



Planning Guide

6 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR

- ☐ Decide on the budget
- ☐ Choose your wedding style
 - ☐ Small, boutique style resort
 - ☐ Large, mega-resort
 - ☐ Group or just the two of you
 - ☐ With/without children
- ☐ Research destinations and hotels
TIP: Narrow your choices to 2 or 3 in case your first selection is not available.
- ☐ Request information on the wedding packages at your selected hotels
- ☐ Contact the Consulates of your chosen countries to obtain the marriage legal requirements and start collecting the documentation
- ☐ Select a wedding week
TIP: Choose 2, in case your 1st choice is not available.
- ☐ Draft an estimated guest list
- ☐ Request pricing
TIP: If you have 10 or more guests travelling request a group rate from Signature Vacations.
- ☐ Finalize the destination and hotel
- ☐ Contact the hotel's wedding coordinator to ensure your wedding date is available
- ☐ Confirm your destination and hotel choice with your travel professional
- ☐ Send out invitations to guests that include:
 - ☐ Destination and hotel information
 - ☐ Documentation requirements
 - ☐ Restaurant dress code
 - ☐ Ceremony dress code
 - ☐ Price with deposit amounts and date of final payments
 - ☐ How to book
- ☐ Confirm photographer, you can bring him/ her along or use the one at the hotel
- ☐ Select bridal attire
 - ☐ Traditional, casual or custom made
 - ☐ Island specific; some Bridal collections are beginning to offer wedding attire made specifically for the Caribbean.
 - ☐ Confirm hair & make-up stylists are available at the hotel

4 TO 6 MONTHS

- ☐ Talk with hotel wedding coordinator about legal requirements and submitting
- ☐ Decide on à la carte options from the wedding packages at your resort and confirm with your wedding coordinator
- ☐ Follow up with invited guests who have not booked yet
- ☐ Select attire for bridesmaids
- ☐ Purchase wedding bands

2 TO 4 MONTHS

- ☐ Finalize wedding attire for the groom and groomsmen
- ☐ Purchase bridal accessories
- ☐ Choose wedding favours for guests
TIP: Look for favours that will not add a lot of excess weight to your luggage such as charitable donations, canvas tote bags, personal luggage tags, or better yet, buy local gifts
- ☐ Look into events/tours for the group while in destination with the assistance of your travel professional and the hotel. Inform guests of any choices (especially if specific attire is required). For example a catamaran cruise or special thank you dinner.
TIP: Ask your Signature Vacations destination representative for a special group rate on local excursions.

1 TO 2 MONTHS

- ☐ Final fitting for bridal attire
- ☐ Shop for holiday wear
 - ☐ Swim suits
 - ☐ 'Just Married' flip flops, beach hats or t-shirts
- ☐ Pre-book seats on airplane so wedding guests can sit together
- ☐ Arrange for transportation to and from the airport

2 WEEKS

- ☐ Confirm all details with hotel wedding coordinator
- ☐ Pick-up all attire, accessories and jewellery
- ☐ Assemble wedding favours and pack them

UPON ARRIVAL

- ☐ Meet with your wedding coordinator to go over the marriage license and documentation
- ☐ Make final selections for the cake, flowers, music and location
- ☐ Visit the ceremony site
- ☐ Walk around the property to scout out photo locations with your photographer
- ☐ Give the photographer an itinerary for the wedding day detailing where the ceremony, photographs and dinner will be held
- ☐ Make salon appointments

WEDDING DAY

- ☐ Relax, focus on each other and have fun!
TIP: Make sure to eat breakfast, with all the excitement it could be awhile before your next meal.