

## Happily Ever After at Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia

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**First-class service, a one-of-a-kind background to take your breath away and some of the Valley's most impeccable dining come together at Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia to make each and every wedding a fairytale affair. Dana Wendell, director of marketing, discusses the "trifecta" that sets the Scottsdale resort apart and what trends she foresees for 2018 weddings.**

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AFM: What makes Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia a favorite spot for local weddings?

DW: This property offers brides and their wedding parties the feel of a European destination wedding but without additional travel expenses. Our wedding clients feel so well taken care of, they continue to come back for their memorable occasions for years to come.

AFM: What sets Omni weddings apart from other resort weddings?

DW: We have the perfect trifecta that focuses on all of the senses: 1. Captivating architectural details and mountain views that make for the perfect backdrop for those cherished photos. 2. Highly rated personalized service allowing our couples to enjoy every moment with their friends and family. 3. Superior food quality with distinctive presentation options that spark conversation.

AFM: There are four venues for saying "I do" on site. How does each locale differ?

DW: Each space can be tailored specific to the vision of the couple. The best part is utilizing multiple venue spaces over the course of the wedding celebration. From the rehearsal dinner to the main event and farewell brunches, we can provide a new canvas that offers a different feeling and backdrop that excites the guests and keeps them looking forward to what comes next.

AFM: How does Omni cater to small, intimate weddings versus large affairs?

DW: The magic is in the details and that is something we excel at. No matter the size of the event, we have creative, innovation and flexible options that surprise and delight. Our elopement package is a popular choice for the most intimate affairs by taking much of the stress out of planning as the ceremony location, complete set-up, cocktail reception, wedding cake, cava toast, bridal bouquet and overnight accommodations for the couple are all included. No wedding at our property is the same as we allow our couple's unique personalities to really shine.

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AFM: Tell us about the Bridal Bonus wedding package offer for summer weddings.

DW: Our Bridal Bonus allows couples the luxury experience of a Montelucia wedding but at a time of year when there is more availability. Summer is a great time to take advantage of long holiday weekends where friends and family can extend their celebration time. Plus, it includes a lot of wonderful value adds including a \$2,500 ceremony credit, 20 percent off the luxe menu, a \$100 Joya Spa credit, luxury wedding night accommodations and a complimentary honeymoon stay.

AFM: Why should a bride and groom consider a stay at Omni post-wedding?

DW: The resort exudes romance at every turn and, coupled with a long list of luxurious amenities, it's no surprise we see our newly married couples come back year after year to celebrate their anniversary. Joya Spa is one of the most tranquil settings to totally unwind and connect on a deeper level. Furthermore, Omni rewards our couples with a complimentary honeymoon stay at one of 14 premier Omni Resort destinations including Cancun, Amelia Island, Puerto Aventuras when they book a qualifying wedding package.

AFM: Does Omni have offerings for bachelorette parties or bridal showers? What about day-after family brunches?

DW: Yes, absolutely! The secluded Chef's Kitchen & Herb Garden is an indoor and outdoor venue with a lot of versatility. From the private patio perfect for morning yoga and a wellness juice bar to a toast-worthy interactive Chef dinner inside the residential open-air kitchen, it's no wonder this is one of our most sought-after locations. We are also fortunate to offer two exquisite palatial Presidential Suites that are highly requested for girls' weekends where they can take advantage of the substantial list of enhanced amenities such as in-room spa services, private pool access and one central location to stay together.



AFM: What trends do you foresee for 2018 weddings?

DW: Rich velvet fabrics, mixed metals with glass and candles and minimal floral of a more contemporary flair.

AFM: Do you have a favorite Omni wedding in recent memory? Tell us about it.

DW: We recently hosted an elopement with a couple and their immediate family. They celebrated with Irish traditions of kilts and bagpipes. The vows were personalized in a small setting that felt so special. The family was teary-eyed with joy! Those are moments that gratify all we do.

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