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Krishan and Danielle Raja 18 August 2016

The proposal

Krish proposed to me a few days after my 30th birthday in May 2015....he'd booked a birthday getaway in The Landmark Hotel in London and just before we left for our meal at the Kensington Rooftop Gardens, Krish said there was something missing from my outfit....and out popped a ring! (a temporary one of course, I am a little fussy!). The next day we spent the afternoon in Hatton Garden, picking the perfect ring. It was a lovely private proposal (I'm not one for public displays!) and a perfect evening....we even celebrated by drinking an aptly titled ('The Proposal') cocktail!

Why did you choose The Boathouse for your wedding?

I wanted three things from our venue; an outdoor area, a stunning backdrop for our photos and of course....good food! I spent hours searching online and eventually found The Boathouse - although a little further out of Norwich than we planned for, once we had seen the place we just knew - this was it! The venue is modern, beautifully finished and most importantly....unique, we could not find anywhere else like it. Visiting the pub and restaurant gives you a clue about the venue but it isn't until you go into the part of the building dedicated to weddings that you can see just what a special place this is....you feel like you have your own private slice of the Broads. And the icing on the wedding cake....when we discovered that I could arrive by boat and offer tours to our guests during canapes!



What did you enjoy most about hosting your wedding at The Boathouse?

We enjoyed it so much...we were blessed with some stunning weather and were thrilled that we were able to hold our ceremony outside like we wanted to (small tip; apply sun cream and provide fans for those guests sitting in the sun!). The reaction of our guests made the day extra special; everyone thoroughly enjoyed the boat trips, food and were blown away by the setting; many said it felt like they were on holiday! Quite a few of our guests who are local have since returned to the restaurant for meals as they loved the food that much. Belinda is a wedding making machine; everything is super organised and efficiently run - they will work with you closely to make your day special and unique to you, nothing was too much trouble and they were very patient during our many changes and requests, even the last minute ones!

Where did you spend your honeymoon?

We are postponing our honeymoon until 2017 and it's going to be about beautiful, natural surroundings just like our wedding in either Kenya or Sri Lanka. We are off on a mini-moon in November to Vienna.

What would be your top tip to other couples currently planning their wedding?

What worked well for us: Limiting our options when making decisions - trust your gut and don't overwhelm yourself with lots of choices as it will make decisions really difficult - 2 or 3 options is all you really need.

What we'd do differently: Get it all wrapped up as early as possible so you can dedicate time to relaxing, pampering, spending time with family and getting excited about the big day. The only disappointment I personally have is that I didn't have a chance to relax or have a girly spa day with my mum and sister in the week before due to the last minute running around.

