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SEASIDE SERENITY

That "something blue" you need for your wedding day might just lie in **The Grateful Palate** (thegratefulpalate.com), a private event space desirably situated alongside Fort Lauderdale's Intracoastal Waterway. Following an extensive interior renovation by designer Deborah Frustino, the reveal showcases a serene color palette echoing the oceanic hues seen through the venue's floor-to-ceiling windows. Beyond the entryway, where blue herons soar against a marshmallow sky (courtesy of a textural hemp paper by specialty brand Philip Jeffries), the airy dining room is appointed with floors, doors and decorative stonework evoking pieces of driftwood swept ashore. Billowing ombre curtains, featuring gradient aquatic tones ranging from white-capped waves to murky, deep ocean blues, seem gently washed by the sea. And the ample bar, fabricated in jewel-like blue agate, shimmers like the magnificent, Titanic-size necklace, the "Heart of the Ocean," fictitiously yet famously flung from the deck of the ill-fated ship. —Robin Hodes



The Grateful Palate's new event space featuring panoramic water views

Minted designers take inspiration from couples' color palette, florals, monogram and more for unique custom wedding website designs.



Art Smart

When it comes to getting guests excited for your big day, it all starts with the wedding website. Now, couples can set the tone early with the right colors and design vibe through a wedding landing page featuring completely custom and original artwork by a **Minted** designer. The San Francisco-based company features designs from artists across all 50 states and more than 100 countries for its ready-to-print paper products, but "occasionally a couple can't find precisely what they're looking for," says Minted founder and CEO Mariam Naficy. "So it seemed natural for us to offer them the chance to describe their ideal design to one of our on-staff artists and have it made uniquely for them." The process is simple: After purchasing their wedding website, couples are put in touch with a designer and asked for inspiration—they can send a color palette, monogram and even links to their wedding Pinterest board. After the initial mock-up, they'll go back and forth with the designer, making tweaks until the look is just right. Artists at Minted specialize in everything from watercolor to digital design, so the possibilities are endless, and designs can then be carried through the entire paper suite. "We always put design first," Naficy says. So, what better place to start? *Original artwork from \$98, minted.com —Eile Cashin*

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A toes-in-the-sand-style ceremony is the way to go at Plunge Beach Resort.



Take the Plunge

If a barefoot ceremony on the beach is your perfect idea of wedding-day bliss, **Plunge Beach Resort** (plungebeachhotel.com), nestled in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, is a great toes-in-the-sand option. This laid-back and stylish retreat offers spacious accommodations for intimate weddings, including one- and two-bedroom suites, beach bungalows and plans to unveil a new flexible event space in 2020. "We invite guests to celebrate their wedding weekend in style in a picturesque setting," says Tom Mulroy, general manager. "Our oceanfront oasis and lush tropical canopy is the perfect backdrop for weddings." Opt for an idyllic oceanfront ceremony followed by a party inside the new event space, or designate the hotel's scenic pool spaces for a serene open-air ceremony and reception. Just like the view, the options are endless. —Kara Franker