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## CALIFORNIA

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**The couple:** Sasha and Channa are not your traditional wedding couple. In addition to planning a wedding and incorporating Channa's Sri Lankan heritage, their goal was to create an unforgettable guest experience.

**Wedding date:** May 9, 2015

**Guest count:** 130

**Budget:** \$120,000

**Color palette:** Gold, ivory, black, burgundy, and reds

**Inspiration:** The Victory Lodge in June Lake is one of the largest log home structures ever built in the Eastern Sierra Mountains of California. Filled with unique antiques from all over the world, multiple wooden bars, vintage casino games, vaulted ceilings with massive log beams, and a quaint old saloon, it became the perfect setting for a 1920's, speakeasy-themed wedding.

**Most unique element:** The theme led to many unique design elements. At the door, flapper girls greeted guests with specialty cocktails such as French 75, Sazerak, Beez Neez, and Manhattans. Period music, casino tables with dealers, "cigarette" girls, Cuban cigar rollers, an oyster bar, centerpieces of ostrich-feathers dripping with pearls in large gold trumpet vases, and "Roarin' 20s" flapper performers created an atmosphere that allowed guests to step back in time.

**Biggest challenge:** The couple wanted their ceremony on the back lawn, but as the day drew near, a snowstorm threatened. Three feet of snow fell the night before the event. We called in local snow blowers to remove the snow the morning of the wedding. What wasn't removed melted quickly in the sun so we could put the chairs out for the ceremony.



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