



VILLA ASTOR, ITALY

LA DOLCE VITA

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Real Wedding

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Valentina & Michael

said "I do" on the mesmerising Amalfi Coast...

Michael and I first met and fell in love in June 2015, while vacationing in Amalfi with separate groups of friends. Four years later, Michael popped the question at the same restaurant where we first met. The date of our wedding was the 26th of June 2021, exactly one year from Michael's proposal and also the anniversary of our first encounter.

I've always wanted to marry in Amalfi. It was important to honour the culture and tradition of Italy as part of my identity. Michael has also come to adore Italy, so when our wedding planner Mitheo Events introduced us to Villa Astor as the ultimate wedding destination, everything fell right into place! Villa Astor is a breathtaking villa among manicured gardens, packed with treasures from the Neoclassical era, and we immediately thought it would be perfect for the elegant and romantic celebration we had in mind. Even when our guest count went down to 12 from 120 due to Covid, we were still fixed on this wedding venue, which became our Italian piece of paradise.

For our theme, we wanted timeless elegance with Italian flair. We hoped to include our favourite palette of white, soft grey, ivory and gold. Our wedding designers Mitheo Events created for us delicate organic arrangements of roses and peonies, lots of candles, intriguing gold details along with classy Grecian and Roman elements to reflect the venue's identity. Our love for Italy and its culture was also reflected in our first dance song choice, we picked "Volare", though we chose the slower version by Andrea Bocelli.



It was a special experience putting on my wedding dress inside the decadent, boudoir style room of such a historic Italian villa, that tied me to my roots. I instantly fell in love with my stunning Monique Lhuillier dress. It was the first bridal gown I had ever tried on. It was an elegant and minimalist mermaid design made of white silk, with drop shoulders, puffy sleeves and an open neckline. It was both romantic and fashionable, and as Monique Lhuillier is my favourite designer, when I put it on, it felt like it had been designed just for me.

Walking down the aisle at the arches of Villa Astor's terrace, having all the Amalfi Coast at my feet and seeing Michael waiting for me along with our closest friends and family, was a feeling of utter bliss. We chose to recite our own vows, just us two, with no celebrant present, so our ceremony was in reality just a heart-to-heart confession of love. And, we loved our private photography session with Bottega 53.

