

> FEATURE WEDDING: "I feel lucky, because not everyone gets to experience a love like that."

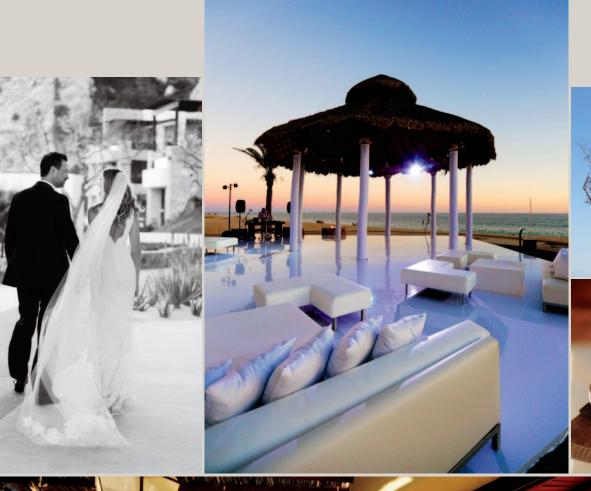






Steve Porchetta got one of the toughest parts of dating—meeting the parents—out of the way immediately when he first crossed paths with Jennifer Ferguson in a Vancouver bar: Unknown to him, the "beautiful older lady" with Jennifer that night was her mother, Liz. But it didn't discourage Steve from asking Jennifer for a kiss that night—or for a follow-up date the next week. "Once I set eyes on her and spoke to her, I knew she was pretty much everything I wanted," he said.

Jennifer was still in college pursuing a degree in journalism, so marriage was far from her mind. Their relationship blossomed







Location and Caterer: Cabo San Lucas, Mexico: Cake: s Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; Event Design and Planner: York, NY; Floral Design: A Cabo San Lucas. Mexico; Linen and Rentals: San Lucas, Mexico; Rentals: A Cabo San Lucas, Mexico and San Lucas, Mexico; Lighting: J.S. Mexico; Wedding Dress, Veil and Shoes:

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quickly into love, but the courtship took Jen woke up on her wedding day to the in Cabo San Lucas.

set cruise but when the couple got to the down the aisle." dock she discovered that it was actually a The reception took place at Capella's Steve sailed off into the Pacific sunset.

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ties kicked off with a welcome party on the just like that sail on the Pacific." beach accompanied by a mariachi band and Months later, Jen said she's still wearing Farallón restaurant.

time as Steve was immersed in his real-es- sight of whales breaching just offshore of tate career and Jen pursued her education. the resort and spent a relaxing day in her After several years of dating, however, the suite preparing for the ceremony. "The time for a proposal seemed right when Steve biggest thrill for me was just to see Steve's planned a trip to the Capella Pedregal resort face," said Jen. "It was just a reflection of pure love; I was totally blown away, and Steve told Jen that he had booked a sun- couldn't take my eyes off of him as I walked

private yacht chartered for two. With just Beach Club, with guests mingling on the outthe captain and first mate aboard, Jen and door terrace as well as sampling signature tequila cocktails at the crescent-shaped bar. Jen As the first bottle of champagne was was joined by her father and then her mother popped, a pod of dolphins appeared along- for a spotlight dance, while Steve took a turn side the boat as if on cue, and Steve seized at the bongos as the evening entertainment the moment and asked Jen to marry him. "I heated up. A late-night food cart with burgknow I said yes, but I really don't remem- ers, pizza and hot dogs refueled guests and kept the party going late.

The couple briefly considered a February Nearly every guest turned up the next wedding in New York City, but a return to day at a farewell brunch that capped a long Capella took on a certain inevitability. "We weekend that brought both families closer really just wanted to throw a party for our together. "It turned into a day by the pool family and friends, where everyone could that lasted until 7 p.m.," said Steve, who escape for a vacation," said Jen. The festivi- added: "Everything went smooth as glass,

a fire show, followed the next evening by the same smile she had the first time she met the rehearsal dinner at Capella's cliffside El Steve. "I feel lucky, because not everyone gets to experience a love like that," she said.





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