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Ultimate Guide 2025

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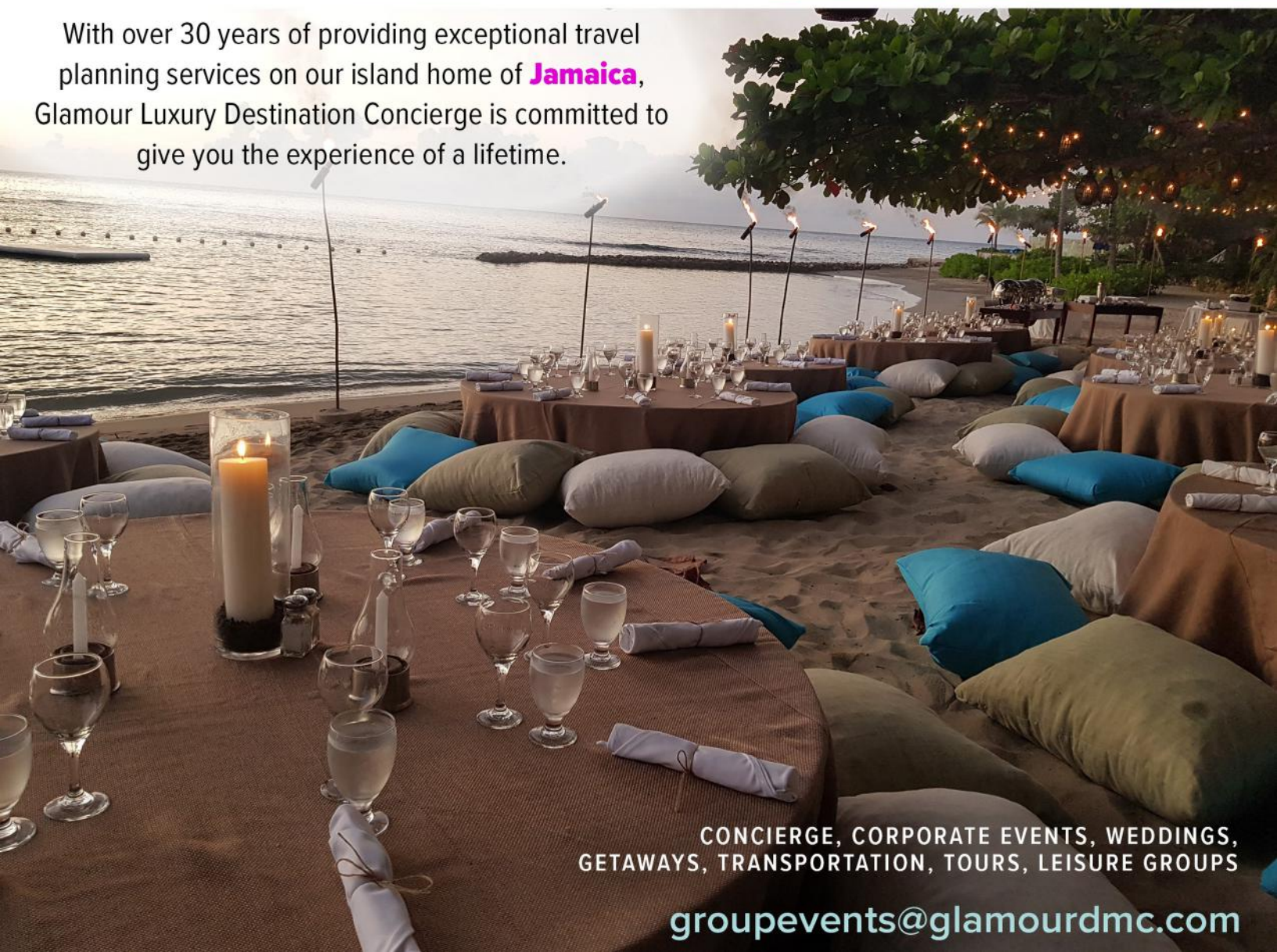
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WELCOME!

Congratulations on choosing the Caribbean for your romantic getaway!

With its stunning turquoise waters, sun-drenched beaches, and diverse island cultures, the Caribbean offers endless possibilities for the perfect destination wedding, honeymoon, or romantic escape. But with so many breathtaking islands to choose from, finding the right spot and experiences can feel overwhelming.

That's where the Ultimate Caribbean Honeymoon, Wedding & Romance Guide comes in. Packed with the latest insights and expert tips, this guide helps you craft the perfect romantic adventure—whether you're planning a dreamy beachfront wedding, an unforgettable honeymoon, or a spontaneous couples' retreat.

Inside, you'll find everything you need to know, from marriage requirements and must-try local cuisine to top activities and hidden gems. Plus, we'll share essential tips to help you make the most of your time in paradise.

Your perfect Caribbean love story starts here!



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The Caribbean is nature's garden—an idyllic setting for weddings, honeymoons, or romantic escapes.

CULTURE

Shaped by African, Amerindian, Asian, and European influences, Caribbean culture is a unique fusion of rhythm, flavor, and expression. From art and music to cuisine and dance, these rich traditions create an enchanting atmosphere perfect for romance.

ART

The Caribbean's vibrant flora and fauna inspire a rich artistic heritage. Each destination showcases its culture through museums, galleries, and street art, offering a moving experience of history. Bring home a piece of the islands by purchasing locally crafted artwork.

Bob Marley introduced Reggae to the world, but Caribbean music offers a vibrant mix of rhythms perfect for love. From the energy of Soca and Calypso to the grooves of Dancehall, Zouk, and Merengue, the islands pulse with infectious beats. Let the music set the mood—and take home some local tunes to keep the magic alive.

DANCE

The Caribbean's dance scene is as lively as its people. From the smooth moves of Salsa to the hypnotic beats of Reggae and Quadrille, the rhythms are irresistible. Paired with a rum punch, you'll be swaying in no time!

NIGHTLIFE

Caribbean nightlife is electric, offering everything from beach parties to upscale lounges. The region's legendary hospitality ensures unforgettable nights of music and dancing. Ask your concierge for the hottest spots—or enjoy the lively entertainment right at your resort.

Enjoy the romance, rhythm, and vibrant energy of the Caribbean—you're in paradise!



WELCOME TO AMERICA'S CARIBBEAN PARADISE!



NO PASSPORT NEEDED!

Welcome to the U.S. Virgin Islands—where your love story begins, surrounded by breathtaking scenery, warm hospitality, and unforgettable moments waiting to be made.

Say "I Do" on a sandy shore, in a lush tropical garden, or aboard a yacht at sunset, with breathtaking beaches, crystal-clear waters, and rich culture creating the perfect wedding backdrop.

Here are some amazing activities for couples to enjoy during their wedding or honeymoon:



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BEACH BLISS AND RELAXATION

- **Magens Bay (St. Thomas):** Relax on one of the most picturesque beaches in the world.
- **Trunk Bay (St. John):** Named the #1 beach in the world with white sandy beaches & snorkeling.
- **Honeymoon Beach (St. John):** A secluded paradise enclave is perfect for newlyweds.

ROMANTIC SUNSET CRUISES

- Book a private sailing charter or catamaran cruise to watch the sun dip below the horizon. Many cruises include champagne, dinner, and live music.

EXPLORE THE UNDERWATER WORLD

- **Snorkeling and Diving:** Discover vibrant coral reefs, sea turtles, and tropical fish at Buck Island (St. Croix) or Waterlemon Cay (St. John).
- **Night Diving & Kayaking:** For adventurous couples, explore the beautiful bioluminescent waters at night.

ADVENTURE AND EXPLORATION

- **Hiking in the Virgin Islands National Park (St. John):** Explore trails like the Reef Bay Trail, which leads to Taino Indian petroglyphs and a hidden beach.
- **Island Hopping:** In less than 20 minutes, you can travel between St. Thomas, St. John, Water Island, or take a ferry or boat to explore nearby islands like Water Island or the British Virgin Islands.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- **Charlotte Amalie (St. Thomas):** Stroll through the historic district, visit Blackbeard's Castle, walk the 99 steps or shop for duty-free treasures.
- **Christiansted (St. Croix):** Explore Stroll through colorful streets, explore Fort Christiansvaern, and learn about the island's Danish rich colonial history.

FINE DINING AND LOCAL CUISINE

- Indulge in fresh seafood, Caribbean flavors, and tropical cocktails at beachfront restaurants. Try specialties like conch fritters, Johnny cakes, and rum punch.

PRIVATE ISLAND EXPERIENCES

- Arrange a day trip or picnic on a private beach or uninhabited island for an intimate escape.
- Indulge in a private island beach resort at the Lovango Beach Club and Resort, sipping champagne, fine fare, and relaxing cabanas with stunning views.

WELLNESS AND RELAXATION

- Pamper yourselves with a couples massage or spa day at luxury resorts like The Ritz Carlton (St. Thomas), The Westin (St. Thomas) or The Buccaneer (St. Croix).

WATERSPORTS AND THRILLS

- Kayak through mangroves, paddleboard along calm bays, or try parasailing for stunning aerial views of the islands.

STARGAZING AND ROMANCE

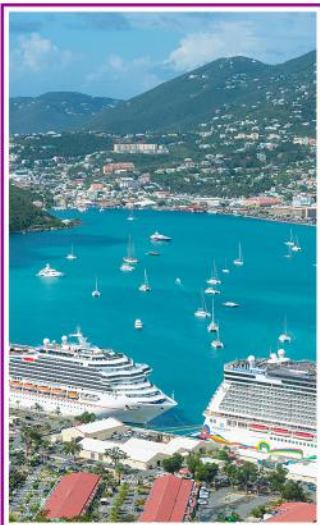
- Spend an evening stargazing on the beach or from a hilltop. The islands' clear skies offer spectacular views of the night sky.

UNIQUE LOCAL EXPERIENCES

- **Full Moon Party (St. John):** Celebrate island-style with live music and dancing.
- **Carnival Events:** If your wedding aligns with Carnival season, enjoy the vibrant parades, music, and festivities.

RUM AND CHOCOLATE TASTINGS

- Visit Cruzan Rum Distillery, (St. Croix) Captain Morgan or Mutiny Island Vodka (St. Croix) or sample local chocolates for a sweet honeymoon treat.
- The U.S. Virgin Islands is a paradise full of romance, adventure, and relaxation—perfect for starting your life.





INVOLVING PARENTS IN YOUR WEDDING & HONEYMOON

WEDDING & HONEYMOON PLANNING

If parents want to be involved—especially when contributing—it's essential to strike a balance that honors their support while keeping your vision intact.

THE DANCE OF INCLUSION

Parents often want to help, whether financially or with ideas, out of love. Acknowledging their enthusiasm can strengthen your bond.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Share your plans early to help them feel included while keeping decision-making balanced. Express gratitude for their support—it makes a difference.

SETTING BOUNDARIES WITH LOVE

While it's essential to appreciate their involvement, setting boundaries early on helps maintain a healthy balance. Kindly express areas where you'd prefer to take the lead in planning, ensuring your vision aligns with your dream day.

MEANINGFUL WAYS TO INVOLVE THEM

Invite them to assist with planning or special moments during the celebration.

HONEYMOON CONTRIBUTIONS

If parents contribute, consider their wishes while prioritizing your dream trip. A small compromise, like an activity they suggest, can go a long way.

CREATING LASTING MEMORIES

Weddings and honeymoons are about more than a single day—they're about lifelong memories. Capture moments with your parents and embrace their role in your journey.

GRATITUDE & APPRECIATION

A simple 'thank you' goes a long way in recognizing their love and support.

CONCLUSION

In the end, it's about balancing your dreams while making your parents feel valued. It's your day, your memories, and your love story. Embrace the journey, cherish the moments, and celebrate the love that unites everyone. As the music plays and the dance unfolds, let it be a joyful celebration of family, unity, and lasting memories.

Cheers to weaving your dreams with love, respect, and a touch of parental involvement!

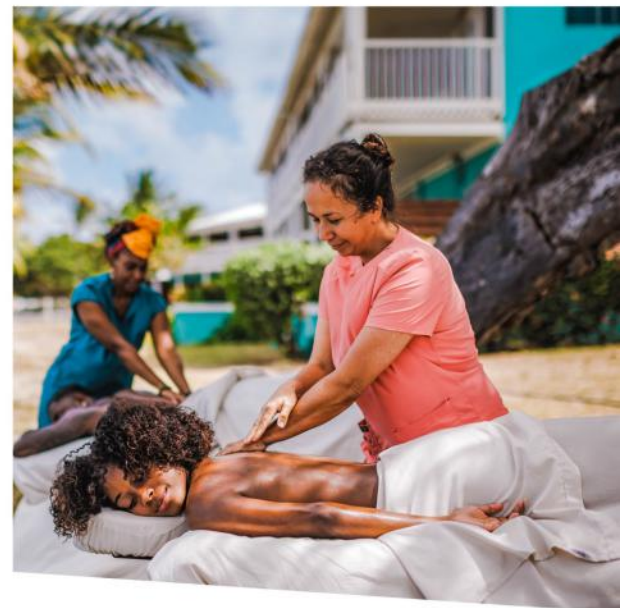




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SEEKING FINANCIAL HELP FOR A DESTINATION WEDDING

When requesting financial contributions for a destination wedding or honeymoon, approach it with sensitivity and respect.

BE CLEAR & HONEST

State your intentions and how contributions will support your plans, while being transparent about your goals.

FRAME IT AS EXPERIENCES

Focus on how contributions will enhance special moments rather than just asking for money.

SHOW GRATITUDE & PERSONALIZE YOUR MESSAGE

Express appreciation for all contributions and tailor your requests to make them feel personal and meaningful.

USE POLITE LANGUAGE

Keep the tone positive and respectful, avoiding any sense of entitlement.

OFFER ALTERNATIVES

Recognize that not everyone can contribute financially; suggest other ways to support you, like offering well wishes or helping with preparations.

SET REALISTIC GOALS & KEEP IT PRIVATE

If crowdfunding, outline how funds will be used and provide updates. If public requests feel uncomfortable, share your ask privately with close friends and family.

AVOID PRESSURE

Make it clear that contributions are optional, and there's no obligation.

Remember that while seeking financial support is acceptable, it's crucial to approach the request with tact and understanding. Be mindful of your audience and their individual circumstances. Additionally, keep in mind that not everyone may be comfortable with or supportive of this approach, so be prepared for varying responses.



PLANNING YOUR CARIBBEAN WEDDING OR HONEYMOON



The Caribbean is the ultimate destination for romance, whether you're planning a honeymoon, a destination wedding, or a relaxing escape. Visit MarryCaribbean.com for the most comprehensive guide to Caribbean weddings and honeymoons, with everything you need to make your dream trip a reality.

Discover the region's most romantic hotels, entertainment, and cuisine, plus essential legal details for getting married on each island. The Caribbean's warm hospitality makes it the perfect place to create the wedding of your dreams, with expert Romance Specialists to guide you.

WHY WORK WITH A TRAVEL SPECIALIST?

A destination wedding or honeymoon expert ensures smooth planning, from navigating local regulations to securing the best vendors. Many hotels have a Director of Romance, and independent Wedding Planners offer top-tier services to fit your budget.

KEY TIPS FOR A STRESS-FREE WEDDING

- Accommodation Options: Ensure nearby hotels at different price points for guests.
- Local Vendors: Hire island florists, photographers, musicians, and bakers for an authentic touch.
- Guest Experience: Work with a Travel Agent to create a newsletter with event details, weather, and travel tips.
- Special Touches: Plan an island excursion, source unique wedding gifts, or send welcome baskets with local treats.

Most importantly, relax and enjoy! Let your planner handle the details while you savor every moment.

SHARE YOUR LOVE STORY

MarryCaribbean.com invites you to share your wedding experiences and photos in our Photo Gallery, where featured images are showcased for the world to see!





CRAFTING THE PERFECT WEDDING INVITATIONS

Wedding invitations aren't just paper; they're the first glimpse into your celebration. Crafting the perfect invite blends elegance with personal style, setting the tone for the unforgettable day ahead.

Here's your guide to invitations that set the stage for your big day!

SET THE TONE & STYLE

Your invite should reflect your wedding's mood—formal, whimsical, or in between. Choose a design, color palette, and format that align with your theme, whether it's classic, modern, or playful.

WORDS & PERSONAL TOUCHES

Let your wording convey joy while keeping details clear. Add humor, heartfelt quotes, or poetic phrasing. Personal touches like handwritten notes, custom illustrations, or wax seals make each invite special.

CREATIVE FORMATS & FUN RSVPs

Think beyond standard cards—scrolls, pop-ups, or keepsake designs add flair. Make RSVPing engaging with playful response options, song requests, or a space for guests to share memories.

TIMING, PROOFREADING & ENVELOPES

Send invites 6-8 weeks in advance for ample planning time. Proofread carefully—get a second pair of eyes to catch errors. Elevate envelopes with calligraphy, liners, or custom stamps for a polished touch.

Your invitations set the stage for an unforgettable celebration, offering a glimpse into the love, excitement, and style that will define your special day. Make them personal, meaningful, and a true reflection of the journey you're about to embark on together!





THE WEDDING VEIL

The tradition of wearing a bridal veil has deep historical and cultural significance.

ANCIENT ROME & GREECE

Brides wore veils as symbols of modesty and purity, believed to shield them from evil spirits. They also hid the bride's face from the groom until after the ceremony.

MIDDLE AGES

Veils took on new meaning, symbolizing a bride's submission and obedience. The groom lifting the veil was seen as an act of ownership.

ARRANGED MARRIAGES

In cultures with arranged marriages, veils kept the bride's face hidden to prevent the groom from backing out if he found her unattractive.

SUPERSTITION

Veils were thought to protect brides from the "evil eye" and malevolent spirits. Lifting it was considered a safeguard.

RELIGIOUS SYMBOLISM

In many religious traditions, veils represent purity and modesty. Some associate them with the biblical image of the Church as the bride and Christ as the groom.

MYSTERY & ROMANCE

Over time, veils became symbols of mystery and romance, with unveiling marking an emotional transition in the ceremony.

FASHION & STYLE

Beyond tradition, veils have become a staple of bridal fashion, available in various lengths and styles to complement personal taste.

While the veil's meaning varies across cultures and religions, modern brides often choose whether to wear one based on tradition, style, or personal preference. Today, the veil is as much a fashion statement as a symbol of heritage.

TO WEAR WHITE OR NOT

The tradition of guests avoiding white at weddings is rooted in cultural and historical customs. While modern weddings often have more relaxed dress codes, the etiquette of not wearing white still holds significance for several reasons:

BRIDE'S DISTINCTION

The main reason for discouraging guests from wearing white is to ensure the bride remains the focal point of her wedding day. White wedding dresses have symbolized purity and new beginnings since the Victorian era. When guests wear white, it can diminish the uniqueness of the bride's attire and moment.

SYMBOLISM OF WHITE

White is traditionally associated with the bride and the fresh start of her marriage. When guests wear white, it can lessen the symbolic meaning of the bride's gown and its special connection to the ceremony.

SUPERSTITIONS & CULTURAL BELIEFS

In some cultures, wearing white as a guest is considered bad luck and may be seen as an attempt to outshine the bride. Many wedding customs have roots in superstitions, and avoiding white is one of them.

RESPECT FOR TRADITION

Following this etiquette shows respect for the couple's wishes and long-standing wedding traditions. Even if a couple chooses a non-traditional wedding, many still appreciate guests adhering to classic customs.

PHOTOGRAPHY & AESTHETICS

White attire can be distracting in wedding photos, making it harder for the bride to stand out. A mix of colors among guests adds vibrancy and enhances the overall aesthetic of the wedding.

While the "no white" rule is not universal, many couples still prefer guests to follow it. Some may explicitly state dress code expectations, while others are more flexible. If unsure, it's best to check the wedding invitation, website, or ask the couple directly. Ultimately, honoring their preferences ensures a smooth, respectful, and joyous celebration for everyone.



PACKING REMINDERS CHECKLIST

Packing for a destination wedding takes planning to cover both the event and your trip. Here's a checklist to help:

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

Wedding Attire:

- Wedding dress / suit
- Veil, tiara, or headpiece
- Shoes
- Accessories (jewelry, cufflinks, etc.)

Rehearsal Dinner / Casual Wear:

- Outfits for pre-wedding events
- Comfortable casual wear for downtime

Swimwear:

- If destination includes beach or pool

Undergarments:

- Enough for each outfit, including special undergarments for wedding attire

Formalwear:

- Consider any formal events or dinners

Weather-Appropriate Clothing:

- Pack accordingly for destination's weather

Accessories:

- Hats, sunglasses, scarves, etc.

WEDDING ESSENTIALS

Documentation:

- Passports, IDs, travel insurance, marriage license

Wedding Rings:

- Keep them in a safe place

Vows / Speeches:

- Written copies, if applicable

Gifts / Favors:

- If you have wedding favors or gifts for guests

Guest Book:

- If you have one for guests to sign

TECHNOLOGY & GADGETS

Chargers:

- Phone, camera, laptop, etc.

Adapters:

- If traveling internationally

TOILETRIES & BEAUTY PRODUCTS

Skincare & Haircare:

- Cleansers, moisturizers, sunscreen
- Hair products, styling tools

Makeup:

- Wedding day makeup and everyday essentials

Toiletries:

- Toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.

Nail Care:

- Manicure / pedicure essentials

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Medications:

- Prescription meds & basic first aid kit

Sunscreen:

- Important for outdoor ceremonies

Travel-Sized Pharmacy:

- Pain relievers, allergy medicine, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Wedding Decor:

- Any small decor items you want to bring

Wedding Timeline / Itinerary:

- Printed copies for you and key members of the wedding party

Travel Snacks:

- Quick bites for the journey

Emergency Kit:

- Sewing kit, safety pins, stain remover, etc.

Comfort Items:

- That make you comfortable and relaxed

Remember to pack in advance and double-check your list to ensure nothing important is forgotten. Take the destination's customs, weather, and local dress codes into account, and review TSA rules for carry-on items.

CHECKING YOUR WEDDING GOWN

Transporting your bridal gown on an airplane requires careful consideration to ensure it arrives at your destination in perfect condition. Here are some tips to help you decide whether to check your bridal gown or carry it on board:

CARRY-ON

1. **SECURITY:** Bringing your gown on board keeps it safe and prevents loss or damage.
2. **Space:** Many airlines allow wedding dresses as an extra carry-on if they fit in the overhead bin.
3. **Avoiding Creases:** Hanging the gown in a garment bag helps prevent wrinkles.
4. **Peace of Mind:** Keeping it with you ensures its safety, especially if it has sentimental value.

CHECKED LUGGAGE

1. **Size & Policies:** Check airline rules on oversized carry-ons, as some may have restrictions.
2. **Storage:** If it won't fit overhead, you may need to check it at the gate—use a sturdy garment bag.
3. **Handling:** If checking your gown, inform staff so they can handle it with care.
4. **Insurance:** Consider travel insurance to cover loss or damage.

GENERAL TIPS

1. **Call Ahead:** Check airline policies and instructions for transporting your gown.
2. **Use Protection:** A sturdy, padded garment bag helps prevent dust and damage.
3. **Arrive Early:** Allow extra time for security or special handling.
4. **Ship Ahead:** For international weddings, consider shipping the dress in advance.

Ultimately, the decision to carry on or check your bridal gown depends on your comfort level, the airline's policies, and the size of your gown.

Whatever method you choose, take steps to ensure your gown is well-protected during the journey. As a frequent traveler, I rarely check luggage.



PROTOCOL OF BRIDAL PARTY GIFTS



Gifts to your bridal party is a meaningful way to express gratitude for their support, time, and contributions to your wedding.

PRESENTATION TIMING

Gifts are typically given to the bridal party at the rehearsal dinner or on the wedding morning, allowing them to use or wear them during the festivities.

PERSONALIZED GIFTS

Personalized gifts that reflect each bridal party member's tastes show thoughtfulness and appreciation for their unique roles.

UNIFORMITY

It's important to maintain some uniformity with gifts, especially those used on the wedding day, like matching jewelry, robes, or accessories.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET

Stick to your budget when choosing gifts. Thoughtful, meaningful gifts are often more appreciated than expensive ones.

HANDWRITTEN NOTES

Add handwritten notes to express gratitude and recognize each person's contribution.

GIFT WRAPPING

Wrap the gifts thoughtfully to add a personal touch and show care.

GIFTS FOR DIFFERENT ROLES

Consider each role; key members like the maid of honor and best man may deserve special gifts.

FOR THE BRIDESMAIDS

Jewelry, personalized robes, customized tote bags, engraved jewelry boxes, spa gift certificates, or monogrammed accessories.

FOR GROOMSMEN

Personalized flasks, cufflinks, tie clips, grooming kits, engraved beer mugs, or personalized leather accessories.

FOR PARENTS

Thoughtful gifts for parents of the couple, such as custom photo frames, personalized jewelry, or items that hold sentimental value.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Consider publicly acknowledging your bridal party during speeches or toasts, expressing your gratitude in front of family and friends.

Remember that the most meaningful gifts are those that reflect your appreciation for the individual personalities and contributions of each member of the bridal party. Taking the time to choose thoughtful gifts shows your gratitude for their support during this special time in your life.





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IMPORTANCE OF TRAVEL ADVISORS

Once again we have another chance to start the year with a clean slate. That is very true in the travel industry. Our suppliers, destinations, and onsite contacts have been in a constant shift over the last few years.

It has become a full-time job just to keep up with all the changes. Here are some suggestions when planning that destination wedding or honeymoon.

- **Please pack your patience.** Staff changes and new resorts can slow response times, but everyone is working hard to assist you.
- **Use a travel advisor.** Choose one with first-hand experience and strong local connections to streamline planning.
- **Make sure you plan the wedding or honeymoon of YOUR dreams.** Guests matter, but don't compromise your vision for those who may not even attend.
- **When getting married away, families connect.** Unlike local weddings, destination weddings allow loved ones to spend real time together.
- **There are three types of guests.** Some are ready to go, some honestly can't, and some will question everything. Simply say, "We'd love for you to come, but we understand if you can't."
- **Be strategic when picking your destination.** Consider airfare, flight schedules, and resort offerings to get the best value. A travel advisor can help.
- **Please don't bring your whole wedding with you.** Resorts provide essentials like linens and favors—avoid stress by trusting their offerings.
- **Embrace local cuisine when picking your menu.** Your guests will appreciate the experience, and you'll support the local economy.
- **Keep it simple.** More moving parts mean more chances for things to go wrong. Breathe and enjoy.
- **Don't over-plan.** It's your wedding, but also a vacation for guests—give them time to explore.
- **Be realistic with your guest count.** Resorts have limits, and exceeding them adds costs.
- **Make sure your bridal party truly supports you.** They should have your best interests at heart and share in your excitement.
- **Invest in your food and photography.** Quality in these areas makes a lasting impact. Also, check out local DJs.
- **Be aware of vendor fees.** Many resorts charge extra for outside services.
- **Don't be afraid to use off-site venues.** They can offer unique and memorable settings.
- **Relax, celebrate, and enjoy.** Cherish the time with your loved ones.



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DO YOU NEED TRAVEL INSURANCE?

Travel insurance provides financial protection and peace of mind. Here's why it matters:

TRIP CANCELLATION OR INTERRUPTION

Covers non-refundable costs if illness, accidents, or emergencies force you to cancel or shorten your trip.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Helps pay for doctor visits, hospital stays, and medical evacuation, especially in countries with high healthcare costs.

DELAYS & MISSED CONNECTIONS

Reimburses expenses for lodging and meals if flights are delayed or connections missed.

LOST OR DELAYED BAGGAGE

Covers lost, stolen, or delayed luggage, helping replace essential items.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

Pays for transport to safety in cases of natural disasters or political unrest.

24/7 TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

Offers support with medical referrals, legal aid, translation services, emergency assistance, and travel guidance.

PERSONAL LIABILITY

Protects you if you accidentally cause injury or property damage.

WORK-RELATED CANCELLATIONS

Some policies cover trip cancellations due to unexpected job obligations.

NATURAL DISASTERS & UNFORESEEN EVENTS

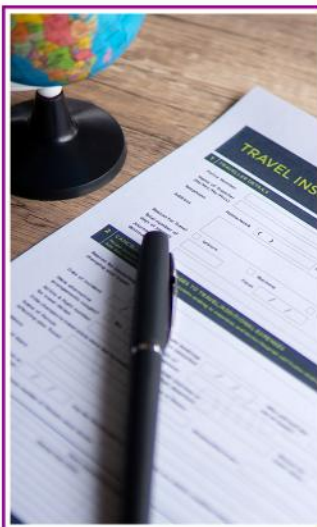
Provides coverage for disruptions caused by disasters or terrorism.

PEACE OF MIND

Ensures financial security, letting you enjoy your trip worry-free.

Review your policy carefully to understand coverage, exclusions, and conditions. Choose one that fits your travel needs and destination.

Final recommendation: Work with your Travel Agent/Provider to select the best insurance.





DESTINATION WEDDING ETIQUETTE



Planning a destination wedding is exciting, but it comes with unique challenges. To ensure everything goes smoothly, it's important to keep key etiquette tips in mind. These guidelines will help create a memorable and stress-free celebration.

RESPECT & CIVILITY

Approach your service provider with kindness and respect. A positive, courteous attitude fosters a collaborative relationship, ensuring smooth communication and a memorable experience for everyone involved.

HONESTY

Be honest with your Service Provider about your budget. Don't be embarrassed to ask for more affordable options—they may go the extra mile to meet your needs.

LAWS

Respect the local laws and regulations of your destination. If your service provider is unable to fulfill a request due to legal restrictions, remain patient and ask for alternative solutions. Keep in mind that service providers must also abide by these laws and will do their best to find other ways to meet your needs.

ATTIRE


When it comes to destination wedding attire, comfort and style should go hand in hand. Consider the climate, venue, and formality of the event when choosing your outfit. Always respect the couple's dress code, and remember that dressing appropriately will ensure a pleasant experience for everyone.

BEHAVIOUR

At a destination wedding, setting a positive tone through respectful and considerate behavior is key. While celebrating is important, it's equally vital to be mindful of local culture, remain punctual, and treat everyone with kindness. Doing so will contribute to a smooth and enjoyable experience for all involved.

To wrap up, keeping these destination wedding and honeymoon etiquette tips in mind will help ensure a seamless and unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

By fostering respect, clear communication, and a sense of adventure, you'll create lasting memories and enjoy every moment of your special celebration, making it truly one-of-a-kind.

A couple is seen from behind, sitting in a swimming pool and looking out at a beautiful tropical bay. The water is clear and blue, with several small boats anchored in the distance. The bay is surrounded by lush green hills and palm trees. The sky is a vibrant blue with a few wispy clouds. The overall scene is romantic and idyllic.

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WHY CHOOSE THE CARIBBEAN?

The Caribbean is the ultimate destination for couples seeking a perfect wedding or honeymoon. With its stunning beaches, turquoise waters, and sunny skies, it's a dream come true. Whether you're planning a romantic wedding or a secluded honeymoon, the Caribbean offers an unforgettable experience.

Its natural beauty alone makes it a top choice. Picture saying your vows on a quiet beach at sunset or exchanging rings with the sound of gentle waves in the background. The Caribbean is a paradise where every corner feels magical.

The region also offers a rich cultural experience, with vibrant traditions, delicious cuisines, and friendly locals. Each island has its own charm, from lively towns to tranquil retreats, making it ideal for both weddings and honeymoons. It's the perfect blend of adventure and relaxation.

Couples can enjoy world-class resorts, luxury spas, and adventurous activities like snorkeling, hiking, and diving, or simply unwind on powder-soft beaches. With warm weather year-round and easy access from major cities, the Caribbean is the perfect backdrop for the start of your happily ever after.



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WEDDING CUSTOMS IN THE CARIBBEAN

Caribbean wedding customs blend African and European traditions. While not all are followed everywhere, here are some unique ones:

- **A dime in the bride's shoe** brings wealth and prosperity.
- **Toss the bouquet directly to someone**—if it falls and breaks, it's a bad omen for fidelity.
- **Don't let wedding cake crumbs hit the ground** or feed them to a dog—it may shorten the marriage.
- **Sprinkle white rum outside** to honor ancestors and ward off bad energy.
- **Keeping a sliver of wedding cake** under your pillow is said to ensure fertility.
- **Bridesmaids wearing white confuse lurking spirits**, which is why Pippa Middleton wore white at the Royal Wedding.
- **Tying shoes to the getaway car** symbolizes the father passing financial responsibility to the groom—today, tin cans are often used instead.
- **The only wedding cake served is black cake**—a rich fruit cake soaked in rum and wine for months, passed down through generations.
- **The tradition of "something old, new, borrowed, and blue" is honored:**
 - **Old:** A meaningful item from a happily married person for good luck.
 - **New:** Wedding attire, symbolizing fresh beginnings.
 - **Borrowed:** A valuable piece to bring fortune.
 - **Blue:** A sign of purity and love.
- **A full veil covering the bride's face** symbolizes modesty and protects against spirits.
- **Dancing of the Wedding Cake** is practiced in Carriacou, Petite Martinique, and parts of St. Vincent and the Grenadines—mothers of the bride and groom dance with cakes on their heads, symbolizing unity and shared joy.



WEDDING VOWS: MAKING IT PERSONAL



Traditional wedding vows are timeless and poetic, expressing love, commitment, and promises. While they vary by culture, religion, or preference, here are some ideas to consider:

DECLARATION OF LOVE

"I take you to be my lawful wedded [husband/wife], to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until death do us part."

PROMISES OF SUPPORT

"I promise to stand by you, supporting you through every adventure, triumph, and challenge we face together."

FIDELITY

"I will be faithful, honor you, and build a home with love, trust, and understanding."

COMMUNICATION

"I vow to listen with compassion, speak with honesty and encouragement, and build trust through open communication."

FRIENDSHIP

"You are my best friend, and I will cherish our bond. I promise to share in your joy and comfort you in sorrow."

GROWTH & CHANGE

"I will embrace who you are and who you'll become, growing, learning, and supporting your dreams together."

SHARED DREAMS & GOALS

"I will stand by you, support your endeavors, and share in life's triumphs and challenges."

GRATITUDE

"I am grateful for your love and will show mine through both small gestures and grand actions. Thank you for the gift of you."

ETERNAL COMMITMENT

"I commit my life to you, acknowledging that our love is a journey, not a destination. I will stand by you, no matter what the future holds, for as long as we both shall live."

CLOSING

"In the presence of our family and friends, I make these vows to you. With all that I am and all that I have, I pledge my love and commitment to you for all the days of my life."

Customize these ideas to reflect your beliefs, values, and unique relationship. Writing your own vows adds a personal touch to your ceremony.





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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Caribbean offers endless wedding and honeymoon options, so choose a destination that fits your dreams.

Q: I do not plan on getting a Passport, what Caribbean Islands I can visit?

A: Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands.

Q: What is a great destination with beautiful beaches & peaceful evenings?

A: This you can find in almost all the destinations.

Q: Where can I find a destination with a lively nightlife?

A: The larger Islands, Bahamas, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, USVI, Dominican Republic, Aruba all offer great nighttime activities.

Q: What are the best scenic destinations for nature lovers?

A: Dominica, Dominican Republic, St. Lucia, Jamaica, Cayman Islands, Puerto Rico, St. Kitts, Guadeloupe.

Q: Which destinations are best for water sports enthusiasts?

A: All destinations offer a varied selection of water sports.

Q: Which destinations offer great weddings at affordable prices?

A: Luckily for you, each island offers a package to suit every budget. And they are skilled in the preparation and execution of weddings.

Q: How do I begin planning a destination wedding with family & friends?

A: Don't do this alone—work with a travel agent or destination wedding specialist to handle the details, unless you have local connections.

Q: Can I have a religious ceremony in the Caribbean?

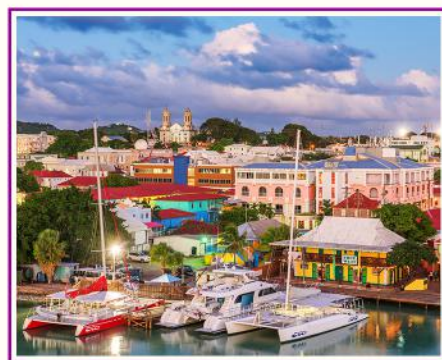
A: Whatever your religion or custom, there is a house of worship to accommodate your request.

Q: Can I use American dollars, or do I need to exchange currency?

A: Yes, American currency is accepted throughout the Caribbean.

Q: If I get married in the Caribbean, will my marriage be legal in the US?

A: Yes, A legal marriage in the Caribbean is legal in the United States.



CUISINE OF THE CARIBBEAN



WEDDING CAKES

A Caribbean Wedding Cake, from Rum Cake to Black Cake, is a centerpiece at any reception. Tradition calls for three tiers: the bottom shared with guests, the top saved for the first anniversary, and a sliver from the second placed under the couple's pillow to ensure conception—more cake means more children!

Preparation begins months in advance, with dried fruits soaking in rum and wine for at least six months, creating a rich, moist cake unlike American fruitcake. The cake is then covered in firm, sweet English icing, perfect for intricate decorations.

Throughout the islands, Black Cake is a must, inspired by English Plum Pudding, blending fruits into a dark, flavorful cake topped with royal icing. For the best cakes, consult a local Wedding Planner, like Dreamy Weddings of St. Kitts & Nevis, serving 14 Caribbean destinations.

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

The Caribbean, known as Nature's Paradise, is a haven for fresh, vibrant produce. From refreshing coconut water to the creamy richness of soursop and the sweet juiciness of mangoes, the islands offer a bounty of natural flavors. Local markets overflow with papayas, guavas, breadfruit, yams, callaloo, and plantains, ensuring a rich and diverse diet. Whether you're vegetarian, vegan, or simply craving wholesome, farm-fresh ingredients, the Caribbean provides an abundance of delicious options to enjoy during your stay.

SEAFOOD & MEATS

Caribbean cuisine is a flavorful fusion of fresh seafood and savory meats, influenced by African, European, and Indigenous traditions. Surrounded by the sea, the region offers an abundance of fish, lobster, shrimp, and conch, often grilled, curried, or stewed with rich spices. Meats like jerk chicken, roasted pork, and oxtail are slow-cooked to perfection, marinated with bold seasonings. For a destination wedding, these dishes bring authentic island flavors to your celebration, creating a memorable dining experience for you and your guests.





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MAIN COURSE

Caribbean main courses are a flavorful fusion of African, Indian, and European influences. A staple dish is rice and peas—white rice and red beans simmered in coconut milk and aromatic spices. Jerk seasoning, a fiery blend of Scotch bonnet peppers, allspice, and herbs, brings bold heat to grilled meats. Caribbean curries, inspired by Indian traditions, feature tender chicken, goat, or seafood in rich, spiced sauces. Each dish reflects the region's vibrant culture and culinary heritage.

DRINKS

Caribbean fruits inspire endless drink creations. Have a bartender craft your signature wedding cocktail and make it the cocktail hour centerpiece. Request the hotel frame the recipe with your wedding date as a keepsake for your home. You can then serve your special drink at your first dinner party.

DESSERTS

The options are endless and delicious. Work with your Wedding Planner to create a dessert table featuring local treats. Enjoy traditional black cake, rich with crushed spices, and puddings made from rice, cassava, yam, or bananas. Coconut-based sweets are a favorite!

SPICES

The Caribbean thrives on its bold and aromatic spices. Jamaica's famous jerk seasoning, a blend of pepper, onions, and other select spices, creates mouthwatering, slow-cooked meats. Grenada, known as the 'Isle of Spice,' takes flavor to another level, using locally grown spices to enhance traditional dishes. Guadeloupe offers a unique twist, infusing spices into everything from ice cream to coffee and sweets.

Best of all, you can bring these flavors home as a reminder of your travels. Whether in spice blends or bottled sauces, the tastes of the Caribbean can transport you back with every bite. However, if you're sensitive to heat, be sure to order mild—Caribbean spice packs a punch!





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BRIDAL CAKES & CUSTOMS



WEDDING CAKES

Symbolism: The wedding cake symbolizes the couple's union and is often cut together, marking their first activity as a married pair.

Cutting of the Cake: The bride and groom traditionally cut the first slice together, sometimes feeding each other a piece as a symbol of commitment.

Tiered Cakes: Tiered cakes represent the couple's past, present, and future. The top tier is often saved for the first anniversary.

Cake Topper: The cake topper, traditionally a miniature bride and groom, symbolizes the newlyweds and is kept as a memento.

Flavors and Styles: Wedding cakes come in various flavors and designs, often chosen to reflect the couple's significance and wedding theme.



BRIDAL SHOWERS & CAKE

Bridal Shower Cake: Bridal shower cakes often match the bride's interests or the wedding theme.

Cake Pull: In Southern U.S. traditions, bridesmaids pull ribbons from the cake with attached charms, each predicting future fortune.

Bride & Groom Cake Toppers: Cake toppers are also popular at bridal showers, available in various themes and styles.

Cupcakes & Dessert Tables: Some couples opt for cupcakes or dessert tables, offering a variety of flavors and desserts for guests.

Remember, wedding traditions vary by culture and location. The key is to select elements that reflect your personal style and preferences. For destination weddings, consider a local cake to add a unique touch to your celebration.





MARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS

ORDINARY LICENSE – US \$190

- **Covers:** License, Registration, Marriage Certificate, and Officer fee (if married outside Court).
- One party must be a resident for 15 days before applying.

SPECIAL LICENSE – US \$450

- **Covers:** License, Registration, Marriage Certificate, and Officer fee.
- No residency or wait time required.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Passports & Proof of Status
- **If Single:** Signed declaration in Antigua & Barbuda.
- **If Divorced:** Original or certified copy of Decree Absolute.
- **If Widowed:** Marriage & Death Certificates of spouse.
- **Application Form:** Completed & signed at the Ministry of Legal Affairs.
- **Proof of Age/Consent:**
 - Both must be 18+; under 18 requires parental consent.
- Both applicants must be present at application.

For details, contact the Ministry of Legal Affairs: 1-268-562-0381.



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The winding coastline of Antigua has secluded powder soft beaches, and Barbuda, a former shipwreck site, hosts a major bird sanctuary. It's easy to marry on vacation here, even for cruise visitors.

For tranquility, Barbuda remains untouched, home to graceful frigate birds.

THINGS TO DO

Great Beaches: Antigua and Barbuda boast over 365 unique beaches with features like rock pools, diving pelicans, and water sports. Most beaches lack facilities, so bring water and sun protection. On holidays, locals picnic on the beaches.

Diving: A true highlight, with experienced guides leading explorations of Barbuda's stunning coral reefs.

Fig Tree Drive: A 32km scenic route through tropical hills and fishing villages on Antigua's southwest coast.

Frigate Bird Sanctuary: Located in Barbuda's north-western lagoon, this vast sanctuary is home to over 5,000 frigate birds and 170 species, accessible only by boat.

Yachting & Sailing: Antigua, the "Sailing Capital of the Caribbean," is famous for its steady trade winds and Antigua Sailing Week in late April, featuring yacht races, food, drinks, and lively on-shore partying.

ANTIGUAN CUISINE


Antigua and Barbuda have restaurants for all budgets. Upscale spots may require jackets for men, and tipping is at least 10%.

The national dish is fungie (cornmeal) and pepper pot. Other local foods include ducana, seasoned rice, salt-fish, conch, and lobster. Popular sweets include sugar-cake, fudge, tamarind balls, and peanut brittle.

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MARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS

You can marry in Cayman the day you arrive. Here's what you'll need:

- Proof of citizenship & age (Passport or Birth Certificate and Photo ID)
- Proof of marital status (Divorce Decree or Death Cert., if needed)
- Immigration Dept. Cards for non-cruisers
- Intl Embark/Disembark Cards For cruise passengers
- Two witnesses at the ceremony
- A Non-Residents Marriage License
- A Letter from the authorized officiating Marriage Officer

Non-resident marriage licenses and Marriage Officer lists are available from the Passport and Corporate Services Office or the District Commissioner's Office.

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George Town | Grand Cayman
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It's hard to imagine a destination more perfect for lovers of life, beauty, and romance than the Cayman Islands. Just one hour south of Miami, these three Caribbean gems sparkle in a turquoise crown.

The Cayman Islands set the stage for love, with secluded beaches and indulgent spa treatments. Lazy mornings lead to adventurous afternoons, followed by candlelit evenings as each sunrise and sunset adds to the romance.

The real treasure is each island's unique charm. The largest and most cosmopolitan, **Grand Cayman**, boasts premium stays, vibrant culture, and one of the world's most stunning beaches.

Little Cayman, renowned for world-class diving and natural wonders, is a true romantic retreat. **Cayman Brac**, with its dramatic bluff and laid-back vibe, offers the perfect escape.

With world-class dining and luxury stays, Cayman is ideal for weddings, honeymoons, or romantic getaways.

THINGS TO DO

For some, Cayman is a diver's dream. With three islands to choose from you can pretty much select an island for your mood. Cayman Brac a nature lovers paradise with walking and hiking trails and is home to the only dive-accessible Russian warship in the western hemisphere.

Little Cayman with a population of 250 also boasts spectacular diving.

CAYMANIAN CUISINE

The Cayman Islands offer the best dining experience. From Local to Caribbean, International, Gourmet, Chinese, Italian, Mexican and much more - it's a foodie's dream destination. Please note that the more upscale restaurants do require a jacket for men and appropriate attire for women.

Crystal Caves, Grand Cayman. This is a creative representation; stepping in the water is not permitted.

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MARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS

To get married in St. Eustatius, you will need:

- A completed application of marriage.
- To register your *Notice of Intent to Marry* in writing at least 3 weeks before the wedding.
- Be at least 18 years of age - if under 18, proof of parental consent stamped and notarized.
- Valid passports.
- Birth certificates with the parent's name.
- Proof of "Single" status: divorce decree or death certificate.
- If applicable, provide notarized Deed Poll proof of name change. Documents must be in English or Dutch; if translated, submit both versions.
- Two witnesses are required for weddings at the Registrar's Office, while marriages at other locations require six witnesses.
- Total Fees: US \$300 - \$330 depending if you get married on a weekend or weekday, at the courthouse or elsewhere.

For more information:

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A dormant volcano towers over the tiny Dutch-Caribbean island of St. Eustatius. At nearly 2,000 feet, The Quill dominates the 8.1 square mile island, known as Statia.

Discovered by Columbus in 1493, it changed hands 22 times before the Dutch took control in 1816. In the 1700s, Oranjestad was a key trade hub for slaves, cotton, and sugar.

Accommodations range from small inns to luxury villas. Restaurants abound, and locals enjoy the island favorite—goat meat with rice and peas, a meal to die for!

THINGS TO DO

Statia's large crater hosts a tropical rainforest with orchids, bromeliads, and ferns. The Quill became a National Park in 1997, offering hikes through diverse vegetation zones. Adventurous hikers can enjoy stunning crater views before descending into

its lush interior, filled with vibrant flora & unique wildlife.

Statia is also a diver's paradise, with ancient wrecks, submerged anchors, cannons, pristine corals, and vibrant marine life, including rays and turtles.

STATIA CUISINE

While St. Eustatius lacks a specialized cuisine, it offers tasty Creole (Caribbean of African descent) options for those seeking something exotic. Though Dutch-influenced, the island features diverse international eateries, including European, American, and Asian.

Specialties include Carnistoba (Goat Stew) with rice, peas, and provisions, Funchi (polenta mush), Pan Bati (corn flour pancake), and Bolo Pretu (black fruitcake). Local seafood options include pickled conch, baked snapper in shrimp sauce, grilled fish, and lobster.



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MARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS

No residency is required. Couples need a marriage license and the following documents:

- A valid passport or photo ID.
- An original or certified copy of your birth certificates.
- If divorced, a decree absolute (an original or certified copy showing court's stamp or seal).
- If widowed, a copy of the death certificate of the deceased spouse.
- If documents are not in English, they must be accompanied by a notarized English translation.

Catholic Weddings: Couples must complete counseling, submit required documents, and provide a letter confirming they are unmarried and have received instruction. Weddings are held in the church.

Other Religions: Couples should bring a letter from their resident minister confirming they are known and unmarried. Counseling may be required and can be done by the couple's priest.

FEES: The marriage license fee is EC \$200.00 (US \$74). The Justice of the Peace may charge an additional fee.

St. Kitts, an island that dares you to follow your heart. Its shores are lapped by aqua-blue waters, and from its fertile hills and mountains rise a lush, tropical rainforest, with warm, welcoming people ready to greet you with a smile. Rich in history, from Brimstone Hill Fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to the towering Mount Liamuiga, which last showed signs of life in 2000.

THINGS TO DO

Experience St. Kitts with a Scenic Railway tour, climb Brimstone Hill for panoramic views, or zipline through the rainforests. Water lovers can enjoy snorkeling, diving, or watersports like flyboarding, kite surfing, and jet skiing. For a relaxed experience, take a sunset catamaran dinner tour.

From the luxury resorts to the eco-luxury farm stays, St. Kitts offers diverse accommodations, including hotels, villas,

bungalows, and charming guesthouses, amid beautiful scenery, providing unforgettable experiences.

KITTITIAN CUISINE

Kittitian cuisine, a fusion of Caribbean ingenuity and Old-World traditions, is available across the island. Grab a 'catch of the day' lunch at a restaurant on The Strip, feet in the sand with a cold Caribbean beer as you sway to sweet Soca music, or dine at a fine restaurant at a luxury resort. Regardless of your choice, the food, infused with local herbs and spices, is guaranteed to be good and the experience fantastic.

There are great romantic getaways from luxurious to quaint, perfect for your honeymoon or wedding. Follow your heart to St. Kitts and select from one of the many unique locations for your perfect wedding venue – a planner is waiting to assist and provide you every need.

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Close your eyes and imagine this: the two of you, hand in hand, escaping to the shores of St. Kitts where time slows and magic lingers in every moment. Hike to breathtaking views, sail into golden sunsets, and laugh together as you zipline above emerald canopies. Here, adventure meets intimacy, creating the perfect setting for an elopement, a rekindling getaway, or a spontaneous escape. Write a love story you'll never forget, in a place you'll never want to leave. St. Kitts, your new love language.



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Request a wedding license application from the U.S. Virgin Islands Territorial Court at:

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St. Croix, USVI 00821
or Call 340-778-9750

RESIDENCY: An eight-day waiting period is required after the authorized application is received. The couple need not be on the island.

DOCUMENTS: If previously married, a certified copy of final divorce decree; if widowed, certified death certificate.

Applications must include a letter with visit dates and stay length. Legal marriage age is 18; if under 18, an affidavit with both parents' signatures is required. Non-US citizens need a passport or visa. Couples must appear before the Clerk of the Court or designee before the license is issued. To marry in court, an appointment is required.

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St. Croix, the largest island, is a tranquil haven for honeymooners, culture seekers, and scuba divers. Its rich history reflects the influence of Spain, Great Britain, the Netherlands, France, the Knights of Malta, Denmark and the United States all played a role

in shaping St. Croix. Experience its unique culture through arts, crafts, music, and festivals year-round.

TAKE THE PLUNGE

Known for exceptional diving, St. Croix offers one of the most distinctive ways to get hitched—an underwater ceremony with scuba gear for adventurous couples. Imagine exchanging vows beneath the waves, surrounded by colorful marine life.

St. Croix even holds the world record for the largest underwater wedding, where more than 100 certified divers attended. For those who prefer to begin life together on land, options include 19th-century churches, historic sugar mills, and a lush botanical garden.

St. Croix also offers a mouth-watering mix of cuisine. Be sure to check out the Food and Wine Experience to savor the island's unique flavors.

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Come for unspoiled beauty, stay to create memories in St. John.

With no passport required and the U.S. Dollar as the official currency, you can experience exotic beauty quick and easy.

If being pampered together is more your style then you can visit the exquisite resorts of St. John. Though it is the smallest of the three main U.S. Virgin Islands, St. John's unspoiled beauty is perhaps the greatest found anywhere in the Caribbean. The natural beauty of the Caribbean, St. John offers visitors pristine splendor amid modern luxuries.

TIE THE KNOT IN LUXURY

Exquisite natural beauty takes center stage in ceremonies on St. John, the smallest of the islands, where wedding settings include waterfront gazebos, island chapels and tropical villas.

Apologies for cutting too much! Here's a version that trims only 25 words while keeping all four paragraphs:

The island, two-thirds undeveloped, is perfect for nature lovers with the 11,560-acre Virgin Islands National Park, featuring 800 plant varieties and 160 bird species.

St. John boasts some of the world's most beautiful beaches, like Trunk Bay, known for its crystal sands and underwater trail, among many other memorable beaches.

For a more laid-back experience, visit a local pub or patio overlooking moonlit Cruz Bay. Whatever you choose, let the magic of the islands strengthen your connection.

Originally settled by the Arawak and Carib Indians, St. John has a rich history. The U.S. purchased it from the Danish West India Company in 1917.

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Applications must include a letter with visit dates and stay length. Legal marriage age is 18; if under 18, an affidavit with both parents' signatures is required. Non-US citizens need a passport or visa. Couples must appear before the Clerk of the Court or designee before the license is issued. To marry in court, an appointment is required.

FEES: The application and license fees are US \$50 each. Court marriage or judge fee is US \$200. Officiants charge US \$200. No personal checks.

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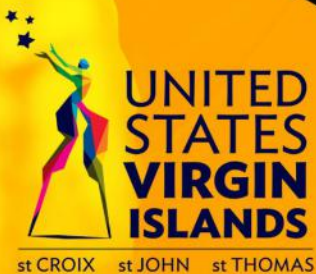


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