

Sun Soaked Spanish Love Story



Fran and Rocio partied the night away under a firework-lit sky

The Ultimate Birthday Present

Fran and I met in 2006 in the bustling port of Estepona and shared an instant attraction. Shortly after, Fran proposed to me at my birthday party, in front of all my family and friends. It was such a special day and one I am unlikely to ever forget.

Spain was always going to be the destination for our wedding. It is our home country and we are very proud of its people and landscapes. Fran and I wanted to celebrate our love in the country where we had grown up and would hopefully grow old together.

A Magical Oasis

Restaurante El Gamonal ticked all the right boxes as a wedding venue. We loved the fact that the restaurant was a family

run business and we adored its picturesque gardens; it felt like our very own enchanted oasis. The staff's precision and attention to detail was unshakeable and helped make the day enjoyable for all. I designed the table decorations myself and Fran and I made all decisions regarding the day between us; I preferred not to use a wedding planner as I wanted to be involved in every aspect.

Following the religious wedding ceremony at a San Pedro Church guests arrived at the venue while Fran's sister, Liliana, sang some classic Spanish romantic ballads in the restaurant. The service at the church had been emotional but hearing my new sister-in-law perform such beautiful songs really touched my heart. I knew at that moment that I needed to sa-

voir every minute of this special, special day.

Picture Perfect

Our photographer, Gregory Korvin from SolWedding, then momentarily stole Fran and I away from the celebrations in order to capture some images of us on camera. As the sun was setting in the sky Gregory captured some stunning images of Fran and I standing on the pier behind the Marbella Club Hotel with the majestic La Concha mountain pictured behind us. As we headed back to the venue, Fran had organised a surprise firework display. The dusky sky was lit up with explosions of pink and gold to the delight of all the guests. This was undoubtedly a highlight of the entire day for me. Throughout the evening, a humorous video, created by SolWedding,



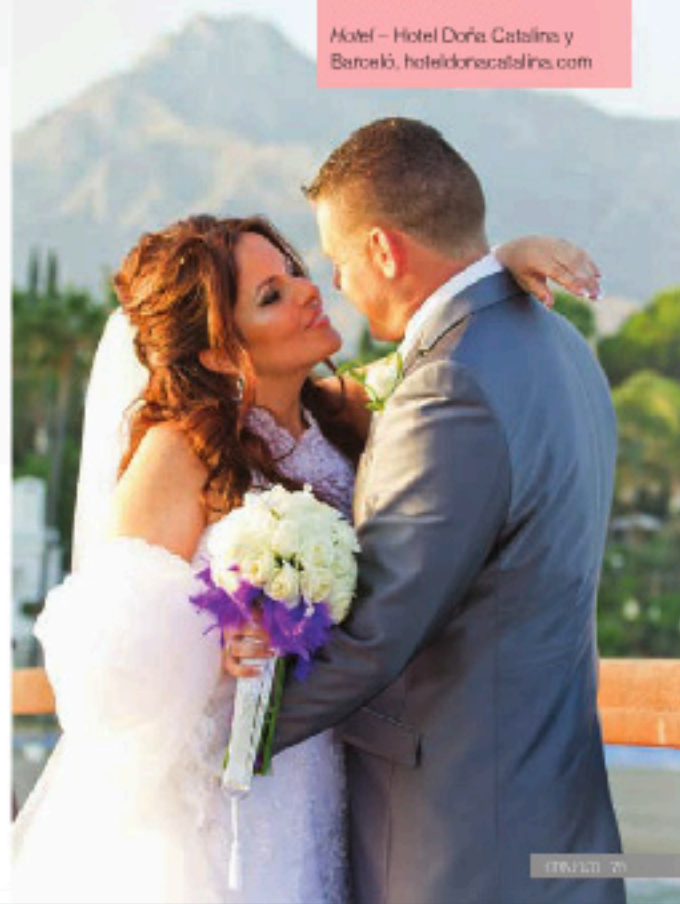
played in the background. The video was a Rocky parody due to Fran's keen interest in kickboxing; it inserted a bit of light-hearted fun into the emotion of the day, as clips of my husband proposing to me in a boxing ring were projected



onto the big screen. SolWedding also recorded a video message from Fran to his grandmother who passed away the year before which was shown to guests; it was an extremely emotional moment.

Party All Night

For our first dance, one of my close girlfriends sang Whitney Houston's 'I Will Always Love You'; it was stunning. Following this, all of our guests hit the dance floor and we continued the party



until 6am the following morning. A sweet and candy trolley was organised by Events Ro and situated near the dance floor so guests could enjoy tasty treats throughout the evening.

If I were to offer advice for future brides-to-be, I would encourage them to enjoy every moment of the day. It passes so quickly, so don't waste time worrying about every individual guest because it is your special day and the memory of it will last a lifetime.

Address Book

Photography, Film & Printings – solwedding.com
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Wedding Venue – El Gamonal, restaurantelgamonal.com

DJ – Quique Sanchez

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Dress – Santos & Eva, santosyevahovios.com

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