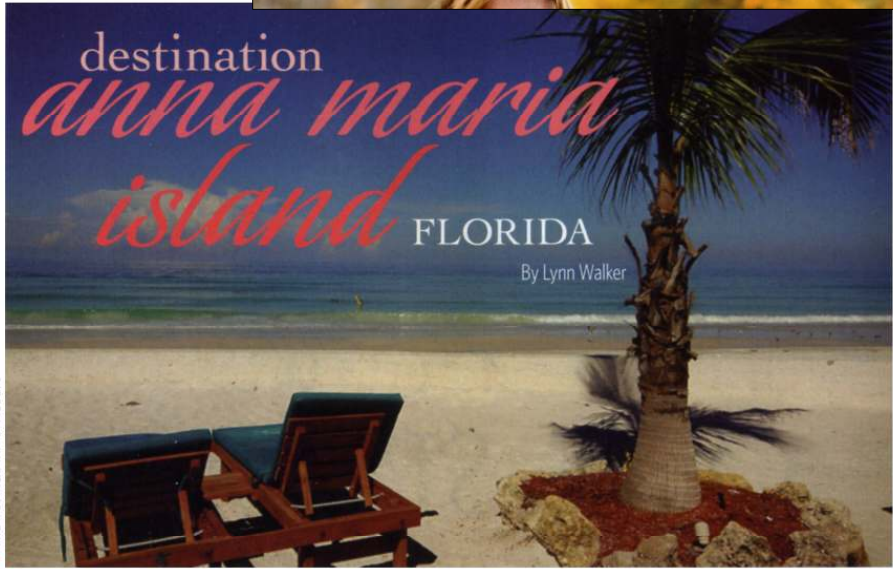


Southern Bride Alabama



▶ Village of the Arts



▶ The SeaSide Inn & Resort

SNEAK AWAY TO ONE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA'S BEST KEPT SECRETS. Nestled between Clearwater and Sarasota and just off the coast of Bradenton is Anna Maria Island, just 7 ½ miles long, beautiful white sand beaches and some of the best shelling outside of Sanibel. Anna Maria Island's unpretentious and laid back attitude will draw you in and allow you to bury your toes in the sand, relax and enjoy some of the spectacular sunsets this island is known for.

If you are looking for a romantic and exciting place for a destination wedding that is easy to get to where the people will make you and your guests feel like they are at home you must visit Anna Maria Island. There are a plethora of venues to choose from that will help create the wedding of your dreams. If you are looking for the simple intimate wedding on the beach or the blowout with 200 of your closest friends, the Island Chamber of Commerce and the merchants of Anna Maria Island have created an association that will help your fantasy island wedding come true.

In January of 2009, the Anna Maria Island Wedding Merchants held the 2nd annual "Anna Maria Island Wedding Festival" entertaining "Brides to Be" from all over the Southeast to introduce them to this spectacular wedding destination making it "The Beach Wedding Capital of Florida". The event provided each

bride with the opportunity to meet and greet business owners and operators needed for every aspect of that dream beach wedding and feel the personal warmth and enthusiasm shared on the island. A complimentary trolley service was provided to transport each potential bride from one end of the island to the other in order to visit each vendor while enjoying the sights, sounds and beauty of the island.

Anna Maria Island is made up of three townships, Bradenton Beach, Holmes Beach and Anna Maria and all work closely together to provide an enjoyable adventure and accommodate the needs of your friends and family. Accommodations range from private beach houses to multi-unit condos to intimate inns or B&B's. One notable inn is the SeaSide Inn Beach Resort in Bradenton Beach, with one of the best private beach locations on the island. The SeaSide Resort is an intimate charming inn with cozy beach front rooms or two and three bedroom studios complete with kitchenettes. All rooms have private patios over-looking the gulf and an unobstructed view of the magnificent sunset with access to lounge chairs, umbrellas and grills. Once you check-in you won't want to check-out. The Harrington House Beachfront Bed & Breakfast Inn located in Holmes Beach is a historic 1925 home that takes you back in time and reminds you of the elegant southern plantation homes but located



▶ Beach Bistro Restaurant

on a secluded beach. It is tucked away from the hustle bustle and the perfect place for a beach wedding with cozy accommodations for the family. Picking the venue that best suits your style is important. Another popular place to host a wedding is Sandbar Restaurant in Anna Maria. Touted as one of the "Best Overall Restaurants" and "Best Places to Watch the Sunset" by locals and visitors alike.

Picking the right venue and accommodations are just the beginning of planning the perfect destination wedding. Finding the right photographer, wedding cake, entertainment, salon and eateries are some of the key elements needed to create the perfect wedding week or weekend. On our visit to Anna Maria Island we had the opportunity to meet with several members of the Wedding Association to view and sample their products and talent.



Here are a few of our picks:

General Information
 Anna Maria Island:
 941.729.9177
 FloridasGulfIslands.com

Accommodations:
 The SeaSide Inn & Resort
 800.447.7124
 SeaSideResort.com

Harrington House Bed & Breakfast
 888.828.5566
 HarringtonHouse.com

Photography:
 Island Photography by Dara Caudill
 941.778.5676
 IslandPhotography.org

Wedding Cake:
 Matt & Dom's Pastry Café
 941.778.3909
 ThePastryLoungeCafe.com

Entertainment:
 Chuck Caudill Entertainment
 941.778.5676
 ChuckCaudill.com

Salon:
 Acqua Salon Spa Store / Aveda on the beach
 941.778.5400
 AcquaAveda.com

Eateries:
 Beach Bistro
AWESOME! ROMANTIC! Do Not Miss!
 941.778.6444
 BeachBistro.com

Ginny & Jane E's at the Old IGA
**Great for Breakfast,
 try the Crème Brulee French Toast.**
 941.778.7370
 AnnaMariaCafe.com

Sandbar Restaurant
 941.778.0444
 Sandbar-Restaurant.com

SunHouse Restaurant
**Great place to watch the Sunset,
 don't miss the ringing of the gong!**
 941.782.1122
 TheSunHouseRestaurant.com

Waterfront Restaurant
Magnificent View of Sunshine Bridge
 941.778.1515
 TheWaterfrontRestaurant.net

Activities:
 Native Rentals – Kayaks, Bikes, Fishing
 941.778.7757
 Mysitontopkayak.com

Village of the Arts
**Located on the Mainland in Bradenton
 but well worth the drive.**
 941.747.8056
 VillageoftheArts.com

Anna Maria Island Art League
 941.778.2099
 IslandArtLeague.org



▲ The SeaSide Inn & Resort - Toast at Sunset



▲ The Sun House - Formal Setting



▲ The Sun House Restaurant



▲ Matt & Dom's Pastry Café



▲ Beach Bistro Restaurant



▲ Harrington House Bed & Breakfast



▲ The SeaSide Inn & Resort



▲ The Sandbar Restaurant

