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# How *she* wed away



Clicktaste from top left: The newlyweds enjoy a moment overlooking the sea. Merale's Chanel heels. An arrangement of white lisianthus with twined branches. White carnations were scattered on the surface of the pool for a dramatic display.



## SUNSET SONG

**Merale Tourbah, 36, married Izzat El Rabbat, 42, in Greece, in August 2012. She says:**

**We got married abroad as we wanted a celebration with just our family and close friends.** It felt more like a holiday as we had time to relax with our guests, and have a big party! **We visited Santorini twice before the wedding.** The first time we rented a motorbike and drove around the island to scout out possible locations. **We chose the venue because of the breathtaking view.** We kept the colour palette white so as not to detract from it. **Guests were welcomed to the 7pm ceremony with a drinks reception.** We served a choice of three champagne cocktails while a band played. I made my entrance just as the sun was setting. **We had a symbolic ceremony where my father 'handed' me to my new husband.** Prior to the wedding, we had a separate religious ceremony at home where I just wore an evening dress. **The decorations were difficult to source as Santorini is a tiny island.** I transported 60 glass globes in my suitcase! **My top tip:** Hire a wedding planner to take care of your guests. Stella & Moscha not only assisted with travel and accommodation, but helped with visa applications and even provided a concierge service to arrange hair appointments and babysitters. →



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## Where she bought it

**THE BRIDE** Dress, POA, Oscar de la Renta at [latelier-blanc.com](http://latelier-blanc.com). Headpiece, similar £60, [hatsbycressida.com](http://hatsbycressida.com). Shoes, POA, chanel.com. Hair stylist, £145, [hairshopsantorini.com](http://hairshopsantorini.com). Make-up, from £145, [beauty-santorini.com](http://beauty-santorini.com)  
**THE GROOM** Tuxedo, from £1,825, [paizleri.com](http://paizleri.com)  
**THE VENUE** Packages from £1,575, [rocabella-hotel-santorini.com](http://rocabella-hotel-santorini.com)  
**THE CAKE** £233, [petranart@gmail.com](http://petranart@gmail.com). Cake topper, similar £13.99, [tiptopweddingshop.co.uk](http://tiptopweddingshop.co.uk)  
**THE FLOWERS** Silk bouquet, similar £42, [simplysilkflowers.co.uk](http://simplysilkflowers.co.uk). Reception, £1,536, Anna's Flowers [annaola75@windauslive.com](http://annaola75@windauslive.com). Glass globes, similar £12.60, [rainbowfloristsupplies.co.uk](http://rainbowfloristsupplies.co.uk)  
**THE PLANNER** £3,230, [stellaandmoscha.com](http://stellaandmoscha.com)  
**THE PHOTOGRAPHER** Segerius Bruce Photography, from £2,800, [segeriusbruceblog.com](http://segeriusbruceblog.com)



Clockwise from above: Potted trees with fairy lights. The cupcake tower. White blooms, typical of Santorini. Guests enjoyed a drinks reception on the terrace before sunset. Carnations in hanging glass globes. Tables were decorated with white pebbles in clear vases complemented by branches of ferns. The simple white colour scheme made the most of the sea views.



## GETTING MARRIED IN GREECE?

*What you need to know...*

**When:** Avoid winter months (November-March), and also high summer (July and August), when temperatures can hit 40°C.

**The legal bit:** Generally a Certificate of No Impediment and a certified Greek translation of your birth certificate is required to apply for a Marriage Licence. This normally takes eight days to process and you must stay one day after the ceremony to file your certificates. You can only get married in a church if one of you is Greek Orthodox. Otherwise, there are four Anglican churches in Greece where you can have a blessing, but this must be preceded by a civil marriage. →

