

# Wedding Package 2006 Holiday Inn Puerto Vallarta

I am very pleased to be able to help you deal with the legal paperwork and Mexican authorities needed to put together your wedding in this beautiful destination.

I have to explain a few things about weddings in Mexico or Puerto Vallarta that you may want to know.

According to the laws the paperwork needed to get married here and the new requirements have become so many and so overwhelming that a lot of our guests had decided for a Minister Ceremony instead. The Minister not only officiates a beautifull touching ceremony but gives you a Marriage Certificate to conmemorate the event.

The guests then wait until they go back home to marry legally which can be easily accomplished back there for just a small fee paid at the local city hall, city registrar or any local courts.

The fact that our Minister speaks English perfectly well and that she is registered at all the legal departments: American Consulate, Canadian Consulate, City Registrar, etc... gives us a peace of mind. The Mexican rites our Minister performs are beautiful and full of meaning and the ceremony, although non denominational, is a free spirit kind of ceremony rather than the traditional ceremonies we have seen in the past. Our Minister has performed in front of movie stars such as Brook Shields and Brandon Frasser and moved even them to tears. She has also performed for local couples too.

## A little bit of our History:

Since 1857 our political constitution in Mexico prohibits our Ministers, Priests, Rabies', or any other religious leaders to perform legal ceremonies. Religious ceremonies, therefore are considered only of moral value. In Mexico, however we regard as that ceremony, the religious or spiritual ceremony, as the most important one for this is where our vows are declared and where the whole meaning of love and union is found and in any case, marriage is not automatically recognized in USA or CANADA. No matter how you marry here you will still have to register back home any way as if you didn't marry here at all. So Why bother with so many requirements?

What to do then?



### You have two choices:

First and far more simple would be to marry here in a ceremony officiated by a registered Non-**Denominational Minister** and take care of the legal aspect later on as soon as you get back home.

# 1.- The Minister Ceremony offered to you covers the following:

Commemorative & decorative Marriage Certificate,

Ceremony with the three Mexican Rites:

- Blessing of the 13 coins representing the 13 moons of a year (Started with Mayan and celebrated by Mexican couples with 13 gold plated coins that the Minister will provide)
- Blessing of the knot. (Tie the bow) Mexican style.
- Blessing of the rings. (You will bring those of course)

The ceremony is very romantic and yet not too long.

A wedding cake

Two bottles of sparkling wine for toast the bride bouquet and the groom bouttonier 2 decoration flowers for the location The set up place "El Espigon" beside to the beach

Requirements for this wedding are:

copy of your driving licenses: Bride and Groom. copy of your Birth Certificates: Bride and Groom.

COST

This kind of Marriage Ceremony has a cost of only

\$ 830.00 USD (Tax included)

\*\* All inclusive guest: Dinner set up (Guacamaya) per person USD \$11.00



If you wish to marry legally here, we need you to follow all the requirements needed at the City

## 2.- The Civil Ceremony:

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CIVIL WEDDING: (groom & bride)

- 1.- Birth certificate (a certify photocopy legally stamped & apostille)
- 2.- Passport or driver license (a photocopy)
- 3.- Tourist card (a photocopy)
- 4.- Blood test & health certificate (mandatory done in Pto. Vallarta)
- 5.- Divorce certificate if applicable
- 6.- Death certificate of previous spouse if applicable

Note: Birth, Divorce and Death certificate must be duly translated into Spanish, legally stamped and apostille.

7.- New Requirement: From now on a couple should need to be in the City of Puerto Vallarta enough time to previously assist to a mandatory prenuptial briefing where they shall be watching a videotape about marriage. The presentations of the video tape shall be conducted only on Thursday and therefore the couple would need to be in Vallarta at least one or two days before a Thursday to assure that they will be going to the office of the Mexican Government in charge of such presentation.

YOU MUST TO BRING WITH YOU ALL THE DOCUMENTS ABOVE METIONED.

#### THE COST OF THE WEDDING PACKAGE IS:

### \$ 1,300.00 USD

The ceremony perform by a qualified Minister of the City Hall of Pto. Vallarta All administrative documents done in México
Blood test, Translation & Transportation in Vallarta
A commemorative wedding cake
Two bottles of sparkling wine for toast
the bride bouquet
the groom bouttonier
2 decoration flowers for the location
The set up place "El espigon" by the ocean view

\*\* All inclusive guest: Dinner set up (Guacamaya) per person USD \$11.00

## EXTRA CHARGE: (YOU MUST TO DO IN PTO VALLARTA)

\* Translation of the Documents into Spanish: US\$35.00 per each birth certificate, \$20.00 per wedding certificate translation into English, that mean US\$90.00 or \$900.00 pesos

In case there is a Divorce, Death certificate or name change the translator will charge US\$30.00 per each one, You will get a receipt from the Official Translator.

\* The transportation (taxi free) to the office of the Mexican Government in charge of such presentation.

REGISTRAR WHICH ARE HEREBY DESCRIBED LEGAL MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LEGAL WEDDING ARE:

### For Bride and Groom

Birth Certificates

with apostille issued by the Secretary of State (If Canadian legalized by Mexican Consulate) Original document to stay at the city Registrar for 25 years

Divorce decrees if applicable

with apostille issued by the Secretary of State (If Canadian legalized by Mexican Consulate)
Original document to stay at the city Registrar for 25 years

Death certificates of late spouse if applicable with apostille issued by the Secretary of State (If Canadian legalized by Mexican Consulate) Original document to stay at the city Registrar for 25 years

Picture ID original and a Xerox copy (original to be checked out and a Xerox copy that they will keep)

Original Legal entrance form and a Xerox copy

("tourist card" or if resident: fm2 or fm3; the original to be checked out and a Xerox copy that they will keep)

Blood test (original document to be kept at the City Registrar)

Health certificate (original document to be kept at the City Registrar)

Both should be made here in Mexico by a local doctor. (mandatory done in Puerto Vallarta)

Official translations made by authorized expert translator (mandatory done in Puerto Vallarta) of the following documents:



Birth Certificates

with Apostille issued by the Secretary of State (If Canadian legalized by Mexican Consulate)

Divorce decrees if applicable

with apostille issued by the Secretary of State (If Canadian legalized by Mexican Consulate)

Death certificates if applicable

with apostille issued by the Secretary of State (If Canadian legalized by Mexican Consulate)

The above documents must be sent to the Secretary of State of the different States in which the births, divorces and or deaths occurred (if that applies to your case) (If

Canadian legalized by Mexican Consulate) and you have to request from The Notary Department of the Secretary of State to issue one APOSTILLE letter in each of the applicable documents. Please do not get confused with the rise seal placed usually at those documents.

The required document is a: "LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION CALLED APOSTILLE"

(If Canadian just make sure to send to be legalized by the Mexican Consulate)

This is very important because without this, the legal wedding can not take place.

After you have your documents back from the different Secretaries of State (if such was the case) or If Canadian legalized by Mexican Consulate

I will need the documents to be able to start the legal translations that are going to be presented at the Civil Authorities. Please keep in mind that this documents will stay in the Mexican City Registrar for at least 25 years so use certified true to the original copies or a new copy issued exclusively for that matter. You can send them to me by Fedex, this to me is the best option.

### Besides that, I will also need the following data:

Date for the ceremony, time for the ceremony

place for the ceremony if you already have a location other than the Hotel

Full name of Bride, Full address, Citizenship, Current Bride's address

Name of both parents, citizenship and if they are still alive or not

Addresses of both parents

Full name of Groom, Full address, Citizenship

Current Groom's address

Name of both parents, citizenship and if they are still alive or not

Addresses of both parents



## The names of two witnesses:

Full legal names of both. Ages of both. Full addresses. Citizenship of both witnesses kind of relationship with Bride and or Groom: friend, cousin etceteras... (No direct kinship like father, mother, son daughter, is accepted)

The price of the legal ceremony varies according to the documents to Translate. There are a lot more expenses to be covered on this kind of service such as Secretary of States Consulates, express mails to all the government departments, local transportation's to all the different official departments such as Expert Translator, City Registrar, Permit and Applications Dept. etc...

**Reception Dinner:** will be considered according to the needs of our couple and the size of the party. The decision it is entirely up to you and we would like to help you in whatever the choice you made and try to make the best of such an important and beautiful moment in the life of a couple. Their wedding day.

Sincerely,
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