

A 3-Day Wedding in *Umbria*



What do couples do when they want their wedding abroad to be more than just an afternoon celebration? They call **Infinity Weddings and Events**, who specialise in making a wedding in Italy a true holiday for the bride and groom and their guests. Here is the story of one wedding in the hills of Umbria.

The bride and groom were an Italian couple who live in London, they decided to get married in Umbria, an Italian region which is still unknown to most people. It offers visitors small medieval towns perched on soft hills, with a tradition of excellent cuisine and extraordinary wines.

The couple wanted to offer their guests more than a one-day wedding. Why limit themselves to the experience of only one location? And so with the help of the Infinity Agency, they planned a 3 day festivity in three different places located in the splendid region.

All the guests stayed in hotels in Todi, an extraordinary town in the south of Umbria. Each guest was provided with information by Infinity Weddings and Events® so they could enjoy the area to the fullest, without any unnecessary stress (restaurants, hotels, theatres, wine cellars, shops, etc.).

The day all the guests arrived, a welcome dinner was held in the most famous wine cellar in Umbria – *Le Cantine Caprai*. In the *Caprai Wine*

Cellars, a place surrounded by vineyards, a medieval dinner was organised with ceramic plates and cups, and a rustic menu; roasted pig, gnocchi with a duck meat ragout and typical Umbrian soups. The decor and atmosphere was reminiscent of the great feasts after the wine harvests. The guests were entertained by musicians and dancers dressed in medieval garments that got everyone up off their seat dancing! The soft lighting of the Italian sunset meant guests were able to take full advantage of the view. It was an informal and captivating evening that prepared the guests for what was to be a fairytale wedding.

Each detail of the ceremony was thought out by Infinity Weddings and Events®: the altar had four columns covered in white and green hydrangeas and was wrapped in organza. The groom stood at the altar, as the string quartet started to play Dvorak's *la serenata per archi*. The bridesmaids came down the aisle in a deep red, and then entered the radiant bride with her intense red bouquet. The couple declared their love for each other and celebrated their story in a moving ceremony.

But the most magical moment was after they said "I do", when two doves took flight as the bride and groom's friends joined in with a chorus of *Giovinette che fate all'amore* from the opera of *Don Giovanni*, an anthem of joy.

The ceremony was followed by an aperitif on the splendid terrace with a view over Assisi. All the guests enjoyed the breathtaking view, with beautiful red roses, peonies and the hydrangeas all around.

The evening was like a fairytale. The entire village was lit up by more than 2,000 candles that highlighted the many narrow paths and

beautiful buildings. The dinner was held in front of the castle with a view of the valley, the round tables with white linen tablecloths were decorated with tall glass vases with intense red flowers. The napkins were accented with a sprig of lavender. The menu respected the Umbrian traditions; pasta with a wild boar ragu, gnocchi with truffles and a fillet of beef with a cheese and truffle fondue and vegetable flans, all accompanied by the finest Umbrian wines. Dessert was a 3-tier chocolate cake covered with cocoa...A delicacy for both the eyes and taste buds!

After dinner, the guests enjoyed the view of the valley by the swimming pool lit up by 200 tea light candles. The bride and groom were able to dance the night away with their guests enjoying the ice-cream cart, a chocolate fountain, a dessert buffet, and an herbal tea corner.

After all the excitement of the wedding, the bride and groom and their friends needed a more relaxing and intimate day, so Infinity Weddings and Events planned a day in a castle in the hills of Orvieto, surrounded by a large lawn. The day began with a brunch where guests could talk about the night before. The castle was surrounded by coloured balloons and entertainers, allowing the children to play and run around, blowing bubbles which brought a smile to the faces of young and old alike.

The wedding was something that the couple and their guests will never forget, a true Umbrian experience, a true holiday.

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