



Eve Scrivener and Michael Fraser

Length of engagement: 15 months

Wedding date: 21st May 2011

Wedding location: St Mark's English Church and Castello di Vincigliata - Florence, Italy

Wedding Photographer: Francesco Rossi from Marco Miglianti Studio

WE MET...

in October 2008 at the bar in the office where Mike works.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS...

We both realised there was something very special between us right from the outset.

OUR PROPOSAL...

Mike surprised me with a chartered helicopter which flew us to a private lodge in Abel Tasman National Park New Zealand. We went for a walk one evening up to the top of a cliff where he proposed with a shell from the beach - the shell had a hole in it and so

fitted on my finger like a ring. When we got back to the lodge Mike gave me a beautiful Ceylon sapphire and asked if I would like to design a ring with him!

OUR WEDDING THEME/COLOURS...

we wanted our wedding to be one that our friends and family would remember. The dress code was black-tie. The colour theme for flowers was whites, pinks and blues, and the bridesmaids were dressed in blue and the groomsmen wore blue bow ties and cummerbunds to match. We ate in the open courtyard of the castle and then moved to dance under the stars –something that you can't often do at British or Irish weddings!

MY DRESS...

Mwas made by British designer Suzanne Neville. Working with Suzanne and her team was an absolute joy – they were incredibly welcoming, friendly and very patient. She wasn't pushy at all and was a dream to spend time with. I would highly recommend Suzanne

Neville as a dress maker to any bride.

OUR CEREMONY...

was a traditional church ceremony, held at St Mark's English Church in the centre of Florence. We wanted to incorporate both British and New Zealand tradition (with Eve growing up in London but having a New Zealand mother and a British father, and Mike growing up in NZ but having a Scottish mother and a New Zealand father), so we had our favourite British hymns and while we were signing the register we had a wonderful opera singer sing the Maori love song, Pokarekare Ana.

MY FAVOURITE PART OF THE WEDDING DAY...


this is impossible to decide!! Every part of the day exceeded our expectations – it was like a fairytale wedding – this absolutely could not have been achieved without our wonderful wedding planner Sara Mazzei from Infinity Weddings and Events*. The church service



(organist, trumpeter, opera singer and pianist), the transport, the jazz band, the canapés and drinks reception, the food, the wine, the flowers, the venue, the wedding cheese cake, the cocktails, the sky lanterns and finally the DJ all were all amazing. Really we could not fault any part of our special day.

MY ADVICE FOR OTHER BRIDES...

if you are planning a wedding abroad and can afford to do so, invest in a wedding planner. This was by far the best decision we made for our wedding.



Dress ♡ Suzanne Neville
Bridesmaids Dresses ♡ Dessy
Photographer ♡ Marco Miglianti Studio
Videographer ♡ Massimiliano Galardi
Everything else was organised by
 Sara Mazzei of Infinity Weddings and Events®

