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Brilliance in Boracay

SONYA & SHAUN

Fridays Boracay resort came alive on 20th February 2016 as 80 guests joined this couple from Hong Kong to celebrate their nuptials and then dance the night away.



I'm Canadian, my husband is South African and we live in Hong Kong – so with our friends and family all over the world, we really had to choose a destination wedding. Boracay Island in the Philippines was an easy choice for us because it's where we first met. Our guests flew to the Philippines from more than six countries, and although the journey wasn't particularly easy for some of them they said they'd do it again in a heartbeat.



Why did you choose Fridays Boracay?

"Fridays has a lovely atmosphere, a sprawling beachfront location, and it offers something for everyone. The beach at Boracay is one of the most beautiful in all of Asia, and the sunset over the beach is truly captivating."

Traditional Rituals

"After saying our vows and having a Champagne toast we held a Chinese tea ceremony to pay respects to our parents and other senior family members."

The Music

"We had a first dance specially choreographed for the two of us. This was followed by a playlist of our own music that spanned decades of memories along with some modern hits to get all the generations dancing."

The Dress and Suit

"My dress was custom-made by Pier 94 and was based on an image I found. I adored the bling around the neckline and insisted on it having pockets. Shaun's suit was custom-made by Sam's Tailor – the Hong Kong tailor of choice for many celebrities. His shirt and the groomsmen's shirts were custom-made by JJ Threads – a great online shirt maker with lots of customisable options. My bridesmaids' dresses were gorgeous designs by Adrianna Papell."

The Menu

"We ordered a 'lechon', which is a traditional Filipino-style suckling pig, served alongside a medley of barbecued seafood, fresh salads and hot side dishes. Waiters gave silver-service when plating the mains, while all the sides were served family-style so everyone could help themselves."

The Accommodation

"Many of our guests stayed at Microtel by Wyndham, which is located at the quieter end of the beach. It has a perfect pool for the kids, a ping pong table and a great on-site restaurant – not to mention it was very reasonably priced."

Guests Loved

"All of our guests commented on how the ceremony and celebration really reflected our personalities. As a professional wedding planner, I really appreciated hearing how much our guests enjoyed themselves and that they noticed the little details like the chevron wave theme carried through our stationery suite, gift packs, the wedding cake and the stubby holder party favours. They also loved the fun touches which included a mini treasure hunt, a pinata and a giant sandcastle!"

Advice for Brides

"Stay in touch with what's truly important and the reasons why you chose that particular location. And, remember to have fun!"

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