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Grand Del Mar, San Diego



Want to get married where the celebs do? In each issue, we take a peek at a star-studded hideaway.

LEBRON JAMES AND SAVANNAH BRINSON

Sure, he's larger than life on the court. Yes, he earns a ginormous salary. And then there's the nickname—King James—B-ball superstar **LeBron James** isn't exactly what you'd call discreet. But when it came to swapping vows with his long-time lady love

and mother of his two children, Savannah Brinson, LeBron was exactly that. The couple hosted an intimate, weekend-long wedding celebration for close friends and family at the picturesque **Grand Del Mar** in San Diego. The Spanish colonial-style hotel's atmosphere, which is at once sophisticated and relaxed, is what makes it such a slam-dunk choice for any wedding.

Set amidst a rambling, award-winning golf course, the sprawling, sun-dappled property encompasses four pools, tennis courts, an enormous spa, a chapel, 249 guest rooms and more. On-site wedding venues can accommodate anywhere from 60 to 300 guests. All boast the traditional charm and warmth of the setting with decor touches such as wrought-iron accents, wood-beamed ceilings and stone verandas. The Capella is a classic ceremony setting with stained-glass windows and imported Italian pew benches. The Manchester Salon and Terrace is a more cozy option with fireplaces and a large terrace overlooking the property. Or opt for the Reflection Lawn, which houses a gazebo next to a pretty pool and offers uninterrupted views of the golf course and surrounding canyons. For those just looking for a resort getaway there are six dining options and expansive wellness offerings. The spa, an epicenter of pampering, not only boasts an endless treatment menu, it also hosts yoga, Pilates and eco-walks across the property and hikes at the nearby nature reserve. And let's not forget golf—the course is one of the most prized in the state. Accommodations either have fairway or pool views and are spacious enough for a king (room rates start at \$395 a night; thegrandedelmar.com). —*Jenna Mahoney*

A quiet perch.



It's cocktail o'clock.



The hotel's pretty Spanish colonial style.

