equally dramatic. I love lace-ups and they are my go-to shoes when I want to make a statement."

What did your bridesmaids wear? "My bridesmaids wore Self-Portrait Azalea dresses in black."

What was it that attracted you to the venue? "We have always loved Como Resorts, as they are beautifully designed and the service is impeccable. I love the colours that are used in Point Yamu Resort – white, blue and purple – and they also have a spa menu with delicious but healthy food and amazing desserts. I also love the decor of the hotel, which is designed by Paola Navone. It reminds me of the interior of houses on Mykonos."

What kind of menu did you choose for the party? "Italian! Our favourite. We also included our favourite dish on the menu: spaghetti bolognese and burrata. I also have a huge sweet tooth so had a lot of fun organising the dessert bar with cupcakes, chocolates, popsicles, tiramisu and, of course, our wedding cake – a dark-chocolate layered cake."

What was the most exciting part of your wedding day? "To finally marry the love of my life."

What would you say was the most memorable moment for you from your wedding day? "The fireworks!"

White and purple flowers led the colour theme.

The Point Yamu restaurant La Sirena serves the couple's favourite cuisine: Italian.

Guests enjoying the fireworks display. Far left, from top: La Sirena restaurant ready for the wedding party; the dark-chocolate cake; and chefs preparing entrées.



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The newlyweds in the resort's pagoda-style open-air lobby.