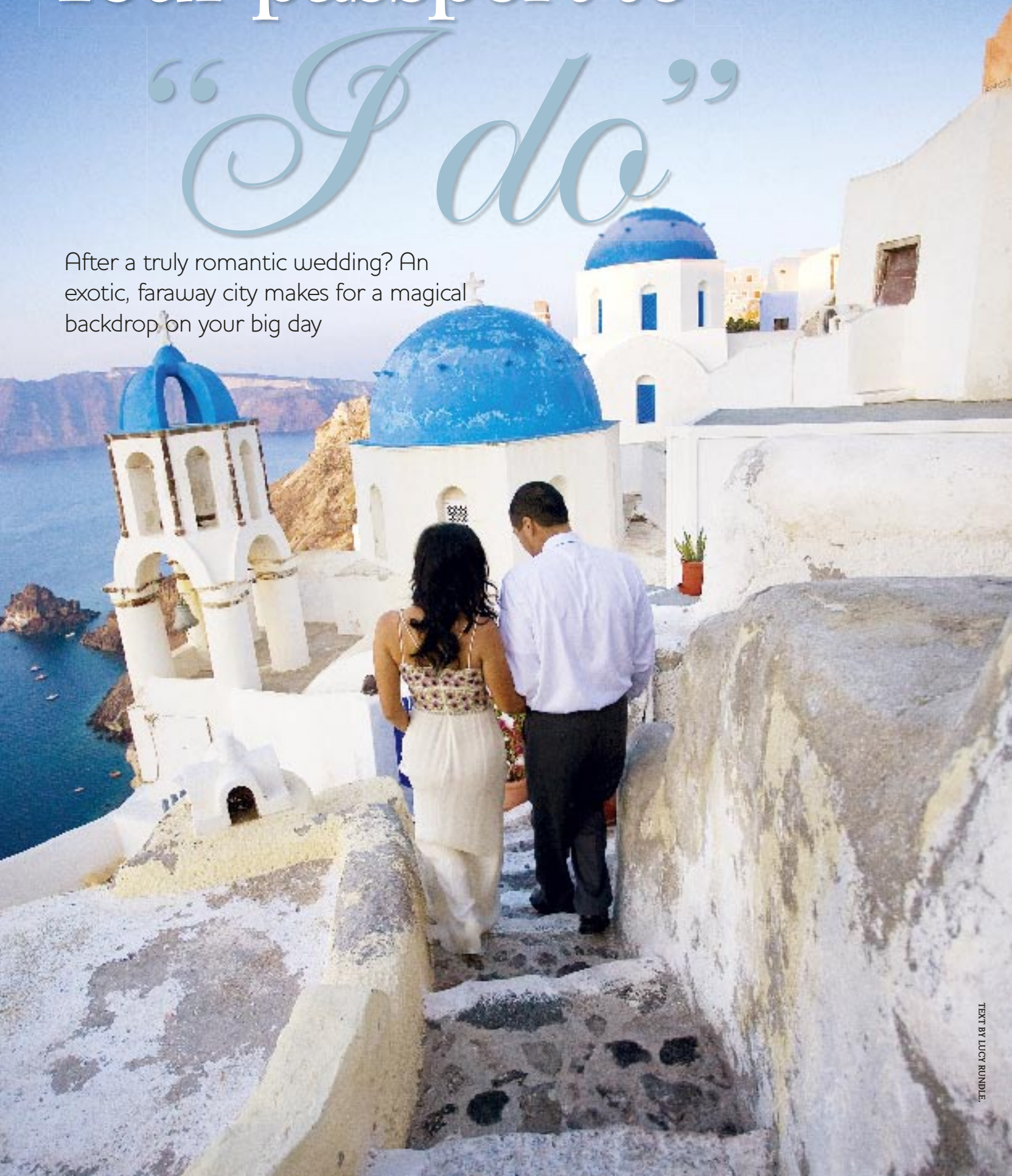


DESTINATION WEDDINGS

Your passport to

“I do”

After a truly romantic wedding? An exotic, faraway city makes for a magical backdrop on your big day





GREECE

WHO: Lisa Toledo, 33, product marketing manager, and Roger Lee, 35, interior designer. **WHEN:** October 9, 2007. **WHERE:** 1864 The Sea Captain's House, Oia Village, Santorini, Greece. **GUESTS:** None. **COST:** \$3500.

"After being together for 13 years and attending several weddings, we wanted our wedding to be a private, personal ceremony. It was only the two of us, our photographer and his girlfriend.

We were familiar with the town of Oia, but the planning was mostly done via long distance. We booked everything based on reviews and pictures on the internet and in magazines. The magical thing is, our ceremony was planned serendipitously, and it turned out so much better than we could have imagined!

We researched doing a legal marriage, but it was too expensive, and we were required to have all documents translated into Greek. Instead, we ended up creating our own vows and ceremony to have in Santorini, then we were legally married in New York City.

On the day, we woke up at dawn and our photographer took pictures in the spectacular light. We had a lavish breakfast at the hotel, then I went to get my hair and make-up done. We held the ceremony at noon on our balcony. It was very un-formulaic with just the two of us – there's something so romantic about running off and getting married.

My advice to others is to do your research early on to find out any legal requirements, and negotiate with vendors – they're quite flexible."

SUPPLIERS Photography: Glen Johnson (www.aperturephotographics.com).

Ceremony: 1864 The Sea Captain's House (www.sea-captains-house.com).

Bride's dress: Naeem Khan (www.naeemkhan.com). **Groom's outfit:** Shirt by Missoni, pants by Calvin Klein, tie and cuff links by Bulgari. ▶

