



A SETTING AS INSPIRED AS THE RITZ-CARLTON, Kapalua, where earth, sea and sky unite, is a sacred space to say, "I do." And the property's Napili Lawn, with its panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean and sprawling blanket of green, is the ideal locale for an open-air ceremony. Certainly, nature provides much of the décor in a destination wedding like this. But couples can accent the backdrop with details that amplify the beauty of the natural environment. Consider your walk down the aisle. Rather than a traditional carpet, ours is made from 10,000 tropical blooms. Hand-strung garlands of leis adorn the canopy. And pomanders echo the flowers in the bride's bouquet. Even the ring pillow, made with woven palm leaves and raffia, reflects the exotic location. And of course, a Hawaiian wedding wouldn't be complete without a lei exchange — a symbol of the loving union between the couple. Here, the groom's lei is made from spicy scented maile. Maile leis, known as the "leis of royalty," date back to ancient Hawaii when they were used as peace offerings during battles. Its leaves are said to bestow protection, luck and healing.

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