

Andrea & Brian

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A bride's semester in Madrid inspires a celebration with a striking teal and coral color scheme and regal Spanish details.

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1 Andrea wore a lace and satin gown by Alvina Valenta, and a lace flower in her hair. 2 Her bridesmaids wore black satin dresses by BCBG Max Azria, headbands by J.Crew, and heels by Chinese Laundry. 3 After an intimate ceremony held at a Latter-Day Saints temple in La Jolla, the couple and their 300 guests gathered at The Prado (pradobalboa.com), a restaurant housed in a 1915 Spanish Colonial building in Balboa Park. "I spent

a semester in Madrid and have always loved everything Spanish," says Andrea. 4 Each guest received a different postcard (by Courtney Scowby Designs) bearing a handwritten note from the couple. "We wanted the reception to feel intimate," says Andrea. "So we wrote personal notes that each mentioned a special memory we shared with that guest." 5 Escort cards displayed an illustration of a crown, a recurring motif.

6 Guests were offered boxes of Godiva chocolates adorned with ribbons and letterpress-printed favor tags by Pretty Handsome Paper (prettyhandsomepaper.com), the stationery studio that also created the couple's wedding invites. 7 Andrea and Brian chose "At Last" by Etta James for their first dance; music was provided by The Fabulous Ultratones (ultratones.com), a 10-piece dance band. 8 In addition to the cake from Flour Power (flourpower.com), the couple also offered Spanish-style churros and hot chocolate, Andrea's favorite treats while studying abroad.



9 The couple worked with Heather Balliet of Amorology (amorologyweddings.com) on the event design. The Spanish phrases that served as table "numbers" translated into sentiments such as "Forever" and "My Treasure." Sculptural centerpieces featured a crown atop velvet pillows and green mums. Flowers

by Twigg Botanicals (760-809-4534). 10 During dinner, guests watched a video montage of the couple. "It meant so much to see everyone together," says Andrea. 11 She and the groom departed in a pedicab (popspediacabs.com). "We wanted to leave on a bicycle because we love cycling together," she says.

