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Top seven picks for South American destination weddings

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Where to get married in Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Peru, Brazil, and the Galapagos

We're not recommending a Latin lover, necessarily. But we are saying that as Brazil prepares for the 2016 Olympics, and the world becomes more curious about all of our Southern neighbors, interest in destination weddings to South America will heat up. Here's an early look at some of the top possibilities, offering just about every kind of destination wedding experience imaginable, from chic celebrations at the trendiest of beach resorts to sharing your venue with tuxedoed guests who might turn out to be penguins. A South American destination wedding is not without its challenges. There are the distances we North Americans have to travel. And the language. And the Latin American love of bureaucracy, insuring that most weddings will be purely symbolic. But wouldn't it be fun, when somebody speaks of discovering Jose Ignacio, or Trancoso, to say, "Oh yes, we were married there."



Estancia Vik, Jose Ignacio, Uruguay

Some call it the St. Tropez of South America, and some (you can guess where they hail from), the Hamptons of the Southern Hemisphere. But whatever name it goes by, Jose Ignacio, a former fishing village on the sandy Atlantic coast of **Uruguay**, and close enough to Buenos Aires to have the same kind of relationship with it that the tip of Long Island does with Manhattan, is as trendy a seaside enclave as you'll find anywhere in the world. Make yourselves distinctive even among that jet-setting crowd here by having your destination wedding just outside of town at the Estancia Vik (estancia means ranch in Spanish, and this is a big one), where polo is the favored game and art is part of the architecture. Even the outdoor chapel looks avant garde. But if you are a beach lover, don't worry, they share facilities with their sister property, Jose Ignacio's Playa Vik.