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Live interview: Giulia Cassini, Wedding Planner

Giulia Cassini, Director of By Cassini, was interviewed **live** on **SKY NEWS** on the evening of **Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes' wedding**, giving insider commentary of behind the scenes at their exclusive wedding held at **Odescalchi Castle** in **Bracciano**, Italy.

Giulia gave a glimpse of the sheer size of the Cruise wedding budget, the flowers budget alone breaking all records in Rome. The wedding budget itself would have been 'in the **millions**'.

Giulia recounted the sheer excitement in Rome and in the small town of **Bracciano**, which were literally under siege, the '**TomKat**' wedding being '**The wedding of the year.**'

In answer to the question whether Tom and Kate's **wedding in Italy**, will have an impact on couples wishing to get married in Italy, Giulia said that Italy is becoming an ever more popular destination and that **George Clooney** had also done his part.

When asked about the legalities of the Cruise Scientology wedding, Giulia explained that in order for the marriage to be legal they would need to hold a civil ceremony beforehand and that many of her U.S. clients usually preferred to have their **civil wedding ceremony** in the U.S. prior to arriving in Italy, in order to speed up the procedure.

Although the Cruise and Holmes wedding was a highly choreographed event with a budget stretching into the millions, Giulia confirmed that holding an amazing wedding or party in Italy was not necessarily out of reach for many couples as Italy offers fantastic **value for money** with stunning locations. Also, holding a wedding '**out of season**', as chosen by Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes was also becoming quite a fashionable option as the venues such as castles and historical villas have **beautiful interiors**, not just **stunning grounds**, making **Italy** a popular choice for **weddings** and **parties all year round**.