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627 Fresh Ideas!

weddings



Mix & Match
'Maids:
Dresses in
Every Hue

BIG-DAY
JEWELRY
THAT WILL
LAST A
LIFETIME

PLUS
Pack That
Sunscreen!
The Hottest
Beaches
Right Now

**SIMPLY
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Dreamy Gowns,
Desserts,
Flowers, Décor
& More!

Go for a Swim...

Want to get up-close-and-personal with some wildlife?
Why not take the aquatic route?



... WITH PIGS IN THE BAHAMAS

Bonding with crazy-cute pigs on the Exumas' Pig Island has become an island-goer's rite of passage. Book a four-hour excursion from Island Routes via *Sandals Emerald Bay* (from \$299 per person per night, all-inclusive; sandals.com); you'll sail by catamaran to meet the porcine wonders and seek out endangered Bahamian rock iguanas on nearby islands.



... WITH MANATEES IN FLORIDA

Citrus County, on the Gulf Coast, is the only place in North America where you can swim with West Indian manatees. Post up at the *Plantation on Crystal River* (from \$109 per night, plantationoncrystalriver.com) to snorkel daily with the playful, lazy sea cows, which seek out the 72-degree waters from October through March.



... WITH STINGRAYS IN BELIZE

This tiny Central American country fronts the Northern Hemisphere's longest barrier reef, home to incredible dive sites like Shark Ray Alley. You can almost touch the giant rays on a snorkeling excursion, courtesy of the outfitter at the new *Mahogany Bay Resort & Beach Club*, Curio—A Collection by Hilton (from \$289 per night, mahoganybayvillage.com/resort).



... WITH CAPE FUR SEALS IN SOUTH AFRICA

Suit up in the cute beach town of Simon's Town (where Shark Explorers is based). You'll LOL into your snorkel watching these ocean clowns dip and dive as you approach. Retreat to Cape Town's luxe *Silo Hotel* (from \$1,140 per night, theroyalportfolio.com/the-silo) for a hot shower and a two-person Mouille Point mule cocktail.