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Down the Aisle

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INNA SHEYN AND IGOR OFENBAKH

Fate was smiling on Inna Sheyn and Igor Ofenbakh five years ago when, at a friend's wedding, she caught the bouquet and he snagged the garter. Little did they know they'd have their own wedding day. Inna, a 28-year-old accountant from Uzbekistan, met Igor Ofenbakh, 31, a computer programmer originally from Russia, in 1998 when a mutual friend set them up. "At first, I didn't fall for him, but he kept calling me and I wound up falling in love with him," she says. "It was my first blind date — and hopefully my last."

The two got engaged in December 2004 in Paris. "We went to the Eiffel Tower and he put the ring on my finger while we were there," Inna says. "And we did this way before Tom Cruise; he copied us!"

Simply Dazzling Events helped plan the celebration for 100 guests at Baku Palace. "It was important for us to have all types of cuisine, a sushi bar for younger American guests, a traditional rice dish and shish kebab from Uzbekistan and, of course, caviar and lots of vodka for the Russians," Inna says. "Also, it's very important for any Russian wedding to have no time limit. You can't say, 'It's over, we have to leave by a certain hour.' Baku Palace knows that, so our wedding went 'til 3 in the morning."

The couple honeymooned on a Mediterranean cruise, followed by visits to Paris, Greece and Italy.

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