

HAPPENINGS

## GROUNDBREAKING

THESE NEW AND UPDATED RESORTS GUARANTEE A STUNNING SETTING FOR YOUR BIG DAY.

After a three-year closure and a revamp, Malliouhana, an Auberge Resort (below) reopened November

2014 as one of the



Vanderbilt Hotel, a

member of Preferred Hotel Group, reopened December 2014 after a complete reno that unveiled four ballrooms and salons, plus 5,000 square feet of outdoor event spaces facing the Atlantic. Commence your fiesta with terrace cocktails; end with an after-party at the hotel's

Marabar Martini

Bar & Lounge.

In October
2014, The Sea
Pines Resort
(left), on
Hilton Head
Island, South
Carolina, revealed its new
wedding venue:

the Atlantic Room at

the Sea Pines Beach Club. Holding up to 120 guests, to paramas use ocean and Tybee is furnits 40-foot floor-to-ceiling windows. ... **Grand Isle Resort & Spa** (below), a member of Preferred Hotel Group, debuted December 2014 with 78 villas facing Exuma,

Bahamas' Emerald
Bay. Wed on the
powder sand,
then celebrate under
the thatch
pavilion of
the pool
patio. — Ivette



The vibe The best of the Hawaiian Islands merges on the singular destination of Saint Lucia, 3.5 hours by plane from Miami. Expect sheer, rainforested cliffs (a la Kauai), a still-smoking caldera (like the Big Island) and an adrenaline-pumping kitesurfing scene (rivaling Oahu's North Shore). Where they diverge: Largely undeveloped and lacking chain hotels, Saint Lucia is so little-known that most Americans couldn't pinpoint it on a map.



Where to wed >> Just 10 minutes from the main airport on the island's southern coast, the 250-room Coconut Bay Beach Resort & Spa makes it easy to marry on golden sand with green peaks as backdrop. Post-ceremony, adjourn to the onsite oceanfront gazebo to feast on pumpkin bisque, lobster Newburg and coconut cheesecake. The resort is divided into two wings: The kidfriendly side (perfect for bringing along the flower girl and ring bearer) has a water park with slides



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CHOOSING ONE OF THESE NEW DIRECT ROUTES.

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JetBlue (4 hours, 45 minutes)

Curacao was recently named the

No. 2 most-romantic Caribbean
island in USA TODAY's 10 Best

Readers' Choice contest.

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United (15 hours, 50 minutes)
Expect slicker, safer service now that flight attendants are equipped with the new iPhone 6 Plus.

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