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Wedding parties take the fiesta to Baja's breathtaking shores

Couples are falling in love with Baja and dashing away for the ultimate in destination wedding weekends. With quick flights to San Jose del Cabo out of LAX and SFO, and first-class airport transportation, the only challenges are selecting from the grand resorts and boutique hotels; then, barefoot on the sand or traditional church-and-steeple? Here, brides share their experiences at three of the area's finest locations. >>

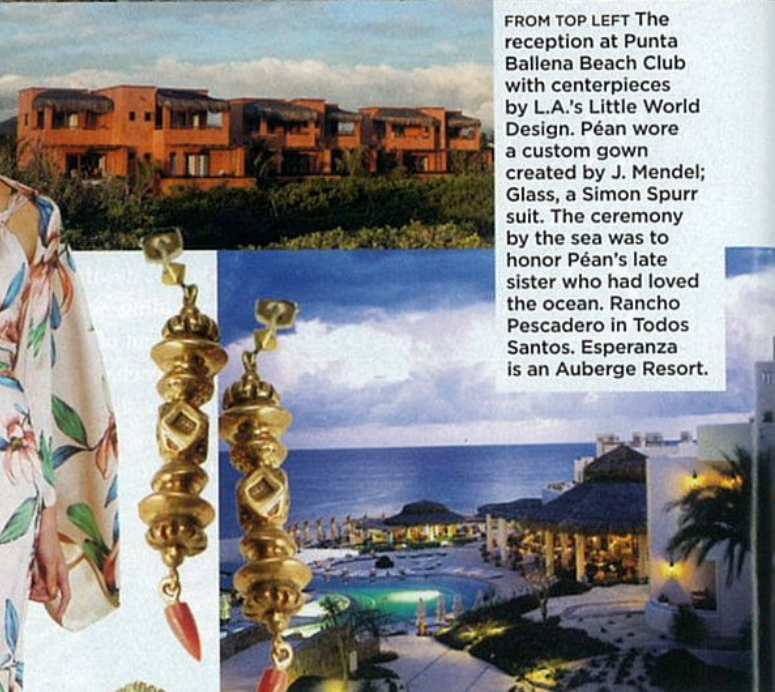
Jewelry designer Monique Péan and Stephen Glass were married on Esperanza Resort's private Punta Ballena beach.



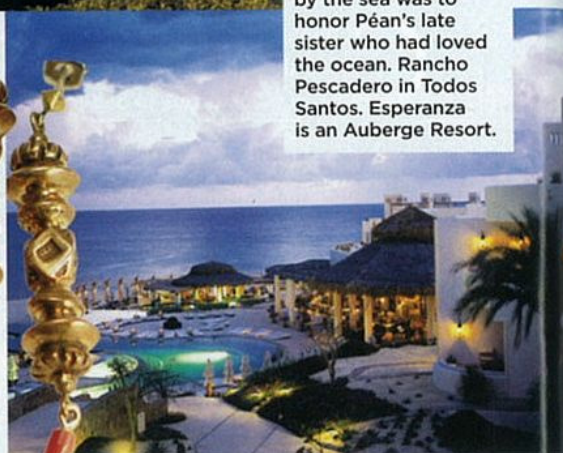
"We searched for more than a year to find the perfect setting, and when we visited the *Esperanza* resort—with its spectacular views of the Sea of Cortez and a serene, secluded beach surrounded by cliffs—we knew it was perfect," says eco-friendly fine jeweler Monique Péan, who married Mill Valley native and real estate financier Stephen Glass on New Year's Eve, 2010. Their favorite part: "It felt like we were on vacation with all of our best friends." esperanzaresort.com.

"Our goal was to share one of our deepest passions—travel—with our friends and family, and everyone was blown away by *Rancho Pescadero*," says Ty Bentsen, an L.A. PR director who married Jake Odenberg, editor at mOcean agency, on November 5, 2011. "With just under 50 guests, our wedding party took over the entire property, which made for a very intimate and personalized experience." ranchopescadero.com.

"From the moment we entered—driving down the cobble stone driveway lined with palm trees and fire pits—we instantly knew we were somewhere special," says Jocelyn Dowling. The co-owner of Jo+Jax dance wear wed real estate developer Reza Fakhrieh on November 23, 2011 at **One & Only Palmilla**. "Our ceremony was on the South Lawn with the crashing waves and the sunset. It was the most beautiful and romantic setting a bride could ask for." oneandonlyresorts.com. •



FROM TOP LEFT The reception at Punta Ballena Beach Club with centerpieces by L.A.'s Little World Design. Péan wore a custom gown created by J. Mendel; Glass, a Simon Spurr suit. The ceremony by the sea was to honor Péan's late sister who had loved the ocean. Rancho Pescadero in Todos Santos, *Esperanza* is an Auberge Resort.



FROM LEFT Temperley London. Pamela Love earrings, \$325, pamelalovenyc.com. Monique Péan ring, \$10,540, Barneys New York. Maison Michelle hat, \$472, Opening Ceremony.



Wedded Bliss

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