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and told her I had feelings for her," the entrepreneur says. Zahra returned home to England, but when she was in L.A. again for Thanksgiving, Faizan proposed at a Hollywood Bowl concert. In January, he formally asked for her hand at an engagement ceremony at her mother's home in Pakistan.

"Zahra and I have a very western side to us, but also a very eastern side," explains Faizan of their decision to marry on two continents, starting with a multi-day Muslim celebration in February 2012 that was traditional, yet "like no other wedding," Zahra describes. The Nikkah, attended by an intimate circle of 40, was "the most surreal day of my life," Faizan says. They secured special permission to wed at Badshahi Mosque, a Mughal-era Pakistani landmark that accommodates 100,000 worshippers. The ceremony was scheduled immediately before Friday prayers—the most important in the Muslim faith—and Zahra was delayed by traffic in old town Lahore. "Finally, I see my bride running without her shoes on," Faizan remembers. Zahra agrees: It was "like a movie."

