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Welcome...



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Congratulations on choosing the Caribbean for your romantic Escape.

The Caribbean with its collection of countries/nations placed strategically in the crystal clear blue waters of the Caribbean Sea makes it difficult for the uninitiated to select the right island and activities for a dream destination Wedding, Honeymoon or Romantic jaunt.

The Annual Ultimate Caribbean Honeymoon, Wedding & Romance Guide is designed to provide you with the most current information on the plethora of experiences that the Caribbean has to offer to help you to design your ultimate romantic interlude/getaway.

Here you will find information on Marriage Requirements, Cuisine, What to Do and Where to do it and of course, tips to help you make the most of your time in Paradise.

Happy Reading.

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Planning the Perfect Caribbean Destination Wedding, Honeymoon or Romantic Jaunt

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One of the main reasons people visit the Caribbean is for romance. Whether it is for a honeymoon, a destination wedding or a much needed romantic interlude you'll find all the information you need to make your trip the best it can be at <http://www.MarryCaribbean.com>.

MarryCaribbean.com offers the internet's most complete listing of Caribbean destination wedding and honeymoon resources and I am delighted to share my love of romance and the Caribbean with you.

Here you will find information on some of the best and most romantic Caribbean hotels and resorts, entertainment and cuisine. And if you are one of those very lucky souls who has chosen to be married in the Caribbean you'll find detailed information on legal requirements for each island. Cheers!

I am delighted that you have chosen the Caribbean for this once in a lifetime event: The hospitality in this region is above and beyond and here, you can design, suggest, develop and realize the wedding of your dreams.

Choosing one of the 34 countries is, at best, a difficult task, but with the help of trained Romance Specialists – the experience will be the easiest and most special best you will have.

I would again like to reiterate – it is imperative that you work with a Travel Specialist in destination weddings or honeymoon. Why? They know the destinations and the on-island contacts, understand and practice follow through and attention to detail, with the sole objective of making your day memorable. And while you are at it, why not

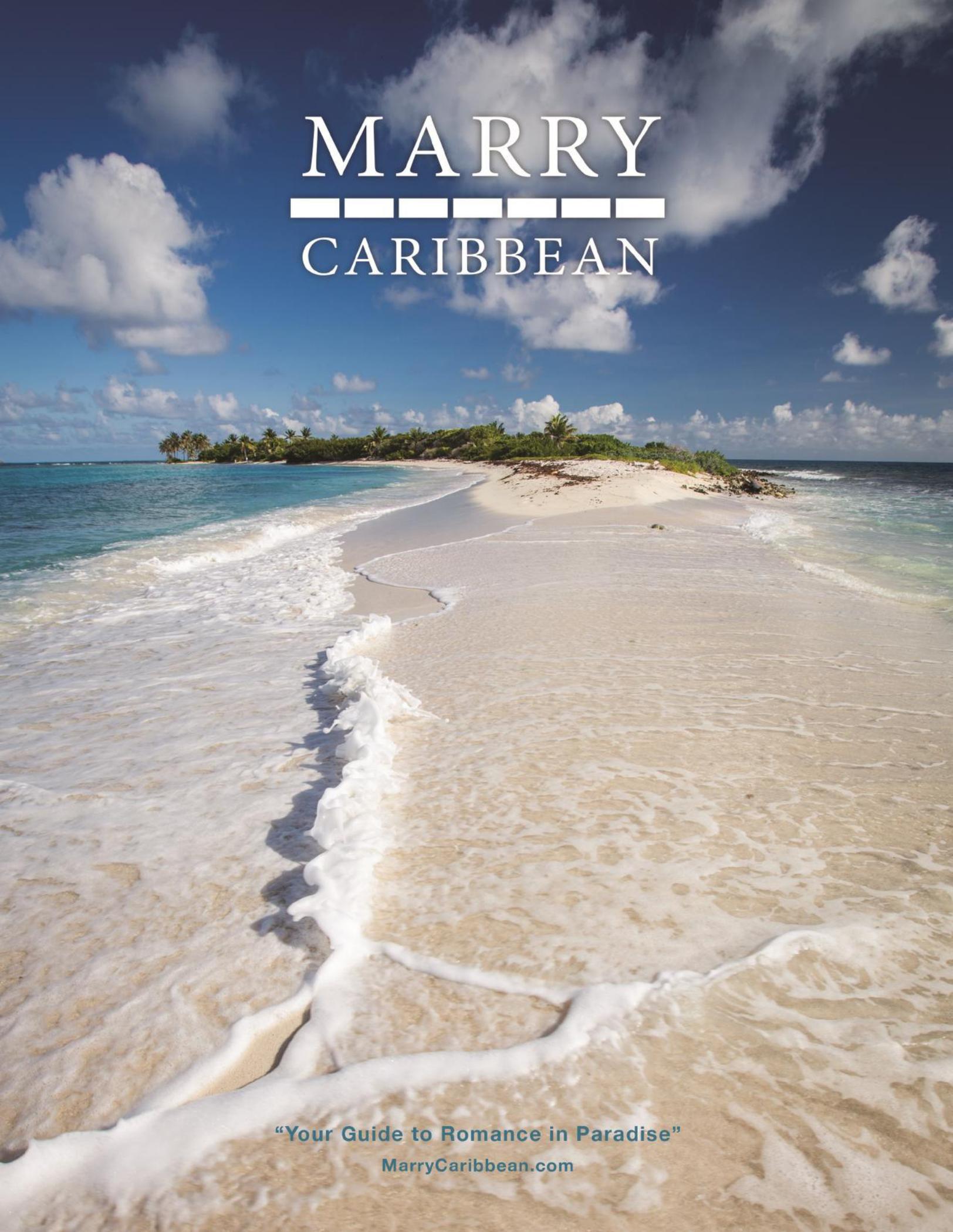
work with your own Wedding Planner? Every country has its unique labor laws, and your wedding planner will relieve you of the responsibility of sourcing the necessary permits as part of their arrangement. (Of course there are exceptions to this in the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, which are territories of the United States). Wedding Planners in the Caribbean are topnotch and are very skilled at working with you to achieve the look you desire and the event that meets your expectations within your budget.

- ◆ Most hotels already have a 'Director of Romance' on staff and like any other region, qualified independent Wedding Planners are also available for hire.
- ◆ The professional services of a Travel Agent and Destination Wedding Planner are critical to ensuring worry free planning of this important event. Your travel agent will know who to contact and work with, within the allocated budget.
- ◆ Depending on the number of guests attending you will want to ensure that there are nearby hotels at different price points so that your guests may choose their accommodations based on their budget.
- ◆ Your Wedding Planner will manage that all important budget by negotiating the best deals from local specialists: florists, photographers, DJ's, musicians, wedding cake specialists. We recommend that you ask for the local wedding cake—they are awesome! - and use the services of other local specialist to add that special island flavor to your event.

- ◆ Work with your Travel Agent to create a 'newsletter', with up to date information on activities, wedding location, schedule of events, temperature, a brief history of the destination, shopping and all relevant information for your guests. This should also include flight options to the destination.
- ◆ An island event for you and your attendants is highly recommended. Secure the services of your 'Director of Romance' or wedding planner to source island wedding gifts for your wedding party. As an added touch, you may wish to send a welcome basket to the rooms of each of your guests. (Welcome basket could include sandals, disposable cameras, suntan lotion, a bottle of water and a small bottle of local rum/liqueur.)
- ◆ Most of all have fun, enjoy your time away and leave the perceived problems and headaches to the competent planner you selected.

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About The Caribbean



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The Caribbean is considered the 'Oasis of the Western Hemisphere, and with its natural resources it is truly 'nature's garden'. A paradise that provides a wonderful backdrop for your lifestage event – getting married, enjoying your honeymoon or simply a romantic jaunt.

Culture

The culture of the Caribbean has been shaped by a long and profound colonial history into an intense and complex hybridity that is unrivalled in any other part of the world. It is out of a convergence of African, Amerindian, Asian and European cultures that all things Caribbean, were born. There is a unique cadence to the Caribbean that can be observed in the way people express themselves and in the creativity they demonstrate in art, cuisine, dance, music and other attributes that make the Caribbean one of the most romantic and exotic places to visit, live, and love. Your romantic experience will benefit from these alluring cultural influences.



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Art

Art through the many colors of the fauna and flora create a wonderful tapestry of memories. Each destination curates and is proud to display its heri-

tage, music and lifestyle through art. You will always find museums and art shops providing a 'moving' experience of the history. And of course you can always take back a little piece of the history of the destination you have visited by purchasing what is for sale.



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Dance

The Caribbean with its different mix of people/nationalities draws on its rich historical tapestry for some of the most creative dances you will ever see. From the pulsating rhythm of Reggae, to the beautiful and fluid movements of Salsa to the African beat of quadrille, you will definitely want to get in the groove.

I dare you to sit and listen to these catchy and pulsating rhythms without some sort of movement. Standard movements include the lower extremities with much of it in the hip. With a downing or two of rum punch, coupled with this gyrating and pulsating music - you will be getting your groove on in no time.

Enjoy, you are in the Caribbean and amongst some of the friendliest people you will ever meet.



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Music

Bob Marley took Jamaican Reggae to the world and Caribbean music has never been the same. This is the day of your wedding, you have great food and now you will be dancing to the pulsating music. Do not forget to buy your copies to take home, where you can perfect the dance in the privacy of your home and with your new love.



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Nightlife

Nightlife in the Caribbean is as varied and overflowing as one can imagine. The Caribbean offers some of the best hospitality and you are now among people who know how to celebrate life. Dancing and nightlife go hand in hand and soothes the soul.

To get your groove on ask the hotel concierge the best places to go. Most likely the hotel you are staying at also have a very 'happening' nightlife.



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Celebrating Your Love in Paradise



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The Caribbean with its collection of Islands placed strategically in the crystal clear blue waters of the Caribbean Sea makes it difficult to select the right island and activities for your dream destination wedding or honeymoon. With the engagement season in high gear you may want to think about your likes and dislikes before you make your choice to Marry in the Caribbean.

Q?: I do not plan on getting a Passport, and would like to know what Caribbean Islands I can visit.

A: Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands

Q?: I would like to visit a destination with great beaches and quiet evenings.

A: This you can find in almost all the destinations

Q?: I am looking for great beaches and active nightlife.

A: The larger Islands, Bahamas, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, United States Virgin

Islands, Dominican Republic, Aruba all offer great beaches and good nighttime activities.

Q?: I am into nature and looking for a destination that is compatible with my lifestyle.

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

Q?: I am definitely into water sports and would like to know the destination that offers this.

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

Q?: Cost is a factor and I would like to have my fantasy wedding at minimal cost.

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?: I would like to bring the family and friends to witness to my destination

wedding. How do I begin to plan?

A: You should not attempt to do this by yourself. Seek out a good travel agent and they will work with the hotel or a destination wedding specialist to pull it all together for you. Yes, you do know the destination and would prefer to do this by yourself. A word of caution! Unless you have friends or family in that destination, work with a professional.

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 the American Dollar?

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

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

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



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Destination Wedding Etiquette

You are about to have your first contact with your Caribbean Service Provider (hotel, wedding planner, tour operator, etc.)

There are simple things that you need to be mindful of when conversing from a distance. **Good Manners!!**

The old adage, “You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar” applies here as it does in all other situations. Treat others the way you would like to be treated, and you will be surprised to see how others go out of their way to make sure your requests are fulfilled.

- 1. Respect** – Respect the person; respect the culture. The fact that you are the customer does not give you the right to be disrespectful.
- 2. Honesty** – Be honest with your Service Provider. If the cost of the arrangements exceeds your budget, say so and ask for a more affordable option. This is no time to be embarrassed. Do not hide behind the ‘curtain’ of negative negotiation. You would be amazed by what your
- 3. Civility** – Ah...yes...you are from a superpower and therefore speaking with “natives” so you are about to show them how things are done. Wrong!! Never underestimate the level of sophistication of your service provider. With a smile and a gentle response to your unreasonable arrogant posture, the Service Provider will make sure you are ‘nickel and dimed’ for everything. That is not the experience you want!
- 4. Communication** – Be gracious in your communications (verbal, text, email, etc.) and clearly state what your objectives are for your memorable day and your budget limitations.
- 5. Laws** – Each destination is governed by rules/laws. You must abide by these or you will have the opportunity to meet your local Ambassador from a confined space (Jail). If the
- 6. Attire** – You have a great body and the desire to show it off. Save it for the beach! Dress appropriately in public spaces. If you would not do it in your hometown, then do not do it in someone else’s.
- 7. Loud, Aggressive, Profanity laced behavior** will provide you the opportunity to meet the local law enforcement. This is not the memorable experience you are hoping for.
- 8. You are visiting the country for a new experience and to have a memorable wedding/honeymoon or romance.** Take heed of these nuggets of etiquette and have fun!



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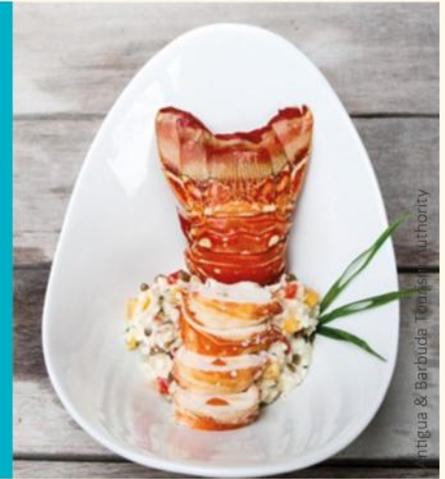


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Cuisine of the Caribbean



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1. Wedding Cakes

From Rum Cake to Black Cake, a Caribbean Wedding Cake is a mouth watering delight that will take center stage at your reception.

Tradition would dictate that the cake is a minimum of three tiers - the bottom one is cut by the bride & Groom and then shared with the guests. The top tier cake would be put in the freezer to celebrate and share on your first anniversary.

From the Second tier cake... a sliver... and I mean a sliver of the cake should be put under the pillow of the bride and groom that same night to guarantee conception. Now the reason for the 'sliver' of cake is that the bigger the slice the more children you will have. So unless you want a large family, stick to a sliver.

What makes this cake so different and special? Well to begin with once a wedding date has been set the family or the cake baker would go into preparation mode. All the dried fruits will be put in a large bowl/vat or container of wine and rum to 'soak' for at least six months. At the end of this period when it is baking time, the fruits will literally melt into the alcohol so when the other ingredients are mixed in and the cake is done - there will be

no tasting of any particular fruit. This is very much unlike the American Fruit Cake which has no bearing, resemblance or taste to a Caribbean Wedding Cake.

The Caribbean Wedding Cake is then covered in 'English Icing' not a frosting. The English Icing is firmer, sweeter with more body and so easy to decorate.



Courtesy Annette Stowe

You are in the Caribbean, you are there for a memorable event - your wedding. Enjoy the bounty, beauty and elegance of the destination. Utilize local products or incorporate what you can in this your Caribbean Wedding.

Throughout the islands, the traditional 'Black Cake' is a must have for your Caribbean wedding. This is derived from the English Plum Pudding: a rich mixture of blended fruits soaked in wine/rum

and baked. End result a rich, moist dark brown cake and this is generally topped with English icing. (Royal icing) This icing holds up well in the Caribbean and is heavily decorated as per the choice of the bride/groom. Unlike an American fruit cake, the fruits blend into the Caribbean wedding black cake. Your Wedding Planner will know the best wedding cake baker on the island of your choice.

One Wedding Planner who makes absolutely delicious cakes is Dreamy Weddings of St. Kitts & Nevis.

It is said that if you put a piece of wedding cake under your pillow, you are guaranteed to be exceptionally fertile. Please be careful and only use a small sliver, unless of course you want a large family.

The first tier (top cake) is usually put aside and frozen to be eaten at the first anniversary celebration.

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2. Fruits and Vegetables

The Caribbean, otherwise known as 'Nature's Paradise, is blessed not only with great

beaches and fabulous weather, but also an abundance of fresh fruits. From coconut water, soursop, mangoes to name a few and the healthiest of vegetables that you can incorporate in any meal and at anytime, you will definitely not lack for anything.



If you are a vegetarian, vegan or just need to give your body a rest from meats: you have selected the right region for this your memorable occasion.

3. Healthy Eating

I cannot imagine another region on planet earth that can offer such an abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables. You can eat 'local' and there you will find some of the healthiest meals – as in some destinations you have a sect of people that eat nothing but fruits and vegetable. No meats.

Make sure you check with your local Wedding Planner or the hotel to inform them of your dietary needs. In every community you will also find 'herbalist' or older

folks who specialize in healthy living. Have your local contact take you to learn more from these 'sage' locals about the different plants/fruits that promote not only a healthy lifestyle, but create a healthy body inside and out.



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4. Seafood and Meats

Caribbean Cuisine

You have contacted your Caribbean wedding destination, planned all the elements and now choosing the menu, and of course you are working with a Wedding Planner. What fun! Now you will want to incorporate the local cuisine to impress your guests. Having a Caribbean wedding or Caribbean honeymoon is more than Sun, Sand and Water. The local food and customs can be included to provide a new experience, thereby giving your special day that memorable edge.



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Caribbean cuisine is a rich mixture of African, French, Spanish, Dutch and English. There are customs and 'must have' foods that are a part of the local tradition when getting married. Most of the food tends to be on the spicy side, so do make sure you explain dietary habits to your



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Caribbean Wedding Planner. Spices is a fundamental basic in cooking to enhance the taste of European dishes brought to the Islands.

MAIN COURSE

You simply cannot have a main course without the traditional rice and peas. (This is white rice and red beans cooked in coconut milk with special seasoning): truly mouthwatering.

Of course you have the choices of fish, meats or chicken. You may also want to include some of the famous Jamaican Jerk cooking. 'Jerk' was developed by the runaway slaves during the British occupation. It is a simple way of cooking meats heavily spiced over a slow open fire.



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5. Spices

What would the Caribbean do without spices? Jamaica is internationally known for its 'jerk' meats/foods. Meats are properly seasoned with select spices (pepper, onions, etc.) and the result is a finger licking delicacy.



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Grenada, known as the 'Isle of Spice' will create or provide a lesson in gastronomic dining, uses spices that can only be had in that region. So is the Island of Guadeloupe...it is about the spices whether it is served in ice cream, coffee, sweets and any delicacy your mind can dream of. And the good thing, you can bring this home as a reminder of your travel experience.

One caution regarding certain spices that are pepper based: if you have no tolerance for spicy food, I would suggest you always order very mild.

6. Drinks

The bounty of fruits in the Caribbean gives rise to whatever concoction the mind can conceive. Have the bartender create your signature Caribbean wedding drink to be served to everyone. As a matter of fact, make your signature drink the centerpiece of the cocktail hour. Arrange for the hotel to present you with the recipe and the date of your wedding in a photo frame for display in your new home. This will also provide you with the opportunity to serve your special signature drink at your first dinner party.



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7. Desserts

The offerings are numerous and truly appetizing. Work with the Wedding Planner to have a table of varied desserts using local products.

I can assure you that you will be pleased with the delicacies that can be had in the Caribbean. From the traditional 'black cake' (it is not black, but the crushed spices give it a very rich color) puddings using everything you can think of: rice, cassava, yam, bananas....and they are all good. Sweets using coconuts are my favorite.



Courtesy Annette Stowe



Group Travel Tips and Cost Savings for Your Destination Wedding

~ Our resident expert provides tips on cost savings for
the entire family/friends ~

BRENDA WASHINGTON O'NEALE

You have decided on the location, and of course you are now working with your favorite destination wedding planning travel agent. You have notified friends and family and have a good knowledge of how many people are planning to attend and support you on this memorable day.

Procedure

- ◆ Provide your Destination Planning Agent a written list of the number of people attending.
- ◆ This is crucial as he or she will then notify the hotel to reserve room blocks.
- ◆ The same will go for the airline seats.
- ◆ Once the room blocks and airlines seats have been confirmed, you will be required to make a small down payment to secure both room and airline.
- ◆ You will then have approximately 60 days before the date of travel to make all final payments.

Why is a Group Booking beneficial?

- ◆ Free room upgrades
- ◆ Free private events
- ◆ Private check-in
- ◆ Free cocktail greetings
- ◆ Free Group Transfer
- ◆ And in most cases Free stays for the Bride and Groom.

Regulations – Non Negotiable

- ◆ You must travel together
- ◆ You must stay at the same property/hotel.
- ◆ You must use the same airline

- ◆ If you do not confirm and make the initial payment, you cannot qualify for the Group Rate.
- ◆ Once you pay, you cannot get your money back at the last minute.
- ◆ If you are not sure about your travel plans, do take out travel insurance.

Options

- ◆ You may decide to do group hotel booking only
- ◆ All guests coming to the wedding will more than likely find better or more competitive rate on the internet. You may make this exercise easier for the Travel Agent if she/he only has to worry about the accommodations.

I advise my clients to announce their destination wedding plans at least 9-12 months in advance so that their families and guests have enough time to pay and plan their vacation time.

Once my clients decide on a date, I contact my travel wholesaler for a group quote. When I have that quote I review it with my client, and if all is well I request the contract. Once the contract is issued, normally within 2 weeks the deposits are due. At that point you are only asking your guests to commit to attending the wedding with the deposit. Some couples that are financially able opt to pay the deposits for their guests. The only problem here is that they become nervous if they do not get the number of guests they anticipated. Most wholesalers will allow the excess deposit to be applied to the balance that is remaining.

Most times group travel is not the lowest rate, due to early booking. It just al-

lows guests to travel on the same flight together and pay the same fare. With the advancement of online booking sources, most guests will go online and find lower rates that must be paid for in full immediately. Sometimes they do not arrive on the same flight, but transfers are normally included in the group room rate.

It is most important that the couple get their guests to book with the group room block as there are amenities that come from only booking as a group. I spend quite a bit time working with planners and their clients to get over the initial deposit hurdle. I understand that many people need to double check the group rate that is quoted with online rates to make sure they are getting the best rate. I tell them to remind their guests that they are just asking at this time for the commitment that they will be attending the wedding.

Travel insurance is also available at a reasonable rate for those who feel their plans may have to change.

Some agents prefer to use a Group Code which allows a discount based on whatever the package price is at the time the guest makes their reservation. As a reminder, if you do not book as a group, you will not be entitled to the amenities described above.

Destination Wedding is still the most cost effective and fun way to get married. It is a win win situation for the couple as well as their guests.

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The beach is just the beginning...



The expansive, winding coastline of Antigua is a tremendous wealth of secluded, powdery soft beaches. And the fascinating little island of Barbuda — once a scavenger's paradise because so many ships wrecked on its reefs — is now home to one of the region's most significant bird sanctuaries. More and more people are getting married while on vacation, and it's now easy to do so in Antigua and Barbuda. Even cruise ship visitors can now get married.

If it is peace and quiet you are after, head to quiet Barbuda, the lesser known of the two islands. It feels untouched by progress with the principal inhabitants being the graceful frigate birds.

Things To Do

Great Beaches: Antigua and Barbuda is one of the best beach destinations in the Caribbean with over 365 beaches each with its own personality including features such as rock pools filled with tiny crabs, aerial displays by diving peli-

cans or organized water sports.

Most beaches are not equipped with facilities so it is important to remember to bring water and sun protection. On holiday weekends the beaches often fill up with locals picnicking.

Diving: Get an experienced dive guide to show you around the coast of Barbuda as there are many wrecks, from different periods of the islands history, and a rich coral reef.

Frigate Bird Sanctuary: Barbuda's Frigate Bird Sanctuary is located in the island's northwestern lagoon and is accessible only by boat. The sanctuary contains over 170 species of birds and is home to over 5,000 frigate birds.

Fig Tree Drive: is a 32km (20-mile) scenic route along winding roads through the lush tropical hills and picturesque fishing villages along the southwest coast. Fig is the Antiguan name for banana.

Yachting and Sailing: Antigua hosts many international yachting events and regattas throughout the year.

Antigua and Barbuda has the most luxury all-inclusive boutique hotels in the Caribbean?

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CAYMAN ISLANDS

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It's difficult to imagine a destination more perfectly suited to lovers of life, beauty and romance than the Cayman Islands. Nestled in the Caribbean, just one-hour south of Miami, the three islands shine like a trio of jewels sparkling in a turquoise crown.

Cayman Islands is the place where love stories begin again, with secluded beaches and indulgent spa treatments setting the scene. Lazy mornings lead to intrepid afternoons, followed by candlelit evenings – as every sunrise and sunset brings added romance.

The real treasure, however, is the special brand of romance each island delivers. Grand Cayman, the largest and most cosmopolitan, welcomes young and old alike with 5-star accommodations, a bustling local culture and one of the longest, most beautiful stretches of beach in the world.

Little Cayman, famous for its world-class diving and science wonders, isn't just a romantic retreat; it's a romantic

surrender.

Cayman Brac, with its awe-inspiring bluff and laid-back lifestyle, splits the difference. The perfect place, not only to get away, but to be away.

With dozens of world class dining options and a host of luxury accommodations, Cayman is also the perfect setting for a destination wedding, honeymoon or romantic weekend getaway.

Cayman Islands is comprised of 3 islands: Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac and Little Cayman.

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.

Cuisine

A destination that is as cosmopolitan as Cayman will offer the best dining experience. Local, Caribbean, International, Gourmet, Chinese, Italian, Mexican and

much more is offered in the most delightful setting. The more upscale restaurants do require jacket for men and appropriate attire for women.

Marriage Requirements

With the proper preparation, you can get married in Cayman as soon as the day you arrive. Here is a list of everything you'll need to have and to hold:

- Proof Of Citizenship and age (Passport or Birth Certificate and Photo ID)
- Proof of marital status (Divorce Decree or Death Certificate, if needed)
- Immigration Department Cards For non-cruise passengers
- International Embarkation/ Disembarkation Cards For cruise passengers
- Two witnesses at the ceremony
- A Non-Residents Marriage License
- A Letter from the authorized Marriage Officer who is to officiate

Applications for non-resident marriage licenses and a list of licensed Marriage Officers can be obtained from the Passport and Corporate Services Office.

On the Sister Islands, this is provided by the District Commissioner's Office:

Passport & Corporate Services Office

Sussex House

128 Elgin Avenue

George Town

Grand Cayman, KY1-9000

Phone: 345-943-7678

Fax: 345-945-4355

Email: passport&corporate@gov.ky

District Commissioner's Office

District Administration Building

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A woman with long brown hair is shown from the waist up, standing in clear blue water. She is wearing a long, off-the-shoulder dress that is intricately detailed with scales that resemble fish scales. She is surrounded by a large school of small, silver fish that are swimming in a circular pattern around her. The background is a deep blue ocean with some coral visible at the bottom.

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Curaçao – the very name conjures up a mosaic of cultures. Curaçao’s inhabitants are influenced by the heritage of Arawaks, Dutch, Spanish, West Indian, Latin and African. With such a diversity of culture, you can well imagine the dining experience and the cultural charm of such a fabulous island. With this diversity you have a rich history that combines Jewish Culture, European Flavor and African Heritage. The local language is called Papiamentu and is a mixture of Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch and African dialects. Of course, English is understood and spoken, so you will be right at home.

Curaçao is the island that has the most colorful capital in the Caribbean.

trade center for hundreds of years so it’s not surprising that stores are stocked with quality items from around the world. Strolling around in exquisite, centuries-old buildings while ocean liners cruise up the channel that cuts through the city, so close you could almost touch them, all this makes the shopping ambience very special.

When couples aren’t exploring the island, they can find themselves at the Baoase Luxury Resort or the Santa Barbara Beach and Golf Resort – two of the many romantic destinations on the island. Surrounded by lush gardens, swaying palm trees, and Balinese inspired furnishings, the Baoase Luxury Resort takes on the philosophy of barefoot elegance, where luxury meets serenity.

Cuisine of Curaçao
Local food is called **Krioyo** (pronounced the same as criollo, the Spanish word for "Creole") and boasts a blend of flavours and techniques best compared to Caribbean and Latin American cuisine.

Popular dishes include: stobá (a stew made with various ingredients such as papaya, beef or goat), Guiambo (soup made from okra and seafood), funchi (cornmeal paste similar to fufu, ugali and polenta) and a lot of fish and other seafood. The ubiquitous side dish is fried plantain. Local bread rolls are made according to a Portuguese recipe.

All around the island, there are snèk which serve local dishes as well as alcoholic drinks in a manner akin to the English public house. The popular breakfast dish is pastechi: fried pastry with fillings of cheese, tuna, ham, or ground meat.

At weddings and other special occasions a variety of kos dushi are served: kokada (coconut sweets), ko’i lechi (condensed milk and sugar sweet) and tentalaria (peanut sweets).

Surinamese, Chinese, Indonesian, Indian and Dutch culinary influences also abound. The island also has many Chinese restaurants.

Marriage Requirements

As a premier wedding destination, couples can bring their ceremonies to life on the resort’s pristine beach, private island, or Master Villa pool terrace with every detail customized to their liking.

Guests in attendance can stay in one of the 23 extravagant rooms, villas, and suites with the privacy and intimacy of a romantic escape complemented by the impeccable service and quality offerings of a resort. You will need:

- A valid passport and birth certificates for both parties
- Return Ticket
- Proof of marriage or death certificate if applicable
- Written request two months prior to the wedding date
- A three-day residency is required
- The total cost is US \$176.00.

Things To Do in Curaçao

Entertainment and Nightlife: Exotic days? eccentric nights? What’s your fancy? Dancing? Jazz? Island Music? Tropical libations? or maybe Karaoke? You will find this and more in Curacao. For a complete list of entertainment, be sure to pick up a K-Pasa Entertainment Guide.

Shopping: Curaçao has been a major

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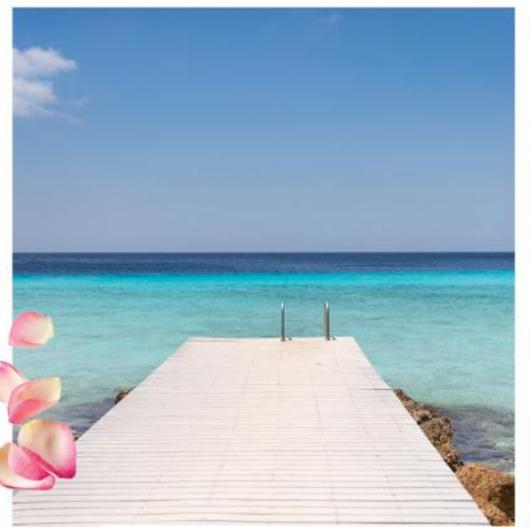
FEEL IT IN YOUR HEART

With stunning azure blue seas and beautiful bays, the island of Curaçao is an idyllic paradise that transcends that of a typical getaway. Nestled in the southern Caribbean, Curaçao comes to life through its unique fusion of European and Caribbean flair. Those who visit immerse themselves in a world of tasty cuisine, colorful architecture, and friendly locals that span 50 nationalities. With so much to do and experience, Curaçao brings on a feeling that's better felt than explained.

Whether walking down the aisle, celebrating the years of an everlasting union, or in need of a romantic getaway, it's an experience unlike any other.

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- Devon House
- Hope Botanical Gardens
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- Jamaica Defense Force Museum
- King's house
- Lime Cay
- National Gallery of Jamaica
- National Gallery of Art

Montego Bay

This city sits in a bay with mountains rising in the background. You could describe Montego Bay as the Mecca for shopping and dining. The beaches are lined with some of Jamaica's finest all inclusive resorts. So, besides for taking part in some of the fine offerings of the resort be sure to check out the following attractions:

- Rose Hall Great House- home of the infamous Annie Palmer
- Greenwood Great House- one of the finest restored plantation homes
- Falmouth- A walking tour to visit this 18th century port town, where you will see beautiful historical buildings
- Discovery Bay- Site of Columbus' landing in 1494
- Runaway Bay- where the Spanish "ran away" when the British invaded

Port Antonio

Birthplace of bamboo rafting and home to some of the best deep sea fishing one will ever experience. Also the gateway to John Crow and Blue Mountain ranges. Other attractions worth seeing are:

- Erroll Flynn Estate- The movie star that fell in love with the city and became absorbed in local culture. He purchased Navy Island and Comfort Island Castle Plantation
- Goldeneye - The beach front estate of Ian Fleming
- Somerset Falls

Every year over one million visitors come to Jamaica, the Caribbean's third-largest island, and it's not hard to see why.

Jamaica is a self-contained holiday universe offering unsurpassed tropical beauty, excellent water sports, the most vibrant of music scenes, and a sophisticated tourism industry.

There are many different images of Jamaica, because the country is so diverse, and visitors find that most of them are accurate.

Sometimes even picture-perfect. It's an island where you can find peace and seclusion in relaxed coastal hideaways and cool mountain inns, or join the crowds in the big, popular resorts.

Jamaica has one of the most diverse populations in the Caribbean. From African, Chinese, Indian, British, German and Irish, you will find a blending of the races, giving credence to the Country's motto "Out of Many One People". And of course Jamaica is noted not only for its music but world renowned for its coffee. There is nothing like a good cup

of Blue Mountain.

In addition to the excellent coffee, Jamaica's hotel offerings run the gamut. From small Inns to large hotels, you can literally choose the style that suits you best. Whether it is an all inclusive where every imaginable detail is taken care of (the home of the Sandals & Beaches chain) to the more upscale Tryall Hotel, HalfMoon Resort and of course Round Hill.

The HalfMoon Resort is truly a spectacular property, over 400 acres and every detail is attended to. The villas and suites are extraordinary, and the staff is truly superb. Great backdrop and location for a fabulous destination wedding or honeymoon.

Kingston

Visit any of the following attractions for a healthy dose of Jamaican beauty and history:

- Bob Marley Museum
- Castleton Botanical Gardens
- Caymans Park- Horse racing on Wednesdays and Saturdays and on public holidays

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Negril

Discovered in the 1700s by rowdy pirates and then invaded by hippies in the 1960's. This is the newest resort destination on the island. Famous for its seven mile long sandy beach. Fun in the Sun as well as water sports are really the main attractions in this city, but be sure to check out the Negril Light house, it has amazing views!

Mandeville

The English built this small city (2,000 ft in elevation) to escape the heat of the coastline, it probably has the best climate on the island. Activities include bird watching, caving, mountain exploration and not to forget... saying "I do"!

Ocho Rios

Water sports and natural wonders are the attraction in the Cruise capital of Jamaica so you know it is full of markets, shops, restaurants and of course discos! Be sure to check out the Dunns River Falls, a 600 ft waterfall.

Water Sports

Surrounded by water and over 100 rivers, Jamaica is bound to be able to accommodate just about every water activity known to man.

White Water Rafting

Enthusiast will not return home disappointed. Great rafting sites include The Great River, just outside of Montego Bay. The Rio Grande made famous by Errol Flynn. Martha Brae River, a bit more than 20 miles outside Montego Bay. New Sites are being discovered all the time, maybe the next one will be by you & yours to be! Many of these rivers also have Bamboo rafting, which is synonymous with Jamaica.

Scuba Divers & Snorkelers

All should feel free to venture towards the west coast. There are more than 40

sites off the 10 mile long reef at Booby Cay. Waters around Kingston have many historical wrecks to dive to as well.

Shopping

The best shopping to be found would be in the Montego Bay and Ocho Rios areas. US citizens have a duty-free allowance of \$600. Favorite items to bring home among tourist include Blue Mountain Coffee, Rum, Tia Maria (liqueur), and silk screened t-shirts, batik fabrics, cigars, pick-a-peppa sauce, scotch bonnet pepper sauce and Jamaican jams, chutneys and jerk seasoning. Just an idea, items listed above can make great welcome baskets for wedding party and or special guest.

Cuisine of Jamaica

The term 'jerking' was developed in Jamaica whereby different meats/fish were highly seasoned and cooked on an open fire.

Jerk chicken, pork, or fish is said to be at its best when smoked over aromatic wood charcoal or briquettes. The wood ("pimento wood"), berries, and leaves of the allspice plant among the coals contribute to jerk's distinctive flavor. The result is addictive, as you will find yourself drawn to this style of cooking. Other popular Jamaican dishes include curry goat, fried dumplings, ackee and salt fish (cod - the national dish of Jamaica), fried plantain, steamed cabbage and "rice and peas" (pigeon peas or kidney beans). Jamaican Cuisine has been adapted by African, British, French, Chinese and Indian influences. Jamaican patties and various pastries and breads are also popular as well as fruit beverages and Jamaican rum. Like all other destinations that cater to the tourism market, Jamaica offers a full array of the dining experience. From the very high-end to the fast food.

Marriage Requirements

Visitors can be married just 24 hour after arriving in Jamaica providing prior application has been made for a marriage license.

The cost of a license is four thousand Jamaican dollars (approximately US \$75 -US \$80). To Apply for Your Marriage License Call or Visit:

**The Ministry of National Security
Mutual Life Building
2 Oxford Road, Kingston 5
(876) 906-4908**

**Office Hours: Monday to Thursday
9:00am to 5:00pm**

Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm

Unlike many countries, Jamaica does not expect you take a blood test before getting married. However, the following documentation is required:

- Proof of citizenship - certified copy of birth certificate, which includes father's name.
- Parent's written consent if under 18 years of age.
- Proof of divorce if applicable (original certificate of divorce).
- Certified copy of death certificate for widow or widower.
- Italian nationals celebrating their wedding in Jamaica must notify their embassy and a certified copy of their marriage certificate forwarded to their embassy to be legalized and translated.
- French Canadians need a notarized translated copy of all documents and a photocopy of the original French documents.
- There are non-denominational Marriage Officers who can officiate either at their offices, in their homes or at a place chosen by the couple, and are able to provide witnesses. Marriage Officers charge anywhere from US \$50 - US \$250.

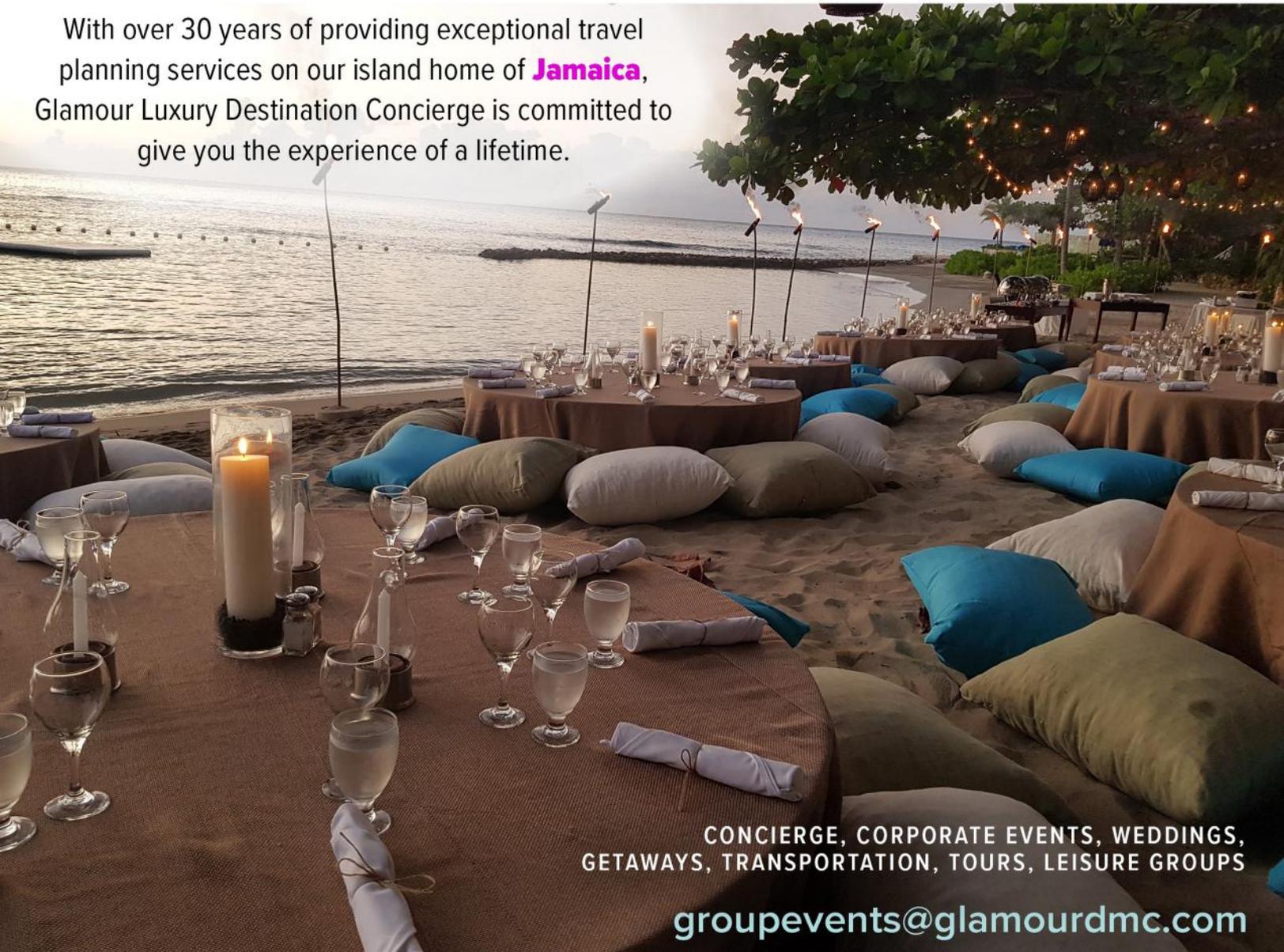


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Equal parts beauty and mystique, Saint Lucia captivates anyone who sets foot on her coastline. Always evocative, she welcomes visitors with her soothing waves, warm beaches, and hospitable people. The only sovereign nation to be named for a woman, the island personifies adventure and inspiration. Her visitors invariably find themselves reluctant to leave and eager to return.

Things To Do

St Lucia's iconic Pitons – a pair of volcanic spires that vault heavenward from the Caribbean Sea – define one of the region's most romantic destinations. Though the trademark vistas that surround the Pitons are the most memorable, St Lucia delivers a robust varied scenery and night life. Attractions and Sight Seeing: Historical, cultural and heritage sites can be found throughout the island. Local tour companies combining several of the sites and attractions offer a large variety of tours.

The Pitons mountain range is a Saint Lucian Landmark and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Most recently St. Lucia has developed a multiplicity of community based heritage tourism sites, these are well marked with Heritage Tourism Site signage.

Shopping: You must visit The Castries Market. It is vibrant and full of everything your heart could want to bring back home with you. There are tons of duty-free shops and much more based at the marina.

Cuisine

You can find a mixture of international, fast food, and gourmet. Dining is casual chic except for a select few where a jacket maybe required.

Local chefs combine the island's fresh produce with a wide variety of equally fresh seafood to create tantalizing curries, Creole-style entrees, and pepperpot stews. Callaloo soup, made from a leafy green similar to spinach, is the national dish. The island's outstanding cuisine has recently gained international recognition by garnering several gold medals in the regions most prestigious culinary competitions.

Marriage Requirements

Deciding on a Saint Lucia wedding is a decision you won't regret, now it's time for the paperwork. There are just a few things you'll need to do to get married here. Discover the requirements to tie the knot on this award-winning island.

Marriage License: Saint Lucia does not have a residency period, so this allows marriage licenses to be obtained within 24 hours of arrival with a same day marriage license application. For those who apply for the regular marriage license, the couple is required to be in Saint Lucia two days prior to their wedding. As laws, fees, and requirements are subject to change, it is important that you verify all information with the local marriage license office before making any wedding or travel plans. The following documents are required for a Marriage License:

- Valid passport and Birth certificate
- Divorce decree (if an applicant has been divorced). The original or certified copy should be presented as proof.
- A death certificate (original or certified copy) of the spouse (in the case of a widow/widower)
- A sworn affidavit of consent stamped by a Notary Public if one of the parties is under age 18.
- An authenticated translation in addition to the originals if required documents are not in English.
- Fees and Marriage License Costs. There are also fees and license costs:

- Notarial fees and marriage license (US \$130, or if on the same day a higher fee of US \$205).
- Registrar fees
- Marriage certificate fee

It's also worthy to note that many of the hotels have committed wedding coordinators who can organize your wedding and verify any costs.

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A romantic couple is featured in the center of the image, sitting on the edge of a wooden boat. The woman is wearing a white strapless wedding gown with a decorative belt, and the man is wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and grey shorts. They are looking at each other and smiling. The background shows the clear, turquoise waters of a bay with dramatic, forested mountains in the distance under a blue sky with light clouds.


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Delight in celebrating your love in one of the most unique and beautiful places in the world. Renew your vows on your own private beach or get married at any of the historic houses of worship that are scattered across the island. There are a variety of places for couples to explore together. St. Croix offers secluded beaches to lie in the sun or swim together. You can also snorkel together with sea turtles and all kinds of exotic marine life at Buck Island.

St. Croix, the largest of our islands, is a tranquil tropical destination for honeymooners, culture seekers, scuba divers and more. Rich in cultural diversity, St. Croix has a fascinating history. Spain, Great Britain, the Netherlands, France, the Knights of Malta, Denmark and the United States all played a role in shaping St. Croix. Experience the unique culture

of St. Croix through its arts, crafts, music and more during a variety of festivals and cultural events throughout the year.

Take the Plunge on St. Croix

Known for its exceptional diving, St. Croix offers one of the most distinctive ways to get hitched. Adventurous couples can literally “take the plunge” in an underwater ceremony complete with scuba gear.

In fact, St. Croix holds the world record for the largest underwater wedding: an event that drew more than 100 certified divers as guests. For those who prefer to

begin their life together on land, other St. Croix settings include 19th-century churches and a lush botanical garden.

St. Croix offers a wonderful mouth-watering mix of cuisine. Check out the Food and Wine Experience to explore all the tastes the island has to offer.

Marriage Requirements

To make your dream wedding become a reality, request an application for a wed-

ding license from the Territorial Court of the U.S. Virgin Islands, write to:

**The Territorial Court of
the Virgin Islands
P. O. Box 929
Christiansted
St. Croix, USVI 00821
or call 340-778-9750**

After the island receives a completed and authorized application, there is a required eight-day waiting period.

If either party is divorced, he or she must have a certified copy of the divorce decree or a notarized affidavit stating when the divorce was granted.

Additionally, please specify whether the marriage will be performed by a judge in the court or by a clergy member. If you wish to be married in court, you need to make an appointment. You can make appointments for court marriages on St. Thomas, Monday through Friday, and on St. Croix, Monday through Thursday by calling the appropriate Territorial Court.

The marriage application fee is US \$25 and the marriage license fee is US \$25. If you are not being married in the court by a judge, there is a fee of US \$200 for the ceremony.

Personal checks are not accepted.

Check out the Wedding and Honeymoon Guide to the U.S. Virgin Islands, on our website.

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St. Thomas, USVI 00804
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Come for unspoiled beauty, stay to create memories in St. John.

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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.

Home to the famous Underwater National Park and best place to snorkel in the Caribbean.

Get Hitched in Secluded Natural Splendor

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. The island, two-thirds of which is undeveloped, is an extraordinary choice for nature lovers who will find the 11,560-acre Virgin Islands National Park an incomparable

setting featuring 800 varieties of plants and 160 species of birds. St. John has some of the world's most beautiful beaches, like the much-beloved Trunk Bay. This beach is renowned for its crystal sands and underwater nature trail, and it just one of the many memorable beaches on St. John.

If you and your partner want something a bit more casual and laid back, then a local pub or patio overlooking moonlit Cruz Bay on St. John.

Whatever you choose to do together, let the magic of our islands strengthen your Real Nice connection to yourself and each other. Originally settled by the Arawak and Carib Indians, the island

has a history as rich as its landscape. The United States purchased St. John from the Danish West India and Guinea Company in 1917.

Marriage Requirements

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Discover an island that pulses with energy! St. Thomas is our most cosmopolitan island, yet it still retains the distinctive atmosphere of a Caribbean paradise. For families or couples, St. Thomas is packed with opportunities for smiles and surprise.

If you're more the adventurous type, check out Coral World on St. Thomas and explore the depths, petting sharks or swimming with sea lions.

Enjoy the mouth-watering entrees on St. Thomas that range from continental cuisine to Caribbean and Mexican foods.

There is plenty of duty-free shopping, spectacular diving and world-class dining. Enjoy the island's world-renowned golf course, picture-perfect beaches and spectacular nightlife.

Take the Skyride 700 feet above the city or climb the famous 99 Steps of Charlotte Amalie for an incomparable view of the Caribbean. And if you're interested in culture and history, don't miss seeing the **second-oldest synagogue in the Western Hemisphere**, the

1680-built Fort Christian or the childhood home of Camille Pissarro, one of the best-known French Impressionists.

Take Your Pick

On St. Thomas, settings can take on the island's more cosmopolitan atmosphere, including the bustling backdrop of Charlotte Amalie harbor.

Forty beautiful beaches, including heart-shaped Magens Bay, voted one of the ten most beautiful beaches in the world by *National Geographic*, ensure there's no shortage of shoreline for seaside nuptials.

For those spellbound by local legend, the medieval-style Skytsborg, better known as Blackbeard's Castle, adds a touch of the 17th-century lore to the wedding day.

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