



CROSS-COUNTRY CONNECTION

Daphne Lan & Greg Cicci | Hyatt Regency, Huntington Beach

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Daphne and Greg met and hit it off during an Alaskan cruise, but had one major problem: Daphne lived in Southern California, while Greg was from Chicago. After a two-year long distance relationship, on a cold and snowy night at a Chicago restaurant, Greg cooked up a sweet



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surprise. Between each course, the waiter, a friend who was in on it, brought out a gift in a Chinese take-out box. The last surprise was a large silver fortune cookie, and as soon as she saw it Daphne knew there would be a ring inside...but all she found was confetti. That's when Greg got down on one knee and recited a poem he wrote himself that ended with, "Will you marry me?" The thoughtful proposal led to two elegant weddings, one in California and one in Chicago.

Invitations *Creations from the Basement*, the bride's own paper-crafts company, created espresso-colored cards with gold text and a rust orange ribbon. **Floral & Event Design** The theme the couple wanted to bring to life was based on the wonderful days they spent together during Daphne's trips to visit Greg in Chicago during the fall months. *French Buckets*, *A Florist* helped capture the luscious, rich fall colors. The wedding party walked down the aisle on a bed of real fall leaves. **Linens** *Wildflower Linen* complemented the rustic theme with copper-colored tablecloths, sheer tangerine-colored overlays and mango taffeta napkins. **Catering** *Hyatt Regency* served guests a delicious meal of filet mignon and mahi mahi with lobster risotto. **Cake** *Rossmoor Pastries* **Entertainment** Ceremony music was provided by *Essence Entertainment* and *Custom Studios* was DJ for the reception. **Wedding Gown** Daphne wore a simple and unique ivory satin gown with open embroidery on the back and ruching at the sides by *Jessica McClintock*. **Bridesmaid Dresses** *Alfred Angelo* **Formalwear** *Men's Wearhouse* **Honeymoon** Hawaii

