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Love by the ocean

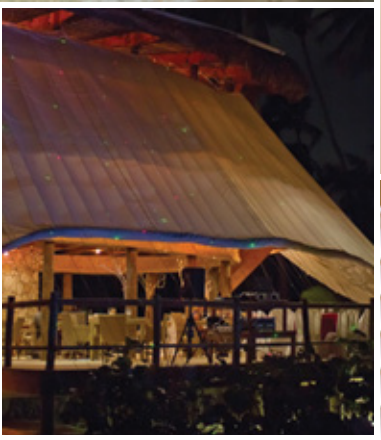
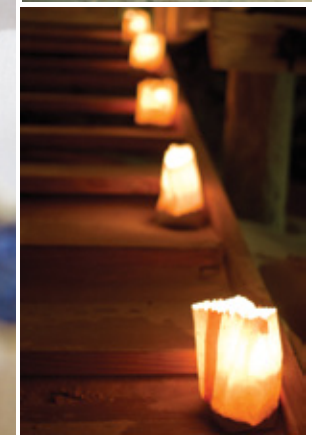
Emon and I met at work in 2006 and it was love at first date!! From the very first time we went out, we knew we would spend the rest of our lives together. When he proposed in May of 2010, we wanted to get married as soon as possible. I've never been a fan of big weddings and didn't want a big fuss. In fact, I wanted to elope and get married on a beach! We compromised and decided on a destination wedding in January 2011. Emon and I both embrace our different cultures and despite the fact that we were having a destination wedding, we wanted to infuse a bit of culture and tradition into our wedding. We decided to have an Iranian ceremony at the Dreams Palm Beach resort in Punta Cana followed by a reception at the Jelly Fish, a fantastic restaurant located right by the ocean.

out and then there were clouds and we had rain and then the sun was out again. Manuela made the best of each moment. We both felt at ease and comfortable and when we saw the pictures for that day, we knew we had made the right decision by choosing Manuela. We were so excited to have her come to Punta Cana with us and capture our wedding day. When our wedding day finally came, Manuela captured every moment from the time we each started getting ready to the end of the night where everyone was partying hard on the dance floor. She photographed our day in such an amazing way. The photos turned out beyond beautiful. She captured every detail and all the different colours of our ceremony and reception remarkably.

Considering we were having our wedding away and many of the people we loved couldn't be there, we knew we needed to capture the day to the fullest to share with our family and friends at home. When we started searching for a photographer, we had no idea what we were looking for. We searched a lot of websites, looked at a lot of pictures and nothing really felt right until we looked at Manuela Stefan's page. It was like a breath of fresh air. The pictures were all so full of colour and life. Everyone looked so real and happy in all the photos. The more we looked at the pictures, the more we felt like we were right there, sharing in the memories of that couple with them. This is exactly what we were looking for.

The way she portrays emotion in her photos is exceptional. Every time we look at our photos, we feel as though we are reliving the moments. Every time someone else looks at them, they tell us, it's as if they were with us the entire time. Manuela found a way to help us share our day with everyone that we know and love that couldn't be there on that day. Manuela is exactly what we were hoping for when we started our search for a photographer. Manuela is so talented and such a pleasure to work with. I enjoy her work so much that I visit her website and read her blog on a regular basis. As I read the stories and look at the photos, I'm reminded each time of what an honour it was to have her photograph our wedding. She will forever be a part of our lives as the person who made our wedding day timeless and unforgettable.

We had our engagement shoot in Churchill Park in Toronto. The weather was very strange, the sun was



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