

Sophia & Jacob

The rugged natural beauty of California's coastline provided an idyllic backdrop for the Jewish ceremony and celebrations of Sophia Green and Jacob Mazonson.



A chuppah, beautiful in its simplicity, and chairs facing the crashing surf.





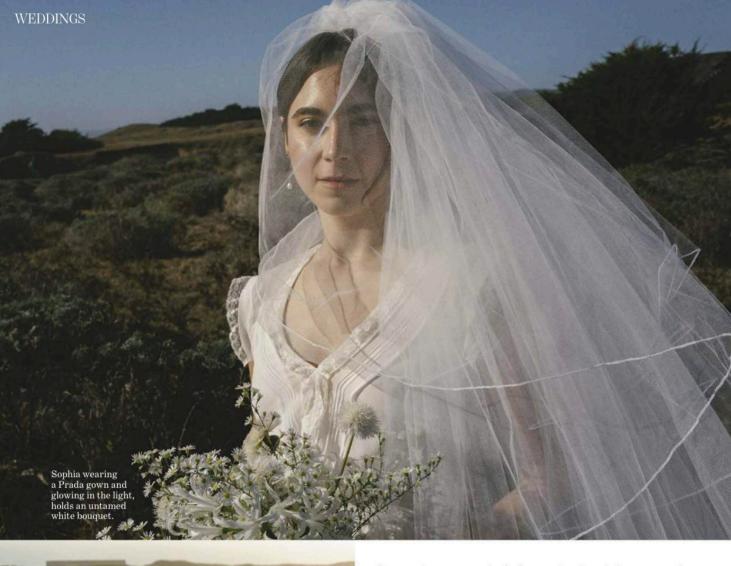
VOGUE AUSTRALIA: How did you meet? "A week after moving from Brooklyn to the Bay Area to start my graduate studies, I met Jacob for a walk in the park. After an hour, we just knew we wanted to be together. From there on, we spent most free moments together picnicking along the coast, surfing and seeing music and art shows."

VA: How did your partner propose? "As backcountry skiers on a trip, Jacob packed a gourmet dinner and we skinned six miles on skis into a remote hut. Jacob proposed at sunset in a snowy meadow with vibrant pink skies."

VA: Why did you pick your venue? "Sea Ranch Lodge is known for its iconic mid-century modern California design, site-specific nature and understated elegance. The Lodge was also just renovated. San Francisco Museum of Modern Art had a great exhibit on the history and architecture of Sea Ranch. The rugged and dramatic west coast of California is a very special place for us; we have been driving there for the wilderness, quiet, nature trails and ocean."

VA: How would you describe the theme of your wedding day? "Elegant, natural, classic slash modern."

VA: What about styling? "The ceremony was on a bluff overlooking the Pacific and guests headed there from the Lodge. The post-ceremony hour was in the meadow by the original Sea Ranch barn, the reception was in a tent in the meadow, and the afterparty was in the modern Lodge. Each location was a short procession on a wildflower- and grass-lined trail. For the ceremony, our friends designed a custom chuppah with a roof-line to echo the setting. The florist used native flowers to create a sense that the chuppah was integrated into the landscape. →





During the ceremony, birds flew overhead, including a pair of pelicans as we said 'I do'. Our fabulous florist also built gestural, intimate and unpredictable floral arrangements on tables and bars that recalled the ocean and coastline using found shells, rocks and lichen. Jacob selected songs for the weekend and worked closely with a DJ who created the set of our dreams for the afterparty." VA: Tell us about your wedding attire. "I wore a simple silk with lace detail Prada dress that I stumbled upon in Venice with my mother and sister, my aunt's veil, and my grandmother's jewellery. Jacob wore an Armani suit."

VA: Describe your hair and make-up. "Fresh and glowy. My hair was soft and romantic and in a loose updo."

VA: What was the most unexpected part of your wedding day? "Over margaritas on Friday, we organised an impromptu ocean dip on Saturday morning. We had an excellent band from LA and an Oakland-based female DJ and didn't stop dancing until 2am." VA: The most memorable moment? "We knew the ceremony would be most important to us – vows, poetry, participation from the community, adapting the Jewish seven blessings tradition. Exchanging our heartfelt vows was the most surreal and profound part."

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Venue: Sea Ranch Lodge, California. Photographer: Samm Blake.
Dress: Prada. Shoes: Christian Louboutin. Make-up: Raven Reed
Makeup. Rings: Partita Custom Design Jewelry. Groom's attire:
Armani suit; John Lobb shoes. Flowers: Jennifer Sanchez Design.
First dance: 'Unchained Melody' by The Righteous Brothers.

