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SAN DIEGO**  
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**TOP 5  
PLACES  
TO TIE THE  
KNOT**  
in San Diego

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WEDDING VENUES, TIPS AND AN INTERVIEW WITH SAN DIEGO'S "BEST" WEDDING PLANNER!

## TOP 5 PLACES TO TIE THE KNOT

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### Hotel Del Coronado

San Diego's most sought after wedding location allows brides and grooms to get married with their feet in the sand. Nothing compares to the breath taking views and gorgeous photographs taken as a couple exchanges their "I Do's" at the most romantic private beach setting.



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### The Prado at Balboa Park

This historic location remains one of San Diego's most popular wedding spots. Mexican architecture, beautiful gardens and fountains and an amazing staff are just a few reasons the Prado remains one of the most beautiful places for couples to tie the knot.

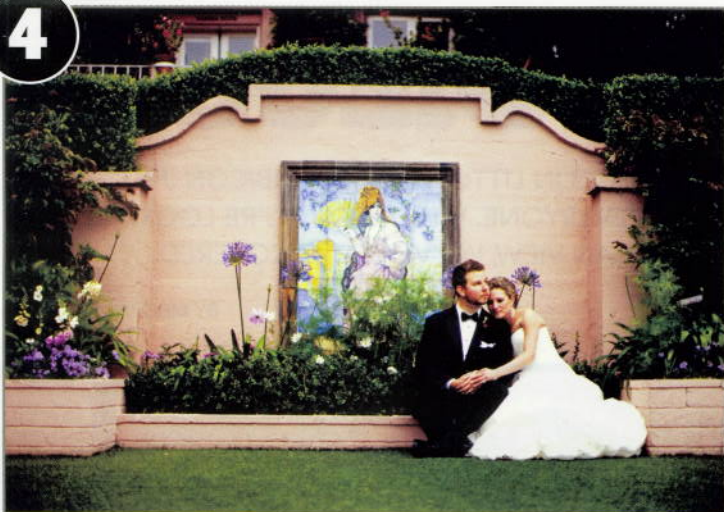
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### L'Auberge in Del Mar

This gorgeous location offers brides and grooms an exquisite venue to begin their journey together. With extraordinary views overlooking the Pacific Ocean to an excellent staff, brides rank L'Auberge as one of the most perfect wedding locations in San Diego.

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### La Valencia in La Jolla

Turn your dream wedding into a reality at La Jolla's beautiful La Valencia Hotel. This location offers brides a perfect backdrop for their wedding day. With views of the blue Pacific, to flower-filled courtyards and gorgeous sunsets, La Valencia has a lot to offer. Brides are sure to have the most enchanting wedding day at this gorgeous San Diego location.

### Paradise Point Resort

This beautiful San Diego venue offers couples a romantic and intimate wedding. Paradise Point's wedding garden allows brides to choose their ideal setting. From lush gardens to beautiful terraces Paradise Point Resort is an extraordinary location to get hitched.



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### FASHION FIVE UNDERCOVER

## WEDDING PLANNER, SHARON COLE



Sharon Cole, owner of *A Dream Wedding by Sharon Cole*, continues to impress California brides with the most magnificent local weddings. Over the past eight years Sharon has planned over 150 weddings at San Diego's most gorgeous and popular venues. She leaves her brides with joyful memories of the most perfect day of their lives. We sat down with

Sharon recently to get an inside look at what a wedding planner does and how to plan a stress-free and enjoyable wedding!

#### What part of a wedding do you take care of?

This all depends on the client's needs. The majority of my brides and grooms have me assist them from the very beginning, helping them find literally everything! Some brides who are very organized on their own have me assist four-to-six weeks before their wedding date to go over all the details and

make sure things flow smoothly. My goal is to make sure the bride and groom can relax and enjoy their wedding day!

#### What is the most enjoyable aspect of your job?

The most enjoyable part is knowing that you've really made a difference in someone's life. You let the bride, groom and their parents enjoy it to

the fullest. I get the most pleasure when I see my couples smiling all day long without a worry in the world.

#### What are the "in" colors for this year?

Purple, purple, purple! Purple is so in right now and I think it will remain the "it" color for the remainder of 2011. We still see a lot of chocolate with

blue as well. I love that in the fall we aren't seeing as much of the red and cranberry, people are bringing in brighter colors!

#### What is the average cost of a San Diego wedding?

Brides, you better save up! The average San Diego wedding for about 100 guests costs around \$27,000! **5.0**

Purple, the new "it" color for weddings.



## TIPS TO BE STRESS FREE

On your big day!

### 1 Get a Pro.

Hiring a professional wedding planner will take loads off your to-do list.

### 2 Start Early.

Start planning 6-8 months prior to your wedding date.

### 3 Budget.

Having a set budget will help with decisions prior to booking your venue or any wedding vendors.

### 4 Enjoy.

Take one day off a week from the wedding to be an engaged couple! This is a special time in your lives. Go on a date, spend time doing things you love without talking about the wedding. This helps the groom immensely!

### 5 Plan.

When you are planning, spread out the details. When you have nothing to do, you will spend money! So, make a checklist of things to do each month and take your time making decisions!

**FUN FACT:** June is the most popular month to get married in San Diego. Choosing a different month could possibly save you loads of money!