

DESTINATION WEDDING PLANNING TIMELINE

- 12+ Months**
- Establish A Budget
 - Draft a guest list with “A, B and C” categories to estimate number of rooms needed
 - Start a Pinterest Board or Google Photos album to save ideas
 - Contact and select a Destination Wedding Travel Agent!
 - Decide on a Legal or Symbolic Ceremony.. Note that choosing a legal ceremony can add time to your schedule due to the judge’s schedule
 - Select a Destination/Resort & Wedding Package
 - Confirm wedding date with a ceremony deposit. Once the deposit is received, allow for up to 1 week to receive final confirmation packet
 - Work with your travel agent to establish the guest Room Block and secure Room Block with a deposit. Allow approximately 1 week to receive the final Room Block confirmation
 - If you are planning a Legal Ceremony, start compiling necessary forms and documents
- 9-11 Months**
- Choose your wedding party—don’t forget an officiant for symbolic ceremonies!
 - Determine any additional wedding events: a welcome cocktail party, a rehearsal dinner, optional group excursion, day after brunch, etc.
 - Create a Wedding Website and/or Save the Dates—we can help with this!
 - Finalize your guest list and send to your Travel Agent
 - Send Save the Dates—we include a digital option with every wedding planned
 - Apply for new passports or renew your existing one. Check that expiration date!
 - Schedule On-Site resort visit (optional—ask for info about a Test Drive weekend)
- 8-10 Months**
- Start brainstorming for music selections for ceremony and reception
Pro Tip: Make a Spotify playlist to keep track of your favorites—you can use this as a guide later when sending instructions to your resort DJ
 - Start brainstorming photo pose ideas — Keep a Pinterest board to communicate easily with your photographer
 - Start shopping for wedding attire for the couple & wedding party
 - If you’re planning on engagement photos, schedule these
 - If you’re planning an additional honeymoon, schedule this now. Pro Tip: We can schedule a few “honeymoon” nights at a separate resort in the same destination for privacy after your event
 - Review plans for showers & other events
 - OPTIONAL: If you’re booking a separate photographer, videographer or any other non-resort services, it’s time to finalize these agreements
- 6-8 Months**
- Book room & flights
 - Finalize RSVPs and ensure that guests are on track to meet payment deadlines
 - Finalize wedding attire
 - Start finalizing details with your on-property wedding coordinator
 - OPTIONAL: Shop for welcome bag items. Or skip the welcome bag and plan a group excursion. This is a great ice-breaker for a welcome party & requires much less work/shipping of items



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- 4-6 Months**
 - Confirm that all guests are on track to pay in full by the payment deadline
 - Confirm Ceremony & Reception venues and make any necessary changes based on guest list
 - Finalize décor, flower, menu and cake selections with your on-site coordinator
 - Confirm ceremony musicians and additional entertainment (mariachi, fire dancers, etc.)
 - Order programs and other wedding collateral
 - Purchase any final wedding attire items or accessories
 - Start thinking about vows
- 3-4 Months**
 - For Legal Ceremonies, send all necessary paperwork to destination
 - Finalize wedding vows
 - Choose & purchase wedding party gifts
 - Confirm final ceremony details (readings, songs, etc.)
 - Confirm music selections with reception DJ
 - Confirm requested shot list with photographer and videographer
 - Confirm final guest list with both travel agent and wedding coordinator
 - Schedule fittings for wedding attire
- 2-3 Months**
 - OPTIONAL: Finalize Group Excursion Details
 - Finalize ceremony & reception contract details with coordinator
 - If you are shipping any décor items to the resort, do this now to allow for any delays with the shipping carrier and/or customs
 - Finalize wedding & ceremony balances & due dates
 - Schedule final fittings for wedding attire
 - If traveling with a gown, purchase a Wally Bag or other sturdy garment bag
- 1 Month Out**
 - Assign responsibilities to wedding party & other guests
 - Pick up wedding attire
 - Review final travel documents Note: Your travel agent should mail guests' final travel documents around this time
 - Confirm beauty/hair appointments, including a trial run once you arrive at the resort
- Prior to Departure**
 - Start packing!
 - Prepare gratuities in envelopes or vendors
 - Get a good night's sleep before travel
- Upon Arrival**
 - Meet with your on-site wedding coordinator to review last minute details
 - Deliver welcome packages & gifts
 - Enjoy the welcome party & Relax—you've made it to paradise!
 - Get a good night's sleep before the big day
- Day Before Wedding**
 - Have a nice, energizing breakfast
 - Get ready!
 - GET MARRIED! CONGRATS!

