

Finding the perfect venue is one of the key decisions you'll make in the planning process and usually ranks *first* in the list of things to do! Assembled here is our selective *Luxe List* of the most beautiful and reputable locations to consider.

Luxe LOCATIONS

This gorgeous tablescape was designed by *Soha Lavin* of **COUNTDOWN EVENTS** with rentals by **UPRIGHT DECOR**.
Photography by **JANA VACKOVA**

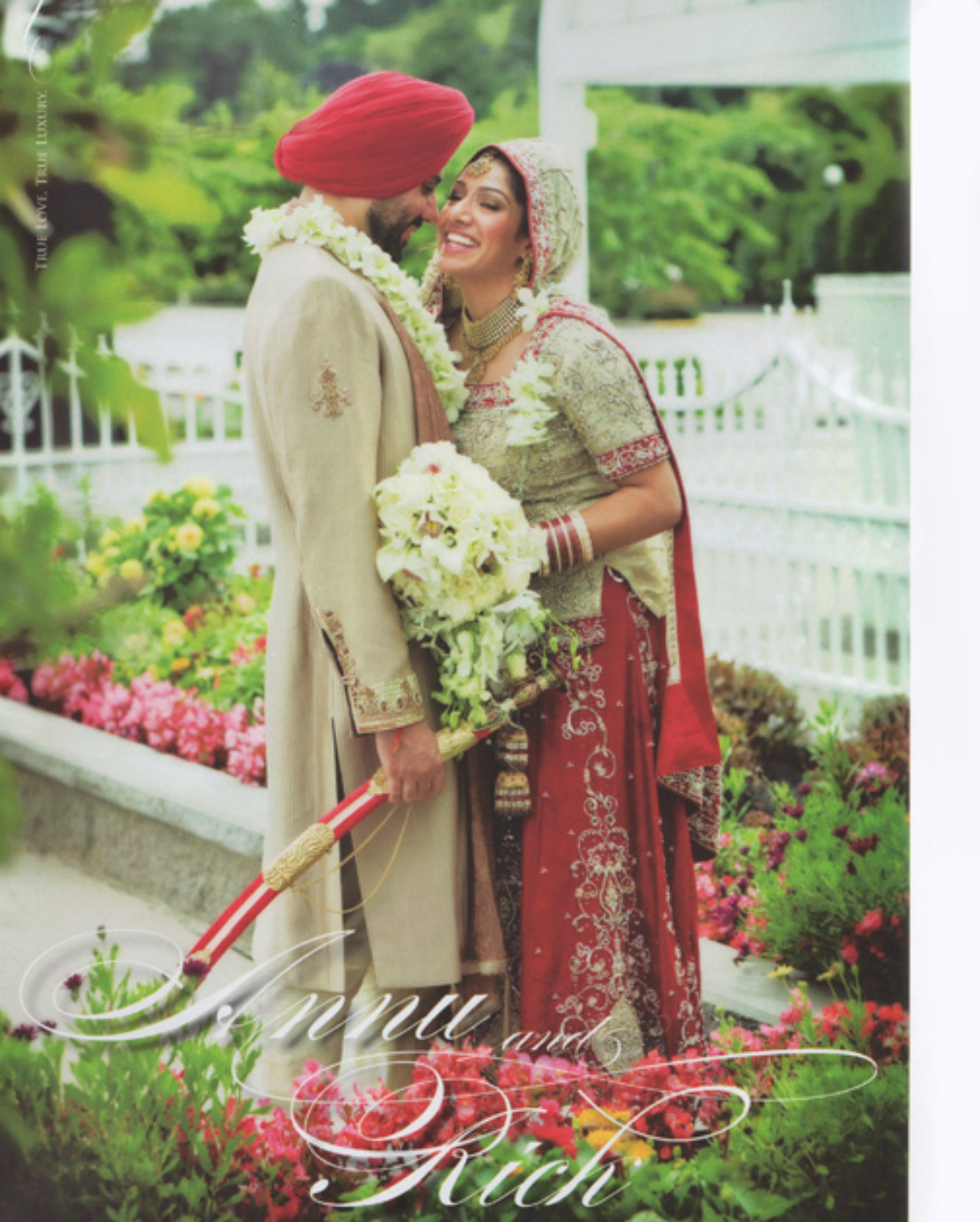


THE COLOUR OF WHITE

Three beautiful bouquets in the ultimate wedding colour—white.

STYLING BY SOHA LAVIN, COUNTDOWN EVENTS
PHOTOGRAPHED BY JANA VACKOVA





*Anna and
Rich*

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FOR LOVE OF CULTURE

Annu and Rick enjoyed the best of both worlds (eastern and western, that is) at their culture-rich celebration on August 29, 2008. The couple were married at a traditional ceremony in the morning at the Akali Sikh Temple in Vancouver, BC before doing a complete change of dress (and scenery) for their evening reception.



DAZZLING DETAILS

Annu switched from her traditional Indian wedding gown into a hot pink and black sequined *Mannel Mendoza* gown with custom purple Swarovski jewelry. "The Academy Awards were my inspiration!" recalls Annu of the nod to old Hollywood. Rick's custom tailored black pinstripe suit from *HARRY ROSEN* was punctuated with a black silk shirt and custom hot pink tie by *Hugo Boss*.



"The Pink Orchids cascading from the ceiling made it look like it was raining flowers."

POPS OF PINK

The couple worked with Event Planners *Soha Lavie* and *Arezoo Alpert* from **COUNTDOWN EVENTS** to create a 'modern, chic and sexy' evening reception. Vancouver's **LA TERRAZZO** Restaurant was transformed by **UPRIGHT DECOR** to induce the look and feel of a high end European night club. A seven course Italian feast was served to one hundred and sixty guests. The hot pink and black colour scheme was punctuated by tall vases overflowing with hot pink orchid floral arrangements by **SUNFLOWER FLORISTS**. In lieu of favors the couple made a personal donation to a school in India—located in the hometown of Annu's mother. "It was our goal to have a reception that spoiled our guests and would be remembered as a great party," recalls Annu. The party continued for the couple and ten of their closest friends as they jetted off to Las Vegas to keep the fun alive for ten full days after the wedding. The 'official' honeymoon will be enjoyed by Annu and Rick in July, 2009 in the South of France. ☺



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HAUTE CHOCOLATE

The five-tier chocolate cake by GANACHE featured hot pink orchids cascading down to a lucite base.



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