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DESTINED TO BE TOGETHER FOREVER?
Make It Official With A Destination Wedding At
Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa

ARUBA (May 9, 2011) – When choosing a locale for a destination wedding, busy couples often consider three essentials – flight convenience for friends and family, requirements for legal marriage certificates and ease in planning and managing every detail away from home. Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa, the AAA Four Diamond property located on 15-acres of Aruba’s legendary Palm Beach, offers all of the elements to ensuring a picture-perfect destination wedding that is as effortless to plan and execute as saying “I do.”

First, the island of Aruba offers abundant and affordable airlift, including a multitude of non-stop flights from major gateways. The Queen Beatrix International Airport, located minutes from the resort, serves all the major carriers including American Airlines, Continental Airlines, Delta Airlines, JetBlue Airways, US Airways and United Airlines.

Second, becoming legally married in Aruba is hassle-free. Couples generally have their civil ceremony (the legal part of the wedding) in the morning at the Civil House, a historic, sea-colored renovated mansion in downtown Oranjestad. This is followed by a romantic beach blessing at Radisson Aruba Resort that afternoon or early evening. To become legally married on the island, couples submit their applications and paperwork such as copies of birth certificates and passports one month in advance for consideration. Radisson Aruba Resort’s dedicated wedding specialist can assist with each step, serving as the liaison with government officials, to ensure that the process is simple and efficient.

Third, the same expert wedding specialist, Lisa Dammerman, who directs the Resort’s own Aruba Weddings By Design comprehensive services from her in-lobby wedding salon, can customize a dream wedding for brides and grooms leading up to the big day. Always current on the latest wedding trends and with a natural zest for “creative” planning, Lisa is an Aruba native with lifelong relationships among the island’s top florists and pastry chefs as well as clergy, government officials and a variety of special event vendors. She not only helps brides plan “the big day,” she serves as a valued source of guidance, inspiration and support with plenty of personal “hand-holding” that includes consulting and orchestrating all wedding day details, arranging rehearsal dinners and securing preferred rates for all guests. All-encompassing services range from assistance group room blocks, rehearsal dinners and ceremony needs, to menu selections, floral arrangements, entertainment, photography/videography, wedding cakes, and gifts for the bridal party.

Highlighted services and amenities as well as special events and activities catering to destination weddings at Radisson Aruba Resort include:

- **Break The Ice Over Tropical Cocktails** – one fun facet of a destination wedding is reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones. Radisson Aruba Resort’s outdoor lounge Mira Solo, surrounded by waterfalls and tropical foliage, is the perfect locale to break the ice. Mira Solo (meaning “look at the sun” in Papiamentu) features an array of specialty martinis, tropical cocktails and light appetizers.
- **Last Minute “Bro-mance”** – leading up to the wedding ceremony, the groom and his bridal party will have plenty of opportunities to bond. They can visit the resort’s five-star PADI dive facility and become certified or rent motorized and non-motorized equipment such as canoes, paddle boats, Hobie Cats and Wave runners. Other activities include banana boat rides, waterskiing, windsurfing and parasailing. Additionally, preferred tee times are available at the nearby Robert Trend Jones II - designed par 71 Tierra del Sol championship golf course, bordered by both desert and ocean.

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- **Rehearsal Dinner Toasts and Roasts:** Award-winning wine list at Aruba's top steakhouse – Radisson Aruba Resort's signature fine dining restaurant, Sunset Grille is an island favorite. The AAA Four Diamond restaurant – the only restaurant on the entire island with this designation – features USDA Prime beef, amazingly fresh seafood, sumptuous appetizers, mouth-watering desserts and an equally impressive wine list. Sunset Grille has a great energy with its "exhibition kitchen," and offers stunning views of the gardens, waterfalls and ocean.
- **Princess Bride for Fairytale Wedding** – prior to the bridesmaid luncheon, the bride and her attendants can enjoy a day at the resort's award-winning Larimar Spa. The 13,000-square-foot oceanfront facility offers a full menu of services in nine separate treatment rooms. Expert salon technicians create beautiful up dos for the bridal party and are available for make up application.
- **Private Club for Wedding Party** – Radisson Aruba Resort features 40 rooms and suites which comprise its Plaza Club. Guests have access to an exclusive Plaza Club Lounge featuring complimentary continental breakfast, afternoon tea and an evening cocktail hour with premium brands and hors d'oeuvres. The lounge also includes plenty of comfortable seating and a selection of books and DVDs for relaxing between events.
- **Something Blue: Sunset Beach Ceremony Overlooking The Caribbean Sea** – Radisson Aruba Resort is located on 1,500 feet of white sandy beach, offering the perfect backdrop for a tropical wedding ceremony. Alternatively, the resort has scenic gardens and lush landscaping that also serves as idyllic locations for romance. Receptions can take place on the beach by torchlight or poolside surrounding one of the property's stunning free-form pools. The resort's executive chef can fashion menus for elegant sit-down dinners, design elaborate culinary stations and create show-stopping wedding cakes.
- **Celebrating "I Do" With Majestic Penthouse Views** – Radisson Aruba Resort also features an exclusive 2,735-square-foot penthouse suite ideal for intimate wedding ceremonies, cocktail parties, bridal luncheons or as an unforgettable honeymoon suite. This three-bedroom, three-bathroom romantic retreat features a 645-square-foot rooftop terrace offering panoramic views of the ocean.

For more information on Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa's destination wedding offerings, please visit its exclusive website, www.arubaweddingsbydesign.com.

– Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa –

The AAA Four Diamond Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa, located on Palm Beach – the island's top beach – is a 15-acre tropical oasis offering exceptional accommodations and facilities enhanced by warm and caring, attentive service. The resort's award-winning oceanfront Larimar Spa, known for treatments incorporating indigenous island ingredients, is the most comprehensive in Aruba and a favorite of spa connoisseurs. With an exceptional staff – many with the resort for more than 15 years – the property is notable for its gracious service, having the largest expanse of white sandy beach on the island, exotic lagoons, cascading waterfalls, manicured fragrant gardens, and 355 guestrooms, including 30 luxurious suites and exclusive Plaza Club accommodations. The Radisson Aruba captures the essence of Aruban charm offering sumptuous cuisine in three restaurants; including Sunset Grille, the island's only AAA Four Diamond-rated restaurant in a resort and Miro Sol, the island's only martini bar featuring a variety of 52 martinis; a 30,000-square-foot pool area with two free-form pools; a 16,000-square-foot starlit-themed casino; a five-star PADI dive and water sports facility, and more than 15,000 square feet of special event space.

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