



Romantic Movies

Filmmakers with documentary experience and a Rarotonga connection are now capturing the romance and fun of Cook Islands weddings.

Tiare Films is Justine Flanagan and Andy Kirkwood who set up the company after seeing the number of beach weddings here.

"As most weddings are for overseas couples, we thought that a dvd would be a great way for them to share their island wedding," says Justine, whose family are from Ngatangia.

It is also a great way to share your wedding day with family and friends who couldn't be there and gives you a chance to relive your day – as often as you like.

As one bride put it, "Going to clean off the mascara now after reliving the day all over again

and some! You caught so many little bits and pieces that it was impossible for us to witness all at once, and the result is something that we will treasure forever."

Holding a ceremony near the sea, at sunrise or sunset is popular in Rarotonga but the conditions make it difficult to film with a handheld video camera. Coastal winds and the sound of the waves compete with the wedding vows, and there are also extreme lighting conditions to contend with. This is where Tiare Films' professional cameras, microphones and experience in filming make all the difference.

Tiare Films is based in Wellington during the New Zealand wedding season and relocate to Rarotonga from June through to October.



Exotic and sweetly scented

Choosing wedding flowers here is exciting. Your options range from flamboyantly tropical to exotically perfumed to imported favourites – or combinations of them all.

Flowers are much loved by Cook Islanders - there is even a flower festival. The Tiare Festival is held in November when buildings, people and floats are decorated with flowers and the Miss Tiare pageant is held.

Tiare Maori (*Gardenia taitensis*), with its glossy green leaves and beautifully scented white flower is the national flower. Gardenias flower from October/November through until May. Frangipani flower from September through to the end of February (with some variations from year to year).

In the winter months imported orchids are particularly popular.



Because beach weddings are popular here, wedding arches garlanded with flamboyant tropical flowers and foliage are often a stunning showpiece.

Among the range of exotic tropical flowers, Anthuriums, with their heart shapes and bright bold colours shout 'look at me'. They work well as the centerpiece of an arrangement – not being very good about sharing the limelight. The beautifully architectural Heliconia work in much the same way. Many flowers from the ginger and lily families also make striking statements in tropical bouquets and garlands.

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