

MODERN LUXURY BRIDES

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GLAMOROUS
CHICAGO
WEDDINGS

FROM
THIS DAY
FORWARD

FROM BLUSH BRIDAL
GOWNS TO DAZZLING
DIAMONDS, THE TOP
TRENDS IN WEDDINGWEAR

Refined Details

TASTEFUL TOUCHES
ON CAKES, DECOR,
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IN PERFECT HARMONY

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FOR THIS SEASON'S BRIDAL LOOKS

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COLETTE MAGUIRE & SUSIE NARAK

October 10, 2015
Germania Place

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THE COUPLE When it comes to online dating, not everyone becomes lucky in love—especially when you've never dipped your toe into the virtual pond. For Colette Maguire and Susie Narak, however, it was love at first sight after the two met on their first date at Rise sushi restaurant on Southport. "At the end of the night, we were already enamored with each other, so we made plans for a second date for the next night," said Colette. The pair dated for two years before Susie proposed to Colette while on a Lake Michigan sailboat ride on a gorgeous summer afternoon in August 2014.

THE DETAILS A little over a year later, the duo made things official at Germania Place, where they were each walked down the aisle by both parents before exchanging their own written vows. Colette designed Susie's ring, while Colette was given a family heirloom: a 19th century Italian round-cut 0.5-carat diamond from Susie's maternal great-grandmother.

THE PARTY The purple- and gray-themed reception took place on-site, where guests danced into the night, thanks to a sugar boost via a dessert table from Kenmare Catering. After, the newlyweds spent two weeks traveling the California coastline before relaxing in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, for a week of scuba diving and taking advantage of copious photo ops on Lovers Beach. —Rebecca Taras



From above: The brides carried tight bunches of purple blooms and greenery by Abby Marshall; Dinkel's created a beautiful two-tier lemon cake with raspberry filling.



What We Learned

"If I had any advice, it would be to go all out for the honeymoon," said Colette. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime trip that you have to take advantage of."



Clockwise from top: Susie (left) wore an elegant Saison Blanche gown and Colette wore a gorgeous one from Essense of Australia; Colette wore peep-toe Audrey Brooke pumps, while Susie donned a pair of Ivanka Trump heels; Germania Place decked out the dinner tables in the couple's favorite color: purple.

WEDDING RESOURCES

Venue Germania Place, kenmarecatering.com
Flowers Abby Marshall, abbyjaneflorals.com
Brides' Gowns Colette: Essense of Australia, reddingtonbridal, reddingtonbridal.com;

Susie: Saison Blanche, weddings826.com
Invites Wedding Paper Divas, weddingpaperdivas.com
Cake Dinkel's, dinkels.com
Catering Kenmare Catering, kenmarecatering.com
Music Ceremony: Neil Dixon

Smith, neildixonsmith.com
Reception: DJ Zack, Music by Design, musicbydesign.com
Videographer Windy City Production, windycityproduction.com
Hair & Makeup Charles Ifergan Salon, charlesifergan.com