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Italy

There is a fair number of expatriates in the US who are getting married in Italy. The bride and groom, accompanied by two witnesses, must appear before the Civil Registrar of the city or town where the wedding is to take place. As that time, they must present passports, Armed Services ID cards, certified copies of birth certificates, divorce and death or annulment decrees. They must also present an *Akte Nuptiae*, an oath of the American citizens given to the governing of their respective and witnessed by an Italian Consul (which, even though there is no legal reason the couple cannot be married under U.S. law, Americans obtain the bride and groom Italian Consulate in the U.S. The ceremony must be officially notarized with a "spouse" and translated into Italian.

Civil ceremonies are performed by the US Consul in Rome Italy or one of his consulates and are held in the wedding hall of whatever town is the the marriage takes place. Roman Catholic private protestant religious ceremonies may be the case as well (ceremony is less expensive). The private wedding requires the marriage with the US Consul in Rome Italy as well for it to be legal. Non-Roman Catholic Christians generally need not a priest or civil ceremony to have performing a religious ceremony. If the bride and groom do not speak Italian, the ceremony must be translated.

The US State Department website recommends that you consult the US Embassy/Consulate prior to your departure from the United States to make certain that a US Consulate Office will be available on the date when you plan to make your declaration. They also recommend that you request an "spouse" for each wedding certificate you plan.



Rome

For those willing to take on the challenge of the paperwork it takes to marry in Rome, there are plenty of weeks or months (plenty perfect for a wedding). Couples can be married on the steps of Titus' tomb, the Roman Forum or in the background of some ancient ruins, piazzas, terraces and gardens available.

For the convenience, you might also consider a luxury hotel that blends old-world charm with modern-day amenities. Located in the heart of Rome, a short distance from the Villa Borghese gardens and Piazza di Spagna is the Regina Hotel. Events at this hotel can be held in the penthouse with glass walls and large terrace with panoramic views overlooking the city.

Whatever location you choose, in Rome you will find yourself surrounded by those who live the way you live.

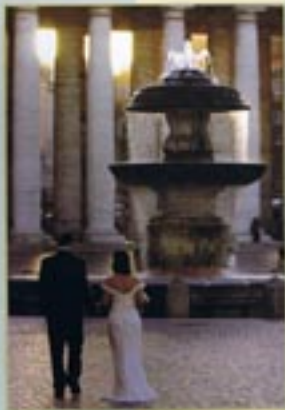


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Sydney

Zoe and Nicholas Porter selected the Royal Botanical Gardens in Sydney for their wedding in September 2010. With gardens overlooking the harbor and lush green lawns, the British couple had many reasons to select Sydney for their small wedding.

"We wanted an intimate ceremony setting that would look good in our photos and give us a lifetime of memories," Zoe says. "After our ceremony, we had a small reception for the 30 of us in attendance on a terrace in the harbor. The food was lovely and it was very romantic."

Zoe and Scott Finnieher of Middlebrook, Ind., were married at the base of the Sydney Harbor Bridge, across the water from the venue venue.

"I had been to Sydney before and just fell in love with it," says Tina. "I always wanted to go back. Sydney is one of the most beautiful cities. Everyone is so friendly and there is a lot to do and see."

Richard, Editor of Just One More (a full-featured local wedding magazine), has been taking wedding photos — especially for international couples — and provides the best spots to tie the knot.

"There are plenty of beautiful and romantic spots in Sydney, although our favorite is definitely the Sydney Harbor Islands," she says. "They are unique venues with spectacular views of the harbor, open lawns and bridges. The couple can have an island with each other on for the day and create their own theme and style without having strangers or visitors wandering around."

"I also want to be married somewhere in the city!" It would be an one of the Sydney Islands with photography and videography coverage. "Traveling to it and not having them in a photo," she says. "Sydney has magnificent backdrops for wedding photos."





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Australia

With access to incredible views from within a bridge of one thousand kilograms a day, a couple found the perfect spot for the ceremony. With the help of two well-placed spiders, and an Australian Custom Wedding in Australia, the ceremony was a success. It was a day to be proud of. The couple was able to have an outdoor ceremony with a view of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Sydney city skyline. The ceremony was a success. It was a day to be proud of. The couple was able to have an outdoor ceremony with a view of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Sydney city skyline.

