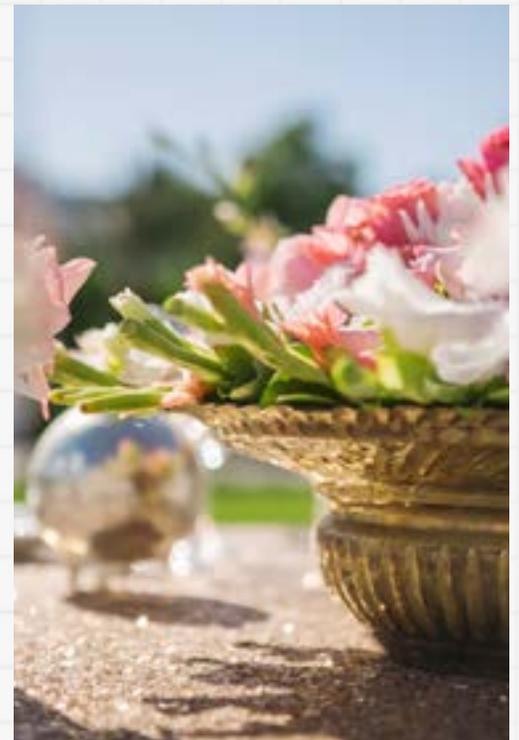




BEFORE SUNSET

Sophia and Matthew found beachfront bliss in Egypt at their intimate and colourful gathering

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"The gorgeous sequin tablecloth by Gilded Linens shimmered in the sunlight and looked amazing under the flickering light of the candles in the evening," says Sophia.



THE COUPLE

Sophia & Matt

Sophia Clark, 29, and Matthew Santon, 23, held their ceremony and reception at Sultan Gardens Resort, Sharm el-Sheikh

Amazing but true: Sophia and Matthew took less than three months to organise their stylish sun-drenched wedding. "One day we were talking about where we might get married, even though we weren't officially engaged," explains the bride. "We already had a holiday booked to go to Egypt with our friends, and it suddenly occurred to us to look into whether we could do it while we were there. But that was only 10 weeks away!" The tight deadline wasn't their only challenge. "Destination weddings aren't very popular in Sharm el-Sheikh so, at the beginning, it proved hard to organise."

Step forward London-based planner Elisabetta Cirulli of Linen and Silk, who helped the couple's Egyptian dream come true. The celebrations started with a romantic sunset ceremony by the edge of the sea. The bride walked down a lantern-lined aisle to All of Me by John Legend, meeting Matthew at an altar decorated with baby orchids and pom-poms in glorious coral, gold and champagne hues.

After a cocktail reception, the newlyweds and their six guests sat down for a traditional Egyptian feast, including a barbecue and a mouth-watering spread of cakes. "Seeing our wedding table at night, lit up by candles and with the sea and Tiran Island in the background, was pretty special. We sat out until midnight, eating, drinking and chatting," says Sophia. "Then we headed to a local club for the after-party!"

THE DREAM TEAM

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