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WARM WELCOME

You're throwing a destination wedding to take some of the stress away from planning — why not take the guesswork out of your welcome gifts too? **THE DESSY GROUP**, a leading manufacturer of bridesmaids dresses and wedding accessories, and gift company **NAVY & LAVENDER** have teamed up to offer a unique line of gable-box gift sets that are sure to delight your travel-weary guests. The boxes come in four styles (Wedding Wishes, Seaside Sweets, Picnic Treats and New York City) that complement various destinations. Saying I do by the shore? The Seaside Sweets set includes beach-themed items, like a bag of tropical taffy and a starfish sugar cookie. Marrying in the Big Apple? Choose the New York City set (pictured), with taxi-cab cookies and a juicy red apple. All boxes come with a personalized water bottle and morning-after essentials (Advil, Pepto-Bismol), are sealed with customized labels, and are tied with Navy & Lavender's signature ribbon — you can even pick a ribbon color to match your wedding theme. *Boxes from \$24 each; ship domestically.*
— Alison Klein



GREAT IDEA

VILLA VOWS

While renting a villa for your fete may seem like something only stars do, it can be surprisingly affordable when splitting the cost among loved ones. Here are three wedding-ready villa collections we love.

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Luxury Living Savannah's four beautifully restored 19th-century mansions are all located within the city's charming historic district. The Wedding Cake Mansion (right), so named because its bay window with white ironwork resembles a wedding cake, sleeps up to 20 in its eight bedrooms in the main house, garden suite and carriage house. The flagstone terrace (holds 100), graced with a fountain, is a lovely site for a garden wedding. *Wedding Cake Mansion from \$900; entire property from \$1,425; three-night minimum; weddings custom.*

TUSCANY, ITALY

Situated just two miles from the walled city of Lucca, Doorways Ltd.'s Villa Buonvisi (pictured middle) enchants with 300 acres of vineyards, woods and formal gardens. The 16th-century estate offers large frescoed event rooms filled with antiques, and 10 of the 11 bedrooms have their own marble baths. Marry in the poolside garden or on the terrace, with the Tuscan hills as your backdrop. *Villa Buonvisi from \$28,600 weekly; weddings custom.*

ANGUILLA, THE CARIBBEAN

This chichi isle is famous for its many private villas. Escape to your own at Wimco's nine-bedroom Indigo property (below), located in Little Harbour. Exchange vows on the villa's own intimate beach, then celebrate on the landscaped lawn (seats 50), surrounded by palms. *Indigo villa (code LHE IND) from \$19,110 weekly; weddings custom.* — Katie McElveen

