

**BEST WEDDING: BUDGET \$500 AND ABOVE PER GUEST**



**Details Event Coordinators, St. Louis**

The couple's country estate provided the backdrop for a French country-inspired wedding ceremony, which took place on the porch of a 19th-century cabin overlooking the Missouri River. The 260 guests sat on handmade quilts to watch the exchange of vows, then ate dinner at tables set with antique French quilt overlays and centerpieces of wildflowers, loaves of bread and raffia-covered jugs. Performances by musical acts The Four Tops and the Fabulous Motown Revue capped off the evening's events.



**Weddings Unique Inc.**

A clear-span tent became a romantic "midnight garden" for a January wedding reception held at a riverside estate in Florida. Tables decorated in ivory and silver linen featured lush centerpieces of blue and cream blossoms; overhead, garden trellises covered in dendrobium orchids and votive candleholders were suspended from the tent ceiling. An adjacent lounge area furnished with intimate sitting areas gave guests a chic and comfortable place to sip cocktails and relax.

**BEST MULTIPLE-DAY INCENTIVE EVENT**



**Harith Productions Ltd., Oreland, Pa./ Ritz-Carlton, Naples, Naples, Fla.**

The three-day "Evening of Everglades Elegance" incentive program for VIASYS Healthcare was inspired by the flora and fauna of the Florida Everglades. Guests were treated to a sunset cocktail reception on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico and explored the waterways on a 35-foot catamaran cruise. The final-night event featured a five-course menu of local ingredients, served in a ballroom transformed into a lush jungle environment, complete with dancers dressed as creatures such as butterflies and frogs.

**Extraordinary Events, Sherman Oaks, Calif./ Designs by Sean, Dania, Fla.**

Extraordinary Events and Designs by Sean produced six events over five days for an incentive program in Puerto Rico for top producers from a financial institution. In addition to two general sessions and an awards gala, the main event was a "Caribbean Carnivale" celebration, which was divided into four uniquely decorated areas: "Jamaica," "Bahamas," "Trinidad" and "Aruba." Guests dined on each island's native cuisine, danced to calypso and reggae bands, and watched a carnival parade of vibrantly costumed dancers.



**Showtime Events, Raleigh, N.C.**

To accommodate large group sizes and employee demographics, Showtime Events produced identical back-to-back three-day incentive programs in Sanibel Island, Fla., for two groups from a financial institution. The first group of 500 guests enjoyed a "casino night" welcome reception, dinner at a top-rated local restaurant and a final-night "Studio 54" themed disco party. On the fourth day of the program, the first group departed and the second group arrived for the same round of events.