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## Six Couples Enjoy PopBliss™ 2018 in Atlanta, Georgia

*A Week-Long Luxe Pop-Up Wedding Celebration*

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## THE COUPLES, The "BERRY"

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"Imagine trading in the stress of wedding planning for a colorfully styled destination wedding without much messiness. PopFlites give you that, and more. 'The allure of PopFlite is the memory of how the three-day extravaganza unfolds. Everything is kept secret, from the couple until the last moment,'" said Kaoruji Kuroki, visionary and founder of Destination.

The 2018 Poppstar week long Luxe Pop Up Wedding celebration hosted in Atlanta, Georgia, was a transplanted success thanks to the enthusiastic participation of the six newlywed couples, celebrity and high profile vendors, and guests. This annual celebration, which visits a different city each year, allows for modern day engaged and married couples to participate in a unique and memorable celebrity style wedding weekend that aligns with their belief system and adventurous spirit. Atlanta couples were totally unaware of the luxe details apart from the city and state. Participating in the celebration represented diverse partnerships.

lifestyles, cultures, ethnicities, and religions. Building trust, human connections by breaking down lifestyle barriers, the PopTilt motto says it all. "There is one thing the world has in common, we all have a reason to celebrate."

"Poplife" chose amazing couples," said participating duo, the Hammer Marcares. "It wasn't a competition, we cheered each other on. They were all our couple, too," the Newsons added.

When the sites, florists, catering and wedding locations were finally revealed, everyone was thrilled. "It was a move," said Tracy Toney, 30, of Stiles' mom. "The details...the dream catcher, the aquarium. I could go on for days."

The events included a "Couples" Meal and Greet, Wedding Toast Service, Glass Shower, a Glam & Dapper male, a dress reveal, and finally a luxe pay-up wedding—all of which cost under the national wedding average. Friends and family were invited to the joint wedding ceremony, which was livestreamed live, and followed by all 300+ of their guests partying together at the blow-out reception.

For more information on the event visit [people.ca](http://people.ca) and [rkrail.com](http://rkrail.com).

A collage of 15 images capturing diverse wedding and formal occasions. The images include: a bar setup with purple cocktails; a group of women in white gowns posing outdoors; a woman in a black dress standing next to another in a white dress; a night view of a city skyline; a woman in a white gown walking down a red carpet; a man in a tuxedo; a couple in traditional attire at a picnic; a woman in a black gown; a small wedding ceremony on a white couch; a group of women in colorful dresses; a large ornate cake; a woman in a white gown; a group of women in white gowns on a stage; a large arrangement of orange flowers; a woman in a white gown; and a group of women in white gowns posing in front of a city skyline.

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**THE COUPLES:** The Terrys | The Newtons | The Palmese-Newells | The Bartons | The Gilmers | The Plummer-Marcanos

Imagine trading in the stress of wedding planning for a celebrity-style dream wedding without much sacrifice. PopBliss gives you that and more. "The allure of PopBliss is the secrecy of how the three-day extravaganza unfolds. Everything is kept secret from the couples until the last moment," said Racquel Kristi, visionary and Founder of PopBliss.

The 2018 PopBliss week-long Luxe Pop-Up Wedding celebration hosted in Atlanta, Georgia, was a triumphant success thanks to the enthusiastic participation of the six newlywed couples, celebrity and high-profile vendors, and venues. This annual celebration, which visits a different city each year, allows for modern day engaged and married couples to participate in a unique and memorable celebrity-style dream wedding that aligns with their belief system and adventurous spirit. All six couples were totally unaware of the finer details apart from the city and date. Participating in the celebration represented diverse partnerships,

lifestyles, cultures, ethnicities, and religions. Building true, human connections by breaking down lifestyle barriers, the PopBliss motto says it all: "There is one thing the world has in common, we all have a reason to celebrate."

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When the sites, itineraries, surprises and wedding locations were finally revealed, everyone was thrilled. "It was a movie," said Team Terry, 2018 Blissers. "The details, the dream catchers, the aquarium. I could go on for days." The events included a Couples' Meet and Greet, Wedding Toast Soiree, Bliss Brunch, a Glam & Dapper suite, a dress reveal, and finally a luxe pop-up wedding – all of which cost under the national wedding average. Friends and family were invited to the joint wedding ceremony, which was streamed live, and followed by all 200+ of their guests partying together at the blowout reception.

For more information on the event visit, [popbliss.co](http://popbliss.co) and [rkristi.com](http://rkristi.com).



**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Kasha Lambert Photography, Andre Brown Photography; **EVENT PRODUCTION:** PopBliss™; **EVENT PRODUCER & FOUNDER:** Racquel Kristi of RKristi Modern Hospitality.

**SECRET VENUES:** The Georgia Aquarium, Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Piedmont Park; **VIDEO & LIVE STREAM:** Orange Films, Monumental Media; **EVENT DESIGN:** RKristi Modern Hospitality, Max Events, D'Concierge Wedding & Events; **FLORALS:** Carlton Lee Studios; **ENTERTAINMENT & MC:**

Lakia Brandenburg, One Sound Entertainment, Perfect Entertainment, Mike Yung, Brooke Alford the Artist of the Violin; **CAKES & DESSERTS:** Cakes by Cynthia, Basket Treats, Just for Sweets;

**WOODEN & ACRYLIC ACCENT DÉCOR:** Ten 23 Designs, Ink & Elegance; **BALLOON DÉCOR:** Bougie Balloons; **RENTALS & LIGHTING:** Luxury Lounge & Lighting, Active Production & Design; **GLAM TEAM:**

The VaVoom Factory, 4 UR Pleasure Beauty, Asili Hair Care Center, FavolaLuka, Regal Beauty Club, Propheline Consulting; **OFFICIANTS:** Married by Rev. Roxy, Heart Star Ceremonies; **CATERING:**

Wolfgang Puck Catering, Love Dynasty, Jolivia's Caribbean Kitchen; **WEDDING CONCIERGE:**

Perfectly Posh Events & Décor, Ronda Armstrong; **GIFTS & EXPERIENCES:** Stationery for Lovers,

Real Black Love Dating App, Empowerment Toolbox Coaching Solutions, Atlanta Wedding & Event Professionals, Mess in a Bottle; **TRANSPORTATION:** Metropolitan Shuttle.

