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## Ranch Chic

Wide-open spaces in the West meet high-end modern romance at this luxe all-inclusive.

Ranch weddings usually mean rustic. And there's nothing wrong with that. But for your once-in-a-lifetime day, sometimes you want to kick it up a notch — which is why we love **THE LODGE & SPA AT BRUSH CREEK RANCH**. Set on 15,000 acres in the southern part of Wyoming, it has all of the wide-open spaces you crave and the comfy

amenities you cherish. Digs range from 13 plush rooms in the main lodge to stand-alone family cabins with full kitchens, decks and fireplaces or potbellied stoves. Everything is kitted out in modern Western chic with equine artwork, antler chandeliers, trophy mounts and loads of cowhide. The truly all-inclusive rates cover ➤>





>> a crowd-pleasing range of activities like shooting, fly-fishing, horseback riding and hiking through the Medicine Bow National Forest, as well as homey extras like abundant menus and a help-yourself wine cellar. Venues include a loft-style barn chapel and a central grassy lawn overlooking the high prairie, but our top pick is Falcon's Peak, a huge open-air deck removed from the main property and lending mile-long views of the Platte River valley. Hold a seated dinner reception in the lodge, then an after-party in the saloon (above), where billiards, poker tables, karaoke and a bartender keep the party going as late as you'd like. For ultra exclusivity, buy out the set-apart Magee Homestead, and enjoy seven cabins, multiple fire pits, an outdoor hot tub and a private service staff. *Classic wedding package for 60 from \$55,000, all-inclusive of ceremony, reception, meals, activities and two nights' lodging.* — Susan Moynihan

## BELIZE

### SECRET ESCAPE

Planning a VIP celebration? Intimate groups can party like rock stars at **EL SECRETO**, an eco-friendly boutique resort on Ambergris Caye that opened in October 2012. On arrival via speedboat to the secluded stretch of white-sand beach, wedding guests will feel part of an exclusive entourage. Each of the 13 airy villas boasts a Jacuzzi, an open-air shower, a hammock, Malin + Goetz bath goodies, a cushy bed — even a staff-curated library to while away an afternoon. Wake up to fresh watermelon



juice at your doorstep; then snorkel among stingrays and sea turtles along Belize's famed tropical reefs. Reserve the huge honeymoon villa for the wedding night, and use its special spa room for a hot-shell massage for two. But first, say I do on the sand, and celebrate under the stars or the restaurant's palapa (seats 100).

Guests will love frozen coconut mojitos blended with local rum, fresh conch ceviche, Key lime pie and a beach party pulsating to traditional Afro-Caribbean Garifuna music. No need to keep it hush-hush. Villas from \$390; buyouts from \$6,300 per night; receptions from \$60 per person. — Brooke Showell

## DESIGN THIS

### Color Me Couture

**INDIRA**, launched December 2012, is an online atelier that lets couples custom-create details — from bridal-party attire and decor accents to attendant gifts — for seamless color coordination. At [indiracollection.com](http://indiracollection.com), choose from 10 'maids-dress styles and 111 shades of hand-dyed silk. Then add details: two-tone color options, ombre looks, silk-flower embellishments and Swarovski-crystal broaches, as well as coordinating jewelry. Accessories include clutches and pashminas; pocket squares and bow ties; and table runners and chair ties for the big day. Dresses \$275-\$350. — Tara Bradley



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