



Wedding

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ARGENTINA (LEFT)

Planner: Barbara Diez, MWP™, Barbara Diez Event Planners, Buenos Aires

Photography: Eduardo Gazzotti & Roca - Carrera

The couple: The bride had been dreaming about her wedding day for such a long time. She pictured the wedding as a pure-white winter-wonderland fairy tale. This was the amazing celebration of the union of two souls who have overcome cancer. It was a celebration of life. It was the story of a boy making his girl's dreams come true. This wedding reunited family and friends from all over the globe. You could feel the good vibes. Love was everywhere. This Armenian wedding was the most wonderful gift the bride's father could have given the couple, something for which they will be forever grateful.

Wedding date: May 30, 2015

Guest count: 450

Color palette: White with blue lighting

Inspiration: The wedding was inspired by the atmospheric fairy-tale movie, *The Chronicles of Narnia*. The combination was a magical blend of equilibrium between a splendid and romantic décor, which the bride wanted, and the latest technology for the dance floor, as requested by the groom.

Most unique design element: The fantasy world was enhanced by the glorious white trees and the LED tube dance floor.

PENNSYLVANIA (RIGHT)

Planner: Cara Weiss, Save the Date, LLC, Rockville, Md.

Photography: Angela Jimenez Photography

The couple: Tamara and Licia have been in love for many years. They always planned to wed at their 10-year anniversary. Rather than looking at marriage as the start of their life together, they viewed it as one of the many things that would happen along their journey. The past 10 years were filled with many adventures—career-building, travel, child rearing, and more. Pennsylvania passed marriage equality during their engagement, and Tamara and Licia were thrilled to wed just two days after their 10-year anniversary. It was icing on the cake when same-sex marriage became U.S. law two weeks after the wedding.

Wedding date: June 13, 2015

Guest count: 286 wedding day/250 weekend

Budget: \$60,000

Color palette: Scarlet, turquoise, black, and white

Inspiration: A four-day celebration with friends and family in the outdoors was the inspiration for this event at Camp Saginaw, a well-known Jewish sleep-away in the woods of Oxford, just north of the Maryland border. Free spirits, the couple felt the site illustrated their love of the outdoors, their religious beliefs, and their personalities. Guests slept in cabins, ate meals together, enjoyed activities like yoga, swimming, campfires, talent shows, and more.

Most unique design element: In addition to traditional place cards for the wedding reception, Tamara and Licia created a "Who's Who" Board at the check-in so guests knew which cabin they were assigned to, and who everyone was. They wanted to encourage new friendships.

Biggest challenge: In addition to planning the wedding itself, we were effectively coordinating a giant sleepover for 250. While the venue is a fun and charming space, it still is a kids' summer camp, so making it gorgeous and elegant was part of that challenge. There were tons of moving parts and many extra details to manage, including checking attendees into their cabins, distributing cabin rental sleeping items, and fulfilling the many different roles—babysitter, golf cart driver for grounds transportation, 72-hour contact person, etc. It was definitely a unique, but enjoyable experience.

