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what is important to you."*

Whitney and Mark lived only miles apart in the same Wisconsin town for years and never met – they even went to the same high school. It wasn't until later that their paths crossed at a mutual friend's wedding. After dating long distance, Whitney moved to Colorado to be with Mark and they soon created their own home away from home.

The couple has never looked back and is notorious for being easy going, adventurous and capable of enjoying the ride that is life. When it came time to plan their wedding, Mark and Whitney were ready for both a tropical destination and a change of pace. Thankfully, so were 50 of their loved ones.

The gorgeous Villa Vista de la Luz in Isla Mujeres, Mexico was the setting for both the couple's ceremony and reception. Whitney and Mark were looking for a place where the entire family could vacation together and really enjoy their time south of the border. "We were very interested in renting a villa for our immediate family in order to avoid crowds of strangers and commuting," says Whitney.

The couple said "I do" overlooking the Caribbean Sea with personalized vows and accompanied by an acoustic guitar. Later, guests enjoyed refreshments and appetizers before sitting down to dinner on one of the villa's many terraces.

Villa Vista de la Luz is located along the cliffs of the island's Southern point. The couple took advantage of the beautiful cliff-side setting and captured some amazing images. The couple says a destination wedding suited their adventurous personalities perfectly and have some advice for other couples. "Be true to yourself and remember what is important to you."

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