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In this issue, you'll find a blend of timeless style, fresh trends, expert insight, and heartwarming real events that inspire connection and joy. From stunning gowns to creative themes and meaningful traditions, we're here to help you design moments that matter.

At The One Stop Wedding Shop, giving back is woven into everything we do. That's why we proudly spotlight a nonprofit organization in each issue - and this time, we're honored to feature Sarasota Youth Sailing, a local group empowering young people through the art and discipline of sailing.

Thank you for letting us be part of your most meaningful moments. Here's to love, laughter, and the beginning of forever - no matter what you're celebrating.

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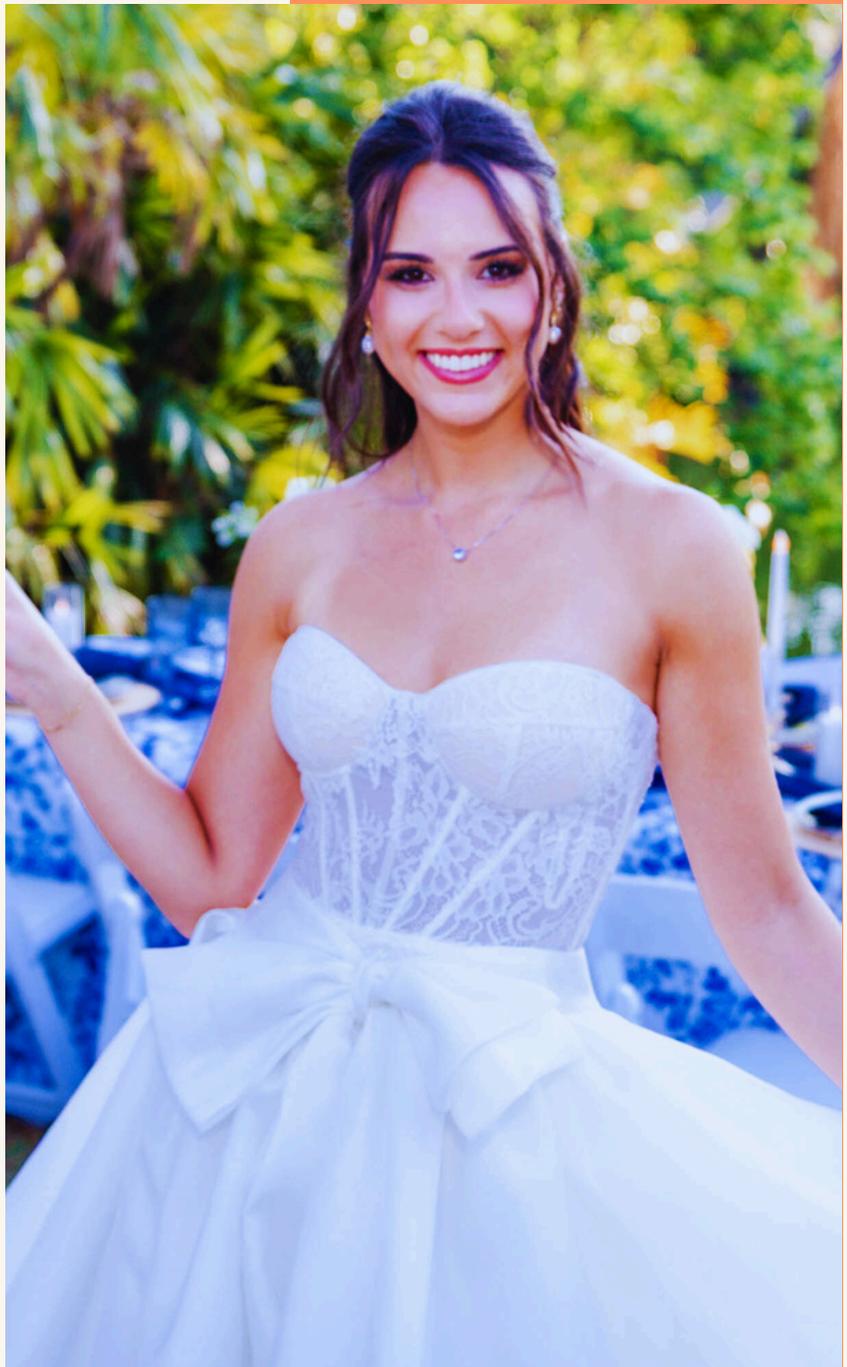
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BEFORE “I DO”: WHY PREMARITAL COUNSELING IS ESSENTIAL FOR LASTING INTIMACY

BY DR. APRIL BROWN, DOCTOR OF INTIMACY

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etting engaged is a magical time—full of romance, excitement, and planning for the big day. Yet amid cake tastings and honeymoon bookings, one crucial preparation is often overlooked: premarital counseling.

It might not be as glamorous as picking out wedding flowers, but premarital counseling can set your marriage up to succeed and survive long-term, in spite of the odds. As a relationship therapist (some call me the “Doctor of Intimacy”), I’ve seen firsthand how investing in these conversations before saying “I do” profoundly strengthens a couple’s bond.

Premarital counseling is about building a solid foundation for your marriage. It provides a safe, guided space to explore issues vital to a lifetime of love—topics that might not come up in everyday dating. Love alone isn’t enough to carry a marriage; you also need good communication, understanding, and a shared vision for the future. That’s why in premarital sessions we cover everything from the butterflies of love to the brass tacks of money, ensuring you and your partner connect on every level (emotional, physical, spiritual, intellectual, and more) as you embark on married life.

Love in Marriage:

Love brings you together, but what does love in marriage really look like after the honeymoon phase? In counseling, we talk about how love is more than a feeling—it’s a daily choice and action.

True love in marriage involves commitment and understanding that deepens over time.

Communication in Marriage:

If love is the heart of a marriage, communication is the lifeblood that keeps it beating. Premarital counseling helps couples develop better communication skills and healthy conflict management. You learn to articulate feelings without attacking and to resolve disagreements before they escalate.

Freedom in Marriage:

Maintaining a sense of freedom within marriage is key to a healthy partnership. We explore how to balance individuality and togetherness, supporting each other’s growth.

Sex in Marriage:

Physical intimacy is a vital part of marriage. Premarital counseling encourages honest discussions about expectations and ways to maintain a fulfilling and trusting sexual relationship.

Money:

Few topics spark conflict faster than money. Premarital counseling encourages transparency and collaborative financial planning to prevent future disputes.

Selfishness:

Marriage is a team sport. We move from a me-first mindset to a we-first mindset by cultivating empathy, fairness, and generosity.

Religious Expectations:

Faith and spirituality play a significant role in many relationships. Discussing religious expectations early ensures alignment and mutual respect.

Relatives:

Family dynamics can influence marriage. Counseling helps couples establish healthy boundaries and navigate family involvement respectfully.

Children:

Discussing hopes and expectations about children upfront is crucial. Counseling facilitates these conversations with compassion and clarity.

Each topic enhances different facets of intimacy. To help couples assess their relationship, I recommend the **Partner Intimacy Quiz**. This quiz is a fun, eye-opening way to spark discussion and strengthen connection.

Premarital counseling is about being proactive. It’s an investment in your relationship before serious problems arise. Furthermore, taking a premarital course before getting your Florida marriage license will allow you all to get a significant discount on your marriage license. For more resources, visit DrAprilBrown.com or explore our premarital counseling services at **Therapists In Sarasota**. As the Doctor of Intimacy, I encourage you to prioritize building a strong, intimate foundation for your marriage—because a wedding is for a day, but a marriage is for life.



Written by Dr. April Brown
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Water Wellness Advocate | Mother | Healer. My healing journey started with a whisper – a quiet nudge in my soul that said, “It’s time to get well.” For years, I lived in chronic pain and pushed through life while silently suffering. Autoimmune disease and unresolved trauma followed me from childhood into adulthood, but about four years ago, I made a decision: I was going to heal – from the inside out.

That decision led me down a path of deep spiritual work, holistic practices, and lifestyle changes that helped me reconnect with my body and my purpose. When I moved to Lakewood Ranch, Florida two years ago, I felt like I was finally where I needed to be. I also realized that clean water, clean air, and clean living were absolutely essential to my healing.



Preferred vendor Pure Home 365- Windy Johnson



THE WATER FILTRATION

I found a job at Pure Home 365 and thought it would just be work – but it quickly became so much more. I fell in love with the mission, the products, and most of all, the impact. Water, especially, became a passion of mine. The more I learned, the more I knew I had to share. I dove headfirst into understanding what’s really in our water and how it’s affecting our health – and now, I educate and empower families every day to make safer choices.

Helping someone install a whole-home water system isn’t just a sale to me – it’s a moment of transformation. It means that the family gets to feel better, live cleaner, and thrive.

I truly believe healing is possible. And I’m here to help others begin with what matters most – pure, clean water.

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For example, there is usually much thought behind the guest list. Family and friends are all so important to us, including our furry friends which are considered part of our family.

In recent years, a heartwarming trend with couples has been growing; including their beloved pets on their special day. From ring bearers to flower pups pets are taking on key roles on the wedding day.

They are even playing important parts in surprise wedding engagements. There are many ways for pets to be included on your special day; from invitations, being part of the ceremony and/or reception, photos/videos, to even having special cocktails named after them.

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What Is a Day-of Coordinator?

Often misunderstood as a luxury, a **day-of coordinator** is actually an essential player in ensuring your event goes off without a hitch. Unlike a full-service planner, a day-of coordinator focuses on executing the details you've already planned—so you can relax and enjoy the celebration you worked so hard to design.

Our team steps in about 4–6 weeks before your wedding or event. We review your plans, confirm vendor details, build a master timeline, and take over communication, ensuring every element is aligned for a flawless day.

Why You'll Be Grateful You Hired One Peace of Mind

From sunrise to the final send-off, our coordinators manage the flow, handle the hiccups, and keep everything (and everyone) on schedule, so you can live in the moment, not the logistics.

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Even the best-laid plans need a steady hand to guide them. We've handled late arrivals, broken zippers, power outages, and weather surprises, without missing a beat. Our job is to protect your vision and problem-solve without the stress reaching you.

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Your vendors need guidance and timing. We act as their go-to contact, so no one's calling the bride, groom, or family members on the big day. We coordinate arrival times, setup, payments, and breakdowns, so everything runs like clockwork.

A Timeline You Can Trust

We build a detailed timeline covering everything from hair and makeup to the last dance. Then we make it happen, quietly and efficiently, so the event feels effortless to you and your guests.

Enhanced Guest Experience

A good coordinator looks after your guests, too. From helping with seating and shuttle schedules to guiding the ceremony processional, we make sure everyone feels included and cared for.



THE IMPORTANCE OF FINANCIAL STABILITY IN MARRIAGE

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The Importance of Financial Stability in Marriage

Marriage is a partnership built on love, trust, and shared goals. However, financial stability plays a crucial role in ensuring that this partnership thrives. Money disagreements remain one of the top causes of marital stress, but couples who take a proactive approach to financial strategy can significantly reduce tension and create a solid foundation for their future.

One of the best ways to build financial stability in marriage is by implementing key financial tools and strategies—such as proper life insurance coverage, emergency savings and long-term wealth-building accounts. Let's explore why each of these components is essential for a financially secure marriage.

1. Protecting Each Other with Life Insurance

The first step in financial security for a married couple is ensuring that, if one partner passes away unexpectedly, the other can maintain financial stability. Term life insurance is often a solution for couples due to its affordability and straightforward coverage.

- **Why Term Insurance:** It provides a death benefit for a specific term (e.g., 20 or 30 years), which can help cover essential expenses such as mortgage payments, childcare, education costs, and day-to-day living expenses should the unexpected happen.
- **Choosing the Right Amount:** A good rule of thumb can be to carry coverage equal to about 10 times your annual income, helping to ensure that your spouse can replace your lost income and maintain the family's lifestyle.

Why This Matters for Marriage: Knowing that your spouse and children will be financially protected can provide peace of mind and can help prevent financial hardship during an already devastating time.

2. Building an Emergency Fund to Reduce Stress

Unexpected expenses—such as medical bills, car repairs, or job loss—are inevitable. Couples without an emergency fund often turn to credit cards or loans, leading to financial strain and marital tension.

- **How Much to Save:** Financial experts recommend setting aside 3–6 months' worth of living expenses in a high-yield savings account.
- **Why This Matters for Marriage:** Having a financial cushion means you and your spouse can handle life's surprises without arguments over money or accumulating debt. It creates a sense of security and teamwork, rather than panic and blame.

3. Establishing Short-Term Investment Accounts for Mid-Range Goals

While emergency funds handle immediate crises, short-term investment accounts are perfect for goals within the next 2–5 years—such as buying a home, starting a family, or funding a major trip.

- **What to Consider:** Money market accounts, or conservative brokerage accounts with balanced mutual funds (a mix of bonds and low-volatility stocks).
- **Why This Matters for Marriage:** Couples who save for shared goals build excitement and teamwork, rather than resentment over spending habits or unmet dreams.

4. Building Long-Term Wealth with Retirement and Investment Accounts

A stable marriage also requires planning for financial independence in later years. Wealth-building accounts provide long-term security and help ensure you can retire comfortably together.

Key wealth-building tools include:

- **401(k) or 403(b):** Employer-sponsored retirement accounts, often with matching contributions—a key benefit that should not be ignored.
- **IRAs (Traditional or Roth):** Great for tax-advantaged retirement savings.
- **Annuities:** Provide guaranteed income in retirement, which can reduce financial anxiety in later years.
- **Managed Accounts or Financial Advisors:** For couples who prefer professional guidance in diversifying investments and building long-term wealth.

Discussing retirement goals together fosters unity and helps ensure both partners share the same vision for their future lifestyle.

Conclusion: Financial Stability Strengthens Marriage

Financial stability is not about wealth—it's about security, planning, and shared goals. By protecting each other with life insurance, maintaining an emergency fund, setting up short-term investments, and building long-term wealth, couples can reduce money-related stress and strengthen their bond. Marriage thrives when both partners feel secure and confident about their financial future. Taking these steps not only protects your family but also nurtures trust, teamwork, and lasting love.



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Worthington ~ The Name

In 1985, Lee's Crab Trap opened its doors. The name was perfect for what it was at the time but it was not what the James family needed for a feel of prestige, love and a name that grabbed attention for the newly renovated space to become a performance and event venue. After weeks of searching, they came across their family tree. As it is, a large group of their descendants originating from England, dating back over 800 years, were part of the conflict "War of the Roses." After coming across this information, it was very clear that they found their name, "Worthington."

Dating early in 1675, Captain John Worthington settled on an 8000-acre estate between the Annapolis and Baltimore areas that he named "Whiskey Ridge." Today this county is known as Worthington Valley.

"We could not be prouder to embrace and share our family history."

~ Donna James

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Meet The James Family

(from left to right) Jennifer James, Donna James and Jarrett James

The James family wants Worthington to be as sentimental to you as it is to them. The estate holds a special place in their hearts thanks to Leeland Cline, father of Donna James and Jarrett James. Leeland spent a great deal of his time in its original construction and would always pride himself in every detail that contributed to its unique old Florida vibe. His attention to detail contributed greatly to the newly reconstructed awe-inspiring venue that pays tribute to his original vision.

As the visionary of the location and layout of Crab Trap II, Lee Cline was also the creator of so many clever and memorable pieces throughout The Worthington. "We were honored to be able to pay tribute to my grandfather and keep many of his clever and memorable pieces as part of our family's tradition. Our goal will always be to take his vision above all expectations, especially for all those who want to be an addition to our next chapter!" ~ Jarrett James

For over 40 years, the family has been associated with great food and special occasions with four restaurants in their historic repertoire dating from the early 70's to include Crap Trap I, Hickory Hollow Barbeque, The Sea Hut and Crap Trap II.

The Crab Trap II was built from the ground up, by Leeland Cline himself in 1985. When he originally acquired the estate, he would build scaffolding along the property line to be able to gauge the view he envisioned for every guest that came into his restaurant. He wanted every single guest to have a view of the beautiful lake that sits along the backside of the property. This is the reason he built tiered layers of seating throughout the building.

Crab Trap II was always associated with prestige and class, pioneering its way through trend setting and historic dishes and flavors. The décor was an eclectic mix of old Florida and the Caribbean islands with quirky treasures and recipes that found its way to being showcased to its clientele.

Catlyn Smith (Venue Manager & Event Planner), Angella Cisco-Ferreira (General Manager), Jarrett James & Donna James (Owners)



THE IDEAL VENUE



Due to a decline in his health in the early 2000's and later to his passing in 2008, the restaurants were left to Leelands two daughters Donna James and ***. Donna James took over Crab Trap I and renamed it The Sea Hut. The establishment is still in operation today. After Donna's sister's passing, Crab Trap II ended up closing and was put up for sale to the public in 2010 and eagerly pursued by Donna James to keep it in the family. By 2012, the property was officially purchased by Donna James, her son, Jarrett James and daughter Jennifer James. They spent the next few years diligently and manually transforming this 350-seat iconic landmark into something that would be enjoyed and embraced once again by the community. Their vision included a hint of the old Florida feel with a splash of elegance scattered throughout the newly remodeled venue focusing on a more chic than shabby outcome.



"We look forward to continuing this adventure for many years to come. Always evolving for the better and keeping on the creative path that my grandfather, Lee Cline would have loved and wanted. Our vision has a "dream big" attitude because your special day deserves it!"
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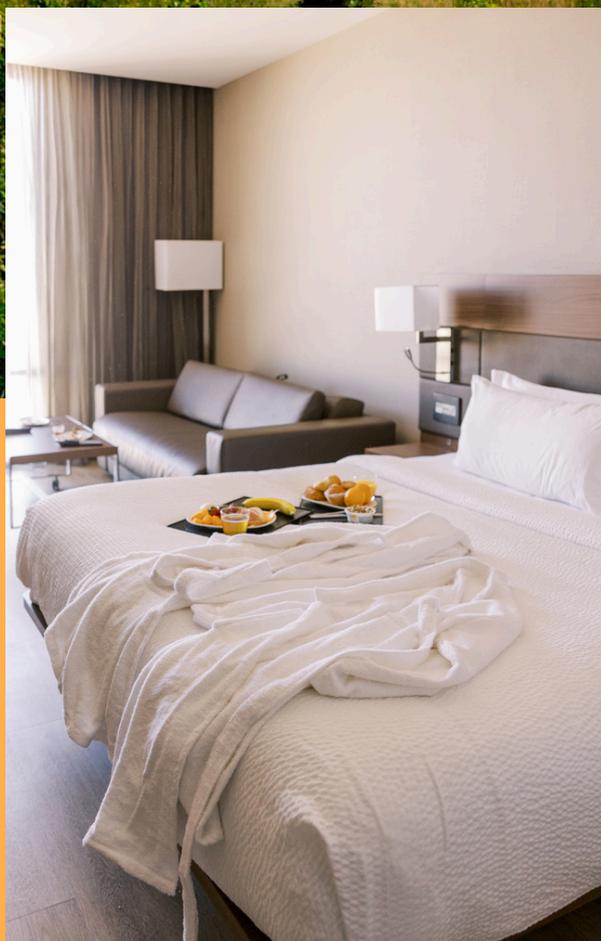
Honeymoon Destination

Colombia is a gem in South America, offering stunning landscapes and vibrant culture, making it an excellent destination for a wedding or honeymoon. What makes it so wonderful and memorable? Let's take a deeper look at the offerings.

Colombia boasts a diverse landscape, ranging from lush rainforests to pristine beaches. For a romantic and picturesque setting, couples can exchange vows in the historic city of Cartagena. The landmark city boasts charming colonial architecture and a Caribbean coastline. The streets are cobblestone, and colorful buildings offer a magical backdrop for weddings and photos.

For nature-loving couples, the Coffee Triangle is a must-visit. The region is renowned for its lush coffee plantations and breathtaking mountain scenery. Imagine seeing hills covered in aromatic coffee bushes and waking to small Casitas with drying coffee beans behind them, getting ready for the best and freshest cup of coffee you have ever tasted. This is the ideal spot for those seeking a blend of adventure and romance.

The adventurous couple may want to explore the Amazon and the surrounding Rainforest. Image Ziplining over mountains, jungles, and waterfalls. Have an epic day trip that includes a visit to La Ceja Nature Reserve and a zipline ride over the waterfalls, followed by a rest in a hammock suspended 432 feet above the rainforest floor. Stay with a couple of "chilmbianos." They live in the middle of the Amazon River jungle and invite you to stay with their family and meet their friends and family. You will be able to explore the communities such as San Antonio Del cacao, Santa Clara de Tarapota, Ticoya and Mocagua. These families live in a Sustainable and collaborative community, and you can become a part of their life for day.



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Colombia also offers vibrant cities, such as the capital, Bogotá, and the city of Medellín. Bogotá combines the stunning squares of statues and plants with the lively art scene.

Tour the graffiti art, explore the shopping district for the perfect emerald, or take a tour of the Salt Cathedral of Zipaquirá (Catedral del Sal). It is the mix of sophistication and old-world charm that pulls the soul. In Medellín, explore the Plaza Botero and its 23 bronze sculptures, featuring chubby cats, voluptuous women, and oversized hands, or tour the Modern Art Museum. Visit the colonial town of Santa Fe de Antioquia, a laid-back antidote to bustling Medellín.



Take a trip to see Piedra del Penol and climb the 742 steps to the top of the stone and visit Lake Guatapé. These cities feature stunning venues, from rooftop and mountainside terraces with city views to elegant ballrooms. The pools of cool water and smooth drinks make any couple relax after the hectic time leading up to a grand event or even being the scene of a private event.

Whether it's a beachside ceremony, a mountain retreat, or a city celebration, Colombia has something to offer everyone who is looking for a memorable wedding, honeymoon, or vacation. It is truly a destination where dreams can come true.

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The Reasons For Visiting Columbia

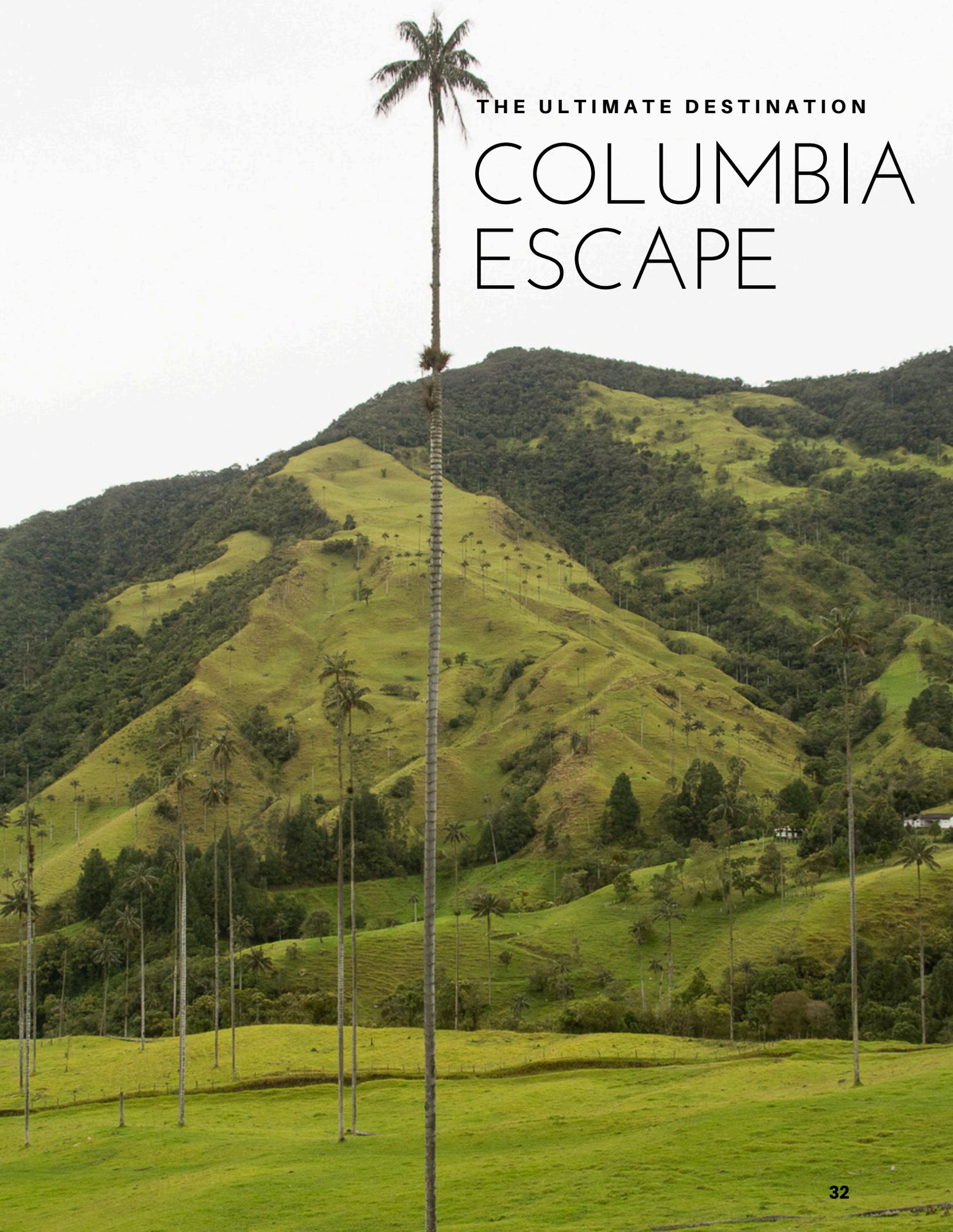
Explore cobblestone towns, enjoy gourmet dining, or dance the night away to salsa rhythms. From Breathtaking Venues, Colonial churches, tropical beaches, mountain estates, and luxury resorts

02. Your Dream Destination

From the vibrant streets of Cartagena to the lush coffee regions and stunning Caribbean beaches, Colombia offers a magical backdrop for your wedding, honeymoon, or romantic getaway. Whether you're planning a grand celebration or an intimate elopement, Colombia is the perfect canvas for your love story.



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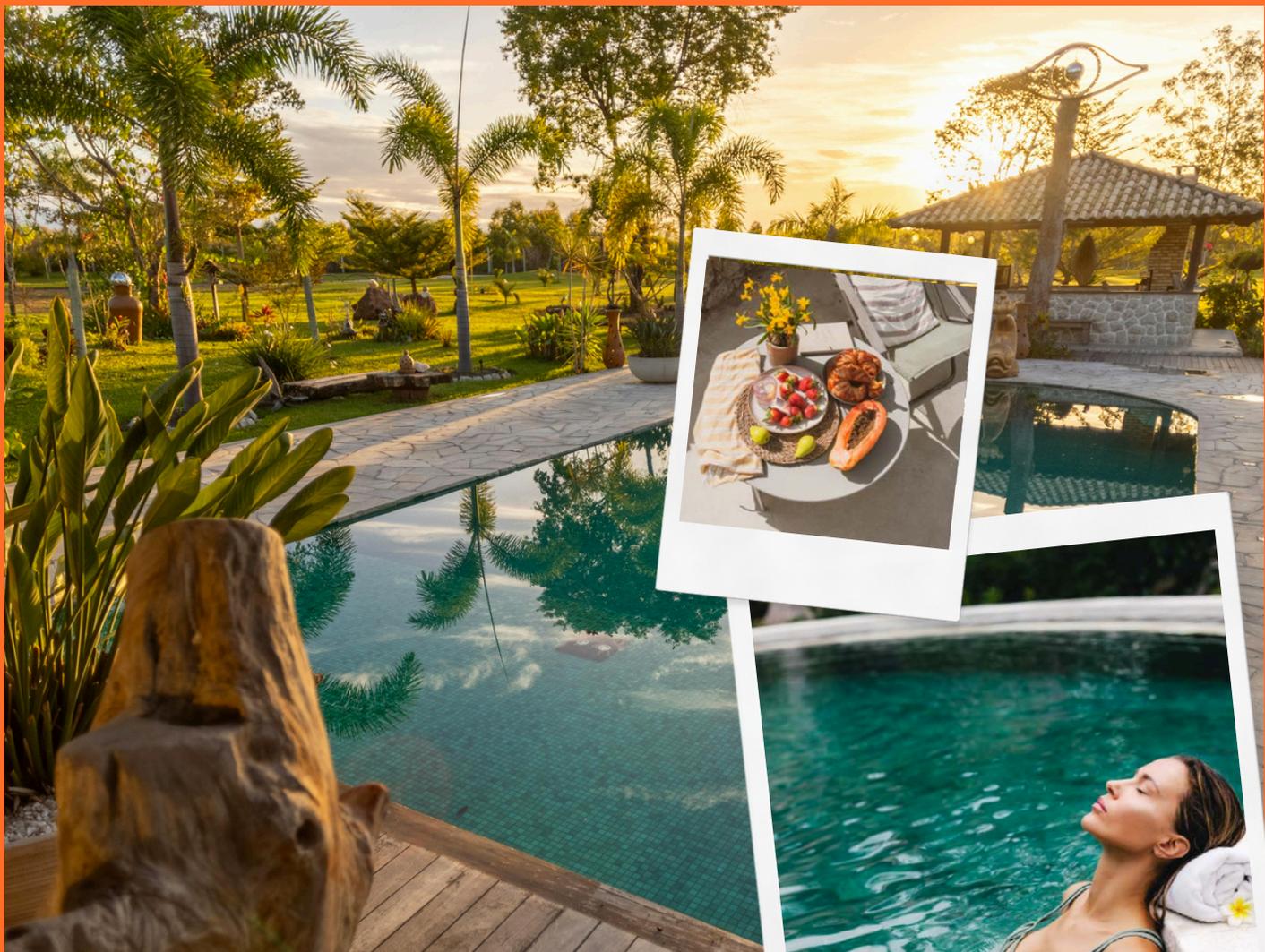
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SARASOTA YOUTH SAILING

On the shores of Sarasota Bay, a quiet transformation is taking place one young sailor at a time. Sarasota Youth Sailing (SYS), a nonprofit nestled at Ken Thompson Parkway, is far more than a sailing school. It's a launchpad for character development, leadership, and environmental stewardship for hundreds of children in the community each year.

“Our mission is to encourage youth sailors to experience the joy of sailing in a safe and fun environment. We strive to impart a love of sailing as a life sport, while providing the fundamental skills necessary for participants to advance in the sport as far as their desire, skill and hard work may take them. We promote ethical behavior among our sailors and teach life-long lessons, which build character, foster teamwork, develop self-reliance and instill respect for the marine environment.”

Founded with the belief that every child should have the opportunity to experience the joy of sailing, SYS offers year-round programs that serve youth ages 5 to 18, regardless of background or experience.

What began as a simple summer camp has grown into a comprehensive and respected program accredited by US Sailing. SYS now includes learn-to-sail classes, competitive race teams, recreational sailing, home school programs, and private coaching. Their programs are designed not just to teach children how to sail, but to help them learn life skills.

SYS's summer sailing camp remains its flagship offering, bringing in over 300 young sailors each season. Children learn the basics of seamanship, safety, and teamwork while building confidence on the water. Year-round, over 75 sailors stay engaged through recreational classes and racing programs. High school students from Sarasota High, Riverview, Pine View, and Sarasota Military Academy benefit from SYS coaching, often competing at regional and national regattas under SYS's guidance.

One of the organization's notable programs is its homeschool sailing program. Offered in six-week sessions, these classes merge classroom instruction with on-water training to build confidence, problem-solving skills, and collaboration among students.

For those with a competitive edge, SYS's race teams—spanning Opti Green Fleet, RWB, ILCA, C420, and Nacra 15—offer rigorous coaching and competition experience, preparing sailors for success on and off the racecourse.

But SYS's impact extends well beyond sailing instruction. The annual SAILFEST Regatta, for example, is not only a major community event but also the organization's largest fundraiser. It brings together more than 250 young sailors and their families from across the state, raising crucial funds for scholarships, equipment, and program expansion. Community engagement is central to SYS's mission, and events like these foster deep connections between families, local businesses, and the nonprofit.



Explore our Commitment

For the families, coaches, and hundreds of children who pass through its programs, SYS is more than an organization, it's a community that empowers the next generation to raise their sails high, both on the water and in life.



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