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October 9 • Charleston, SC

alexandra
&
brian

engaged: 16 months

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THEIR STORY

BRIDE Alexandra Slivka, 24, works in product development at Nordstrom **GROOM** Brian Austin, 25, a first lieutenant in the US Army **HOW THEY MET** In high school **WEDDING STYLE** "I was inspired by Tuscany, so I wanted to incorporate a lot of fresh herbs, white florals and wood details," Alexandra says of their fall destination wedding. —JC

The Tacoma, Washington-based couple returned to Charleston for their nuptials, since the pair spent many long weekends vacationing there while they dated long distance. They even sent a South Carolina-shaped save-the-date to guests. "The plantation was the epitome of 'Southern charm' for us," Alexandra says. "Between the home and its grand lawns with 100-year-old trees, it was gorgeous."

ALEXANDRA
& BRIAN
SOUTH
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Bridesmaids accessorized French blue, floor-length dresses with silver shoes. For a look that matched the groom's, each groomsman donned a blue wool suit, tweed tie and American flag socks—a salute to Brian's career in the Army.



Succulents and sprigs of lavender topped the couple's three-tier carrot cake, which was served along with two chocolate cakes baked from a family recipe. For their first dance, Brian chose "It Just Comes Natural" by George Strait. "One of his only duties was to pick the song, and I cried at his choice," Alexandra says.



ALEXANDRA & BRIAN'S WEDDING INGREDIENTS

- CEREMONY & RECEPTION SITE** Lowndes Grove Plantation, Charleston, SC
PHOTOGRAPHY Dana Cabbage Weddings **VIDEOGRAPHY** Film Anywhere Productions **CONSULTANT** WED/Margaret Roberts Full Service **FLOWERS** Sara York Grimshaw Designs **OFFICIANT** George Rossi (clinical chaplain) **GOWN** Anna Maier, Saks Fifth Avenue, New York City **HAIR & MAKEUP** Charlotte Belk Weddings **VEIL** Saks Fifth Avenue **SHOES** Casadei **ENGAGEMENT & WEDDING RINGS** Kachulis Jewelry **BRIDESMAID DRESSES** Manique Lhuillier, New York City **MENSWEAR** Groom: Burberry, Bloomingdale's; groomsmen: J.Crew **STATIONERY** Invitations: Gayneth Paige; Couture Letterpress; escort & place cards: Party Glamour Shop **RENTALS** Snyder Events; Technical Event Co. **CATERING & CAKE** Patrick Properties **MUSIC** Ceremony & cocktail hour: Bob Williams Duo; reception: River Town Band **ACCOMMODATIONS** Market Pavilion Hotel **REGISTRIES** Bloomingdale's; Crate & Barrel; Restoration Hardware **HONEYMOON** Kiawah Island, SC **GUESTS** 115 **BUDGET** \$8895 (see key, p. 61)

