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# ISLAND CHARM

Pippa and Daniel's Ibizan wedding was an elegant affair with romantic finishing touches

**In the beginning** Pippa and Daniel met in Space nightclub in Ibiza in June 2003. “There was definitely ‘something’ at first sight and we met up in London as friends when we got back,” says Pippa. “Over time we lost touch, until I emailed him out of the blue when I was looking for sponsorship for a charity project in Africa. We got back in touch and things just went from there.”

**The proposal** Daniel popped the question in October 2006 after the couple had been officially dating for 10 months. “I was a bit suspicious when Dan took me on a surprise holiday to New York, especially when the flight attendants gave us a bottle of Champagne – I wanted to know why,” laughs Pippa. “He got down on one knee on Brooklyn Bridge and proposed as the sun went down over New York!”

## the outfits

**Bride** Pippa's stunning ivory silk dress was from Suzanne Neville (01483 533209). “I loved it the minute I put it on,” says Pippa.

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Pippa continued her glamorous look with silver strappy Jimmy Choo (0845 270 7100), a diamond necklace given to her by her parents and a blue fan from her mother-in-law.

**Groom** Daniel looked handsome in a grey suit from Paul Smith ([www.paulsmith.co.uk](http://www.paulsmith.co.uk)) and a tie from Gucci (020 7235 6707).

**Attendants** Pippa had five attendants, including her sister-in-law Jo and her three best friends Conor, Claire and Liz. The girls wore striking silver dresses from Dessy ([www.dessygroup.co.uk](http://www.dessygroup.co.uk)), while Conor chose a dark grey suit hired from Moss Bros ([www.mossbros.co.uk](http://www.mossbros.co.uk)). The flowergirl, Pippa's niece Amelia, looked cute in a white dress with a silver sash, also from Dessy.

## the reception

**Venue** Pippa and Daniel wanted a “chilled out and glamorous” reception and brought 70 guests to the Can Talaies hotel in San Carlos, ▷



### the couple

**Bride and groom** Pippa Rayner-Cook, 27, marketing communications manager, and Daniel Halstead, 27, MD of an IT recruitment company.

**Date** 7 September 2007.

**Ceremony** Islington Town Hall, with a reception at Can Talaias hotel, Ibiza.



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Ibiza. "There were lots of venues that weren't quite right, but when we went to Can Talaias we just knew. It was up a mountain in the middle of a pine forest and there was such an amazing view," reveals Pippa. "We were also aware of the misconceptions of Ibiza and wanted to make sure people knew this was a proper wedding and not just a party in a nightclub."

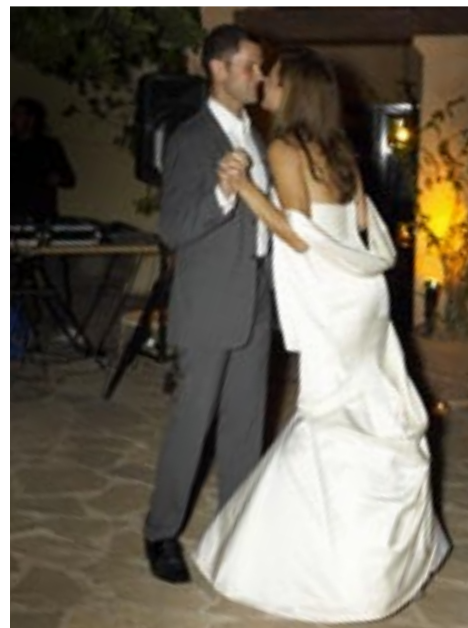
**Menu** "The main focus to our wedding was food, so if there was a theme, good food would have to be it," says the bride. "I ate so much my dress was nearly splitting by the end of the day!" Caterers Eat Ibiza ([www.eat-ibiza.com](http://www.eat-ibiza.com)) created a delicious Spanish-inspired menu that began with canapés and starters of roasted peppers, Manchego cheese slices and gambas a la plancha (grilled prawns). The main course

consisted of fillet steak, sea bass or a summer vegetable and goat's cheese tartlet, followed by an orange blossom and vanilla crème brûlée.

**Wedding cake** Eat Ibiza made the couple's pretty three-tiered cake. It contained layers of chocolate fudge brownie, baked vanilla cheesecake and white chocolate and raspberry sponge, and was decorated with white chocolate swirls.

**Flowers** Pippa carried an elegant bouquet of white phalaenopsis orchids and sweet peas, while the bridesmaids and flowergirl held small posies of sweet peas. All the flowers were locally sourced by Eat Ibiza, which provided a wedding planning service for the couple.

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