



As owner of the Culinary Concierge, Destiny was an experienced wedding planner already; she and Phil decided to have their ceremony right on the beach at the Cove. Pandemic restrictions meant the wedding would be small, about 35 guests. The date was set for July 28, during a low tide. “We chose to have it in the middle of the afternoon on a Wednesday, to try to limit the number of tourists and travelers,” Destiny said. They chose a stretch of beach accessible via a quiet path through the dunes near a house she rented.

Decorations for the event were hand-picked with environmental consciousness in mind, largely by Elisha Garry, of Tin Barn Farm + Floral, selecting arrangements from her own Nehalem garden. These adorned the inner circle of a large sand formation, created by Seaside Sand Art. “It was very environmentally friendly... I wanted to do something that could pay homage to us. In the image there’s actually waves that are kind of meeting in the middle, like us riding the wave of life together,” Destiny said.

Just before the wedding, Oregon lifted attendance limits at outdoor gatherings, which meant a few more guests were allowed. More people joined the outdoor reception at Seaside’s Osprey Café, including occasional passersby who stopped to toast the newlyweds with a glass of champagne. Because of Destiny’s work planning other weddings, the couple’s honeymoon was delayed until October, and after a two week road trip to Utah, they returned home to Seaside.

For couples interested in a similar coastal wedding experience, Destiny recommends working with local vendors who are familiar with the area. “The advantage of working with locals is that we really understand the coastline,” she said.