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LONG RENOWNED FOR ITS SUPERB PLAYABILITY, MANELE GOLF COURSE ALSO PLAYS HOST AS AN UNFORGETTABLE WEDDING DESTINATION

Bill, Melinda Gates were married on the layout's signature 12th hole



LANAI, HAWAI'I, Aug. 9, 2017 – Anyone who has played the Jack Nicklaus-designed Manele Golf Course at the Four Seasons Resort Lanai knows what an unforgettable setting the layout must make for a wedding ceremony. Not only does the 7,039-yard layout feature three holes along rugged oceanside cliffs, but the beauty is breathtaking no matter which direction you look.

Bill and Melinda Gates know first-hand as they were married on the stunning 12th hole just a few weeks after the course opened in 1993. Whether it's an intimate gathering for up to 50 people on the same 12th hole or a larger celebration, for as many as 400, at the Manele Golf Tee Box – featuring panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean, the islands of Kahoolawe, Maui and Hawaii – brides and grooms can start dreaming and planning for their ultimate destination wedding today.

Imagine a conch shell blower heralding the beginning of the ceremony as the bride and groom take their places before a Hawaiian priest, white flower petals scattered at their feet. While the sun sets, vows are exchanged atop a 150-foot red lava cliff overlooking the Pacific, followed by a celebratory dinner under the stars. The course, which routinely features views of dolphins frolicking in the bay, creates a one-of-a-kind event location, capped by a firework display over the ocean.

Moreover, no need to plan a honeymoon – where else would the newlyweds rather be than on the secluded, unspoiled Hawaiian island of Lanai! With ocean and land activities galore, many managed by Four Seasons, plus a spa and wellness program, there would be no shortage of options.

Manele Golf Course – an award-winning par-72 layout built on lava outcroppings and featuring three holes along rugged oceanside cliffs – is recognized for its superb playability as well its breathtaking scenery. The par 3 12th hole, where the Gates and others have been married, is notorious for the demanding carry it requires across 200 yards of ocean. Whether it's due to the Pacific Ocean acting as water hazard that puts even the most experienced golfer's skills to the test or the incredibly scenic views, the hole's Black Tee is a location to remember.

Beyond Manele Golf Course, there are other venue options for brides and grooms, including Luau Gardens, Ballroom and Terrace, and Botanica and Cascades.

Four Seasons Resort Lanai features 213 guestrooms and suites in a series of low-rise buildings spread along the Pacific coastline and immersed in Hawaiian botanical gardens, providing a private residential experience. In addition to the golf and spa, other first-class facilities include the signature ONE FORTY restaurant, Malibu Farm, NOBU LANAI, a variety of complimentary activities, luxury retail boutiques, and tennis. Whether an intimate elopement or a fairytale celebration with family and friends, the secluded, unspoiled island of Lanai is the ideal location for luxury, romance and adventure.

Four Seasons Resort Lanai is located on a pristine island offering a simpler pace of life; it truly reflects Hawaii as it was intended to be.

For more information, or to make a reservation, please contact Four Seasons at 1-800-321-4666, visit your travel professional, fourseasons.com/lanai or join our online communities at Facebook @FourSeasonsResortsLanai, Twitter/Instagram @fslanai. Learn more about the destination at www.fourseasons.com/discoverlanai.

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