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PACIFIC PARADISE An all-
white wedding on the Hotel
del Coronado's Windsor Lawn
overlooking the ocean.

CORONADO

VIB: Very Important Bride

From serving as the backdrop for the 1959 Marilyn Monroe flick *Some Like It Hot* to welcoming Michelle Obama in 2007, the famous Hotel del Coronado on San Diego's Coronado Island has a long history with glamour. And as if hosting a wedding at the luxury resort weren't sweet enough, the Del recently launched its **Del Bride** program, a series of complimentary experiences catering to brides who will wed at the hotel. Perks range from Taittinger Rosé Champagne on the bride-to-be's first visit and VIP valet parking whenever she comes to the hotel for wedding planning to a pendant necklace and an exclusive Del Bride nail polish developed by their award-winning spa. The resort will also give couples special access to private areas for photography, including the iconic red-roofed turrets. "The program is for the discerning bride looking for the personal touch," says Wayne Harth, the hotel's director of catering and special events and the brains behind the Del Bride concept. "We cater to the bride's every whim and introduce the couple to the perfect customized event." *Wedding packages from \$210 per person; room rates from \$425 per night, with wedding rate blocks available depending on availability, 1500 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619.435.6611, hoteldel.com*
—Archana Ram

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38 Flower Power

The number of floral wedding necessities offered in the Mint Collection, a \$3,000 package from S.F.-based floral designer **Nancy Liu Chin** that's perfect for brides and grooms yearning to take the hassle out of choosing wedding-day flowers. The bounty includes one bridal and five hand-tied bouquets, 10 boutonnieres, 10 large and 10 small centerpieces, and two grand floral arrangements for the ceremony. Instead of a sit-down meeting, couples are

tasked with sending in a Pinterest mood board and up to five Pantone color swatches. From there, the work is up to Chin and her team of experts, making for a beautiful and less stressful big day. 400 Brannan St., Ste. 3A, San Francisco, 415.757.0390, nancyliuchin.com —Jess Charmoli



IN FULL BLOOM
An anemone-and-peonies-filled
bridal bouquet by Nancy Liu Chin

NANCY LIU CHIN PHOTO BY CAMERON INGALLS

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