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WHAT'S NEW AND NEXT IN THE WORLD OF WEDDINGS AWAY

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THINKING OF TYING THE KNOT OVER LABOR DAY WEEKEND?

LABOR OF LOVE

Jessica Janik, founder of wedding-planning company *The Invisible Bridesmaid*, shares the pros and cons of picking the three-day weekend for your big day away.

PROS ➔ A destination wedding is a great excuse to go on a vacation, and it allows your guests to take a break from work without using extra PTO. ➔ Attendees will get a bonus day to recover and travel home before heading back to work. ➔ Over a holiday weekend, guests are feeling festive and might be more willing to let loose (ensuring an awesome party).
CONS ➔ It's the last long weekend before school starts, and guests might already have vacations booked. ➔ Higher rates for hotels and flights could cause guests to decline, so your guest list might shrink. ➔ Vendors are in high demand for the holiday, so rates could increase. ➔ A holiday weekend wedding might be viewed as selfish, since guests won't get to choose how they spend their vacation time.

You don't have to marry up North to celebrate the season; wherever the locale. Add these autumnal touches to your big day;

PUMPKIN

Integrate this fall flavor into the menu. Consider serving a West Indian pumpkin soup, pumpkin risotto or roasted pumpkin as a side.



FOOTBALL

If your team plays over your wedding weekend, set up a viewing area for guests, or plan brunch around the game at the hotel's beachfront sports bar.



OKTOBERFEST

Set up a beer-tasting station, or give glasses as favors — they can double as escort cards. Suggests Jamie Chang of Mango Muse Events.



APPLES

Golly apples will be a hit on a desert display. Present them on tree stumps as a perky element. Says Steve Bales of Bobi American Events.



FALL All Over

HALLOWEEN

Put a party in the holiday with the black or a "Bad Chick" mask. Inspiration: "Apparition as inspiration" by Kristin C. Sells in *Style Me Up*.



Have guests trick-or-treat at a colorful candy bar. For favors, match sweets to your wedding color palette, or customize candy wrappers.



DAY OF THE DEAD

Incorporate iconic Mexican sugar skulls or skeleton brides and grooms into everything from stationery to the cake topper.



LUMINARIAS

Use them to line your ceremony aisle or add lighting to your reception space by placing them in scented candles. Suggests Cherie Chang.



FROM TOP RIGHT: KIM KUHN; SHUTTERSTOCK (6)

C'mon Baby, Light My Fire

BREAK OUT THE S'MORES — HERE'S WHAT A BONFIRE WILL COST AT VARIOUS BEACHFRONT RESORTS.

MOTU TETA, RANGIROA, FRENCH POLYNESIA ➔ **FREE** ➔ PACHIKONJO BEACH RESORT, TANZANIA ➔ **\$50** ➔ ROSALIE BAY RESORT, DOMINICA ➔ **\$200**
 GRAND OASIS TULUM, MEXICO ➔ **\$600** ◀ CAPE REY CARLSBAD, CA ➔ **\$500** ◀ ST. KITTS MARRIOTT RESORT ➔ **\$350** ◀ W VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO ➔ **\$250**
 PALM BEACH MARRIOTT SINGER ISLAND, FL ➔ **\$750** ◀ GURNEY'S MONTAUK RESORT, NY ➔ **\$1,000** ◀ THE RITZ-CARLTON, ST. THOMAS ➔ **\$1,500**

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