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# Chill Factor

Gourmet food, a wine vault, sensational views and a small guest list bestow luxe mountainside romance upon Ray and Ashley's December wedding day.



**Ashley Aronovitch & Raymond Daniel**  
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## THE COUPLE

World travelers Ashley (a Prescott, Arizona native) and Ray (hailing from San Antonio, Texas) first met in 2003 while working in Germany. It wasn't until dining with mutual friends eight years later their relationship began to bloom. Two years after that serendipitous dinner, Ray surprised Ashley with a Hawaiian vacation where he proposed during a sunset catamaran cruise touring Kauai's Na Pali Coast. Ashley recalls, "As the sun began to set and numerous rainbows arced across the sky, Ray led me to the front of the boat and got down on one knee."

## THE WEDDING

The Las Vegas couple spent six months coordinating their big day with the help of a destination wedding planning company. Ray and Ashley's 35 guests braved a wintry chill to enjoy an Astor Terrace ceremony at St. Regis Deer Valley. "It was so cold, Reverend Anita Gordon suggested we shorten [our ceremony]," Ashley explains. "She did some great last minute changes and cut the ceremony down to eight minutes without sacrificing any of the important parts or intent of the ceremony. One of the changes she suggested was that we say our vows together."

## THE MOOD

The view of ski runs—along with heating lamps and white fleece blankets—delivered beauty and comfort to the scene. After the outdoor ceremony, St. Regis' luxurious Wine Vault welcomed the guests with its leather walls, tufted seating and glowing wine racks.

## THE FOOD

"The highlight of the reception was definitely the menu," Ashley says. Guests dined on Koosharem Valley trout, Mary's Free Range chicken and Paisley Farm's pork. The dessert menu offered wedding cake and St. Regis' signature salted caramel ice cream sundae.

## THE TUNES

The Vitamin String Quartet's rendition of "Somewhere Only We Know" played as Ashley and her father walked down the aisle. "Bruno Mars' 'Marry You' was supposed to usher us into the reception hall," Ashley laughs. "Unfortunately it was so cold that the audio equipment froze."



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** "We chose Park City because it's a great town that would provide our guests the opportunity to take a winter/ski vacation in addition to attending our wedding," Ashley says. Tables held groupings of flowers and candles. Ray and Ashley opted for a small wedding with no bridesmaids or groomsmen. Blankets offered warmth to guests. St. Regis began to glow at sunset. Soup and grilled cheese appetizers kicked off the gourmet meal.

**OPPOSITE:** Ashley's bouquet flaunted feathers, lambs ear, gilded seeded eucalyptus, ranuncula and roses.







## *Memorable Moments*

*"When it came time to say our vows, hearing the sound of our voices together as one as we promised a lifetime of commitment and love was more powerful and emotional than I could have ever imagined."*

*—Ashley*



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** Ray and Ashley got a preview of the Wine Vault complete with custom linens, chivari chairs, floating candles and fresh flowers. The menu teased taste buds. Cold-weather details like cozy fur added texture. Towers of floating candles marked the ceremony aisle. Ray and Ashley exchanged gifts prior to the ceremony.

**OPPOSITE:** After dancing at The Spur Bar & Grill, Ray and Ashley steal a kiss on Park City's Main Street.



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**Ceremony and reception site:** St. Regis, Park City, [stregisdeervalley.com](http://stregisdeervalley.com)

**Catering:** St. Regis, Park City, [stregisdeervalley.com](http://stregisdeervalley.com)

**Flowers:** Artisan Bloom, Draper, [artisanbloom.com](http://artisanbloom.com)

**Rings:** Jared Jewelers, [jared.com](http://jared.com); M.J. Christensen, Las Vegas, [mjchristensen.com](http://mjchristensen.com)

**Invitations:** Costco, [costco.com](http://costco.com)

**Gown:** Alfred Angelo, found locally at Malmrose Bridal, South Jordan, [malmrosebridal.com](http://malmrosebridal.com)

**Suit:** J. Crew, found locally at City Creek, [shopcitycreekcenter.com](http://shopcitycreekcenter.com)

**Officiant:** Rev. Anita Gordon, Millcreek, [utahweddingminister.com](http://utahweddingminister.com)

**Entertainment:** The Spur Bar & Grill, Park City, [thespurbarandgrill.com](http://thespurbarandgrill.com)

