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SEDONA, ARIZONA

ROMANCING THE STONE

Words by Jennifer Stein



There is nothing more awe-inspiring than the initial view when you enter Sedona, Arizona. The iconic red-rock formations immediately transport you into a calmer, more relaxed time and space. Some say it's the vortexes messing with your energy fields. I say it's the laid-back vibe and beautiful surroundings.

If you're considering a destination wedding or honeymoon, my "Dearly Beloved" pick for this issue is **L'Auberge de Sedona**. Nestled along the banks of Sedona's Oak Creek, it's one of the most special properties I've ever had the honor of visiting. The grounds and layout of the resort take full advantage of the babbling creek, breathtaking views of the red rock vistas and natural landscape. Each room, either one of their new spa cottages - complete with outdoor shower, Jacuzzi tub and personal deck - or their more traditional lodge accommodations, is adorned with modern/rustic décor and allow for groups to gather and slow down a bit.

The **L'Auberge Restaurant on Oak Creek** will again transport you in time as you enjoy a creek-side alfresco meal. The food is thoughtful, expertly prepared and a feast for the senses. With each change of season comes a new list of exquisite selections. Couples can enjoy a myriad of activities including creek-side massages, nearby hiking trails, shopping in downtown Sedona, or just a leisurely morning feeding the ducks along the creek. As for destination weddings, L'Auberge de Sedona is ideal. Each event space the property offers is secluded, picturesque and provides the excellence of the hotel paired with the beauty of the surrounding landscape.

Another top property in Sedona is the **Enchantment Resort**. Set about 20 minutes outside of town and snuggled in Boynton Canyon, this resort truly feels like Sedona. Casita accommodations are peppered throughout the property, making it feel like its own self-contained community. Destination weddings here can be held outdoors in the Enchantment Circle, which lies deep between the canyon walls, or on their Village Terrace. Reason enough for coming is their **Mii Amo Spa** where couples can experience three to seven day-packages in which they are assigned a "counselor" for their spa journey.

Sedona, Arizona is truly a special destination filled with romance, mystery and some amazing properties to say "I do" or "I did!"