

Your Destination Wedding Checklist

6-12 months prior

- ☐ Announce your engagement
- ☐ Determine your budget
- ☐ Find a reputable wedding planner and/or travel consultant
- ☐ Create your guest list – this is a draft, so begin by creating a full list that you can edit later
- ☐ Create your destination poll
 - offer 3 or 4 destinations for your guests to choose from and use it to determine your locations
- ☐ Choose your location
- ☐ Choose your date
- ☐ Pick a theme
- ☐ Find out marriage laws for your destination – obtain the necessary permits
- ☐ Select a date for a home-based civil ceremony, if required
- ☐ Start looking for a wedding dress
- ☐ Plan out the groom's attire and the wedding party

4-6 months prior

- ☐ Determine your decor – check with the resort to see what options they have available for you
- ☐ Book your official (if one is not already provided at your resort)
- ☐ Finalize your ceremony details
- ☐ Finalize your guest list
- ☐ Send out “save the date” notices to the finalized guests on your list
- ☐ Order wedding invitations
- ☐ Set up a bridal registry to your favourite stores, where applicable
- ☐ Pick out your wedding rings
- ☐ Purchase your plane tickets and itinerary
 - send a friendly reminder to your guests to do so as well, if you aren't covering the cost
- ☐ Have your wedding dress fitted, as well as the bridal party's dresses
- ☐ Have the groom and groomsmen fitted for their attire

2-4 months prior

- ☐ Send out your wedding invitations
- ☐ Prepare your vows if you wish to write your own
- ☐ Try on your wedding dress again, to be sure it doesn't need further alterations

1-2 months prior

- ☐ Purchase and/or prepare gifts for the wedding party
- ☐ Purchase and/or prepare wedding favours for guests

2 weeks prior

Confirm your arrangements with:

- ☐ Resort
- ☐ Official
- ☐ Florist
- ☐ Photographer
- ☐ Videographer
- ☐ Chef
- ☐ Create seating arrangement for the reception

When you arrive at your destination

- ☐ Arrange for a marriage license if a separate one is required for that country
- ☐ Plan a meeting with the person who is coordinating your wedding at your resort to go over the details

Note: It is always helpful to keep a running list of any changes that are made throughout the whole planning process. Make sure your travel consultant and coordinator have copies of this list and keep them updated.