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PLANNING A
DESTINATION
WEDDING



Letter from The Editor

Let's face it, we're all ready to put the pandemic past us and move onward to the future. There's never been a more trying time for our beloved travel industry than the past year but I couldn't be prouder of our team and of our company for staying committed to our clients and helping them navigate the storm and to persevering through even the darkest days. In light of it all, we become closer as a world, we reconnected with our values and with our families and we came together to combat the virus.

I dedicate this issue to those clients who remained positive and supportive, to our team for doing a stellar job in always going above and beyond, and to our front-line workers for keeping us safe.

Travel will be back and like anything taken away, we will certainly be appreciating it even more. Our team remains dedicated to helping you and your future dream holidays.

Sincerely;
Laurie Keith
President, Romantic Planet Vacations

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Why Romantic Planet Vacations



Expertise: Romantic Planet Vacations has been serving destination weddings and honeymoons since 2004. The team are certified travel advisors and wedding planners dedicated to making special travel events and holidays truly shine.

Peace of mind: When booking with a professional travel advisor who specializes in destination weddings and honeymoons, you will save yourself a lot of time, energy, money and stress. We take care of you and all of your wedding guests with the travel reservations for the airline, hotels, transfer companies, insurance companies, processing payments,

changes, cancellations, final payment reminders, travel document management and more.

Exclusive wedding website: With all wedding groups that book with Romantic Planet Vacations, you will receive a complimentary wedding website loaded with 20 pages of content about your destination wedding as well as a convenient online booking engine for your guests to book 24-7.

Unique requests: While most guests will book into the standard package offered, some will need to travel on different days, from different gateways, for different durations. That's where our expertise can be most helpful in accommodating all requests.

Group Discount: It's important to book as a group to receive the discounted group price. With only a group of 10 passengers or more, the discounted group price is apply plus many other benefits like complimentary passenger credits, exclusive group amenities and wedding couple updates where available.

Partnerships: Through the 27 years of being in the travel industry, we have formed incredible bonds with top wedding suppliers worldwide who are most enthusiastic to satisfy your special requests and provide you with exclusive added bonuses that you wouldn't find elsewhere.

Smaller Booking Deposit: The regular deposit required to book an all-inclusive package is \$250 per person. For destination wedding groups however, we can secure 40 seats for 90 days with only a \$500 group deposit for a limited time.

Crisis Management: In the unlikely event of a crisis as seen in volcanic ash in Europe, Swine flu epidemic, civil war, hurricanes, earthquakes, COVID-19, etc., we are there to get your guests out quickly and safely or to change your reservation accordingly. We work around the clock and coordinate exit and alternative strategies with all of our travel providers.



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ANTIGUA				
Halcyon Cove by rex resorts	•			Great beach, 1 kid eats & stays FREE
Galley Bay Resort & Spa		•		Intimate, adults-only, romantic
Pineapple Beach Club		•		Laid-back, all-inclusive, adults-only
St. James's Club and Villas		•		Authentic Caribbean-style, exceptional service
The Verandah Resort & Spa		•	•	Eco-friendly, 1 kid eats & stays FREE
BAHAMAS				
Great Exuma - Only non-stop flight from Canada				
Hideaways at Palm Bay Beach Club	•			Pristine beach location, kids stay & eat FREE
COSTA RICA				
Liberia				
Azura Beach Resort Samara	•	•		Beautiful beach, adults-only, Stay at 1, Play at 2 option
Hotel Villas Playa Samara		•	•	Family-friendly, great value
Occidental Papagayo		•		Adults-only, spa discount, free in-room safe
Occidental Tamarindo		•		Prime location in Tamarindo
CUBA				
Cayo Coco / Cayo Guillermo				
Hotel Playa Coco		•	•	Family-friendly, spacious rooms, great prices
Pullman Cayo Coco		•		Luxury services, unique ambiance, adults-only section
Memories Caribe Beach Resort	•			Adults-only, completely refurbished
Memories Flamenco Beach Resort	•	•		Fantastic beach, great service, 2 kids eat & stay FREE
Cayo Santa Maria (Santa Clara)				
Dhawa Cayo Santa Maria		•		4 à la carte dinners, kids stay & eat FREE
Golden Tulip Aguas Claras Resort			•	Family-friendly, host to a loyal clientele
Iberostar Ensenachos		•		On-site spa, fitness centre, daily physical activities
Starfish Tropical Cayo Santa Maria	•		•	Perfect for families, kids stay & eat FREE
Sol Cayo Santa Maria			•	Family-friendly, kids stay & eat FREE
Memories Paraiso Beach Resort	•		•	Family-oriented, Stay at 1, Play at 2 option
Valentin Perla Blanca		•		Exclusive 30-minute massage, adults-only
Holguin				
Memories Holguin Beach Resort	•		•	Focused on family fun, Kids club with Toopy and Bino
Playa Costa Verde			•	Fun atmosphere, good option for families
Varadero				
Barceló Solymar		•	•	Free upgrade to Superior ocean view room
Be Live Experience Las Morlas	•	•		1 hour cooking lesson at Beach Bar Grill
Be Live Experience Turquesa		•		Birthday and anniversary surprise
Be Live Experience Varadero		•		Rent a chef for 1 evening/dinner party
Be Live Adults only Los Cactus		•		3 free green fees, Stay at 1, Play at 2 option
Be Live Experience Tuxpan		•	•	Kids stay & eat FREE
Hotel ROC Barlovento		•		Roc plus room
Grand Memories Varadero	•		•	Great option for families, fun atmosphere
Memories Varadero Beach Resort	•		•	Family-friendly, spacious rooms, Kids and Teens Club
Sanctuary at Grand Memories Varadero	•			Amazing beach, adults-only, Stay at 1, Play at 2 option
Starfish Varadero	•		•	Perfect for families, affordable beach holiday

DESTINATION	EXCLUSIVE WITH US			WHY THIS RESORT?
CURAÇAO				
Hilton Curaçao		•		Beachfront, access to the Executive Lounge
Santa Barbara Beach and Golf Resort			•	Oceanfront luxury, wedding and family group
Sunscape Curaçao Resort, Spa & Casino		•		Family-friendly, private check-in, surprise gift for kids
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC				
La Romana				
Be Live Collection Canoa Adults Club		•		Private beach area, private concierge, free WiFi
Grand Bahia Principe La Romana			•	Preferred room location, breathtaking beach
Luxury Bahia Principe Bouganville				Seafont, adults-only, perfect for a quiet getaway
Puerto Plata				
Be Live Collection Marien			•	Great for families, short walking distance to all facilities and beach
Be Live Collection Marien Adults Club		•		Private beach area, private concierge, free WiFi
BlueBay Villas Doradas		•		4 à la carte dinners, 20% OFF spa treatments
Grand Bahia Principe San Juan		•	•	Fantastic value for families, 20% discount on spa
Sunscape Puerto Plata Dominican Republic		•		Located on Playa Dorada Beach, family-friendly, surprise gift for kids
Viva Wyndham Tangerine			•	Located in Caberete, fully renovated, kids stay & eat FREE
Punta Cana				
Be Live Collection Punta Cana			•	Kids stay & eat FREE, (select room category), fitness centre
Be Live Adults Only Punta Cana		•		\$200 US resort credit, private beach, free WiFi
BLAU Natura Park Beach Eco Resort & Spa		•		Surprise welcome gift and in-room snacks for kids
Excellence El Carmen		•		All-suite, stunning beach, access to 23 pools
Excellence Punta Cana		•		Newly renovated, all-suite, unlimited à la carte dinners
Grand Bahia Principe Turquesa		•	•	Spacious rooms, perfect for families
Luxury Bahia Principe Ambar				Newly renovated, adults-only, unlimited à la carte dinners
Grand Bahia Principe Aquamarine				Adults-only, preferred rooms locations, Stay at 1, Play at more option
Luxury Bahia Principe Esmeralda			•	Canadians' favorite family-friendly, luxury with colonial charm
Le Sivory Punta Cana by Portblue Boutique	•			Completely refurbished and updated to cater to adults
Luxury Bahia Principe Fantasia Punta Cana				Family-friendly themed resort, activities for kids of different ages
Grand Palladium Bavaro Suites Resort & Spa			•	Exclusive junior suite Super Saver and family suites
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Punta Cana		•	•	\$1,800 US limitless resort credit, unlimited calls to Canada, free WiFi
Iberostar Bavaro		•		Starfit & Fun program, wellness trainers and activities
Majestic Colonial		•		Spacious rooms, complimentary wine at the restaurant
Majestic Elegance		•		Spacious rooms, complimentary wine at the restaurant
Majestic Mirage		•		Spacious rooms, complimentary wine at the restaurant
Nickelodeon Hotels & Resorts Punta Cana		•	•	Spectacular waterpark, dedicated head butler 24/7, VIP services
Occidental Caribe		•		Amazing waterpark, newly refurbished
CHIC Punta Cana				South Beach-style, adults-only
Royalton Bavaro Resort & Spa				Outstanding waterpark with lazy river and flowrider
Sunscape Bavaro Beach Punta Cana		•		Family-friendly, surprise gift for kids, 3 à la carte dinners
Sunscape Dominican Beach Punta Cana		•		Family-friendly, surprise gift for kids, 3 à la carte dinners
TRS Turquesa Hotel		•		Adults-only, VIP beach area with balli beds and waiter service
Samana				
Grand Bahia Principe El Portillo		•	•	Beautiful beach, private check-in, exclusive Roulette program
Grand Bahia Principe Cayacoa				Amazing value, family-friendly, exclusive Roulette program
Luxury Bahia Principe Cayo Levantado				Canadian favourite, family-friendly, private oasis
Luxury Bahia Principe Samana				Adults-only, boutique hotel, wellness centre
Viva Wyndham V Samana				Adults-only, discounts on spa treatments and romantic dinners

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GRENADA Only non-stop flight from Canada				
Grenadian by rex resorts	•			Perfect for beach lovers, great value, 1 kid stays & eats FREE
JAMAICA				
Montego Bay				
Excellence Oyster Bay		•		Adults-only, 20% OFF spa treatments, all suites
Grand Bahia Principe Jamaica		•	•	Preferred room location, ideal for families and friends
Grand Lido				Naturist, adults-only, Stay at 1, Play at 3 option
Grand Palladium Jamaica Resort & Spa			•	Exclusive junior suite Super Saver and family suites, waterpark
Hideaway at Royalton Negril				Adults-only, Stay at 1, Play at 2 option
Hilton Rose Hall Resort & Spa		•	•	VIP amenities, great for families, large waterpark
Holiday Inn Resort Montego Bay			•	Exclusive junior suites, kids stay FREE, great value
Hyatt Zilara Rose Hall		•		Adults-only, luxury, amazing service
Hyatt Ziva Rose Hall		•		Family-friendly, 20% OFF spa treatments
Iberostar Rose Hall Suites		•	•	Starfit & Fun program, wellness trainers and activities
Jewel Grande Montego Bay Resort & Spa		•		VIP amenities, luxurious spacious suites
Luxury Bahia Principe Runaway Bay				Adults-only, private beach, VIP restaurant and pool area
Royal Decameron Club Caribbean	•			Good value, cozy beachfront cottages
Royalton Blue Waters				Family-friendly resort, outstanding waterpark facilities
Royalton Negril Resort & Spa				Family-friendly, breathtaking beach
Sunscape Cove Montego Bay		•		Surprise gift for kids, free WiFi
Sunscape Splash Montego Bay		•		Surprise gift for kids, free WiFi
MEXICO				
Cancun / Riviera Maya				
Azul Beach Resort Riviera Maya, by Karisma		•		Dedicated head butler 24/7, VIP services
Beloved Playa Mujeres, by Excellence Group		•		Spectacular beach, boutique resort, unlimited à la carte dining, free calls to Canada
BlueBay Grand Esmeralda		•	•	4 à la carte dinners, free in-room safe
Crown Paradise Club Cancun		•	•	Unlimited à la carte dinners, spa and golf discounts
Desire Riviera Maya Pearl Resort		•		Spa, specialty menu discounts
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Dos Playas Beach House by Faranda	•			Good value, small and cozy atmosphere
El Dorado Casitas Royale, A Spa Resort by Karisma		•		Unlimited candlelight beach dinners, VIP services
El Dorado Maroma, A Spa Resort by Karisma		•		Stunning beach, dedicated head butler 24/7, VIP services
El Dorado Royale, A Spa Resort by Karisma		•		Dedicated head butler 24/7, VIP services
Excellence Playa Mujeres		•		Spectacular beach, unlimited à la carte dining, free WiFi, free calls to Canada
Excellence Riviera Cancun		•		Unlimited à la carte dining, 24h room service, free WiFi, free calls to Canada
Finest Playa Mujeres by Excellence		•		Spectacular beach, family-friendly, free WiFi, free calls to Canada
Flamingo Cancun Resort		•	•	20% OFF for spa treatments
Generations Riviera Maya, A Spa Resort by Karisma		•	•	Unlimited beach picnics, VIP services
Golden Parnassus Adult All Inclusive Resort & Spa		•		Unlimited à la carte dining
Grand Bahia Principe Tulum		•		Natural landscapes, beautiful beach, for families and friends
Grand Bahia Principe Coba			•	Preferred room location, 10 restaurants
Luxury Bahia Principe Sian Ka'an				Adults-only, contemporary design, luxury amenities
Grand Palladium White Sand Resort & Spa			•	Exclusive family suites
Hard Rock Hotel Cancun		•		\$1,800 US limitless resort credit, unlimited calls to Canada, free WiFi
Hard Rock Hotel Riviera Maya		•	•	\$1,800 US limitless resort credit, unlimited calls to Canada, free WiFi
Hideaway at Royalton Riviera Cancun				Adults-only oasis, Stay at 1, Play at 2 option
Royalton Riviera Cancun Resort & Spa				Canadian favourite, activities for kids of all ages
Hyatt Zilara Cancun		•		Popular, old world charm, adults-only luxury and 24h lounge

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Hyatt Ziva Cancun		•		Unlimited à la carte dining, 15% spa discount
Iberostar Paraíso Maya		•		Starfit & Fun program, wellness trainers and activities
Iberostar Paraíso Lindo			•	Family fun with both a Kids and Teens Club
Occidental Tucancun		•		3 guaranteed à la carte dinners, free in-room safe
Óleo Cancun Playa Hotel		•		Bohemian chic experience, spa discounts
THE ROYAL Playa del Carmen		•		5th Avenue in Playa del Carmen location, close to nightlife
TRS Coral Hotel		•		Adults-only, VIP beach area with balli beds, waiter service
TRS Yucatan Hotel		•		Adults-only, VIP beach area with balli beds, waiter service
Cozumel				
Fiesta Americana Cozumel All Inclusive		•	•	20% OFF on spa, food and beverage, 50% OFF on room upgrades
Occidental Cozumel		•		4 à la carte dinners, dedicated room location, in-room safe
Sunscape Sabor Cozumel		•		Family-friendly, private check-in, gift for kids, 3 à la carte dinners
Iberostar Cozumel			•	Beachfront hotel, natural rustic beauty, great for snorkeling
Huatulco				
Park Royal Huatulco		•	•	Special in-room amenity \$50 US resort credit per room for a romantic dinner
La Isla Huatulco & Beach Club				Great value for families
Isla Natura Beach			•	Amazing views, family-friendly and adults-only beach
Ixtapa / Zihuatanejo				
Barceló Ixtapa		•		4 guaranteed à la carte dinners, free in-room safe
Holiday Inn Resort Ixtapa All Inclusive		•		25% OFF spa treatments
Park Royal Ixtapa		•	•	Special amenity in-room \$50 US resort credit per room for a romantic dinner
Sunscape Dorado Pacifico Ixtapa		•		Family-friendly, private check-in, gift for kids, 3 à la carte dinners
Los Cabos				
Barceló Gran Faro Los Cabos		•		4 à la carte dinners, dedicated room location, in-room safe
Holiday Inn Resort Los Cabos		•		Use of balli bed with 2 martinis
Hyatt Ziva Los Cabos		•		Canadian favorite! 1 romantic dinner per week, per room
Villa del Palmar Beach Resort & Spa		•	•	Use of balli bed, in-room safe, morning delivery of coffee/tea
Puerto Vallarta / Riviera Nayarit				
Crown Paradise Club Puerto Vallarta All Inclusive Resort		•	•	Great waterpark for kids, welcome amenities and spa
Crown Paradise Golden Puerto Vallarta All Inclusive Resort		•		Adults-only, Stay at 1, Play at 2 option, free WiFi, 24-hour room service
Grand Fiesta Americana Puerto Vallarta		•		Adults-only, spa discount, welcome amenity, 20% OFF beach & pool cabanas
Grand Palladium Vallarta Resort & Spa			•	Exclusive family suites
Grand Park Royal Puerto Vallarta		•		Newly renovated and new tower, \$50 credit for romantic dinner
Hard Rock Hotel Vallarta		•	•	\$1,800 US limitless resort credit, unlimited calls to Canada, free WiFi
Hyatt Ziva Puerto Vallarta		•		Beautiful views, old world charm, new world amenities
Iberostar Playa Mita			•	Spacious accommodations, splashpark, family favourite
Occidental Nuevo Vallarta		•	•	4 à la carte dinners, dedicated room location, in-room safe
Sunscape Puerto Vallarta Resort & Spa		•		Family-friendly, private check-in, gift for kids and 3 à la carte dinners
Villa del Mar Palmar Beach Resort Puerto Vallarta		•	•	Guaranteed poolview room
Villa del Palmar Beach Resort & Spa Puerto Vallarta		•	•	Guaranteed room with balcony
SAINT LUCIA				
Hideaway at Royalton Saint Lucia				Adults-only, exclusive restaurant, Stay at 1, Play at 2 option
Royalton Saint Lucia Resort & Spa				Perfect for families, luxurious, spacious rooms and suites
Papillon by Rex Resorts	•			Fantastic beach, exceptional service, 1 kid eats & stays FREE
St. James's Club Morgan Bay		•	•	Casual, all-inclusive resort, 1 kid eats & stays FREE
Coconut Bay Beach Resort & Spa			•	Award winning staff, close proximity to airport, island's largest waterpark

Real Wedding Stories:

Helen and Andrew



Helen Krasic and Andrew Cordeiro of Etobicoke, Ontario had big plans for their wedding. They were going to fulfill their lifelong dreams of getting married on the beach, surrounded by 50 of their closest friends and families. All plans were underway. The wedding date of September 1st, 2020 was booked. The flowers, the decorations, and the menu had been carefully selected. The venue at the Royalton Punta Cana deposited via their travel agency, Romantic Planet Vacations. Then, the pandemic hit.

Like so many Canadian couples, Helen and Andrew's destination wedding plans were forced to be postponed because of COVID-19. With the combined obstacles of the pandemic itself, worldwide travel restrictions, the Quarantine Act, limited flight options, the engaged couple felt that they had no other

choice than to change their wedding plans to 2021.

When their veteran travel advisor and destination wedding specialist, Corinne Wilson-Daly, saw how devastated they were, she decided that she had enough of bad news that she'd take this matter into her own hands. She not only offered her compassionate sympathies to the couple, she offered her own home and suburban backyard in Burlington, Ontario in which to legally wed. "When I called Helen to offer her my backyard for their local wedding ceremony, she cried. She was so happy."



With the green light from the wedding couple, Corinne connected with colleagues and family including her daughter Amanda Garrett of AMEG Designs to create some monogrammed champagne flutes, floral designs and customized face masks. She called upon her wedding officiant friend, Judith Blair, also of Romantic Planet Vacations, to perform the



You'd think this travel advisor had stumbled onto a lucrative new business of local wedding planning and when asked how much she was charging for this service, Corinne humbly said, "nothing. It's not fair what happened to this wonderful couple. I just want to continue to help them in any way that I can."

The intimate and local outdoor wedding ceremony was held on Saturday October 10th, 2020 in Burlington, Ontario in adherence to the COVID-19 health and safety rules. "I'm not going to lie, I had a few joyous tears for the newlywed during their beautiful ceremony." said Corinne.

If you would like more information on this story or to help plan your upcoming destination wedding with Corinne directly, please contact her at Corinne.wilson@romanticplanet.ca



"You all really did go above and beyond, we honestly don't have any words to describe how grateful we are for all of your hard-work. Corinne, you have been amazing throughout this whole process. You are truly the best and we are so lucky to have you as our agent. You all did an amazing job and we are so grateful to have such hard working team to make our day magical and memorable. We are still hopeful that we can carry out our destination wedding next year in Dominican.

Thank you everyone!
Love,
The Newly Wedded Cordeiros"

ceremony. Laurie Keith, owner of the travel agency, offered her photography services and husband Jim, a true handy-man, built a beautiful boho-chic wedding backdrop. An intimate wedding cake and some champagne were purchased by Corinne to top off the special occasion.



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10 Steps of Planning a Destination Wedding



The average cost of a destination wedding is only US\$7,000. The average cost of a local wedding in Canada is \$30,000!

How To Get Started

DESTINATION WEDDINGS TAKE TIME AND ATTENTION

While you stare at the glow of your engagement ring, you ask yourself, "Can I really plan a destination wedding? Where do I begin? How can I make this as easy as possible but with our dreams coming true? How much do destination weddings cost? And how can I find the right planner?" If you're at this stage, this article is for you. Following these ten steps to planning your destination wedding is guaranteed to save you time, save you stress, and save you money.

Step #1: Determine Your Budget

Sit down with your significant other and start figuring out what you want to spend on your wedding. Did you know the cost of a local wedding in Canada is over \$30,000! And that is for just one day! Well that's the opposite to destination weddings. The average cost of a destination wedding is only US\$7,000. You'll budget around US\$2,000 for the ceremony. Even if there is a resort with a free wedding ceremony package, by the time you add some

nice chairs, upgraded flowers and decor, it won't be free. The photographer will be between US\$500 - US\$5000 depending on the package that you choose and how many photos, photographers and videographers you'd like. For the cocktail hour you'll want to entertain your wedding guests so a post-ceremony cocktail hour with signature drinks and perhaps some live music would be recommended. The wedding reception will cost approximately US\$50-US\$70 per person for a private function and this includes an open bar when you choose an all-inclusive resort of course! Make sure you end the night with an impact and personalized touch. Most resorts have an array of entertainment options including fire dancers, DJs, live bands, fire-works and much more. You can budget US\$750 - US\$2,000 for professional and customized entertainment.

As for your wedding guests, the average travel package including round-trip airfare, airport transfers and 7-nights all-inclusive accommodations from Canada to the most popular destinations of Jamaica, Cuba, Dominican Republic and Mexico is \$1850 per person, double occupancy. Of course this is dependent on time of travel, quality of resort, frequency of flights, departure gateway and more. If you advise your wedding guests to prepare for \$2,000 per person, you will be sure to find a really nice travel package to an incredible resort that will suit most budgets. Other unique destinations such as Aruba, St. Lucia,

Wedding guests can expect to pay on average \$1850 per person for their travel package

Whatever you do, choose a date, destination and resort that works for you both, not for all of your wedding guests otherwise you're going to get a thousand different opinions and you won't please them all.

Barbados, and other Caribbean islands can cost more so you can budget around \$2,200 - \$6,500 per person. Adult-only all-inclusive resorts tend to be luxury 5-star properties so as a result, will cost around \$2,200 - \$3,500 per person. For destinations that are not all-inclusive, you can budget \$1800 - \$2500 per person for Hawaii, \$3500 - \$5500 for Europe, \$3500 - \$15,000 for Tahiti and the South Pacific, and \$3500 - \$8500 per person for Thailand and other parts of Asia. This would include airfare, transportation, accommodations but no meals or drinks.

Step #2 - Determine Your Dates

One mistake you can make is to choose a date without assessing other date options. The most expensive time to travel worldwide is Christmas holidays. During these two weeks, you can budget on spending about \$600 - \$1000 more per person than even the weeks before or after. But sometimes we know, it's unavoidable, especially if you are a teacher. The next most expensive time to travel is Easter followed by January to March. Why? It's because it's the coldest weather in Canada so everyone is fighting to get on that same flight going South. So what ultimately is the most cost-effective time to travel to the beach? During the shoulder seasons of April - June and September - November you can often find some great pricing. July and August are also great options but it's important to keep in mind that most charters go to Europe for summer so the flight options South becomes limited.

Another factor when determining your dates is the hurricane season in the Caribbean. It begins at the end of June and peaks in September, then fades off by the middle of November. The

hurricane belt typically starts in the Eastern Islands as a tropical storm then builds up over the warm waters of the Caribbean Sea, ending near the Coast of Mexico. However, if you're traveling during this time, there's nothing to fear. Most tour operators and airlines have hurricane protection policies in that if a hurricane should affect your destination, you can change the resort, change the date or change the destination without penalty. There are also islands that are a safer bet. St. Lucia and Barbados are the most Easterly islands and Aruba is the furthest South and Bahamas is the furthest North and are outside of the hurricane belt.

Step #3 - Have the Family Talk

Once you have determined your budget and your dates together, only then can you have the family talk. It is recommended to connect to your closest loved ones only, those that are must-have people at your wedding like you parents, siblings, best friend etc. Advise them that you're planning a destination wedding in Mexico for June 1 - 8 and the price will be about \$2,000 per person for example and to let you know if that works for them. Whatever you do, do NOT ask what works best for them because you're going to get a thousand different answers and none the same so it will be without a doubt that you will feel that you're disappointing someone. And do NOT ask everyone outside that inner circle at this stage because again, some guests will want Cuba, others will want a different resort, others will want family-friendly whilst others want adult-only. Other guests will want a 5-star and spend \$3000 per person while others want a 3-star and spent only \$1000 per person. So once you

determine what works best for the two of you, the rest will certainly follow. They always do.

Step #4 - Work With An Expert

Now that you have determined your budget, your dates, and that your immediate loved ones have agreed that they can attend, then we suggest that you meet with a certified expert in destination weddings to help you narrow down your destination and resort choices. Romantic Planet Vacations has been specializing in destination weddings since 2004. Each of their specialists are well-traveled and have a median average of 8 years experience coordinating destination wedding groups. They are also all certified and trained as destination wedding and honeymoon specialists. We cannot emphasize enough that a typical travel agent who is use to booking flights between Winnipeg and Toronto may not be well-versed in planning destination wedding groups, which require a great amount of attention to detail, experience and expertise for a stress-free experience. A good advisor will ask a lot of questions and not only about your dates, destinations, and budgets, but also about your interests, your wedding vision and what your guests are like. With this information they can provide you with professional and expert travel advise that will be best suited to meet your needs and that of your entire wedding group to ensure the most enhanced travel and wedding experience available as the budget you have.

Step #5 - Obtain a Group Quote

Your designated and certified destination wedding specialist will begin to work on obtaining discounted group quotes for your wedding group. All you require from Canada is a minimum of 10 seats and you qualify for a discounted group rate that is on average 10% less expensive than the non-group rate that can be usually found online. In most cases, you will also qualify for other group benefits such as complimentary passenger credits such as the 16th adult, 21st adult or 6th room free. As the wedding couple, you can choose where you want this credit applied - towards your invoice, to everyone in the group or towards a guest with a .a tighter budget. Your group travel quote will also detail if you qualify for any Early Booking Bonuses (EBB), which can often save you and

each of your guests anywhere from \$150 to \$600 per person when booking and paying in full early, which most wedding groups can do. The wedding couple will also qualify from extra benefits such as room and seat upgrades and more. When you book a wedding group with Romantic Planet Vacations, the wedding couple will also receive a \$500 future travel credit in most cases, that can be used towards any travel in the future.

Step #6 - Apply the Group Deposit

Once your certified destination wedding specialist has helped you find the perfect resort, the perfect date at the perfect price (and sometimes this takes a couple of tries), then you are good to move to the next level. Applying a group deposit of only \$900 will allow you to hold 30 seats for 90 days, which gives you enough time to send out your invitations. This deposit gets applied towards your trip. You will also have to book your wedding date and time. It is recommended to choose the 3rd, 4th, or 5th day of your trip as your wedding date.

Step # 7 - Send Out Wedding Invites

Now you can start sending out your invitations. Be sure to include your wedding website link, as provided by Romantic Planet Vacations, so that your guests can book conveniently online 24-7 and/or find about all of the information about the trip. Each guest will be required to submit a non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person.

Step #8 - Meet the Guests' Needs

Your designated destination wedding specialist will be in charge of looking after all of your wedding guest travel needs, even if they are traveling from all parts of Canada or worldwide.

Step #9 - Coordinate Your Wedding

You will work closely with your onsite wedding coordinator in making all wedding arrangements. Make sure that you email in point format and have your wedding date and names in the subject heading for faster replies.

Step #10 - Travel and Enjoy!



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Costa Mujeres is the new up and coming beach destination

-Laurie Keith, Romantic Planet Vacations

If you love Mexico but are looking for a new adventure, then Costa Mujeres might be the perfect spot for you. The new development—located north of Cancun and across the sea from Isla Mujeres—is quickly becoming one of the hottest destinations in Mexico.

The 1.4-acre community offers all of the beauty of Cancun without all of the crowds. The area is just now hitting travellers' radar, so the sandy beaches still offer more privacy and relaxation than the more well-known spots like Mayan Riviera. However, this might not be the case for long, as there are big plans underway for Costa Mujeres.



Costa Mujeres, Mexico. Credit: Palladium Hotels

The Mexican government has taken notice of the unobstructed beach views, whisper-soft sand, and the convenient location just 25 minutes away from the airport. That's why the

once-gated luxury community now has 12 lots set aside for development, some of which are already open and running.

The urban development project aims to create at least 22,000 rooms for guests from all over the world to enjoy the loveliness of Costa Mujeres. If you want to visit Costa Mujeres before it's the biggest destination in Mexico, you have some great resorts to choose from already, and even more that will be opening in the near future.

Top Costa Mujeres Resorts

There are many newly opened resorts in Costa Mujeres (and more on the way), as well as more established locations like the small, luxury, adult-only Beloved Playa Mujeres where I personally got married in 2013. No matter which of these resorts you choose, you can be sure that you'll find the rest and relaxation you want.

If you're looking for a family-friendly boutique experience, Finest Playa Mujeres caters to that. Grand Palladium Costa Mujeres Resort & Spa is also a great hotel for families to enjoy their time together.

For individuals, couples, or groups who love the ocean views of these family-friendly resorts but aren't looking to spend time around children, there are many options. Excellence Playa Mujeres shares a private complex with Finest

Playa Mujeres but offers an adults-only experience.

Newly opened Paradisus Playa Mujeres offers restaurants, bars, and swimming pools, and is the fifth resort Paradisus has opened in Mexico. It is family-friendly but also has areas that are adults-only, so it is a good mix if you have kids old enough to entertain themselves while the adults go off and enjoy themselves.

TRS Coral Hotel is an adults-only resort on the Grand Palladium property that offers a great 5-star experience for couples seeking romance, or groups of friends looking for fun. Catalonia Costa Mujeres All Suites & Spa is another new resort with high-end amenities and entertainment.

Open for just about a year, RIU Palace Costa Mujeres is a 600-room all-inclusive that is kid-friendly but also has fun and entertainment for the adults. Their policy of not accepting 'Spring Breaker' students guarantees a more relaxed and refined experience.



Costa Mujeres, Mexica. Credit: Riu Hotels

If you're planning on travelling in the next few months and are looking for the newest luxury destination, then check out the Majestic Elegance Playa Mujeres. The 5-star resort opens in January 2020 and is offering exceptionally low rates for the first 6 months.

What to do in Costa Mujeres, Mexico

While each resort offers food, entertainment, swimming, and more on their own premises, there is also a lot to explore in the beautiful Costa Mujeres region. You can book tours of cultural treasures in nearby Cancun, or spend a day sailing in the beautiful Caribbean Sea.



Mayan ruins of El Meco. Credit: Riu Hotels

There is plenty to see and experience in the up-and-coming Costa Mujeres area of Mexico. While the area is rapidly developing, it still holds onto the private, luxurious roots that made the spot a haven to the lucky few. With new resorts opening and offering 5-star experiences and amenities, Costa Mujeres won't remain Mexico's best-kept secret for long.

For more details on Costa Mujeres, Mexico, contact Romantic Planet Vacations at 1-866-247-8123 or travel@romanticplanet.ca today!



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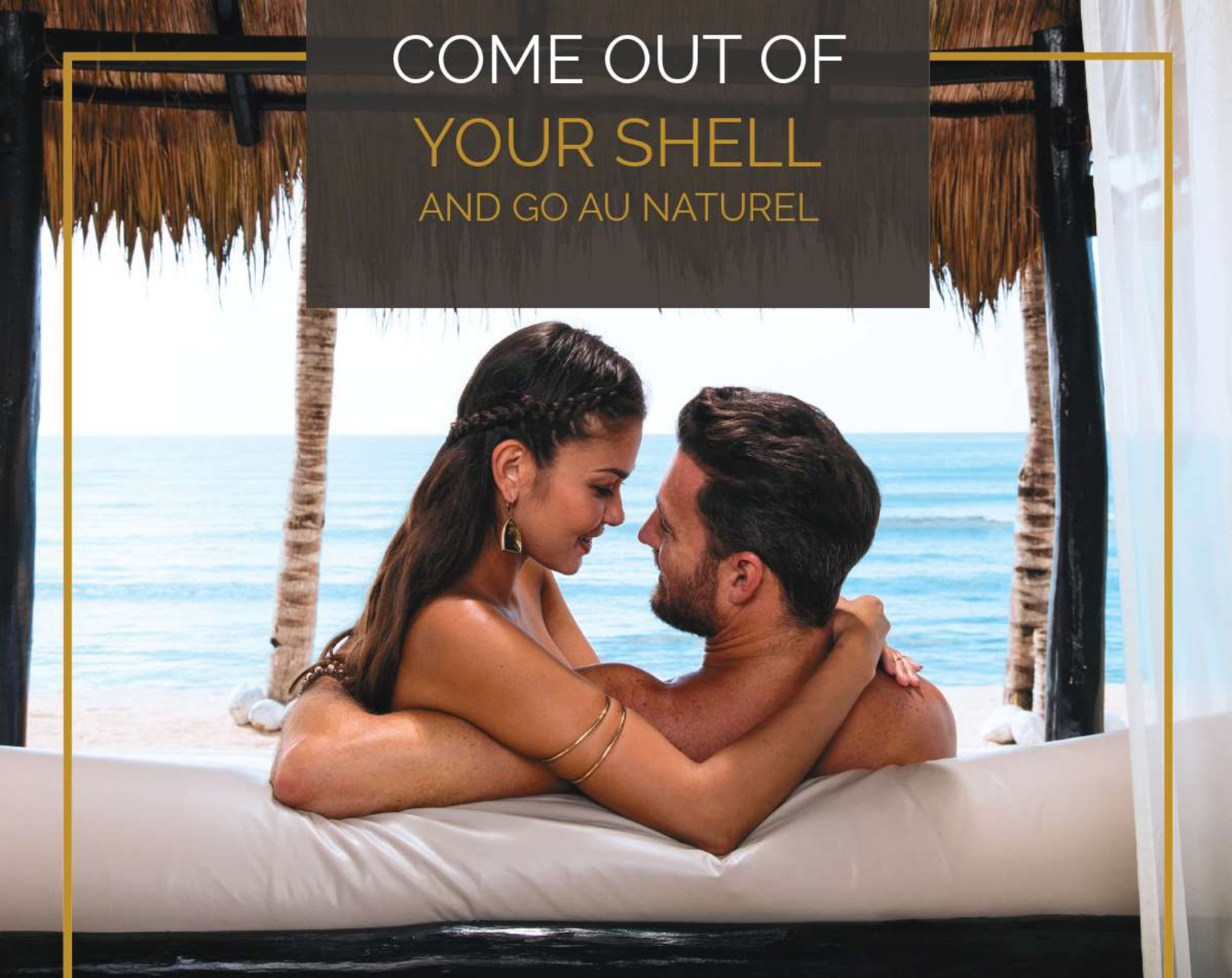


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Top Wedding Trends For 2021

With a new year comes new wedding trends!

There are plenty of exciting new ideas to delve into for the year ahead. From romantic lighting to vibrant colour palettes and unique arches, we rounded up some of our favourite wedding trends for 2021. Read on and get inspired to plan your big day in paradise.



Safety first

First and foremost, one of the top wedding trends for 2021 is to make sure that safety comes first. Safety is one of the top considerations when planning a wedding in 2021, which is why we're expecting to see a shift to more outdoor weddings and smaller guest lists to maintain social distancing protocols (with live streams set up for guests back home). Plus, there are plenty of ways you can blend safety features with your wedding aesthetic! Set up decorative hand

sanitizer stations around your ceremony and reception venues, hand out personalized masks and give your guests welcome care packages that include bottles of hand sanitizer.

Light up the night

With a shift to outdoor weddings, lighting will become a huge décor focus in 2021 to reflect and enhance your destination's natural beauty. The right lighting can create a romantic and inviting atmosphere and will look gorgeous in your wedding photos! Some of our favourite options include twinkle/fairy light canopies over your reception space, retro market lights strung between palm trees, elaborate chandeliers hanging over your sweetheart table and candles lining the aisle or incorporated into your centrepieces. Giant neon light signs are also a popular choice that we expect to see more of in the year ahead.



Bright and vibrant colour schemes

Gone are the days of neutral tones and soft colour palettes – when it comes to 2021, we're all about the bright and bold! After the difficult year that was 2020, couples want to incorporate cheerful and playful elements into their wedding décor wherever possible. Vibrant colours are making a comeback this year with shades in every colour under the sun from jewel blue to blazing orange, electric pink and more. You can incorporate your bright colour palette anywhere and everywhere, from your bridal bouquet and boutonniere to your centrepieces, table linens and reception furniture.



Geometric and circular arches

Instead of the traditional square or rectangle, we're seeing a lot of geometric and circular shapes being used for ceremony arches. These unique arches are a great way to add a modern element to a natural beach setting and are a beautiful statement piece that'll look great in your wedding photos. You can keep things simple by using a metallic gold geometric arch or decorate a circular arch with lush greenery and vibrantly coloured florals. A circular arch also comes with a beautiful meaning, as a circle

represents eternity – perfect for when you and your loved one are starting your forever together!

Rattan everything

Rattan is a huge emerging trend for destination weddings this year. From aisle runners to charger plates, light fixtures, furniture and table settings, there are plenty of ways you can incorporate the material into your big day. The material is a naturally growing vine that is native to tropical regions, making it the perfect choice for your tropical-themed wedding. The natural colour of the material goes with almost any colour scheme, whether you're going for the trendy vibrant hues or softer shades of pink and white.

Tasty treat options

The traditional multi-tiered cake is still a popular choice for weddings in 2021, but lots of couples are also opting to have a sweet treats table instead of or in addition to their main cake! Not only is a dessert table a great option for couples with sweet teeth, but it also provides your guests with more options. Plus, you and your sweetheart won't have to choose your favourite cake flavour – you can use a few for each tier of your main cake, and have the rest made into cupcakes for your sweet treats table!

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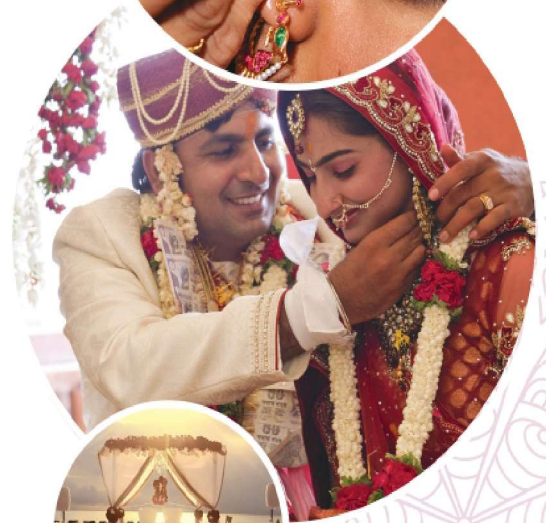
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Real Wedding Stories:

Donna and Joben

How it started

Donna, a registered nurse and Joben, a payroll analyst, first met in university in Toronto. They were on a weekend retreat training to be leaders for their school's Frosh Week and got to know each other over the long days learning the ins and outs of orientation. After the retreat, Joben asked Donna out during the subway ride home. They went to dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Toronto before seeing *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* – which is still one of their favourite movies today.



Nine years later, Donna and Joben were on a trip to Japan and visited Kyoto, which is famous for its imperial palaces and gardens full of cherry blossoms. They were having their photo taken in

front of a picturesque pond surrounded by cherry blossoms when Joben got down on one knee and pulled a gorgeous engagement ring out of his pocket. Of course, Donna said yes!

Planning the wedding

The couple knew from the start that they wanted to have a destination wedding. The year before they got engaged, they had gone to Cancun with



a group of friends and loved it so much that they knew they wanted to say "I do" in paradise.

Jamaica had always been on their bucket list with its delicious food, vibrant culture, gorgeous landscapes and laidback vibe. They chose the newly renovated Riu Ocho Rios as their wedding resort, since they had numerous friends who had been there and loved it.

Wedding day details

On November 12, 2020, Donna and Joben exchanged their vows by the beach gazebo at Riu Ocho Rios in front of 27 of their closest family and friends. It rained briefly in the morning, but when it was time to walk down the aisle, the sun had come out and there was a beautiful rainbow stretching across the sky.

After their ceremony, they hosted their rustic beach reception in a tent by the ocean. The venue was decorated with their wedding colours of navy and burgundy, with light pink and gold accents. They even surprised all of their guests with a choreographed routine for their first dance! They're looking forward to planning their honeymoon to a tropical destination when travel resumes

Wedding day wear

Donna's gown: Pierette ball gown by Mori Lee with lace appliques, a tulle skirt and romantic off-the-shoulder sleeves.

Donna's shoes: Gold metallic toe ring sandals from Giuseppe Zanotti.

Donna's accessories: A gold sparkly hair clip – a gift from her family – and an elegant drop necklace.

Joben's attire: Custom three-piece navy suit.

Joben's shoes: Brown dress shoes from Cole Haan.

Joben's accessories: Rose gold watch with a navy strap.

Wedding bands: Custom made rings from Hollywood Diamonds in Toronto. Donna's unique engagement ring is an infinity band to symbolize forever with a flower halo to symbolize the growth of their love and relationship.

The bridesmaids wore: Burgundy mesh maxi dresses from Boutique 1861 in Montreal.

The groomsmen wore: Custom three-piece navy suits to match the groom.

Small details

Destination wedding consultant: Jessica

Travel consultant: Judith Blair, Romantic Planet Vacations

Flowers: Burgundy and pink flowers from Tai Flora and Events to Go.

Photographer: Eroid Surposa with edits from Viewtiful Photography.

Hair and makeup: Half up, half down style with loose waves done by the bride's sister and natural makeup done by Beautiglo.

First dance song: *Next to You* – Chris Brown ft. Justin Bieber

Stationary and invitations: Electronic invitations sent through withjoy.com

Favours: The couple booked a private excursion for their guests to [Luminous Lagoon](#) on their last day in Jamaica.

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We found pieces of paradise scattered across the Aegean Sea and we're here to help you pick the perfect one (or ones! Island hopping, anyone?). If you're dreaming of a Greek island vacation, but aren't sure where to start, keep calm and read on. Here's our breakdown of our favourite Greek islands for every type of traveller!

FOR ROMANTICS & SUN SEEKERS: SANTORINI

If you're looking up Greek islands, chances are you've stumbled on Instagram-worthy images of the island of Santorini, home to one of the most photographed, most spectacular sunsets in the world. If not, picture this: iconic, whitewashed houses overlooking volcanic cliffs, with the



sun dipping into the horizon above cerulean waters, painting the sky in sumptuous shades. Shall we go on?

With its sweeping stairways and idyllic hillside villages, there's no wonder stunning Santorini is a go-to spot for honeymooners and romantic revelers and one of the most popular islands to visit. If you're not falling in love with the caldera views, then the colourful beaches and historic sites like the Museum of Prehistoric Thera might just seal the deal. Stop in Santorini with this Best of Greece tour!

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For less glitz and glam, stroll through Little Venice to take in the charming architecture of buildings built right on the waterfront. Occupying its narrow streets are chic shops where you can stock up on breezy island fashion before your next escapade. Alternately, you can opt to redeem yourself within the bright, white walls of the uniquely shaped Church of Panagia Paraportiani. Hop on the Charming Cyclades tour to move it in Mykonos.

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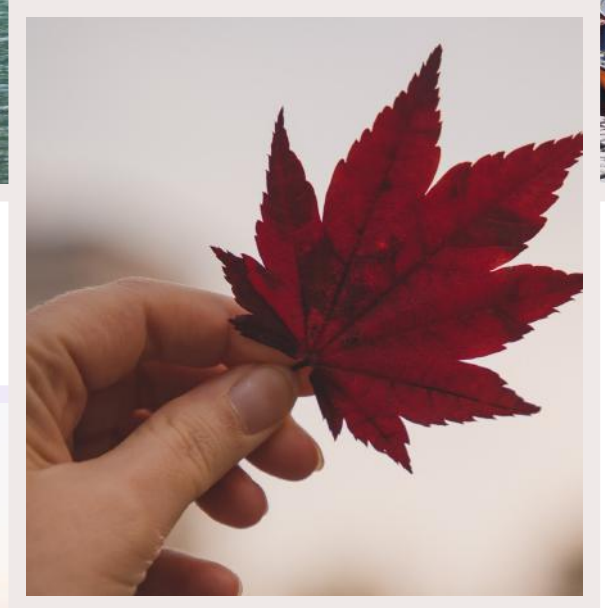
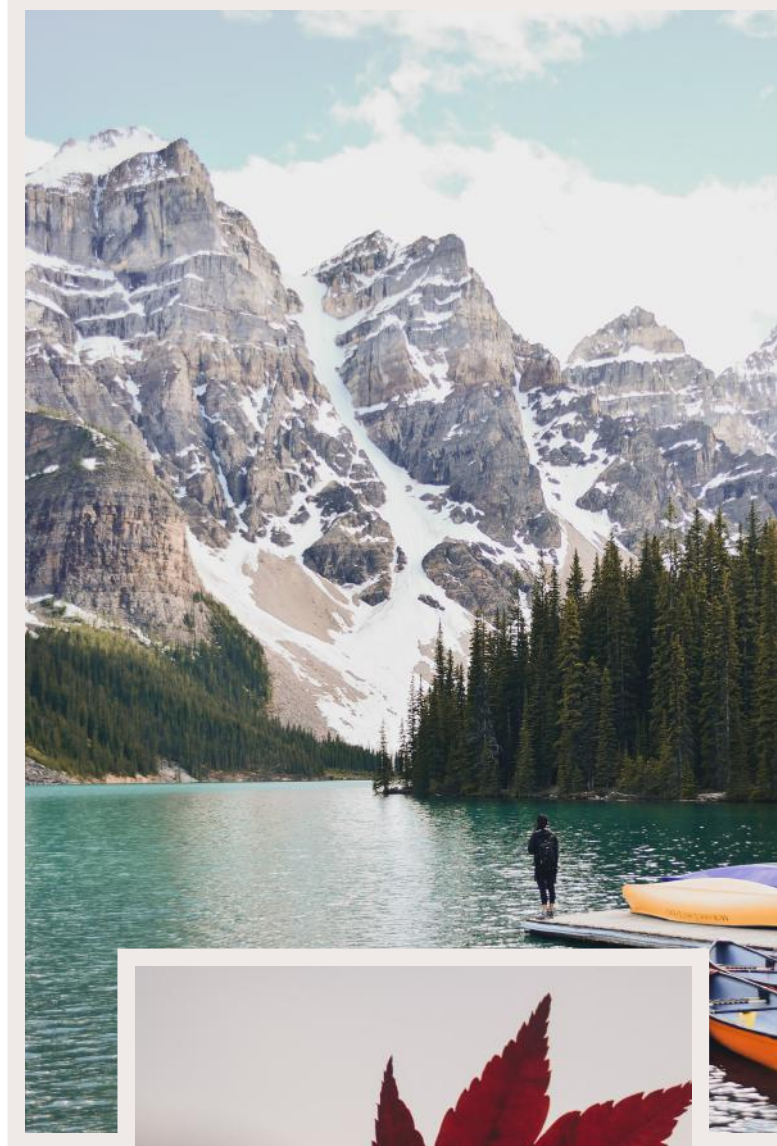
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How To Have a Safe Pandemic Wedding

Wedding couples are still getting married in 2021. The thought that you might not be able to celebrate your nuptials with hugs of congratulations from your loved ones or the ability to pull out the dance moves with your friends at the wedding reception would have never crossed the minds of wedding couples in 2019. But today, we are in a different world. A world that has to adapt because let's face it, love continues no matter the obstacles, and thus, so do weddings. Whether your 2020 wedding has been postponed or you're newly engaged and planning, there are things that can ensure the health and safety of you and your wedding guests while still hosting a wedding during a pandemic. All social gatherings need to adhere to some basic protocols - whether you are planning a local wedding at an indoor banquet facility or outdoors in a backyard or public space or traveling to your favorite destination wedding paradise. Following these tips in planning a wedding in 2021 will be sure to aid you in a successful, and safe, event.

ADHERE TO THE LOCAL LAW

Throughout the pandemic, we've seen different countries, states, provinces and municipalities not only make recommendations on how to be socially responsible when gathering as a group



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but they have also laid down the law when it comes to events. It's important to stay on top of your local area's rules and regulations as it relates to social gatherings indoors and outdoors as they are ever changing. What are the restrictions on number of people in the group? What are the restrictions with food service? Are face masks required only indoors or also in outdoor spaces?

FORCED MAJEURE CLAUSE

For your financial protection, ensure that there is a clause in the Contract with your venue and vendors that if "the scope of the event is not met" that you get a full refund or option to postpone. This means that if you wanted dancing on the night of your wedding but the local law says otherwise after the Contract is signed, you can cancel or postpone because your dream wedding has been affected.

PRE-SCREENING

At the least it is recommended to assign a greeter at the entrance to your wedding event who will also take a health questionnaire and temperature scan of each guest upon arrival. A further option to ensure the health and safety of all of your guests is to have them do a Covid-19 test before attending. Many public and private tests are available in different areas. We're also now seeing at some overseas conferences and events they have rapid testing available right at check-in, with results in less than 5-minutes!



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LIVESTREAM AND STREAMLINED GUEST LIST

When starting the planning process pre-2020 you may have wanted everyone that you both know under one roof to celebrate this joyous occasion but in 2021 and pre-vaccines, you may have to tone this down a little. Ensure the essential guest list is no more than the maximum allowed in your jurisdiction. In some cases it has been set at a maximum of 10 people gathering indoors or 50 people outdoors. Know your limit but also know that this can change over time. For the assurance of your guests, you can also detail in the wedding invitations that all health and safety protocols will be adhered to including the restrictions on the number of guests on the date of the wedding. This potentially means that not all invited guests may be able to attend after-all but that you will continue to keep them updated. You may also want to be intentional with who you don't invite such as the elderly or anyone with compromised immune systems, pre-existing medical conditions or who feels uneasy to travel to attend. Instead, offer these loved ones the opportunity to witness the exchanging of the vows virtually over livestream. Most venues now have this option or you can assign some guests to make this available using their smart-phones. There are many livestream options with Zoom, Facebook Live, Instagram Live, Periscope, YouNow, YouTube Live, Google Live Chat and more.

UNDER NO OBLIGATION

Let's face it. We all know someone who seems to have been self-isolating since March 2020 and continues to order online groceries and who wears full PPE when they step out of their home. We also know that someone who continues to live life to their fullest with zero thought of the pandemic. It's important to

recognize that the comfort levels during Covid-19 is a very wide spectrum and nobody should feel obligated to attend your wedding in person, unlike traditional weddings. It's important to ensure that everybody who is attending your wedding feels comfortable in being there. If they currently see everyone and everything as giant germs, they probably shouldn't go.

MASK UP

Not only have face masks been proven to help reduce the spread of the virus and be required by law, they can also be quite fashionable. Most seamstresses can create some custom-matching face masks to the wedding party's attire easily. And why not send some face masks in your wedding invitation or have as your wedding favors. It is predicted that we'll all continue to need face masks into 2021 and even when the vaccine arrives. Local face mask companies have popped up everywhere offering soft, breathable, reusable, affordable and customizable face masks. Check out www.caspermasks.com who can fully customize your wedding face masks for under \$10 each.

GLAMMED UP SANITIZATION STATIONS

Who says sanitization stations have to be drab? Incorporate them into the wedding decor set-up plans by having extra flowers on order or other decorations. Be sure that you have an abundance of hand sanitizer stations on-hand throughout the ceremony and reception and that they are easily accessible by all.

SPREAD IT OUT (Not the Virus)

Although many household family members are in close contact with each other every day, the wedding trend during the pandemic is still to have the ceremony chairs socially distanced by 6 feet apart each. Do away with bench or other shared seating for 2021. This is even more important at the wedding reception since this is often held indoors and when face masks need to come off to eat. When circle tables used to fit 8 people, reduce this down to 4. Instead of the traditional mixing of relatives and friends, perhaps keep the table assignments to those living in the same households only. For your single guests, ask them who they'd feel most comfortable in sharing a table with. Aside from the wedding couple, the party at the head table should also be socially distanced to set that example to the rest of your guests.

CONTACTLESS FOOD

The trend with all-inclusive resorts and banquet facilities now is to offer a meal that has the lowest number of contact with people. For this reason, you'd think that our beloved buffets are no longer but this is on the contrary. You can still offer a buffet-style dinner but they can now be 'assisted buffets' meaning that an employee dishes out the food that each guest prefers, instead of the guests diving in themselves. But the best way to reduce traffic is still to have a sit-down served plated dinner.

TO DANCE OR NOT TO DANCE

We're seeing a significant reduction in dancing at weddings during the pandemic. But, the life of the parties continue to want to express themselves and there are options to bust a move safely. Why not put down tape on the dance floor in socially distanced circles, squares or designer octagons so individuals or household

families can dance together while maintaining distance from one another? Also ensure that you 'biggy-size' the dance floor area so there isn't crowding or act as a deterrent to others who want to participate. When having the father-daughter, son-mother dance, ensure they are in your bubble and wear your face masks for their protection and yours. You may have had a negative test before the event but you've probably been exposed to more people than you realize in the days just prior to the wedding. It's always better to be safe than sorry. Alternatively, instead of dancing, consider other non-traditional entertainment or games that is fun and interactive for the whole group.

SHORT BUT SWEET

Consider shortening the wedding day to reduce exposure time with one another. When the drinking starts and some guests start to quietly sneak away, this might be the time to shut down the whole party. Not only does alcohol reduce inhibitions and increase slobbery drunkenness of affection between friends, it also reduces the immune system. An 11:00 pm curfew for example, would not only reduce the cost of the venue and embarrassing late wedding stories, it would ensure that there has still been enough time to eat, do speeches, cut the cake and dance.

SWEET BUT SHORT

You don't have to have a 10-tier cake on display during pandemic days. You're off the hook on this one this year. Consider a small, intimate cake on display and for use during the cake cutting ceremony while you have the guests portions safely stored in the kitchen. Or if your heart is set, then bring out the tiers only when it's time for cutting. That'll also offer that wow factor!

DESTINATION WEDDINGS

Many destination weddings are also continuing as planned. With many destinations and resorts re-opened since their closures in the Spring of 2020, they are ready and waiting, and exceptionally well sanitized! Not only did IATA advise that the chances of catching Covid-19 while on a plane is one in 41 million, the transportation companies and resorts are strictly adhering to the health and safety protocols, some say, better than found locally in some cases. Like a local wedding, it's important to note that not everyone can attend your destination wedding. You'll have a reduced group size but you'll also have the opportunity to reconnect closer with loved ones over a weekend or a week, rather than just one day. And let's admit it, we all need a little more reconnection since isolating from our loved ones.

CHANGE THE TRADITIONS

To help limit congestion, consider not tossing the garter and bouquet out onto the dance floor. Not only will this save your guests on the bruises, it'll also save them on sharing their competitive sweat with one another. Perhaps the bouquet can be given to the most deserving bachelorette at the party or someone you know will brighten up their isolation days. Also consider posting a glammed up sign at the front of the receiving line that says something like, "air hugs preferred." This will set the tone and reduce the contact between yourselves and your guests, but still allows you to thank each any every one for attending. You can also scrap this tradition and instead, ensure that you walk around to each table to express your gratitude.

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Here's a list of things to do before you set off for your ceremony.



12+ months before

- Set your wedding budget.
- If you'd like to work with a travel agent, pick someone you get along with, who has experience with destination weddings and who'll help you every step of the way.
- Look at your favourite destinations, and decide what you're looking for in a hotel (beachfront location, kid-friendly, chapel, rooftop terrace, etc.).
- Decide on the number of guests.
- Choose the hotel and package that best suit you, and book a block of rooms. Reserve the locations for the ceremony, cocktail and dinner at the desired times.
- Send out the wedding invitations. Guests will book their place in your wedding group directly with your travel agent. Make sure you give an RSVP deadline. Tip: Create a Facebook group, and invite your travel agent to join so he or she can communicate directly with your guests to provide info.

10 to 11 months before

- If you'd like to create a website and hashtag for your wedding, now's the time.
- Get your official documents together, and check that your passport is valid.
- See what's included in your package, and book your photographer, DJ, musicians, etc.

8 to 9 months before

- Buy your wedding dress (and remember: you're going to a tropical climate!).
- Ask your guests to pay their booking deposit with your travel agent.
- Now that you have a better idea of how many people will attend, budget and plan key elements with your hotel (package, theme and colours, menu, extras, etc.).

6 to 7 months before

- Decide what the bridesmaids will wear.
- Buy accessories for the big day, such as jewelry and shoes.
- Your guests' attendance is their wedding gift. So instead of having a wedding registry, why not set up a honeymoon registry with your travel agent? Any loved one who can't go to your wedding will be happy to contribute to your honeymoon fund.

4 to 5 months before

- Organize a few activities for your guests. Why not plan a group excursion?
- Buy stationery and any additional decorative elements you'd like (menu, chair sashes, place cards, centrepieces, etc.). Good to know: Transat's group benefits include an additional piece of baggage for the wedding couple—ideal for those extra items.

2 to 3 months before

- Choose gifts for your guests and bridesmaids.
- Finalize your guest list, and pay your travel agent the full amount.
- Discuss the remaining details with the hotel: flowers, wedding cake, special musical requests, etc.

1 month before

- Schedule a meeting with the hotel wedding coordinator upon arrival and a short wedding rehearsal. Send the coordinator the seating plan, wedding day timeline and any other useful info, and confirm that all your requests have been duly noted.
- If you'd like, plan a welcome cocktail or dinner with your guests at destination.
- Book any beauty appointments you'll need before your departure and once there.
- Start packing your essentials.

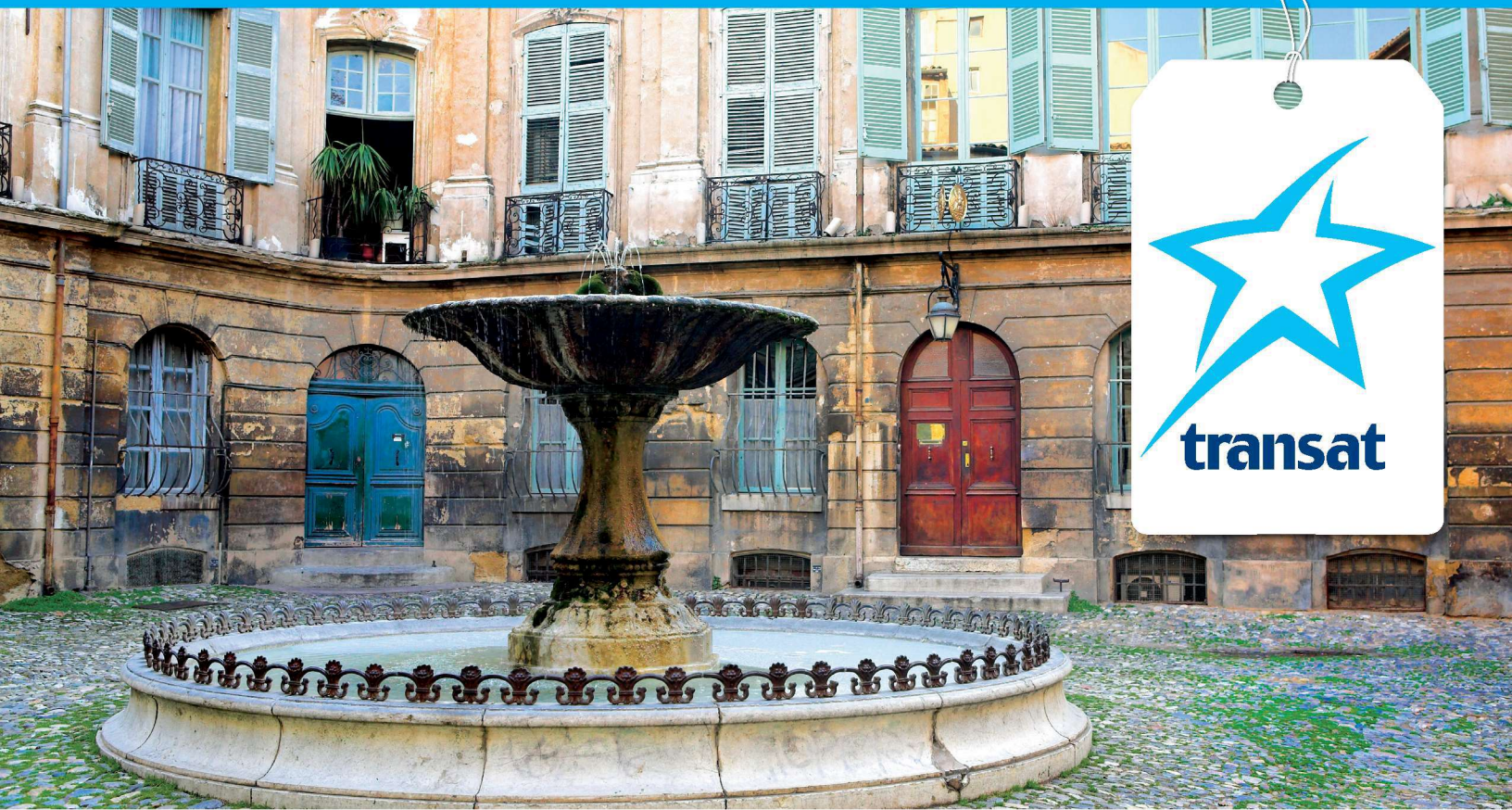
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Group Promotions	Destination	Booking Window	Travel Window	Offer
Melia Hotels Cuba	Cuba	May 5-October 31, 2021	November 1, 2021 - October 31, 2022	8th passenger FREE
Bahia Principe Hotels and Resorts	Various	Book between April 20 - May 31, 2021	November 1, 2021 - October 31, 2022	6th passenger FREE
Melia Hotels International	Various	Book between March 19 - June 30, 2021	June 14, 2021 - December 22, 2022	6th passenger FREE
AM Resorts	Various	Book by December 31, 2022	Until December 31, 2022	6th passenger FREE
Barcelo Hotels and Resorts "UPDATED"	Various	Book by July 31, 2021	December 23, 2021 - December 22, 2022	6th passenger FREE
		Book between August 1-September 30, 2021		8th passenger FREE
Palladium Hotel Group	Various	Book by May 31, 2021	Until December 23, 2023	7th passenger FREE
The Fives Beach Hotel and Residences Playa del Carmen	Cancun	Book by October 31, 2022	Until October 31, 2022	4th room FREE
Sandos Playacar	Cancun	Book by December 20, 2021	May 1, 2021 - December 20, 2021	8th passenger FREE
		Book by December 20, 2022	May 1, 2022 - December 20, 2022	
Sirenis	CUN	Book by October 31, 2022	November 1, 2021 - October 31, 2023	8th passenger FREE
	PUJ			11th passenger FREE
Be Live Hotels	Various	Book by September 30, 2021	Until December 21, 2022	8th passenger FREE
Hotel Playa Cayo Santa Maria	SNU	Book by October 31, 2021	November 1, 2021 - October 31, 2022	8th passenger FREE
Hotel Playa Paraiso	CCC	Book by October 31, 2021	November 1, 2021 - October 31, 2022	8th passenger FREE
Hotel Playa Pesquero	HOG	Book by October 31, 2021	November 1, 2021 - October 31, 2022	8th passenger FREE
Hotel Playa Costa Verde	HOG	Book by October 31, 2021	November 1, 2021 - October 31, 2022	8th passenger FREE
Playa Vista Azul	VRA	Book by October 31, 2021	November 1, 2021 - October 31, 2022	8th passenger FREE
Iberostar Cuba	Various - Cuba	Book by September 30, 2021	May 1 - October 31, 2022	11th passenger FREE
Iberostar Hotel International	CUN, PVR	Book by May 31, 2021	January 2 - October 31, 2022	8th passenger FREE
	MBJ	Book by May 31, 2021	Until October 31, 2022	8th passenger FREE
	LRM	Book by October 31, 2021	Until October 31, 2022	11th passenger FREE
	PUJ, POP	Book by June 30, 2021	November 1, 2021 - October 31, 2022	8th passenger FREE
Catalonia	Various	Book by December 23, 2022	December 24, 2021 - December 23, 2022	11th passenger FREE
Excellence Resorts	Various	Book by November 1, 2021	Until December 20, 2022	11th passenger FREE
Marival	PVR	Book by October 31, 2023	November 1, 2021 - October 31, 2023	13th passenger FREE
Majestic	PUJ and CUN	Book by October 31, 2021	January 15, 2022 - April 30, 2022	16th passenger FREE
		Book by April 1, 2022	May 1 - December 23, 2022	

Group Promotions	Destination	Booking Window	Travel Dates	Offer
Packages	South Europe packages and tours <i>(not applicable to customized or a la carte)</i>	Ongoing	Ongoing	Book up to 40 seats with only a \$300 deposit <i>(max 30 seats for Europe)</i> Complimentary one-time change Group Price Promise Sell above your block Earn free passengers Final payment 45 days prior Final name 30 days prior 20% attrition outside 45 days prior to departure Complimentary group seat assignment
Air Only	All routes	Ongoing	Ongoing	\$100 deposit per group 21st passenger complimentary Complimentary seat assignment Name changes up to 7 days before departure 1st check bag complimentary, max 23kg <i>(conditions apply)</i>

Group Promotions	Destination	Booking Window	Travel Dates	Offer
Group excursions	South	Ongoing	Ongoing	Book your group excursions in advance Earn free passengers Group discount Prices quoted in Canadian dollars Pre-arrange group itineraries Private tours
Group Max	South	Ongoing	Ongoing	Private transfers Separate group check-in at the hotel Complimentary group seat assignment Welcome cocktail upon arrival Rooms located in the same section at the hotel 10% discount on pre-ordered duty-free 15% discount on Option Plus Private group briefing by the destination rep <i>(available at select hotels, conditions apply)</i>

Wedding Group Promotions	Destination	Booking Window	Travel Window	Offer
Wedding Group Advantages	South	Ongoing	Ongoing	For the wedding couple: \$500 future travel voucher Free upgrade to Option Plus Reserved compartment for the wedding gown \$100 excursion credit per couple Complimentary access to the airport lounge



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Wedding Group Promotions Get Plenty of Extras!

- › \$100 Excursion Credit for the newlyweds¹
- › \$500 Future Travel Voucher for the newlyweds²
 - › Free Option Plus upgrade on Air Transat for the newlyweds³
 - › No deposit for 30 guests for up to 90 days after booking⁴
- › Reserved Compartment for your Wedding Gown on Air Transat
 - › Complimentary airport lounge access for the newlyweds⁵



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¹A \$100 credit will be issued to the newlyweds. ²Future travel voucher - If the group reservation is of at least 20 adults, the newlyweds will receive a \$500 non-transferable and non-refundable travel voucher that must be redeemed within 14 months from the original travel date. ³Option Plus - Option Plus is available for economy class seats only. Subject to change and availability. ⁴No deposits for guests - The first 30 guests of a group wedding will not pay a deposit until 90 days after the date of the group booking. Applicable to wedding groups that are booked more than six (6) months prior to departure. The newlyweds and any additional guests will be required to pay a deposit at the time of booking. If the group booking is made less than 90 days prior to the final payment date stated in your group contract, the full payment for the newlyweds and all the guests shall be made on that date. ⁵Available at select Canadian airports only. Transat is a division of Transat Tours Canada Inc., and is registered as a travel wholesaler in Ontario (Reg #50009486) with offices at 191 The West Mall, Suite 800 Etobicoke, ON M9C 5K8; in British Columbia (Reg #2454) with offices at 2175 West 41st Ave, Vancouver, British Columbia V6M 1Z6; in Quebec (Reg #754241) with offices at 300 Léo-Pariseau, Suite 500, Montreal QC H2X 4C2. COM-3699 // December 21, 2020

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Perfect for Stag/stagette or budget-conscious destination weddings (\$1700 or under per person)

BAHAMAS - Melia Nassau Beach

CUBA: Cayo Coco - Melia Cayo Guillermo, Memories Flamenco Beach

CUBA: Santa Clara - Valentin Perla Blanca, Melia Cayo Las Dunas, Memories Paraiso Azul Beach

CUBA: Cayo Santa Maria - Be Live Collection, Sol Cayo Santa Maria

CUBA: Varadero - Barcelo Solymar, Melia Varadero, Memories Varadero, RIU Varadero

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Puerto Plata/Samana - Be Live Marien, Grand Bahia Principe San Juan, RIU

Bachata, RIU Merengue, Grand Bahia Principe Cayacoa, Grand Bahia Principe El Portillo

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Punta Cana - Barcelo Punta Cana, Be Live Punta Cana, Caribe Club

Princess, Melia Punta Cana

MEXICO: Cancun - Barcelo Tucuncun, Barcelo Costa Cancun, Grand Oasis Palm

MEXICO: Mayan Riviera - Grand Bahia Principe Coba/Akumal, Occidental at Xcaret, Barcelo Maya Caribe, RIU Tequila, RIU Yucatan, Sunscapes Akumal

MEXICO: Puerto Vallarta - Melia Puerto Vallarta, Sunscape Puerto Vallarta, RIU Jalisco



4 star+ hotels (\$1700 - \$2200 average per person)

BAHAMAS - RIU Palace Paradise Island, Memories Grand Bahama, Grand Lucayan

COSTA RICA - Allegro Papagayo, Barcelo Langosta Beach, RIU Guanacaste, Margaritaville, Occidental Tamarindo

CUBA: Santa Clara -, Melia Cayo Santa Maria, Valentin Perla Blanca Paraiso, Grand Memories Santa Maria

CUBA: Varadero - Melia Marina Varadero, Ocean El Patriarca, Melia Jardines de Rey, Paradisus Varadero

CURACAO - Sunscape Curacao Resort

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: La Romana - Dreams La Romana, Grand Bahia Principe La Romana, Be Live Canoa

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Punta Cana - Barcelo Bavaro, Bavaro/Punta Cana Princess, Majestic Colonial, Melia Tropical/Caribe, Now Larimar, Now Onyx, Occidental Grand, Ocean Blue/Sand, Dreams Punta Cana, Grand Bahia Principe, Memories Splash, RIU Bambu, Margaritaville, Paradisus Punta Cana, Ocean El Faro, Royalton Punta Cana, Catalonia Resort

JAMAICA - Grand Bahia Principe, Jewel Runaway Bay, RIU Montego Bay, RIU Negril, RIU Ocho Rios, Sunscape Splash, Sunscape Cove, Melia Braco Village, Ocean Coral Spring

MEXICO: Cancun - Gran Caribe Real, RIU Cancun, Now Emerald, Panama Jacks, RIU Costa Mujeres, Now Natura Riviera Cancun, Reflect Cancun, Paradisus Cancun, Fiesta Americana Condesa

MEXICO: Mayan Riviera - Azul Beach, Barcelo Maya Beach/Colonial, Catalonia Costa Mujeres, Dreams Puerto Aventuras, Dreams Tulum, Dreams Riviera Cancun, Hyatt Ziva, Grand Bahia Tulum, Now Jade Riviera, Now Sapphire, Sandos Caracol, Sandos Playacar, Catalonia Playa Maroma, Ocean Coral/Turquesa, Ocean Maya Royale, RIU Playacar, Margaritaville, The Fives Beach Hotel

MEXICO: Cozumel - Occidental Grand Cozumel, Sunscape Sabor Cozumel, Allegro Cozumel, Fiesta Americana Cozumel

MEXICO: Huatulco - Barcelo Huatulco, Dreams Huatulco, Las Brisas

MEXICO: Ixtapa - Barcelo Ixtapa, Sunscape Dorado

MEXICO: Los Cabos - Barcelo Grand Faro Los Cabos, Melia Cabo Real, RIU Sante Fe

MEXICO: Manzanillo - Barcelo Karima Palace

MEXICO: Mazatlan - El Cid Marina Beach, Pueblo Bonito Emerald Bay, RIU Emerald Bay

MEXICO: Puerto Vallarta - Barcelo Puerto Vallarta, Dreams Villamagna, Occidental Nuevo Vallarta, RIU Vallarta, RIU Palace Pacifico, Villa Premiere, Reflect Krystal Grand Nuevo Vallarta, Now Amber



More destination or 5-star options (\$2000+ average per person)

ANTIGUA - St. James Club, The Verandah Resort, Royalton Antigua

ARUBA - Divi Aruba, Occidental Grand Aruba, Renaissance Aruba, RIU Palace Antillas, RIU Palace Aruba

BARBADOS – Ocean Two, Bougainvillea, Accra Beach Hotel, The Club Barbados, Savannah Beach, Waves Hotel, Mango Bay, Sugar Bay

BERMUDA - Grotto Bay Beach Resort

CAYMAN ISLANDS - Margaritaville Beach Resort

COSTA RICA - Dreams Las Mareas, Hilton Papagayo, Riu Palace Costa Rica, Planet Hollywood

CUBA - Paradisus Varadero

CURACAO - Renaissance Curacao, Santa Barbara Beach, Dreams Curacao

DOMINICAN - Barcelo Bavaro Palace Deluxe, Dreams Palm Beach, Hard Rock Hotel, Majestic Elegance, Majestic Mirage, Paradisus Palma Real, Paradisus Punta Cana, RIU Palace Bavaro/Macao, RIU Palace Punta Cana, Dreams Macao Beach, Grand Real at Paradisus Palma Real, Royalton Bavaro, Nickelodeon, Sensatori Punta Cana

JAMAICA - Hyatt Ziva Rosehall, Azul Beach Resort Negril, Moon Palace Jamaica, RIU Palace Jamaica, RIU Palace Tropical Bay, Hyatt Ziva, Royalton Negril, Beaches Negril, Beaches Ocho Rios, Hilton Rose Hall, Jewel Grande

MEXICO: Cancun - Beach Palace, Finest Playa Mujeres, Hard Rock Cancun, Hyatt Ziva, Dreams Sands, Margaritaville Island Reserve Riviera Cancun, Sandos Cancun Luxury, Live Aqua, RIU Palace Las Americas, RIU Palace Peninsula, Dreams Vista Cancun, Royalton Cancun, Planet Hollywood, Majestic Costa Mujeres, Paradisus Playa Mujeres, Generations Riviera Maya, Dreams Playa Mujeres

MEXICO: Mayan Riviera - The Fives, Barcelo Maya Palace Deluxe, Moon Palace, Playacar Palace, Paradisus Playa Del Carmen La Esmeralda, Grand Velas Riviera Maya, Margaritaville Island Reserve Riviera, RIU Palace Mexico, RIU Palace Riviera Maya, Hyatt Ziva

MEXICO: Cozumel - Cozumel Palace

MEXICO: Los Cabos - Dreams Los Cabos, Hyatt Ziva, Hard Rock Los Cabos, RIU Palace, Sandos Finisterra, Grand Fiesta Americana

MEXICO: Puerto Vallarta - Grand Velas, Hard Rock Hotel, Hyatt Ziva, Marival Residence, Grand Velas All Suites, Now Amber Resort

PANAMA - Intercontinental Playa Bonita, RIU Playa Blanca, Dreams Playa Bonita Panama

ST. LUCIA – Royalton St. Lucia, Coconut Bay Resort, St. James Club Morgan Bay, Windjammer

ST. MAARTEN - RIU Palace St. Martin, Sonesta Ocean Point Resort, Planet Hollywood

More options are abound for something different

ANTIGUA - Galley Bay, Royalton Antigua, Starfish Jolly Beach

ARUBA - Manchebo Beach Resort

BARBADOS - Mango Bay, Turtle Beach, Crystal Cove, Sea Breeze, starfish Discovery Bay

COLUMBIA - Be Live Experience Cartagena

COSTA RICA – Planet Hollywood

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - Zoetry Aqua Punta Cana

GRENADA - Coyaba Beach Resort

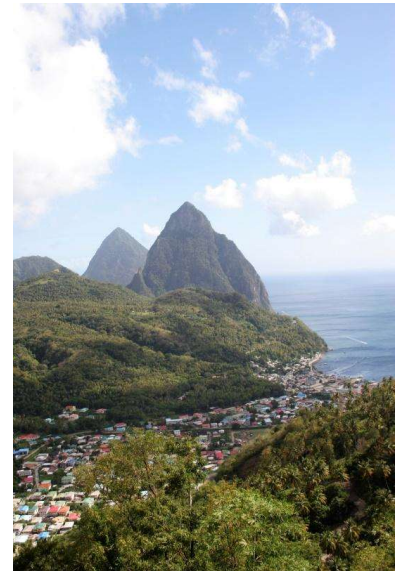
MEXICO - Zoetry Paraiso de la Bonita, Zoetry Villa Rolandi Isla Mujeres, Zoetry Casa Del Mar Los Cabos

RIVER CRUISE - Uniworld “U”

ST. LUCIA - Anse Chastanet, East Winds Inn

TURKS & CAICOS - Beaches Turks & Caicos, Windsong Resort

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DESTINATION WEDDING BUDGET:

The wedding ceremony: Please budget around \$2,000 - \$6,000 on average for the onsite wedding including photographer, flowers, décor, etc.

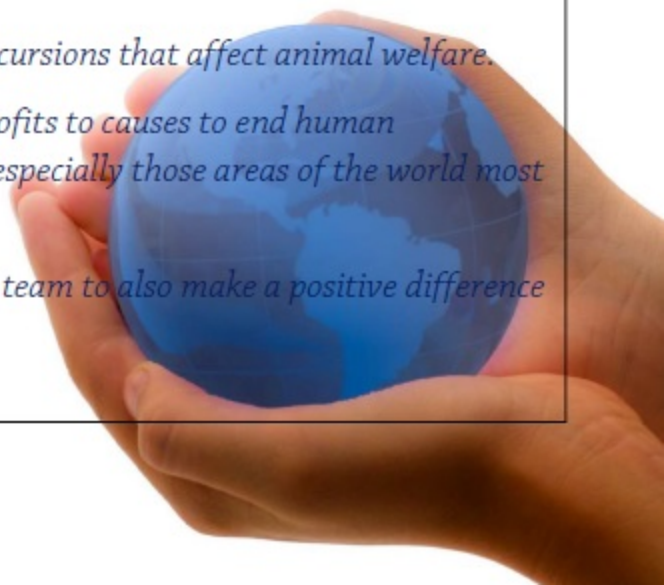
The reception dinner: Semi-private dinners are included at most all-inclusive resorts. However, if you wish for a private function, please budget around US\$50 per person for a set dinner menu and dedicated service staff. You will also have the option to add-on entertainment such as a live band, DJ, dance floor, dedicated private bar with staff, décor such as table cloth linens, wedding favors, centre pieces and more.

THE TOTAL AVERAGE DESTINATION WEDDING COST for a group of 40 guests: \$5,000 - \$10,000 (keep in mind a local wedding costs on average: \$28,000 in Canada!)



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- 2) *We pledge to off-set our carbon foot-print for every work flight that any of our employees take.*
- 3) *We pledge to contribute back to the local community we visit on all of our own company conferences.*
- 4) *We pledge to plant one tree for every travel booking we make, in the name of the customer who has booked with us.*
- 5) *We pledge to donate a wedding dress to an impoverished bride for every destination wedding group that books with us.*
- 6) *We pledge to make it available for customers, associates and employees to off-set their own carbon foot-print and to contribute to the cause of sustainable tourism.*
- 7) *We pledge to send out tips on being a responsible traveler to all of our clients before their trip.*
- 8) *We pledge not to promote or sell any excursions that affect animal welfare.*
- 9) *We pledge to donate a portion of our profits to causes to end human trafficking and to a cleaner environment, especially those areas of the world most impacted by tourism.*
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