



A Day in the Life of DENISE VASI

Denise Vasi, star of VH1's *Single Ladies*, whose third season begins in January, is officially off the market. The gorgeous Puerto Rican, Dominican and Greek actress recently married acclaimed photographer/director Anthony Mandler. A month before Vasi got hitched, *Latina* tagged along for her bridal shower in New York City. Cheers to being a single lady no more! **By Navani Otero**

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A FAMILY AFFAIR

Vasi meets her mom, Maria, at Kleinfeld Bridal for her final dress fitting before the big day. She adds a bunch of ruffles to her Mark Zunino-designed dress. "When I went to pick my wedding dress, everyone had to come," she says. "It was my mom, my grandmother, my aunts. It speaks to our Latin culture in that we like to do things together."



((4 P.M.))

SHOWER TIME

Vasi arrives at her bridal shower, hosted by her friend Victoria Flores on her Chelsea apartment building's beautiful rooftop. The



intimate gathering of 20 includes Vasi's family and closest friends. "Even though I wasn't the girl who grew up planning her wedding from six years old, I couldn't rob my family of that experience."

((6 P.M.))

SHINE BRIGHT LIKE A DIAMOND

The night's highlight: Vasi's mother gives her a beautiful diamond necklace to wear down the aisle. Mandler, her fiancé, arrives just in time for the games portion, which includes a quiz in which the couple answer questions about each other. Vasi scores 14 out of 18—not bad. The shower is a great success. The bride-to-be's only complaint: she didn't have enough time to post many pictures on Instagram.



((8 P.M.))

DRINK UP!

After the shower and a quick touch-up, Vasi and girlfriends head over to Meatpacking District hot spot CATCH NYC. The ladies exchange stories and laughs over a medley of cocktails. Yet the night ends promptly at 10 p.m. Vasi needs some shut-eye!



((7:45 A.M.))

FLY AWAY

Vasi boards a flight from Atlanta, where she's shooting *Single Ladies*, to New York. "For Raquel, my character, there is a huge turning point this season," says the 30-year-old actress of her role as a hopeless romantic in Atlanta's sizzling social scene. "She will have a definitive answer on how she wants to live her life."



((10:30 A.M.))

SHOE HEAVEN

What do you do after you've flown to NYC on no sleep? Buy shoes! Vasi makes a beeline to Saks Fifth Avenue to pick up a few (or five!) shoe options for her wedding. Vasi also still needs an outfit for her bridal shower. "I didn't have anything to wear to my shower because I have been on this crazy work schedule and wedding planning all at the same time." Luckily, she manages to find the perfect outfit—a black pencil skirt and ivory peplum top with black pumps—in about an hour.



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