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# ISLAND

# TIME

THIS NEW YORK DUO  
HEADED SOUTH FOR A  
SLOW AND SWEET  
CELEBRATION ON THE  
GEORGIA COAST

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FOR CHRISTIAN OTH STUDIO



"We were immediately drawn to the old-world feel and natural beauty of the Cloister," says bride Elizabeth Haddad, who wore an A-line gown and a chapel-length veil, both by Elie Saab.



When it came to their relationship, travel writer

Elizabeth Haddad, 27, and medical student Christopher Schwartz, 28, took their time. They had their first date three years after they met at a Coldplay concert (using then-new Facebook to become friends in the meantime) and were together for four years before Christopher popped the question. ("He did it over pancakes at the kitchen table—simple and perfect," says Elizabeth.) No surprise, then, that the two planned a leisurely three-day destination wedding on Sea Island in Georgia, a nod to the bride's Southern roots. "We didn't want to squeeze everything into a few hours," she says. "We wanted time to mingle with everyone."

Last June, 125 of their nearest and dearest converged on the Cloister at Sea Island, a resort known for its Mediterranean architecture and miles of beaches. After a raucous rehearsal dinner on Friday night, complete with Southern comfort food and a Dixie jazz band, everyone donned their black-tie best for the Saturday-morning ceremony. "We wanted to beat the heat," says Elizabeth, who floated down the aisle in an ethereal Elie Saab. Guests gathered for lunch beneath a tent filled with herb topiaries and boxwoods before the newlyweds and attendants took a joyride on a vintage yacht.

But the festivities weren't over yet. At twilight, the crowd regrouped in the hotel ballroom for a full-on dance party (with a shrimp-and-grits bar!). Elizabeth hit the floor in a knee-length silver lace dress by friend and designer Jes Wade. "Chris and I didn't sit down until midnight," she says. "We made every second count!"

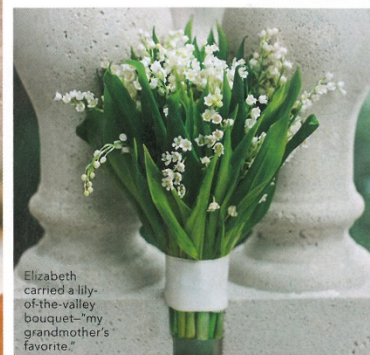
"I couldn't imagine the day without each and every one of them," Elizabeth says of her eight bridesmaids.

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Something old: a delicate beaded clutch belonging to the bride's great-grandmother.

"I WALKED DOWN THE AISLE TO 'LA VIE EN ROSE,'" SAYS THE BRIDE. "I WANTED SOMETHING UNEXPECTED."

The bride's Dior sandals matched her 'maids' pale-pink dresses.



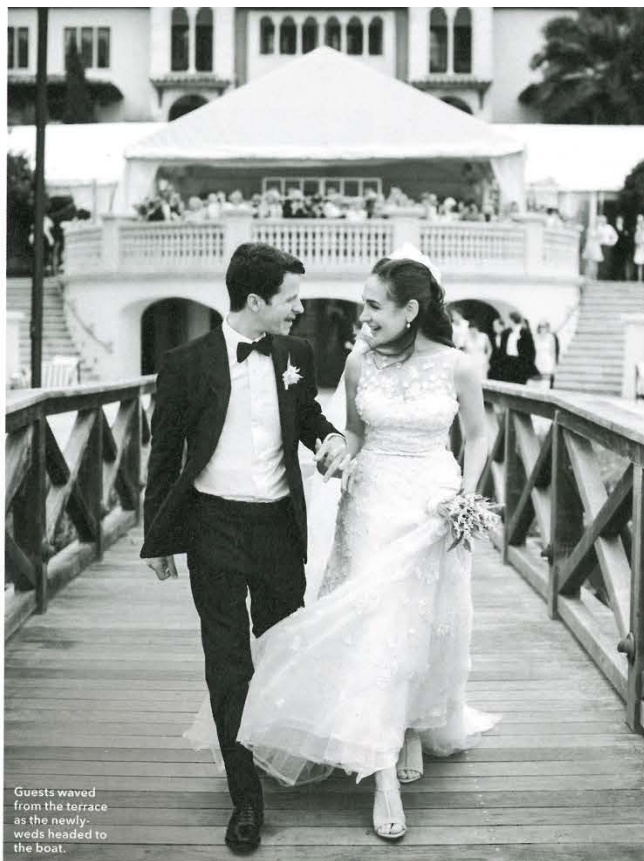
Elizabeth carried a lily-of-the-valley bouquet—"my grandmother's favorite."



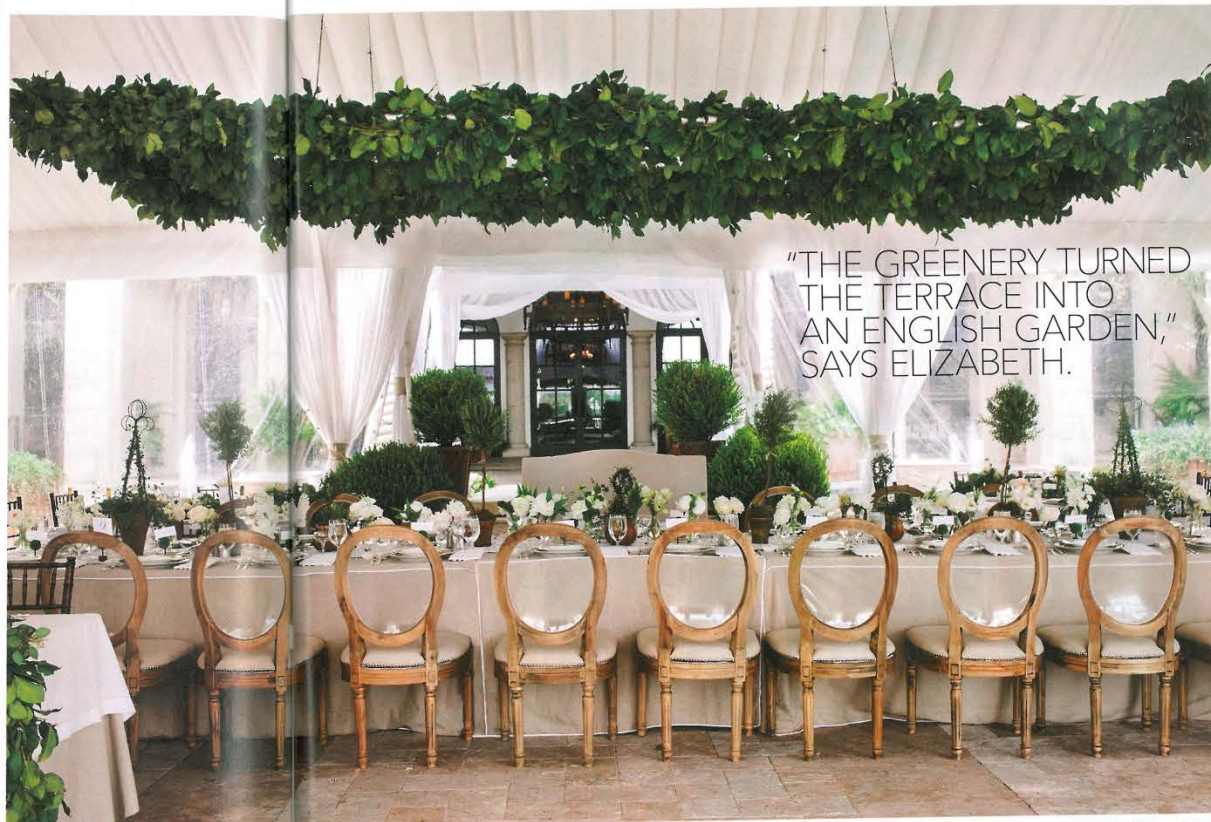
To honor her late father, Elizabeth walked down the aisle alone.

**Venue, catering, and cake:** The Cloister at Sea Island; seaisland.com. **Event designers and coordinators:** Maren White and Melissa Ippensen, Sea Island Resorts; seaisland.com. **Bride's dresses:** Elie Saab (ceremony and lunch); eliesaab.com. Jes Wade (reception); jeswade.com. **Bridesmaids' dresses:** Joanna August; joannaugust.com. **Groom's tuxedo:** Martin Greenfield; mgreenfield.com.





Guests waved from the terrace as the newlyweds headed to the boat.



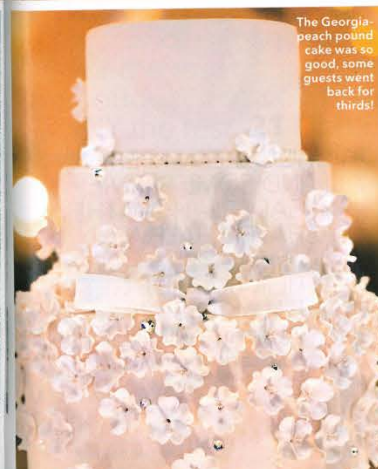
"THE GREENERY TURNED THE TERRACE INTO AN ENGLISH GARDEN," SAYS ELIZABETH.



Elizabeth opted for a "very Southern" green-and-white palette (with pops of pale pink).



The yacht ride gave the couple a chance to hang out with their wedding party. "It was incredibly peaceful," says Elizabeth.



The Georgia-peach pound cake was so good, some guests went back for thirds!



"The hotel surprised us with sparklers on the lawn!" the bride says of the final flourish.

**Floral designer:** The Vine Garden Market; vinegardenmarket.com. **Stationery:** The Printery; iprintery.com. **Music:** Music by Pegge (ceremony); musicbypegge.com. Powerhouse Band (reception); thepowerhousegroup.com. **Rentals:** Beachview Event Rentals; beachview.net. Party Tables; partytables.com. **Photography:** Shawn Connell for Christian Oth Studio; christianothstudio.com.