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Wedding

WITH A STEP BY STEP CHECKLIST
FOR YOUR WEDDING AT THE SEA



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Is a destination wedding the right thing for you?

Unspoiled beaches, white sand, crystal-clear water und you two barefoot at the beach. Easy going and relaxed and with sunshine the whole day - that is how you imagine your wedding day.

Have you already decided to have a destination wedding or do you still have doubts?



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Yes, destination weddings are beautiful, but not made for every couple. We prepared 10 easy questions for you two, that will help you with your decision: Destination wedding - yes or no?

1. Do you both want to get married away from home?
2. Would your family respect the decision of a destination wedding? (After all they won't be able to participate in the preparation as much as if they could at home.)
3. Are you willing to pay the extra costs for accommodation and flights instead of just staying at home?
4. Have you always dreamed of a destination wedding? No matter if beach, mountains, countryside or something else?
5. Can your invitees afford the travel to follow your invitation to your destination wedding country?
6. If some of your most important guests could not attend your destination wedding because of money, vacation days, etc., could you still enjoy the wedding?
7. Could you imagine organizing a little reception after your wedding for all those who could not come to your event?
8. Are you aware that you will have to make some compromise because not everything will be like it is at home?
9. Would you like to have a real wedding experience and spend some more days with your friends and family instead of just one day?
10. Are you able to hand over the organization to a wedding planner at the location of your destination wedding or do you prefer to organize everything yourselves?

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Where and when should your dream wedding take place??

You agreed on having a destination wedding and now it is time to find a concrete date and a suiting location for it.

Setting the date will be easier when you take the following points into account:

- Do you have a special date that reminds you of each other or an anniversary date? This could be for example the day that you met or that you got engaged.
- You can only take vacation at certain times in the year, for example school vacation.
- The guests that you absolutely want to have at your wedding can only take vacation at certain dates, too.
- You love the sun and want to have a summer wedding? Keep in mind that in the summer months the weather in your dream location could be different. In the south of Europe for example, the ideal months to get married are April, May, September and October. If you prefer a white wedding in the snow then November until March might be ideal.



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Where shall the dream wedding take place??

- There is a place that you both know and absolutely love?
- You love the sea, the mountains, a big city or a small village?
- You always had a place of your dreams where you wanted to do something
- There are a few requirements that must be fulfilled, like the flight to the location should not be longer than three hours, or it should be close to the sea, or....
- Do you want to go on your honeymoon directly from the wedding location?

Each of you can write down 5 must haves for the location and then you can compare. Keep in mind, it is YOUR day.

Conclusion:

Decide on a location that is perfect for both of you and fulfills your must have points. Also be pragmatic and keep in mind all important dates. Remember that the weather in your dream location can be different from home and that the time could be perfect in a months that you didn't even think of. If you want to get married in the south of Europe July and August are not such good options for the event. If you have to spend the day inside with air condition and the beaches are extremely crowded, then you might not get the wedding experience you were hoping for.

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You know who to marry - but who is coming to the wedding?

“We want to have an intimate wedding in a small location exclusively with family and friends.” That is a typical sentence to hear from couples before they prepare the guest list... and in the end they realize that there are a lot of friends that they would like to invite and that the family seems much bigger now than before.

However, you have decided to celebrate your love away from home and have checked prices. You know more or less the budget that you are willing and able to spend on the destination wedding. Good job, the financial framework for the event is defined. You won't be able to precisely calculate all the costs. Therefore, it makes sense to have a “Nice to have” list. The deeper you dig into the planning, the more wishes you will have for that day, believe us.

The big questions: who goes on the guest list?

- It depends on the budget how many people you can invite in the end. Obviously a wedding for 100 invitees is more expensive than for 20 guests. Who do you really want to have around you on your special day?
- With whom would you maybe want to spend some more days around the wedding in a small hotel? Most of the guests will not only come for the wedding date itself.
- Arrival: Ask your guests if they would be open to travel to participate in your wedding.
- Agenda: As already mentioned, sometimes the date might not be ideal for all guests. That is why you should send out your Save the Date cards as soon as you have set the date
- Costs: Usually your guests will have to pay for their transport and accommodation themselves. Don't be disappointed if not all of them are willing or able to do that.



Conclusion:

Prepare a guest list and ask friends and family if they want to accompany you on your special day. Get used to the fact, that not all of them will be happy about it or able to come. For some of them the travel might be too arduous and long.

However, you can be sure: many of the invitees will follow your invitation because they really want to spend that special day with you and have a great party



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What does a destination wedding cost?

Probably it is the first time that you are really involved in planning a wedding and then it is also your own special day. So how could you possibly know what costs to expect? To make sure that they don't explode, I have some useful tips on how to set the budget for your event. In most cases the money that you have available decides on the costs for the whole wedding. Did you save some money? Will your parents give financial support? Do you expect to receive presents from your guests when they have to pay for flights etc.?

These points will affect the price for your wedding:

- The size: how much you spend on your wedding largely depends on the size, meaning the number of guests you want to have there.
- The location: Do you have to pay a service fee to rent the location? Do you have to book hotel rooms for a certain amount of days?
- The decoration: What kind of decoration do you want to have? Do you want to have a lot of flowers and bespoke menu cards and seating plans? Do I want to give this task to a wedding planner or decorator?
- All other costs also depend on your personal requirements and standards. That includes: photo shooting, makeup and hair styling, wedding cake, video shooting, DJ, band... The opportunities are endless.
- Do you want to pay transport or accommodation for your guests?

Do you want to spend your honeymoon in the same location or do you want to go somewhere else? You might be able to save the extra costs for a flight.

Pro tip:

Keep a detailed budget plan from the beginning. Only that way you can maintain an overview of all the costs and spendings. If you hire a wedding planner, they will have an eye on the budget of the wedding day and keep you informed about it.

Conclusion:

The budget of the wedding is as any budget largely dependent on the money you are able and willing to pay. It is the same as when you want to buy a car. You can have a small car or a big limousine. What matters are your financial resources and your must haves for the wedding. You should not get into debt just to have a big fancy wedding.



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Did the checklist help you?
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