

---

# planning checklist

## THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO YOUR DESTINATION WEDDING

Planning a destination wedding is an adventure of its own no matter your location. This checklist will see you through every step of wedding planning from the day you get engaged to hopping on the plane to "I do."

---

### Engaged

- ☐ Announce your engagement
- ☐ Discuss wedding expenses and set a budget
- ☐ Pick a date
- ☐ Start looking for a location, venue or destination wedding package
- ☐ Select an on-site wedding planner

### 12+ MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Choose your bridal party if you're having one
- ☐ Develop your guest list or decide on an elopement
- ☐ Decide on the style and formality of your wedding
- ☐ Contract a location and venue. Schedule a site visit if possible
- ☐ Research marriage requirements in your location
- ☐ Contract a photographer and videographer
- ☐ Start wedding dress shopping
- ☐ Order your save the dates
- ☐ Send out save the dates



### 9-11 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Work with your location to find a caterer and hash out a menu
- ☐ Register for gifts and add your registries to your wedding website
- ☐ Ask your bridesmaids and groomsmen to be in your wedding party

### 6-8 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Take engagement photos
- ☐ Shop for bridesmaid dresses
- ☐ Select and purchase a wedding dress
- ☐ Select an officiant
- ☐ Select and book a florist
- ☐ Select musicians or a DJ
- ☐ Begin researching honeymoon locations
- ☐ Set aside a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests

### 4-5 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Book airfare for your wedding and encourage guests to book theirs as well
- ☐ Obtain passports and get blood tests or vaccines if required by your destination
- ☐ Choose formal wear for the groom and groomsmen
- ☐ Book the honeymoon - if different from your destination wedding location
- ☐ Do a cake or dessert tasting and choose a dessert
- ☐ Choose and order invitations and other paper goods
- ☐ Book any necessary rentals