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KERYN NEVILLE AND BRYCE WASHINGTON
BANYAN TREE, PHUKET, THAILAND
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WHEN BRYCE WASHINGTON POPPED THE BIG QUESTION TO KERYN NEVILLE OVER A CHAMPAGNE TOAST DURING AN INTIMATE DINNER AT THEIR PHUKET VILLA, IT BECAME THE HIGHLIGHT OF A HOLIDAY THEY WOULD REMEMBER FOREVER. IT WAS ALSO ONE THEY WANTED TO RELIVE, SO THE COUPLE DECIDED TO RETURN TO THE SAME LOCATION FOR THEIR WEDDING.



“We wanted to bring our friends and family to our favourite place and make the day and night as close to our experience as possible, from the buggy ride through the resort to the food we ate on the night we got engaged, and the favourite cocktails of our holiday,” Keryn said.

The resort restaurant overlooking a picturesque lake was the perfect location for the ceremony, and the couple thought a secluded villa would be ideal as a private reception venue, but conveying these ideas to management proved difficult.

“The resort had never held a wedding at the restaurant, nor a reception for 50 at the villa,” Keryn said. But just when they began to despair, Keryn and Bryce discovered talented wedding planners and stylists Natalie and Anna from Take Us To Thailand.

“I got in touch with them, and they were amazing; from that moment, I didn’t have to email anyone in Thailand and they were so helpful in making sure everything was just as we wanted,” Keryn said.

“I think I must have emailed Anna a million times, and I would have probably pulled the pin on Thailand had I not had their help. The suggestions of celebrant, DJ, photographer and accommodation for everyone were brilliant and we cannot thank them enough for all of their time and effort.”

Grateful to all of their guests who had travelled to Thailand to share their special day with them, Keryn and Bryce’s wedding included every detail the couple had envisaged. “The ceremony was very intimate and the location was just beautiful,” Keryn said.

A gorgeous baby elephant threatened to steal the show during the post-ceremony photographs while guests enjoyed cocktails and canapes at the villa. “It looked amazing and everyone was already having a good time by the time we got back, so we were very eager to join them and celebrate,” Keryn said.



THESE PAGES "As much as we'd hoped and thought it was possible, neither of our grandparents were able to make the trip to Thailand due to age and health. My 'Something Old and Borrowed' was my Nan's 21st pin, that she gave to my sister who also wore it on her wedding day. My Nan and Pa have been married a long time and always stuck together through everything, so it was nice to have something from them with me on the day." ♡ "Our aisle song was 'Forever' by Ben Harper; it's a beautiful song and we really do believe that we have found our forever."



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