



# My big day

Nikki and Matt enjoyed la dolce vita in Rome

The cake "... was made by the Mirabelle restaurant."



The bridesmaids "... wore beautiful Coast dresses (coast-stores.com)."

My shoes "... were by Rainbow Club (rainbowclub.co.uk)."



The flowers "... included exotic orchids for a splash of colour."

## We got married in Rome...

"...because Matt had proposed to me at the Splendide Royal (splendideroyal.com) on my birthday the year before," says Nikki. "We couldn't afford to eat in the hotel's Michelin-starred Mirabelle restaurant that night - so in the heat of the moment we decided we had to get married there instead and hold the wedding breakfast in the restaurant! Rome's a gorgeous city, and the hotel's views of the Vatican and Trevi Fountain were the perfect backdrop to our classical green and cream theme."

(arranged by the hotel) were orchids with purple centres in stylish glass dishes. I wore a classic Jenny Packham dress from Fairytale Weddings in Towcester (fairy-tale-weddings.co.uk)."



I loved "... the elegant hall at the hotel - perfect to show off my stunning dress!"

## We wanted...

"a relaxed and unfussy day. The civil ceremony was conducted by a jolly official who kept it short, simple and poignant. We didn't have hymns or readings, just a wonderful string trio, organised by our wedding planners (gettingmarriedinitaly.com). They were great - they covered the paperwork, the legal side and provided a translator for the civil ceremony, as well as the flowers, confetti and Bentley!"

Instead of a cheesy disco... "we piled our guests onto an open-topped bus (organised by the hotel concierge) and drove around all the famous sights of Rome for our photos, which was amazing. We both work in the music industry and felt we wouldn't be happy with a standard wedding dance so the bus had a real feel-good factor. We even had a guide who gave us a culture tour of the sights! Afterwards, we went on to a bar to carry on the party."

## Our theme was...

"influenced by Rome itself and by our green butterfly invitations (below, from scissorpaperstone.com). We had green foliage and cream roses and lilies in the floral arrangements, and the centrepieces

## My favourite part of the day...

"was walking around Rome after the ceremony. Everyone was clapping in the street and congratulating us - we felt so welcome and special. When we reached the Spanish Steps, where I threw my bouquet, there were people everywhere shouting 'baciarsi', which we later realised meant 'kiss'! We even got the locals involved in the photos, and a young Italian girl caught my bouquet. I felt like a Roman goddess!"

Photography: Rita and Jon (bigbigday.com)



Our invitations "set our green theme!"



My perfume "... was Agent Provocateur's Signature Purse Spray (agentprovocateur.com)."



It was great "... to get the locals involved when I threw my bouquet at the Spanish Steps!"



Rome was "... the perfect backdrop for our romantic photos."



My make-up... "was Mac (mac cosmetics.co.uk). We even flew out make-up artist Jay Jessop! (jayjessop.com)"



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