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1. FOR AFFORDABLE LUXURY
All-inclusive resorts offer instant romance, fun, built-in activities, and a dedicated wedding planner. The potential for complimentary perks, such as room upgrades and free anniversary nights, means more cost-savings for you and your guests.

4. FOR MORE INTIMACY
Soak in the experience over the course of several days and truly spend some quality time with your closest friends and family.

3. FOR LESS STRESS
Your resort or cruise line will make planning a breeze with an on-site wedding coordinator, who can take care of all the details. They will narrow your selection from flowers to DJ to photography and help seamlessly make the arrangements. Consider arriving a few days before your wedding to finalize last-minute items and eliminate any residual jet lag.

5. FOR A VACATION COMBO
Guests may choose to treat themselves to a mini getaway, and with no additional travel required for you and your sweetie, the honeymoon can start right away.

REASONS TO SAY 'YES' TO A DESTINATION WEDDING

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**Plan ‘I Do’ Perfectly**

When and Where to Travel When Tying the Knot

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**Travel Style?**

**Step One:** Pick a Location

Where do you want to get married? What is your dream destination? The location you choose helps determine and dictate all the other pieces of your wedding. A few things to keep in mind: Will your guests have to travel? Will your destination be domestic or international? What type of attire do you want to wear?

Your location decision will impact budget and will play a major role in what you're planning for your big day.

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**Mexico**

- **Cabo San Lucas**: October - May
- **Cancun**: Mid-December - March
- **Playa del Carmen**: November - February
- **Puerto Vallarta**: Mid-November - April
- **Riviera Maya**: December - April

**Caribbean**

- **Aruba**: Mid-December - Mid-April
- **Bahamas**: December - Mid-April
- **Cayman Islands**: Mid-December - Mid-April
- **Jamaica**: Mid-December - Mid-April
- **Puerto Rico**: December - Mid-April
- **Punta Cana**: January - March
- **Turks and Caicos**: Mid-December - Mid-April

**North America/Central America**

- **Bermuda**: June - August
- **Costa Rica**: Late November - Late April
- **Hawaii**: June - August

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**Best Travel Style Guide**

The Ultimate Guide: Just 6 Steps to Getting You on the Right Track to Planning Your Wedding

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2. **How to Travel**
   - Lighter crowds
   - Near-perfect weather
   - Lowest rates
   - Varies weather

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STEP TWO
START EARLY

Budget for a planning trip (or two, if possible) to your location to help visualize your wedding and to gain a comfort level with your resort’s wedding planner. Be sure to prioritize your time to meet with possible vendors and use your visit as a trial run to see firsthand what obstacles guests might encounter. Then, create a to-do list to identify solutions with your wedding planner.

STEP THREE
RESEARCH THE LEGAL SIDE OF MARRAIGE

Investigate local marriage requirements and laws to ensure you’ll be legally wed: find out what documents you need to bring, what legal fees there are, and if there are any residency laws or date restrictions to be aware of.

STEP FOUR
EXPLORE VENUE & PACKAGE OPTIONS

Resorts, like Paradisus Resorts, offer multiple wedding packages for the ultimate wedding experience; review all of the options to see what best fits your vision. Then, prepare a timeline for everything that will take place during your celebration so your wedding planner can begin making arrangements.

Compare venue options and event facilities, paying attention to room amenities, activity options, potential group discounts, and any minimums or maximums you need to meet.
STEP FIVE
ASK FOR HELP

Work with a wedding planner to assist you with the planning process. A planner will help do the heavy lifting of researching and securing vendors. They also know how to navigate the legalities and are pros at handling obstacles.

If you are not using a service who offer certified planners at no cost, or your location’s provided on-site coordinator, expect to dedicate 10% of your budget to a wedding planner.

STEP SIX
RESEARCH QUALIFIED PROS

Work with your wedding planner to get a head start on local vendor recommendations. Do not be shy about asking for references, and consider scheduling a video chat to get a sense of the vendor’s personality. Always trust your instincts, and confirm all agreements in writing before sending any deposits.

wedding COUNTDOWN

9+ MONTHS TO GO
- Envision your wedding style and other travel considerations that are important to you
- Decide on your wedding budget and guest list
- Research possible wedding destinations, keeping in mind peak seasons and holidays
- Determine if you will use an on-site coordinator or wedding planning service
- Evaluate wedding packages to compare different service offerings, ratings, and prices
- Research local marriage requirements in your chosen wedding destination
- Select a date and place a deposit
- Choose your wedding party and decide how to ask them to be a part of your big day
- Create a wedding website
- Send out your save the dates
- Research travel and accommodation arrangements for your guests
- Schedule your wedding gown appointment
- Begin shopping for bridesmaids dresses

6-8 MONTHS TO GO
- Arrange a planning trip - meet with your wedding planner, set-up appointments with possible local vendors, and visit options for ceremony and reception sites
- Create a gift or honeymoon registry
- Refine your wedding vision - consider incorporating family traditions or local customs
- Select and order your wedding invitations
- Consider a post-wedding reception back at home - great for guests who can’t make it
- Search airline options for guests and reserve a group travel discount rate
- Reserve a block of rooms - see if you can even get a group discount
- Obtain wedding insurance coverage
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TO-DO LIST

3-5 MONTHS TO GO

✓ Choose a wedding day style for your guys
✓ Explore and choose any additional pre- and post-wedding events or activities to offer - welcome cocktail party, golf outing, etc.
✓ Update your wedding website - transportation arrangements, optional local tours and activities available, itinerary of events, and accommodations
✓ Send out your wedding invitations
✓ Update your passport or apply for one, if needed
✓ Purchase your wedding bands
✓ Collect ideas for your guests’ welcome bags
✓ Confirm final selections with wedding vendors
✓ Purchase gifts for your wedding party

1-2 MONTHS TO GO

✓ Attend your gown fitting
✓ Book makeup and hair appointments for you and your bridal party
✓ Ship any wedding decor or favors to your wedding destination or coordinate with family and friends in transporting it
✓ Review and finalize all of your vendor wedding contracts

2 WEEKS TO GO

✓ Review headcount and finalize with your venue
✓ Put together your seating chart
✓ Confirm that you have all required original legal documents
✓ Print extra hard copies of all paperwork to set aside and be hand-carried as you travel
✓ Start packing for your wedding and honeymoon

UPON ARRIVAL

✓ Unpack your wedding gown - if necessary, coordinate to have it steamed
✓ Arrange welcome bags to be delivered to guests’ rooms
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SUN, SAND, AND THE PERFECT DRESS

FIND A DRESS THAT'S NOT ONLY PERFECT FOR YOU BUT ALSO THE RIGHT FIT FOR YOUR DESTINATION.

- **FINDING THE ONE**
  - MELISSA SWEET MS251101 IVORY, $850

- **FINDING THE ONE**
  - WHITE BY VERA WANG VW351227 IVORY, $1,148

- **DB STUDIO**
  - SDWG0140 WHITE, $179

- **GALINA SIGNATURE**
  - SWG687 IVORY, $1,150

- **DB STUDIO**
  - SDWG0125 IVORY, $199

- **TRANSFORM A SIMPLE DRESS WITH THE RIGHT ACCESSORIES**

- **CONSIDER YOUR DRESS'S SIZE AND FABRIC WHEN HAVING TO TRANSPORT IT**
Choose a style and cut that plays up your best features.

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What about... now do I...
Navigate your guest list with the proper etiquette for common problems and questions that come with destination weddings.

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want to make sure your VIPs can attend?
Before you put down a deposit, be sure to ask your VIPs whether they can make the wedding.

Tip: Make it easy for them:
1) Choose a family-friendly, all-inclusive resort.
2) Coordinate a group travel discount rate for blocks of 10 or more seats with an airline.
3) Cover guests’ transportation to and from the ceremony and reception sites, if possible.

save the dates... when do they go out?
Mail save the dates as soon as details are confirmed.

Tip: Give guests 10-12 months advance notice to plan accordingly and book the best rates before prices rise. Share details on group rates for lodging options too.

Mail courtesy of Dreams Resorts & Spas
NOT SURE ALL YOUR GIRLS CAN MAKE IT?
Let your prospective bridal party know about your destination before asking them to stand by your side.
Tip: Don’t insist on an immediate answer. Invite people to participate in a way that allows them to politely decline, if needed.

SO MANY DETAILS, SO MANY PEOPLE... HOW DO I MANAGE?
Guests are reliant on you for all destination information and details. Provide an itinerary and details on transportation and lodging on your wedding website or invitation.
Tip: The experts at DestinationWeddings.com recommend including your guests in any pre-wedding festivities, such as the rehearsal dinner — your guests did make a commitment to attend so thank them!

BUT MY FRIEND ANNIE CAN’T MAKE IT.
Don’t be upset if distance, time off and finances prevent some close friends and family from attending.
Tip: Continue the celebration back home with a post-wedding party. This allows you to have it both ways — keeps your broader circle from feeling left out and takes the heat off those who can’t afford to make the trip.

WHAT DO I PAY FOR? WHAT DO THEY PAY FOR?
Guests should expect to pay for airfare, hotel, and non-wedding activities or meals.
Tip: Be sensible and consider offering a list of sights that guests can explore while there. Clearly note these additional options as pay-as-you-go by including prices. Introduce your guests to your wedding planner or resort concierge for any special requests they may have.

GIFTS OR NO GIFTS?
Clearly manage guests’ expectations for gifts when you’re setting up your registry — tell them up front.
Tip: Consider a honeymoon gift registry. Guests from near and far can make a contribution to your honeymoon with ease, saving them the hassle of shipping or carrying gifts. Plus, it’s much more personal than asking your guests outright for cash!

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**Play It Smart**

**PLAN AHEAD**

**DO SOME RESEARCH.** Get a gauge on your destination’s weather patterns, peak tourist season vs. off-season, and any local holidays you might need to keep in mind.

**REMEMBER, IT’S ISLAND TIME.** Proactively schedule regular check-ins with your vendors to touch base on their progress.

**CONSIDER BRINGING YOUR OWN VENDORS.** Weigh the pros and cons, including extra expenses and investigating any work visas or permits needed to use outside vendors’ services.

Don’t forget to check with your resort for their list of vendors as their relationship together may provide you with discounts or special rates.

**GET WEDDING INSURANCE.** With traveling comes unexpected events. Wedding insurance protects you against things like natural disasters, medical emergencies, loss or damage to anything, or if you need reimbursement for a vendor mishap.

**GET SET TO LOOK YOUR BEST.** Consider doing a trial run of your wedding day hair and makeup a few days before to make sure it holds up in the destination’s climate.

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**International Travel Checklist**

**MAKE YOUR MARRIAGE LEGAL**

**CHECK POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.** Investigate your destination country’s policies and procedures, from applying for a marriage license to local customs and all associated legal fees. Speak to a travel agent or wedding planner for help navigating local laws and fulfilling any necessary marriage requirements.

**CONFIRM U.S. ACCEPTANCE.** When marrying abroad, don’t forget to confirm that your marriage certificate will be accepted by U.S. government agencies. Start by contacting the U.S. embassy consulate in that region to ensure the certificate will be legally recognized.

**GET A VALID PASSPORT.** Remember, a valid passport is required for you and your guests for any international destination. Allow up to 6 weeks for your passport to arrive to avoid incurring expedition fees.

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**BRING REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.** Connect with your wedding planner on the required documents you need to bring, including anything that needs to be notarized or translated prior to your arrival. Bring the originals of your official documents and make copies of each document too.

**REQUEST MULTIPLE COPIES.** If you are changing your name when you return, request multiple copies of your marriage certificate (in English). You will need them to update your driver’s license, credit cards, passports, and social security card.

**CARRY-ON FOR SECURITY.** Don’t chance it with your checked luggage - avoid worrying about all of your important belongings getting lost by packing them in your carry-on luggage.

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DON’T FORGET

THE BACK-UP PLAN
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RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY
Weather is unpredictable so a contingency plan is suggested if you are having your ceremony or reception outdoors. When researching and visiting locations, ask your wedding planner what alternative arrangements, like tents or indoor space, are available in the case of inclement weather. Understanding these options can be just as important when choosing your location.

Even if it does rain, don’t fret...some of the best pictures can be caught by your photographer of you and your sweetie in the rain.

LOST TREASURE
Safeguard your engagement ring while traveling by looking into jewelry insurance options. Add a jewelry rider to your homeowner’s or renter’s insurance or purchase a separate policy with a specialty insurer like Perfect Circle by Jewelers Mutual Insurance. Once insured, have your ring appraised every few years, as its value will likely change.

To further protect your ring, keep it in the hotel safe while out doing activities or better yet, leave it at home and wear a fake engagement ring while traveling.