

## Wedding Plans

Marina is very happy. She is getting married!

Marina is 24 years old and lives in the city of Saint-Louis, in Senegal. All of her family is from Senegal too. They are very excited about her wedding. She is the youngest daughter and the last one to get married. Marina's family told her she can choose a beach resort to have a wonderful wedding party in Senegal.

Marina's fiancé, Jean, is 25, one year older than her. He is from Cote d'Ivoire but now he lives in Senegal. Jean has two sisters but he is the only son. His family wants him to get married in Cote d'Ivoire.

Marina and Jean say they could get married in one place and have their honeymoon in the other. But each family wants them to get married in their country. They are putting a lot of pressure on the young couple.

Marina and Jean want to make everybody happy, but the family arguments are making them unhappy. So she has an idea. Why not get married somewhere else? Marina knows many foreigners come to Africa to get married. They like nature and think Africa is an exotic destination. There are beach resorts, beautiful sand dunes, valleys, lakes, mountains and safari parks - lots of photo opportunities.

But she just wants a peaceful place where she and Jean can say their vows. In her research, she finds a lovely wedding venue in Gambia on an uncrowded beach. Jean really likes the place.

They plan to stay a few days in Gambia by themselves. Then they celebrate with Jean's family and friends in Cote d'Ivoire. Finally, they come back to Senegal, and have a big party there too.

Marina and Jean are very happy with their arrangements.

Now they just have to tell the parents!

### New words for this article

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|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. to get married | to become a couple legally       |
| 2. wedding        | Ceremony when you get married    |
| 3. beach resort   | A holiday destination on a beach |
| 4. honeymoon      | Holiday after the wedding        |
| 5. argument       | disagreement                     |
| 6. Unhappy        | sad                              |
| 7. peaceful       | with no noise                    |
| 8. vow            | serious promise                  |

### Comprehension questions - Indiquez si les expressions suivantes sont vraies (True) ou fausses (False).

1. Maria's mother and father are from Senegal
2. Maria has no sisters
3. The parents are happy for them to get married where they want
4. Maria wants to go to an quiet destination for their wedding
5. Maria's parents know about their wedding

**Comprehension questions**

1 True  
2 False  
3 False  
4 True  
5 False

**Answers**