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Destination I Do's

These four couples exchanged vows far from home, in **magical settings**, surrounded by family and friends who will **cherish the memories** for years to come by Lambeth Hochwald



A CASTLE CELEBRATION IN IRELAND
Christina Sullivan & Thomas Roughan
September 18, 2004
Slane Castle, County Meath, Ireland



A post-wedding promenade up the castle's main drive

Why there The New York residents, both Irish-American and aspiring musicians "in their younger days," found the castle's musical heritage inspiring. "U2 recorded *The Unforgettable Fire* there and Bruce Springsteen gave a concert there," Christina says. "Plus, we wanted to throw our friends and family a really wonderful party."

Planning time Eight months

Number of guests 80

Ceremony details The wedding itself was simple and elegant, held in St. Patrick's, "a tiny church filled with lots of candles and willow branches," Christina says. From there, the couple rode in a silver Rolls Royce to Slane Castle, just five minutes away.

Reception highlights A mother/daughter harpist duo greeted guests, who enjoyed canapés and mulled wine. Then it got lively: "At an Irish wedding, people eat dinner, say their toasts, and then the band starts. That's when the party really began," Christina says.



Local touches Signing the marriage register in front of all the guests—an Irish tradition. Posing for photos with Dagda, the estate's Irish wolfhound. A post-reception midnight snack of finger sandwiches, another local custom. And, like something out of Irish mythology, a rare double rainbow appeared over the castle as guests arrived.

Favorite moment Performing a duet with her new husband: "During the reception, I sang 'Desire' by U2 while Thomas played the bass," Christina says.

Three tips Pick a place that suits you as a couple. ("We chose Ireland because of our lineage as well as the fact that the castle represented our interests.") Build a Web site. ("Include all the travel information your guests need: differ-

ent places to stay, an itinerary of the events and a history of the area.") Be your own scout. ("Visit in advance and check out the accommodations for your guests. We also personally met with all of our vendors, including the hairstylist, makeup artist and photographer.")