



THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION WEDDING GUIDE



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Why we love destination weddings!

If you've been considering having a destination wedding or renewing your vows, we're here to help! We have coordinated destination weddings for many couples, and the experience always exceeds a couple's expectations.

A destination wedding could include just the two of you, a few family members and friends, or could even be a week-long family reunion or vacation. Whatever you decide, we know it will be a truly memorable experience.

Here are a few reasons why we love destination weddings...

1. Less planning

When you book a destination wedding with one of our travel advisors, planning will be easy! We handle all of the travel arrangements for you and your guests and will introduce you to your resort wedding coordinator. Your wedding coordinator will take care of all of the details like flowers, centerpieces, music, and even obtaining your wedding license. While many agencies hand the wedding planning process off, we are committed to staying involved from beginning to end. All you and your significant other need to do is provide your preferences and show up!

2. The perfect location

When you have a destination wedding, you have the chance to pick the perfect location for you and your significant other. Our travel advisors have visited a wide range of resorts and locations and can help you choose the perfect location for your wedding.

3. The vibe

When you and all your guests are on vacation, the atmosphere for a destination wedding is typically a little bit more fun. Everyone tends to be less stressed and in good spirits. Do you want to get married on a beach in flip flops? Go for it! Don't want your standard chicken or fish dishes? No problem! When you have a destination wedding, the vibe is more like a week-long party for you and your guests.



4. The pictures

Some of the most unbelievable wedding photos happen at destination weddings. The tropical flowers, the resort, the beach, etc. create beautiful photos of your wedding day (and don't forget that you'll have a tan too!).

5. Exploring a new place

Start off your marriage by checking a location off your bucket list. Have you always dreamed about going to a special destination? Now is your chance to explore a new location together!

6. Quality time with your guests

During a typical wedding, most couples only have a chance to do a quick meet and greet with family and friends. When you have a destination wedding, you have a chance to spend extended quality time with your guests. Your guests will also have the chance to spend quality time with each other while snorkeling, golfing, or even having a spa day. It's a chance for everyone to spend time together at an unforgettable location.

7. Vacation for you and your guests

When you have a destination wedding, you are really giving your guests a gift – a reason to take a vacation. People tend to get busy and taking a vacation isn't always a top priority. Many guests are thrilled to be invited to a destination because they finally have an excuse to take a vacation. And even better – they don't have to do any of the planning! Your guests will simply need to contact your dedicated travel advisor and they will take care of the rest.

8. The costs

With resorts offering complete wedding packages, many destination weddings are now less expensive than traditional weddings. Packages can include your wedding ceremony, complimentary wedding planner, guest activities, room upgrades, and more.

9. Wedding night and honeymoon location

If you have a typical wedding close to your home, you will probably spend your wedding night at a hotel near your reception location, at a bed and breakfast, or at your home. With a destination wedding, you have the chance to stay at a dream location on your wedding night and you also won't have to wait for your honeymoon to begin. You can wake up the day after the wedding at a beautiful resort.

10. A place to go back to...

When you have a destination wedding, the location will be meaningful to you and your significant other. Many couples use this as an opportunity to go back and revisit their wedding location for their 5, 10, or 25-year anniversary.



Our Destination Wedding Tips

Location, location, location

Choose a location that is easy for you and your guests to get to and that is enjoyable. Keep in mind that if the trip is too expensive, some people might not be able to join you.

Notify guests well in advance

Destination weddings will most likely require your guests to take time off from work or create a budget to attend your big day. Give your guests plenty of notice and they will be more likely to attend.

Use a travel advisor

Our travel advisors don't charge planning fees and can provide resort options, book travel, and keep reservations for your guests organized. They will help make your wedding stress-free.

Create a wedding website

Create a wedding website to provide your guests with information on your ceremony and reception time, attire, welcome reception, farewell brunch, pictures on the property, how to reserve a room, travel tips, packing list, and travel mandates (passport/visa information based on your location). Shoreline Destinations creates a customized website for all of their couples to share with your guests.



Destination Wedding Timeline

Some destination weddings come together quickly in a few short months while others take more than a year of detailed planning. We're here to help and can make your special day unique for you. Below is our recommended timeline to prepare for your big day.

12 - 18 months before the wedding

- Have an engagement party and announce your wedding to your friends and family.
- Start thinking about where you might want to have your destination wedding. If you are unsure, fill out our destination wedding questionnaire on page 8 and one of our travel advisors can provide location options based on your wedding size, budget, etc.
- One of our travel advisors will book your location to reserve your date.
- Develop a wedding budget, which will include traditional wedding items and your travel expenses.
- Create a list of guests that you would like to attend.
- Begin shopping for your wedding dress.
- Choose your bridesmaids and groomsmen.

9-11 months before the wedding

- Meet with one of our travel advisors to begin making your necessary travel arrangements.
- Send invitations to guests with information on how to contact our travel advisors to make their travel arrangements.
- Create a wedding website with details about your wedding for guests.
- Register for gifts.
- Choose a wedding dress.
- Begin looking at attire for bridesmaids and groomsmen.
- Begin working with your on-site wedding coordinator to discuss ideas and options available for decorations, flowers, wedding theme, music, menus, etc.

4-8 months before the wedding

- Apply for passports or visas if necessary.
- Determine how you will obtain your marriage license. Your travel advisor can provide recommendations.
- Finalize decorations, flowers, wedding theme, music, menu, etc. with your on-site wedding coordinator.
- Choose your wedding photographer.
- Choose attire for bridesmaids and groomsmen.
- Take engagement photos.

2-3 months before the wedding

- Have a final fitting for your wedding dress and attire for bridesmaids and groomsmen.
- Finalize your wedding vows and ceremony details.
- Purchase your wedding rings.
- Your travel advisor will confirm travel arrangements for you and your guests.
- Have your bridal shower.
- Have your bachelorette and bachelor parties.
- Schedule activities for your guests with your travel advisor. This could include a snorkeling trip, island tour, etc.
- Order wedding favors and wedding party gifts.

1 month before the wedding

- Create welcome bags for your guests that includes a note, itinerary, map, travel essentials, local treats, etc.
- Send anything that you can't take with you to your on-site wedding coordinator.
- Pick up your wedding rings.
- Create a packing list.

1 week before the wedding

- Begin packing.
- Travel to wedding destination.
- Meet with on-site wedding coordinator to review wedding details.
- Finalize details for your marriage license.
- Go to your hair and makeup rehearsal appointment.
- Explore your destination, resort, and have fun!

1 day before the wedding

- Relax! Go to the spa for a massage, pedicure, and manicure.
- Attend your wedding rehearsal.
- Get a good night's sleep.



Meet Andrea

President, Destination Wedding & Industry Expert

Destination weddings hold a special place in my heart (romance in paradise...sigh)! Finding the perfect destination & resort for your milestone event is something I'm passionate about and know that every destination wedding is unique.

I have so many favorites but I can quickly narrow down the right location for couples once I get to know them. There aren't extra fees for using me to secure your venue/resort and I promise to make the process easy! Our team is here to help make room reservations for your guests, help with air travel book group excursions and more.

Cheers to love & travel!
-Andrea Norfolk

Member of the American Society of Travel Advisors and the Destination Wedding & Honeymoon Specialists Association.

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Andrea has taken so much stress off of me in planning a destination wedding. She is beyond professional and is on top of every single detail.

- Shawna W.

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See what's included



Resort Selection

Not sure where to start? Our team is here to find the perfect destination and resort for you and your guests!



Dedicated Agent

When you plan a destination wedding with us, you'll have a dedicated travel agent from beginning to end.



Competitive Pricing

With our industry connections, we'll ensure you are receiving the best possible pricing and benefits.



Personalized Ceremony

We don't have set wedding packages. At Shoreline Destinations every wedding is unique and completely customized.



Guest Reservations

We love getting to know all of your guests, helping them select the perfect room, and answering all their questions.



Guest Activities

Want a fire dancer at your welcome reception? Group snorkeling trip? Bring us your ideas and we'll have some too!

Shoreline Destinations is a member of the Maryland Wedding Professionals Association and participates in wedding shows throughout the MD/DC/PA/VA area.

We are also a member of the Destination Wedding & Honeymoon Specialists Association.

Destination Wedding Questionnaire

Not sure where to start? Complete this questionnaire and share it with one of our travel advisors. They will review your answers and provide options for your big day.

What type of destination are you interested in:

- All-inclusive resort
- Adults only
- Boutique hotel (not all-inclusive)
- Cruise
- Not sure

Desired wedding date: _____

Destination: _____

What airport will you be flying from: _____

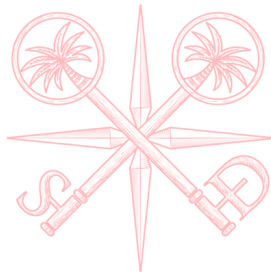
Do you already have a resort or cruise picked out? If so, please provide details:

Do you have a budget in mind for guests? (minimum air and resort cost is an average of \$1,500 per person for 3 nights)

Approximate number of adults: _____ children: _____

Additional information:

Please email this form to info@shorelinedestinations.com or go to www.shorelinedestinations.com/weddings to set up a FREE consultation.



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Your destination wedding is both a celebration with your family & friends and a vacation filled with memories. If planned well, you can create an experience that will be unforgettable.

So whether it's just the 2 of you or 200, we are here to help you plan the perfect event in the most beautiful settings!

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