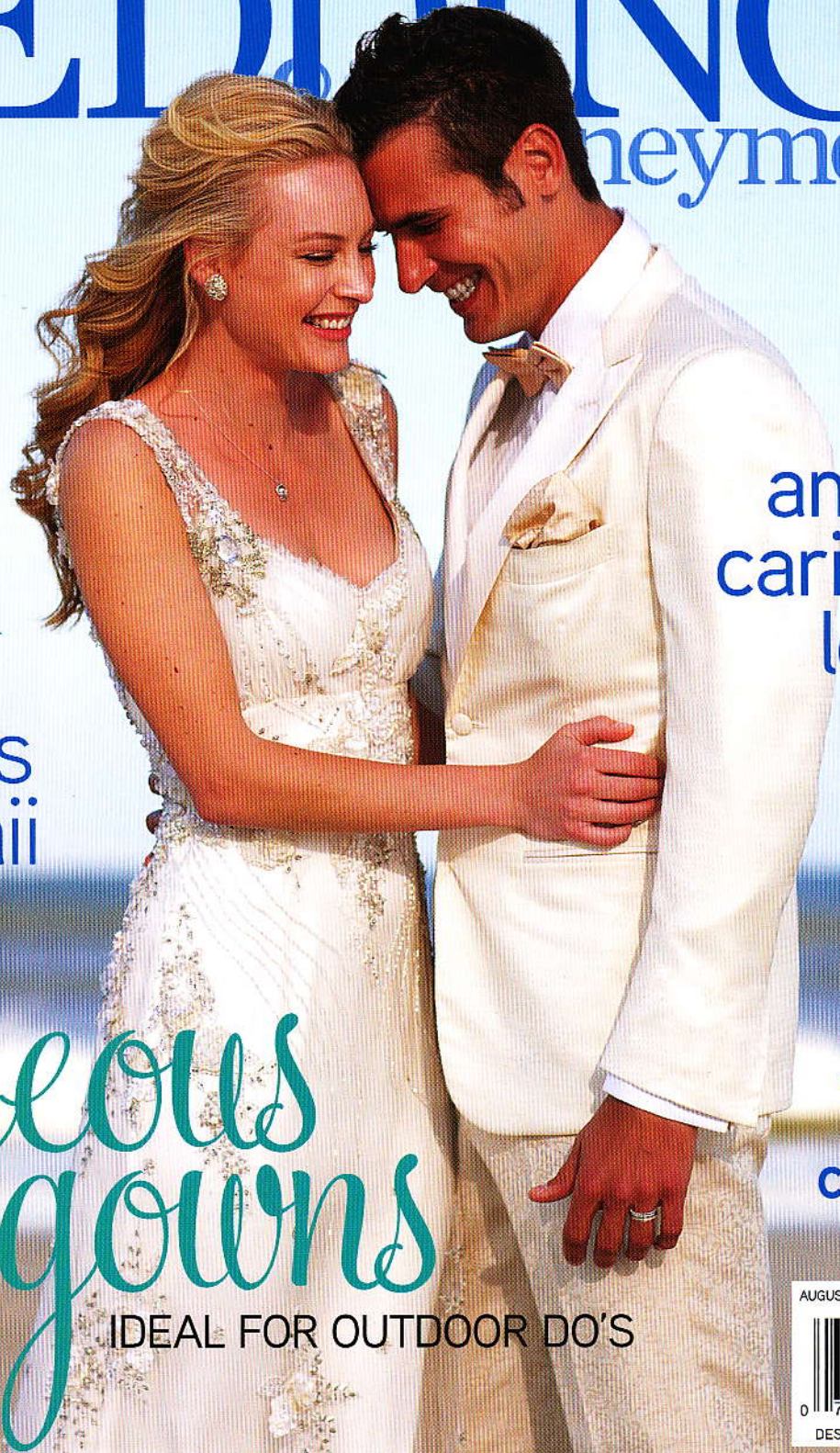


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Jamaica

Birthplace of reggae and its greatest icon, Bob Marley, Jamaica provides the soundtrack to the Caribbean. To begin your musical pilgrimage, fly into Kingston, the capital, and hit the Bob Marley Museum at his former home and recording studio. Then retreat to the cool heights of Strawberry Hill Hotel & Spa — created by Island Records mogul Chris Blackwell — to admire views of the city, the mountains and Blackwell's walls of gold and platinum records. Music notables like Amy Winehouse also unwind (and record) at Geejam, a super-luxe hideaway and recording studio 50 miles northeast of Kingston, near lovely Port Antonio. White-sand strands here include Blue Lagoon, Frenchman's Cove, Long Bay and Pellew Island, all prime for swimming and snorkeling. There are also plenty of music-related diversions if you're considering a honeymoon at one of the more popular beach destinations like Montego Bay or Negril. In the latter, check out Alfred's Ocean Palace for DJs and live music, then disco-down in the Jungle for the latest in dance-hall beats. Or time your trip to catch a major live-music event like Montego Bay's Reggae Sunfest in July — a party-till-sunrise weekend of reggae, dance hall and hip-hop. You can always sleep on the plane ride home. — *Peter Zaremba*