

wedding *style*

A close-up, profile view of a woman with her hair styled in an updo. She is wearing a white wedding dress with a highly detailed, lace-like collar featuring floral and scrollwork patterns. She is also wearing a long, dangling diamond earring. Her expression is serene as she looks downwards. The background is a soft, out-of-focus purple or lavender color.

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Playing little games was so much a part of their relationship

that Amy Kroll wasn't suspicious when Paul Cardillo arranged a memory teaser on their table at Pamela's Restaurant in San Juan, where they were vacationing. As she turned over the small photos chronicling their two years together, Paul knew his cue to propose would come when she matched the images from the night they met, five years prior.

Amy had an instant crush on Paul, and they worked for the same investment firm, but three years passed between their introduction at a party and the start of their romance. When Paul was promoted, Amy sent a congratulatory email, which led to more conversations, dinner, dating and, ultimately, a wedding in the British West Indies.

Amy and Paul's 80 guests received announcements designed as four-part boarding passes and passport-themed invitations to join them at Anguilla's Cap Juluca resort. "We love the beach, and decided immediately to take everyone on a vacation with us," said Amy.

Scheduled pre-wedding events included Thursday's rum-infused welcome party, a catamaran cruise to Prickly Pear Island for a barbecue lunch and snorkeling with sea turtles, an oceanfront sunset dinner at Blanchard's Restaurant, and a St. Maarten golf outing.

The highlight, however, was Friday's impromptu late-night pool party; Amy said she'll always remember her maid of honor "doing cannonballs in her dress."



The weather was perfect until two hours before the couple's barefoot beach ceremony on Saturday afternoon. Amy's mother told her, "You daddy loved the rain; that's him saying 'hi,'" as a light sprinkling accompanied the ceremony's start. By the time the laid-back island pastor pronounced Amy and Paul husband and wife, the dark cloud had cleared, and happiness reigned again.

Anguillian guitarist Sprocka strummed and sang as the party moved down the beach for cocktails. Dinner was served at the resort's open-air restaurant, and the Mussington Brothers played energetic reggae music while revelers waved sparklers as they danced and limboed.

By Sunday, friends and family were eager for eggs, bacon, and Advil which was included in their beach goody bags. After four days of non-stop smiles, "people got sad because they were leaving," Paul recalled.

After a few more nights in Anguilla, the newlyweds jetted to Miami then on to Belize's Cayo Espanto, a private island. Back in New York, Paul says the wedding was like "a fairytale on the beach." They'll return to Cap Juluca for their first anniversary, but until then, Paul says the reality of being in "life-building mode" with Amy is fun, too.

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blue skies

Amy Kroll and Paul Cardillo

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