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FROM THE MINISTER OF TOURISM & AVIATION Hon. Dionisio D'Aguilar, MP

Each year, The Islands Of The Bahamas play a key role in the nuptials of thousands of couples from the world over, providing the dream setting for their most cherished moment in time.

Getting to The Bahamas is easy. Our nation of 700 islands encompassing sixteen unique island destinations lie just 50 miles southeast of Florida, and are connected by scheduled, non-stop air service from the major cities of the United States, Canada and Europe.

Couples seeking a location to say "I do" choose The Islands Of The Bahamas for many reasons. Chief among those reasons is our geography. Surrounded by seas, beaches and landscapes of breathtaking beauty, couples have the option of, not one or two islands, but a bevy of sixteen unique island destinations that each offer a distinctly different vacation experience. Couples may choose to marry on one island and spend their honeymoon on another or even share their time between two islands.

Now is an opportune time to introduce to you the famous sixteen island destinations that comprise The Bahamas. You're probably already acquainted with world renowned Nassau and

PROVIDING THE DREAM SETTING FOR THEIR **MOST CHERISHED** MOMENT IN TIME

ME MESSAGE

Paradise Island or maybe Freeport. The other island gems go by names like Exuma, Eleuthera, Harbour Island, Andros, Bimini, The Berry Islands, San Salvador, Cat Island, Long Island, Acklins & Crooked Island, Mayaguana, Inagua and Ragged Island.

Brides-to-be select The Islands Of The Bahamas as their wedding destination because of how easy it is to execute the nuptials of their dreams. The marriage formalities are minimal; the choice of wedding settings endless and the array of wedding services available, from a registry of certified wedding planners to photographers and florists facilitate seamless planning of the big day, whether it is an intimate affair or a grand ceremony.

To those couples with wedding plans on your mind, I invite you to consider saying your vows here in our islands, where the people are warm and friendly and everything is in place to make your wedding a dream come true.

Warm Regards

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Hon. Dionisio D'Aguilar, MP Minister of Tourism & Aviation





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Something Old 14 Features Hair by Tara Miller

TARA MILLER

Hair Contributor & Beauty Consultant @ Metamorphosis Beauty Salon A titan in the local hair

industry, based in Nassau, New Providence.

Q. What's the best advice you have for brides looking for a local hairstylist?

A. When looking for local talent, do your research. Ask your event planner for recommendations or Google hairstylist/ makeup artists in the area and reach out for photos of previous work they've done.

Definitely email photos of your desired hairstyle to the artist of your choice. I suggest booking at least 3 months before your wedding date to liaise back and forth with the artists via email/video calling so that everything goes smoothly.



Something Old 14 Features Makeup by Patacia Rhodriguez

PATACIA RHODRIGUEZ

Beauty Contributor & Makeup Artist @ Rhode to Beauty Professional makeup artist and beauty consultant, based in Nassau, New Providence.

Q. What's your number one tip for destination wedding brides?

A. Stay away from products described as "illuminating" or "dewy" as it will only accentuate shine throughout the day. Ask your makeup artist for a matte or semi-matte finish. A matte finish in a humid climate will give you the most radiant and glowy finish as the day progresses.

You'll find that you will require fewer touch-ups and you won't have to worry about your makeup melting away. To beat any unwanted shine, keep a powder puff with blotting powder nearby and finish the night flawlessly!



Something Old 24 Features Dress by Phylicia Ellis

PHYLICIA ELLIS

Owner & Fashion Designer @ Phylicia Ellis Bridal Custom wedding gown, reception gown and bridesmaid gown designer based in Nassau, New Providence.

Q. What's your best gown advice for destination wedding brides?

A. Make sure you're in love with your gown and not "settling" for a simple look just because it's a destination wedding. Make necessary arrangements at your destination to ensure that the vision of your day is fully executed and that your dress looks the same as you've always dreamed it would.



Something Borrowed 48 Features Bags by Harl Taylor

BEVERLY TAYLOR

Designer Contributor @ Harl Taylor BAG

Q. What advice do you have for newlywed couples??

A. Communication is key in any successful relationship. The ability to have a 'safe' space where both individuals can discuss all matters pertaining to a healthy relationship is very important - this can lead to a firm foundation for Trust which is critical to the union's longevity and also putting God in the center of all of your endeavours.

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The Islands of the BAHAMAS

Spanning over 100,000 square miles, the northernmost island is a mere 50 miles off Florida's coast. The Bahamas, which means "shallow water," decorates the Atlantic Ocean



GETTING HERE

FREEPORT

Barefoot wedding on the pink sands of Eleuthera, or a glamorous garden wedding on Paradise Island.

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16 ISLANDS TO HAVE AND TO HOLD

Nassau, New Providence

For the couple looking for an island life with big city flair. Nassau has a breadth of luxury wedding locations, museums, underwater adventures, duty-free shopping, nightlife and the famous Junkanoo Experience.

Paradise Island

For the city chic bride and groom ready to wed and honeymoon in the lap of luxury — enjoy several luxury resorts and locations including the renowned Ocean Club, The Cloisters and Atlantis Resort.

The Abacos

Abaco, renowned for its superb sailing, fishing, quaint historic villages, breathtaking beaches, eco-adventures and championship golf, is undergoing rapid recovery from 2019 Hurricane Dorian. Stay tuned for the re-opening of The Abacos.

Acklins Island

For the couple ready to elope! This is the island for couples looking to ditch the large resorts for a secluded, intimate wedding experience.

Bimini

For the couples most at home boating around the islands and trying the freshest seafood throughout the islands. The Biminis are perfect for a nautical wedding.

Eleuthera

For the couple with dreams of a 110-mile long island of quaint villages and stunning natural locations guaranteed to make for jaw-dropping wedding photos.

Long Island

For couples who love diving, snorkeling, fishing and long scenic drives. Upgrade your beach wedding to the turquoise lagoon surrounding one of the world's deepest blue holes — Dean's Blue Hole

Mayaguana

For couples obsessed with the offbeaten path, Mayaguana is perfect for a rugged, outdoor wedding between the beaches and nature reserves.

Grand Bahama

For the relaxed couple, Grand Bahama offers a special blend of resorts with a touch of true island life. The island has made tremendous strides to normalcy with many beaches, attractions and restaurants now opened.

Andros

For the couple who feels most at home exploring nature in its truest form: spend your honeymoon fishing, bird watching, snorkeling and kayaking through Andros' abundant natural resources.

Berry Islands

For the cay-hopping couple who loves to sport fish and dive, The Berry Islands offer up the best fishing among all the islands. Plan an 'adventure-moon" unlike any other.

Cat Island

For outdoor-enthusiastic couples, Cat Island is a dream to explore with unique, historic wedding spots. Sites sit mostly intact including a monastery built in 1939 on Mount Alvernia, the highest point in The Bahamas.

Crooked Island

For couples who love stumbling upon a beach with powdery white sand and turquoise waters lapping at the shore, and being the only ones there!

The Exumas

For couples with a love for sailing, snorkeling and diving, and with a desire for peace and relaxation. Exuma boasts numerous emerald-casted cays stunning beaches and quiet communities.

Harbour Island

Harbour Island, a small island off the north coast of the main island of Eleuthera, boasts a breathtaking 3-mile stretch of pink sand beach.

San Salvador

Couples looking for historic destination wedding sites and pristine beaches will find their fill in San Salvador.

Something Old

With every location steeped in rich history and lore, turn the pages of yesteryear and prepare to be swept away in the romance of Olde Nassau.

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I. SURREY RIDE

Nassau, New Providence

The nostalgia of being whisked away on a horse-drawn carriage will never lose its fancy. Tracing back to a time when roads were cobblestone, Horse and Carriages have been a part of the charm of downtown Nassau for over 60 years.

PERFECT FOR The whimsical bride with a love for fairytale endings.

Dapper in Black and White: This formal three-piece suit is heavy on romance and style

Suit by Bonneville Bones (bahamas.com/ vendor/bonnevillebones) Lapel Pin by PicoBrand (thepicobrand.com)

2. GREGORY'S ARCH

Nassau, New Providence

Still standing as it was built nearly two centuries ago, Gregory's Arch signifies the separation between downtown Nassau and the grassroots Over-The-Hill community. Built the 1800s, Gregory's Arch was named after then Governor of The Bahamas, John Gregory.

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WEDDING TIP

While Gregory's Arch runs over too busy of an active road for a ceremony spot, it serves as a stunning backdrop for wedding photos. Any local photographer will know this spot by heart.

3. RED SHUTTER BUILDING

Nassau, New Providence

Formally known as the Magna Carta Court, the red shutter building brings an old-world, European charm to a busy island street. The iconic landmark, built entirely out of limestone with its signature red-wooden shutters, has sat on the corner of Shirley and Parliament Street since the early 1800s.

PERFECT FOR

The bride bewitched with an old-world charm and style.

The illusion neckline gives this gown a draped in diamonds" look that any bride would love!

Dress by Javotte Bethel (Bahamian Designer) Earrings by Pink Pearl (Susan Davis) Hair by Tara Iler (Metamorphosis Salon) Makeup by Patacia Rhodriquez

4. QUEEN'S STAIRCASE

Nassau, New Providence

The rich history of the Queen's Staircase is rivaled only by its mysticism and enchanting beauty. Also called the 66 steps, the natural limestone carved stairs stand 102 feet tall at the entrance of Fort Fincastle in downtown Nassau.

PERFECT FOR The bride in love with gracious fauna and a dreamy outdoor locale.

A classic slim fit and bowtie make a grand statement in a simple way.

> Suit by Bonneville Bones

All eyes on the bride: it's impossible to look away from the ethereal bow and train.

Dress by DASH Designer Shoes Jewelry by Coin of the Realm (coinrealm.net) Makeup by Patacia Rhodriquez

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5. BALCONY HOUSE

Nassau, New Providence

Sir Ian Fleming, the writer of the infamous James Bond books, once called this charming location his home. This picturesque pink stand-out, built in the 18th century, is the oldest standing wooden structure in downtown Nassau.

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PERFECT FOR The bride looking for an amorous wedding locale with a rustic flair.

The diagonal and horizontal pleating give personality to this simple gown.

Dress by DASH Designer Shoes Hand Chain by Cartier (en.cartier.com) Makeup by Patacia Rhodriquez Hair by Tara Miller Metamorphosis Salon (metamorphosis beautysalon.net)



Nassau, New Providence

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Lush gardens surround this remodeled 18th century estate that lends a colonial essence to any nuptials.

Tip: As a popular spot for cocktail parties, jazz events and weddings, we suggest booking this venue at least 10 months in advance.

JACARANDAHOUSENASSAU.COM

PERFECT FOR

The sophisticated bride enamored with an upscale destination wedding.

Blushing Beauty: The floral trimming at the bottom of this mermaid gown is a dream.

Dress by-DASH Designer Shoes Makeup by Patacia Rhodriquez Hair by Tara Miller Metamorphasis Salon (metamorphosis beautysalon.net) Bouquet by Wildflowers (wildflowersbahamas.com)

Dress by DASH Designer Shoes Makeup by Patacia Rhodriquez

Birds are a girl's best friend!

Dress by Phylicia Ellis (phyliciaellis.com) Hair & Makeup by Lucy Lu Beauty Bouquet by Wildflowers (wildflowers bahamas.com) Jewelry by Coin of The Realm (coinrealm.net)

7. ARDASTRA GARDENS

Nassau, New Providence

The Bahamas' first and only zoo, Ardastra Gardens is a utopia with four acres of tropical gardens and home to countless species, including a flock of native Inagua Flamingoes. What started as a tranquil garden in 1937, has become a full nature preserve and habitat in the heart of New Providence.

Tip: The "Ballerinas in Pink" perform a dance for guests daily. It's definitely not to be missed!

ARDASTRA.COM

PERFECT FOR

the bride with a love for animals and in search of a unique, standout wedding location.

Mix matched bridesmaids is a wedding trend that will never go extinct!

Dress (Left) from **Cole's** of Nassau by Innika Cho (colesofnassau.com) Jewelry (Left) by **Chevette Williamson** Makeup (Left) by **Patacia Rhodriquez** Hair (Left) by **Tara Miller** Metamorphosis Salon (metamorphosis beautysalon.net)

Top & Shorts (Right) from Cole's of Nassau by Pat Bo (colesofnassau. com)Jewelry (Right) by Coin of The Realm (coinrealm.net) Makeup (Right) by Patacia Rhodriquez Hair (Right) by Tara Miller Metamorphosis Salon (metamorphosis beautysalon.net)

Something modern and something blue, the native print and Baby Blue Pants make a huge island wedding statement.

Outfit by **Theodore Elyett** (Bahamian Designer) Jewelry by **Baha Gala** (bahagala.com) Bouquet by **The Nassau Florist** (thenassauflorist.com)

Make a big and bold statement with these printed bridesmaids gowns.

Dresses (Opposite) by **Theodore Elyett** (Bahamian Designer) Makeup (Opposite) by **Patacia Rhodriquez & Lucy Lu Beauty** (lucylubrides.com) Hair (Opposite) by **Tara Miller** Metamorphosis Salon (metamorphosisbeautysalon.net)



8. FORT CHARLOTTE

Nassau, New Providence

Hers is a full and colorful history of underground passageways, dungeons and cannons. Named after the wife of King George III, Fort Charlotte, and her 1,000 acres, command the view of West Bay Street and most of Nassau Harbour.

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PERFECT FOR The bride obsessed with venues that possess a historic glamour.







A certified **Bahamian Wedding Planner** is your best source of information on destination weddings in The Bahamas. With 700 islands and cays dancing in the clear, aquamarine waters of the tropics, your wedding options are endless. No one knows the islands and your options for Bahamas weddings quite like the members of **The Bahamas Bridal Association**.

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New experiences deserve brand new destinations. Welcome to the chic, modern side of The Bahamas, featuring some of Nassau's premier destination wedding and honeymoon hot spots.

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Poolside Luxury: The Cove's pool is lined with 20 upscale, Bahamian-styled private cabanas, and features a daytime DJ and an exclusive eatery.







1. COVE ATLANTIS

Paradise Island

A sophisticated experience awaits you at The Cove Atlantis, with the height of exclusivity found at the world-class Cove pool oasis. Find yourselves in a suite overlooking Paradise beaches at The Cove, 1 Casino Drive at Paradise Island.

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PERFECT FOR A lover's swim and play day around the adult-only Cove pool.

Poolside or Beachside: Prepare to have your every need met by a private concierge.

Bride Swimsuit by Sirivannavari (sirivannavari.com) Swimsuit Cover up by Vida Cayo (vidacayo.com) Hat by The Plait Lady (Marina Village, Paradise Island) Earrings by Craft Cottage Bahamas Makeup by Yeisha Forbes Beauty (yeishaforbesbeauty.com)

A little bit daring, a whole lot of chic and modern — this structured suit is complemented nicely with a sleek do and gold earrings.

Pack your sunscreen, swimsuit and straw hats for all the outdoor activities for two that Dolphin Cay has to offer.

Hat by **The Plait Lady** (Marina Village) Earrings by **Craft Cottage Bahamas** || Makeup by **Yeisha Forbes Beauty** (yeishaforbesbeauty.com)

FASHION

Welcome to island life! A relaxed look is definitely the way to go. An off-theshoulder, ruffled crop top completes this summer bride look.

Dress by Brynda Knowles Designs || Earrings by Craft Cottage Bahamas || Makeup by Yeisha Forbes Beauty

2. DOLPHIN CAY

Paradise Island

For the bride and groom looking for rich, eco-friendly experiences on your honeymoon, Dolphin Cay is the natural marine sanctuary for you. Find this 14-acre dolphin and sealife habitat at the established Atlantis Resort, Paradise Island.

PERFECT FOR Couples looking for the picture-perfect honeymoon photo.



FASHION

Welcome to your wedding weekend at SLS, where even check-in is grand! (SLS Lobby)



3. SLS BAHA MAR

Cable Beach, New Providence

A part of the Baha Mar family, Nassau's newest resort is an eclectic blend of luxury, art and culture.Nestled on 1 Baha Mar Blvd along the well-known Cable Beach strip

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PERFECT FOR

Couples seeking a true luxe, 5-star experience.
Check in with a flirty-chic dress, white of course (because you are the bride after all!)

Dress by

Cole's of Nassau (colesofnassau.com) Bag by Crab Toes (shopcrabtoes.com) [Necklace & Earrings by Coin of The Realm (coinrealm.net) Makeup by Patacia Rhodriquez Hair by Tara Miller (Metamorphosis Salon)

DID YOU KNOW?

Every SLS wedding couple gets a designated wedding specialist to help them plan their dream wedding. The beauty in this Bespoke locallycrafted gown is the baroque lace coral specifically designed for a beach bride.

Wedding Dress by **Phylicia Ellis** (phyliciaellis.com) Jewelry by **Coin of The Realm** (coinrealm.net)



Thursday

Meeting with wedding planner to finalize details.

Friday Welcome Cocktail!

Saturday Beach Wedding and Reception under the stars.

Sunday Honeymoon Spa Day! Sheer Elegance: The artistry on the top of this deep-v gown is exquisite.

Dress by **Theodore Elyett** (Theodore Sealy) Ring by **Coin of The Realm** (coinrealm.net) Earrings by **Baha Gala** Freeport (bahagala.com) Hair & Makeup by **Lucy Lu Beauty** (lucylubrides.com)

4. SKY BAR AT SLS

Quality Cable Beach, New Providence

Whether day or night, Nassau's only open-air, rooftop lounge is always alive with stellar views, signature cocktails and live entertainment.

PERFECT FOR Popping the question under the stars. Pull out all the stops, the night is yours. This show-stopping gold sequined gown would look amazing with your new diamond ring!

Dress by Leeloo Couture Shore Boutique (leeloocouture.com) Bag by Crab Toes (shopcrabtoes.com) Jewelry by Coin of The Realm (coinrealm.net)

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DID YOU KNOW?

SLS at Baha Mar is an experience filled with opulence. Days are just as exciting as nights with options like The Privilege Day Party Pool, The Bungalow, Martinis at the Monkey Bar, nightlife at BOND, or live music at the Sky Bar. Take your pick.

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Ready for the day time this floral jumpsuit is perfect for a wedding welcome cocktail part Top & Shorts by Cole's of Nassau (colesofnassau.com) Bag by Crab Toes shopcrabtoes.com Jewelry-by Coin of The Realm (coinrealm.net)

Intricately Designed: The emerald accessories add glamour to this lavish look.

Outfit from Cole's of Nassau by Zimmerman (colesofnassau.com) Jewelry by Coin of The Realm (coinrealm.net) Makeup by Patacia Rhodriquez Hair by Tara Miller Metamorphosis Salon (metamorphosis

Suit by Kedar Bespoke Suit (kedarinstylecom/kis-bespoke) Lapel Pin by The Pico Brand (thepicobrand.com) Dress by DASH Designer Shoes Earrings by Coin of The Realm (coinrealm.net) Makeup by Patacia Rhodriquez

5. JOHN WATLING'S

Nassau, New Providence

A charming 1700 estate remodeled into a modern-day distillery, John Watling's is the old remade new! Located on Delancy Street in the vicinity of historic buildings that make up olde downtown Nassau.

JOHNWATLINGS.COM

WEDDING TIP

John Watlings' is not only well known for handcrafted rums, but also for its scenic and sprawling manor — making for a remarkably authentic Bahamian wedding locale.

Q: Is it worth it to visit the distillery before booking the location?

A: Definitely. If flying in is not an option, do ask your local wedding planner to record a video tour with the distillery guide. FASHION

Day to Night: Transition your evening look along with your reception dress with a darker red lip.

> Dress by Shore Boutique Earrings by Coin of The Realm (coinrealm.net) Makeup by Patacia Rhodriquez

PARTY FAVORS:

Send your guests back with a taste of Bahamian history with mini-bottles of John Watling's Rum.

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JUNKANOO At your wedding



here's nothing more uniquely Bahamian than Junkanoo.

What originated as a small celebration of African descendants has evolved into a grand holiday tradition celebrated every Christmas and Boxing Day. The sound of the goatskin drums warmed by a fire, the expert craft and artistry of every hand made, ornate costume, the music felt deep down in the soul - Junkanoo is the lifeblood of The Bahamas. Add local flair to your wedding day and treat your guests to a true cultural experience with an authentic Junkanoo rush-out at your reception. Ask your local wedding planner about adding a small Junkanoo group performance to your wedding day!

CULINARY ARTISTRY

Food is the official love language of The Bahamas. Fresh seafood, native fruits turned into sweet desserts, and vegetables in savory stews rich in flavor- there is no shortage of delicious local dishes here! Eat your way through a culinary adventure and borrow a few locally-crafted, indigenous items for your gift registry.



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A Secret Sandbar Wedding



ROMANTIC OUT ISLAND ADVENTURES

The gift of adventure through charming islands and alluring blues is yours for the taking.

Swimming with the Pigs BIG MAJOR CAY, THE EXUMAS

Forget a blanket, these pigs are more at home in the brilliant blue waters of Exuma! This is the excursion at the top of everyone's bucket list, visiting the famous **#SwimmingPigs**. Don't forget your underwater camera!



Bonefishing ANDROS

You know the saying, "The couple that fishes together, knows Andros is The Bonefishing Capital of The World!". Enjoy a memorable experience fishing the island's many mangroves and flats with a local angler as your guide.

Private Charter

365 cays stretched across miles of waters so crystal clear, they can be seen from space. What better way to traverse The Exuma cays than aboard a boat navigated by an expert of Exuma's waters. Stand barefoot in the middle of the sea with the love of your life on a sand bar exposed only by the receding tide. Visit one of the many uninhabited cays and lounge on beaches untouched. Stop for lunch at the world-famous Chat N' Chill before hitting the open seas again. You're the captain of your own adventure with a private charter!



Sail Away BERRY ISLANDS

Have you ever dreamed of running away? Leaving the hustle of your everyday life and running away with the love of your life to exotic locales and worlds unknown? Nothing will get you closer to that experience than sailing around The Berry Islands. Stable weather and easy-to-navigate waters are what make the islands a mariner's paradise.

BYOB, rent or trust your journey to one of the many notable charters and captains who maneuver the islands daily. There is no journey too big or small with 700 islands and cays at your ship's wheel. Start at the northernmost island, Little Stirrup Cay, and take part in the offerings of every cay, all the way down to Chubb Cay. Charter a boat from the main Great Harbour Cay and visit another cay with a private picnic for two for the day. Dock off a sandbar and spend quality time alone in the middle of crystal blues. The waters are open and the possibilities are endless.



Surfer's Beach GREGORY TOWN, ELEUTHERA

A little known secret about the island of Eleuthera is that there is a beach two miles south of Gregory Town where the surf is always up. Any adventurous couple willing to wander the path will find surfing done Bahamian style. Winds from the southwest blow breaks from the Atlantic Ocean that surfers have compared to the waves in Hawaii. Walk the walk with local surf legends like Surfer Pete, owner of the island's only surf shop, who are as generous with their knowledge of the large waves as they are with their surfboards.

Tandem Wreck Diving NEW PROVIDENCE

Open yourselves up to a whole new world of blues with a wreck dive for two. New Providence is surrounded by many wrecks for divers of all experience levels. Try a sunlit shallow wreck, a moderate depth dive of a wreck seen in several famous Hollywood movies or a more challenging deepwater dive bejeweled with sea life.



Snorkel The Bahamas

When it comes to snorkeling, the waters of The Bahamas are incomparable. What would you like to see first? Colorful coral growing off a wreck in New Providence? Glittering fish scurrying around the world's 3rd largest reef — Andros Barrier Reef? Are you bold enough to snorkel the deep blue of Dean's Blue Hole? Two pairs of snorkelers, two pairs of fins and one joint sense of adventure are all you need.

Seaplane Adventure

Charter a flight to see The Bahamas unplanned — no itineraries, no schedules — just a flight path to the destinations you want to see. Of course, there is also the beauty of seeing the blues of The Bahamas from the sky — a truly breathtaking experience.





Swim with Dolphins FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMA

Forget aquariums, enjoy our intelligent neighbors in their native habitat with a UNEXSO open-water swim or wild spotted dolphin encounter.



From the moment you Say "Yes" to "We Still Do!" and every occasion in between, let us inspire every step of your wedding experience.

One

I SAID YES!

Is this a party or what?

Celebrate your engagement (and soonto-be destination wedding venue) with a soiree inspired by a truly Bahamian backyard party.



ENGAGEMENT DINNER **48** New Providence



Two

#BRIDESQUAD

Grab your besties for a bachelorette weekend of island-hopping, blue beaches and showering the bride-to-be with love.

Three

TIE THE KNOT

Barefoot nuptials in Exuma?

Traditional Vows in Nassau? Here you'll find real island wedding inspiration, no matter your destination wedding style.



REAL WEDDINGS **70** Eleuthera, Great Exuma + Grand Bahama



HONEYMOON 84 New Providence

#MOONSDREAM

The big day is done — time to escape to paradise unparalleled for your dream honeymoon come true..

Five

FOREVER & EVER

Whether 5, 10 or 15+ years later, like your vows, The Bahamas will be even better the second time around.



VOW RENEWAL 88 New Providence

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styling your Engagement Dinner

Say "Yes!" to this Elegant Garden Soirée with a heavy dose of colorful Bahamian panache.

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60 from the islands of the bahamas with love

INSPIRATION + PLANNING

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The floral lapel adds a dapper gentlemanly touch to this relaxed party ensemble.

Jacket, Pants & Shoes by Morley for Men (morleyformen.com) Shirt by Paul & Shark (paulandshark.com) Lapel Pin by PicoBrand (thepicobrand.com)

> The ruffled dress says gracious garden hostess, but the tropical earrings say party!

Dress by Shahida Parides / Shore Boutique (shahidaparides.com) Makeup by Patacia Rhodriquez Jewelry by Lily Pulitzer

BahaMar Rotunda Shops (lillypulitzer.com)

CONGRATS!

The ring is gorgeous, the love is endless and now it is time to share your exciting news with your favorite people. Styled on the stately grounds of the Jacaranda House, a colonial architectural dream built on New Providence in 1840, this garden engagement dinner fuses all the fun and flavor of a Bahamian back-yard party with a chic and stylish, traditional garden affair.

JACARANDAHOUSENASSAU.COM

Light in size but heavy on flavor – packsmall savory bites with island favorites like conch, crawfish and peppers.

> Colorful pin cushions and banana palms bring a tropical flair to the wedding cake.

The Boutique Cake (theboutiquecake.com)

KEEPING IT LOCAL: It's easy to highlight the flavor and culture of the islands in every aspect of your party.

KALIK COCKTAIL: Kalik Radler is an artisan blend of local Bahamian beer and different juices. Imagine all the cocktail possibilities with that smooth mix!

DESSERT CART: Ditch overused tiki for a more rustic wood grain cart for a classier, island-style display.

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Appetizers by Wayne Moncur



Chef Tip: Substitute conch for shrimp when in The Bahamas for guaranteed fresh, locally sourced seafood options.



Local Libations: Treat your guests to the bold local flavors of cocktails spiced with Ole Nassau rums. Mixology by MARV Cunningham

ISSAU



OLE

Beat The Heat: Cool down the evening with mini ice cream cones. Local flavors like Bahamian rum raisin and soursop are palatable delights! Ice Cream Station by **Sun & Ice** (atlantisbahamas.com/ dining/cafesquickeats/sun-and-ice) **No Flowers Necessary:** Skip the roses and opt for local fronds and palms for a budget-friendly yet chic-island flair.

Florals by Wildflowers (wildflowersbahamas.com) Placement Cards by Bahamourri (Catherine Gagnon) (bahamourri.com)

THE FANCY DANCER: Named after the allfemale dance troupes in local Junkanoo Bands, the fancy dancer is a sweet, fizzy mix of Junkanoo Punch, white rum and down-home limeade in an ice-filled glass.

FLORA AND FAUNA: Local florals not only lend gorgeous authenticity, but they also stand up better to a warm island evening.





INSPIRATION + PLANNING

QUEEN'S BATH

Upgrade your bridal shower to a royal bath! Start your weekend with a dip at The Queen's Bath tidal pools. 1. 500

Keep it simple: Pair your tropical swimsuit with bright and bold earrings to make a fresh statement. Swimsuit by Body Beautiful Bahamas Earrings by Craft Cottage Bahamas

The Eleutheran Adventurers: Gather your best girls for an adventurous destination bachelorette weekend visiting Eleuthera Island's most iconic natural wonders.

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Q THE COW & BULL

Between these monumental boulders, when the howling wind is just right, a sound like roaring bulls can be heard.

Bridal weekend challenge: Can you capture this phenomenon on camera?

Everything's coming up roses! Bright florals never go out of style for a quick island getaway

> Dress by **Yvonne S.** Shore Boutique (yvonne-s.com)



Prints are always in! Save space in your carryon for a locally printed, tropical beach wrap for an island, fashion forward, beach day look. Bonus: They make gorgeous keepsakes for you and your best girls.

Romper + Wrap by Alexis (shopalexis.com)

QLASS WINDOW BRIDGE

Prepare to be left breathless by the natural beauty of the place where the deep cerulean Atlantic meets the crystal clear Bight of Eleuthera. Save this spot for those Instagram-worthy bridal party shots. Beach day, but make it regal. The woman of the hour pairs her simple suit with a sleeved and collared, ombre teal cover-up.

Cover-up by Juliet Dunn (Cole's of Nassau) (julietdunn.com)

A fashionable take on the bridal party shower looks: Pair your same colored swimsuits with different beach cover-up styles for a unique bridal party look.

PREACHER'S CAVE

The cooling rocks of The Preacher's Cave make the perfect spot for a girls' day out picnic. Be careful — the gorgeous handcarved stone altar over the pristine waters will tempt you to change your ceremony.

> This is definitely the trip to break out your colorful, tropical printed bikini that you've been saving. 2 styles for a 3-day weekend are just enough.

> > Swimsuit by Body Beautiful Bahamas Earrings by Craft Cottage Bahamas

BRIDAL WEEKEND TRAVEL TIP

For a short girls' getaway to The Bahamas, pack light. Travel with your bathing suit, coverup and sandals in your carry-on to take you from check-in to beach day quicker. Trade your jeans and heavy wedge heels for light and airy dresses, linen shorts and strappy, stylish sandals.

Blouse & Shorts (Left) from Cole's of Nassau (by Zimmermann) (zimmermannwear.com) Earrings (Left) by Coin of The Realm (coinrealm. net) || Dress (Right) by Bahama Handprints (bahamahandprints.com) Necklace & Bracelet (Right) by Chevette Williamson Jewelry || Hair (Both) by Tara Miller (Metamorphosis Salon) || Makeup (Both) by Paracia Rhodriguez

Time to grab your girls and hit the town for a taste of local nightlife, a Bahama Mama from the source and the best conch fritters in all the world! The Fish Fry at Arawak Cay.



ZEMI & IAN NATURE CHIC Gregory Town, Eleuthera

Zemi and Ian's spiritual connection to the natural beauty of Eleuthera led them to do an increasingly popular after-wedding photo shoot on the island. The couple chose The Queen's Bath Pools, natural tidal pools just south of The Glass Window Bridge, as the flawless backdrop to complement their deep love for each other.

ELEUTHERA TRAVEL TIP

Save yourself the stress and source decor from local resources. Eleuthera is a stunning island with naturally beautiful backdrops — no need to bring heavy suitcases of decor items.

HEAVEN ON EARTH

Zemi and Ian share a spiritual love for each other

and with the beautiful island of Eleuthera. From the moment they got engaged, they knew they wanted an outdoor wedding surrounded by Eleuthera's natural beauty. Married on a private estate shrouded by palm trees with their family and friends, their semi-angelic themed wedding was a nature lover's dream. Once their guests watched the sunset on the edge of the beach named for Zemi's beloved mom. Deanna, they were treated to succulent surf + turf fare and dancing late into the night. After the big day, Zemi and lan's spiritual connection to Eleuthera led them to do an increasingly popular afterwedding photoshoot around the island and the stunning photos speak volumes!





ELEUTHERA IS
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OUR FAMILY THAT
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WEDDING THERE
ON OUR BEACH –
DEANNA'S BEACH."

ELEUTHERA From Greek origin, means "freedom"

The couple is the first and only to wed on this private beach named after Zemi's beloved mother, Deanna. LOOKING UP TO
 SEE A RAINBOW
 BEAUTIFULLY
 APPEAR DURING
 OUR VOWS AND
 FOR OUR FIRST
 KISS CONFIRMED
 THIS WAS A
 COVENANT LOVE!"



Zemi's after-wedding dress was inspired by angels and she nicknamed all of her bridesmaids **Zemi's Angels.**

VENDOR LIST

EVENT PLANNING by Five Seasons Bridal (fiveseasonsbridal.com) || WEDDING GOWN & VEIL by Theodore Elyett || RECEPTION GOWN by Phylicia Ellis (phyliciaellis.com) || ACCESSORIES by **Betsy Johnson** (betseyjohnson.com) and Sophia Webster (sophiawebster.com) || GROOM'S SUIT by Hong Kong Tailor (Bahamas) || GROOMSMEN OUTFITS by Santiago Oscar Cerna Herrera (Bahamas) PHOTOGRAPHY by Stanlo Photography (stanlophotography.com) EVENT DÉCOR & FLORALS by Bahama Fantasies (bahamafantasies.net) PARTY FAVORS by Puffee Cotton Candy (Bahamas) INVITATIONS & STATIONERY by Destination Stationery (weddinginvitationdesigner. com) || PROGRAMS by Davina Johnson of Dmalj Creative HAIR (Day Of) by Virshe Sturrup of Tresse (Cosmo) (stressesbeautybar242.com)

VENDORLIST (CONTINUED)

HAIR (Day After) by Lucy Lu Brides (lucylubrides.com) || MAKEUP (Day Of) by Cody Role of Glow and Glamour || MAKEUP (Day After) by Lucy Lu Brides (lucylubrides.com) || DJ/BAND by **DJ Envy** and The Spank Band || CINEMATOGRAPHY by Play Back Media (pbmnuptials.com) || CAKE by The Boutique Cake (theboutiquecake.com) DESSERTS by Thompson's Bakery || OFFICIANT Reverend Andrew Stewart || RINGS by Brilliant **Earth** (brilliantearth.com) || JEWELS by Jewels by the Sea (jewelsbythesea. com) || ACCOMMODATIONS by The Cove (thecoveeleuthera.com) and Air BnB (Rainbow Bay, Eleuthera) (airbnb.com) and Daddy Joes (bahamas.com/vendor/daddy-joesrestaurant-bar) and Moonflower Vacation Rental || CAR RENTALS by **Big Daddy Rental Cars** (bahamas.com/vendor/big-daddys-rental-cars)

Party Starter! Guests were treated to a special performance by Bahamian group, **The Spank Band.** Adorned with the couple's favorite scriptures, this cake was a show-stopper!

SUN down, PARTY up!

Cake by The Boutique Cake



JESSICA & WAYNE SUN-KISSED Sandals Emerald Bay, Exuma

Along a mile-long, powdery-sand beach in Farmer's Hill, Exuma sits Sandals Emerald Bay Luxury Resort & Spa. Described as a "grand estate", the resort features presidential beachfront villas and charming bay house rooms. Brides will love the Reflecting Pool Garden wedding location. Grooms will love the picturesque, 18-hole golf course overlooking Exuma's emerald shores.

EXUMA TRAVEL TIP

Afraid of missing your connection? While some international airlines fly direct to Exuma, Bahamasair flies to Exuma twice daily. Jessica's whimsical gown married beach vibes with sultry elegance.

Our Wedding Day Must-Have? **MIMOSAS!**

iown by BERTA bridal

ELOPEMENT NOTES

From their first date at Starbucks to exchanging vows at Emerald Bay

Jessica and Wayne were meant to be. After getting engaged, the couple knew that they wanted a destination wedding in The Bahamas before they even visited. One trip to Exuma was enough to seal the deal for the travel lovers. Inspired by the beauty of a conch shell, Jessica settled on hues of blush, pastel pinks and nudes for their casually-elegant, tropical wedding. On a breezy February afternoon, down a sandy aisle lined with conch shells, Jessica walked towards her Wayne. The two shared their vows and their first kiss as man and wife under an arch draped in billowing blush, surrounded by lanterns overstuffed with soft pink dendrobium orchids. As nighttime fell, the newlyweds were surprised with a Junkanoo rush out -atrue island send-off for the new Mr. and Mrs!

BEFORE WE
 EVEN ARRIVED IN
 THE BAHAMAS, WE
 KNEW EXUMA WAS
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 WE WANTED TO
 START FOREVER."



Sweet + Simple: An elegant buttercream cake adorned with the family name of the new Mr. and Mrs.

Cake by Sandals Resorts Bakery



Wedding Style? CASUAL + ELEGANT

VENDOR LIST

EVENT PLANNING by Sandals Emerald Bay (sandals.com/emerald-bay) || Renee of Above and Beyond Travel (abovebeyondtravel.ca/renee) WEDDING GOWN by BERTA Bridal (berta.com) BRIDAL ACCESSORIES by Kate Spade (katespade.com) FORMAL WEAR by Custom Indochino Suit (indochino.com) || PHOTOGRAPHY by Stanlo Photography (stanlophotography.com) CINEMATOGRAPHY Epix by Sandals Resorts (sandals.com/weddingmoons) FLORAL DECOR by Sandals Emerald Bay (sandals.com/ weddingmoons BOUQUET by Wed Ideas (wedideas.com) FURNITURE RENTAL by Sandals Emerald Bay (sandals.com/weddingmoons) || LINENS by Sandals Emerald Bay (sandals.com/weddingmoons) TABLEWARE by Sandals Emerald Bay (sandals.com/weddingmoons) MAKEUP + STYLING by Jordan Day of Jordan Beth Makeup (instagram.com/jordanbethmakeup) || RINGS by **Forever** Artisans foreverartisans.com || CATERING by Sandals **Emerald Bay** sandals.com/weddingmoons || CAKE by Sandals Emerald Bay Bakery sandals.com/weddingmoons ENTERTAINMENT by Junkanoo Band with Sandals Resorts Entertainment (sandals.com/weddingmoons)

Champagne + Culture! The night came alive with the sou of cowbells and goatskin drums. Junkanoo by Sandals Resorts Entertainment



SRUTI & KARTIK INDIA IN PARADISE

Paradise Island, New Providence

Known also as "Mehndi", Henna is one of the most easily recognized Indian-wedding traditions. Although Henna is a centuries-old practice, the many different intricate designs and placements represent a range of sentiments from devotion and vitality to beauty and love.

CONTRACTOR OF THE STATE

Where can you find Henna in The Bahamas?

Henna by Bridget Flowers Hennergy by Henna Tattoos Henna by Island Gal Henna (bahamafantasies.net) Party Favors by Puffee Cotton Candy Bahamas Invitations & Stationary by Destination Stationery

HELP YOUR WEDDING PLANNER

Planning a cultural wedding in The Bahamas? Consult with a local wedding planner at least 8-10 months in advance with any special requests to allow your planner enough time to source everything needed.

TWO BEAUTIFUL CULTURES

South Asian weddings are well known as some of the most beautiful, meaningful and lavish cultural weddings worldwide.

For Sruti and Kartik, there was no better place to hold their auspicious event than the ritzy shores of Paradise Island, The Bahamas. Marrying two distinct cultures into one incredible weekend, their unbelievably beautiful Indian destination wedding was one to remember. No two Indian weddings are exactly alike, with different cultures and families on the continent. Sruti and Kartik sought the expertise of local wedding planners to help make their unique wedding vision a reality. Typically, Indian weddings are a huge affair with tons of friends, families and colleagues attending to wish the couple well. The true beauty of having a cultural destination wedding is sharing the excitement of a new locale with your favorite people.

The "Haldi" ceremony is a cleansing and blessing ceremony for the couple

Like many Indian brides, Sruti donned a second look for the reception — a stunning sari in a traditional bridal white.

DID YOU KNOW?

Indian weddings typically take place over 3 days! The most recognizable part of the 3-day celebration is the Hindu ceremony, which happens on the last day, and is followed by a grand wedding reception. The bride and bridesmaids all wear ornate saris.

... ONE WEDDING

TIPS TO PLANNING A CULTURAL DESTINATION WEDDING IN THE BAHAMAS

- Connect with a local wedding planner at least
 10 months ahead of your wedding date.
- Keep a list of all the important cultural events/ moments that should happen during your ceremony and what elements would be needed for each. This gives your planner time to source everything you need.
- Set your RSVP date for at least 3-4 months ahead of your travel date to ensure you and your planner have a proper head count on confirmed traveling guests.
- Leave sourcing any **special elements for your planner to find locally.** Travel restrictions can make flying with special items very difficult.
- Don't be afraid to **step a little outside of your cultural wedding traditions.** The Bahamas has a ton of local celebratory traditions that would be a wonderful and authentic addition to any cultural wedding. Just imagine a colorful Junkanoo procession introducing the bride and groom at an Indian wedding!

Tendrils of Love The color red can represent love, prosperity and passion for Indian weddings.

Let's run away, darling, you and I. The big day is done. Now it's time to luxuriate in pure paradise! PHOTOGRAPHY BY STANLO PHOTOGRAPHY

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Light and vibrant prints are in for men! This look pairs easy with a tank top and Panama hat for an easy day out on the island.

Swim Trurks by **Vida Cayo** (vidacayo.com) Chain + Pendant by **Coin of TheRealm** (coinrealm.net)

Short rompers make for stylish and easy-to-pack daytime honeymoon options. Go off the shoulder for a flirty, honeymoon vibe.

Romper by Shahida Parides (From Shore Boutique) (shahidaparides.com) || Makeup by Patacia Rhodriquez || Jewelry by Coin of The Realm (coinrealm.net)

Steal away with us to the historic Graycliff Hotel, a true romantic hidden gem set along picturesque West Hill Street, reminiscent of Olde Nassau.

Graycliff.com

Simple, sexy sundresses make for steamy days! Shorts and sundresses are the perfect cool looks for an island honeymoon getaway. Dress (Bride, Too Left) by The Tracy N Collection (From Shore Boutique) (tracyncollection.com) || Earrings (Bride, Too Left) by Allia Dean || Bracelets (Bride, Top Left) Craft Cottage Bahamas

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#HoneymoonGoal: Spend your first days as husband and wife lounging around the pool or indulging in a Graycliff experience crafted personally for you, including cigar rolling, The Chocolatier or the acclaimed Heritage Village plus much more! Want to be one of those matching couples but in a stylish way? We love the idea of the bride picking one color from the groom's patterned shorts for a solid color, matching bikini. Pair with a loose throw for a sultry summer look.

Swim Trunks, Cover up & Flip-Flops (Bride + Groom) by Vida Cayo (vidacayo.com) Chain & Pendant (Groom) Coin of The Realm (coinrealm.net)



HONEYMOON TIP

Plan to unwind! It's tempting to want to try as many experiences as you can. Allow yourselves a few days to just ebb and flow and connect as newlyweds with no planned itinerary. Your posthoneymoon glow will thank you for it!

As the evening blooms, Nassau's first 5-star restaurant becomes awash in candlelight and delectable smells lure you from your love nest. Feeling less formal? Try a laid back yet festive night at **The Piazza**, **Humidor Churrascaria**, **Giotto Pizzeria and Beer Garden**.

INSPIRATION + PLANNING

There are many milestones in life worth celebrating, but none more important than love. Whether you're giving yourselves the wedding you were unable to have or rekindling that first flame from your first kiss as newlyweds, "We Do" should be even sweeter the second time around. Say ta-ta to traditional and prepare to be inspired by this nautical-themed, sunset vow renewal. Set aboard a sailboat in New Providence, picture yourself with your first mate in this sea-styled ceremony and cocktail reception. All aboard!

This stunning mix of different hues gives this bouquet a beautiful boost. Bouquet by Wildflowers (wildflowersbahamas.com)

The styling Your of the second second

Set your sails for the second time around. Re-pledge your love with your best co-captain on the open Bahamian Seas. For sea-loving couples, your dreams of a wedding at sea are closer to reality on a private catamaran from **Sea Senor Charters.** (seasenorcharters.com)



BAR & GRILL: Is there a more perfect spot for a seafaring wedding cocktail than at an overwater bar and grill with 360 views of The Atlantic? We can't think of one!

CHAMPAGNE: Some things should never change — bubbly to celebrate the renewlyweds. Cheers to many more years!

THE CAKE: A 2-tier navy blue and white cake accented with gold fondant ropes, a gold anchor topper, buttercream and flecks of 24K gold leaf. Exquisite!



Keeping it light: Crab salad shots and tostadas with fresh seafood seem appropriate for light celebratory fare served aboard a sailboat.

Catering by Never say Never Again (neversayneveragainbarandgrill.com)

Placement Cards by Bahamourri (Catherine Gagnon) (bahamourri.com)



Ditch the gown, keep the glam. This regal draped yet light kimono dress has no shortage of elegance.

Dress from **Cole's of Nassau** (By Camilla) (colesofnassau.com) || Bouquet by **Wildflowers** (wildflowersbahamas.com)



Go for light-colored suits with a simple blue shirt as a nod to your surroundings. Linen is very appropriate.



Tacos — suitable for every occasion! An option of succulent seafood or delicious prime rib mirrors formal reception dinner choices with a fun flair.



WOULD MY MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE BE LEGAL IN MY COUNTRY?

Yes, The Bahamas marriage certificate is a legal document issued by The Bahamas Government and is legally recognized and a legallybinding document worldwide.

CAN I APPLY FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE BY MAIL?

No, both parties must be in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas at the time of the application.

WHEN CAN I GET MARRIED?

Weddings in The Bahamas must be performed between sunrise and sunset to be considered legally binding.

CAN I GET MARRIED ON THE WEEKEND?

Yes, you can get married on Saturday or Sunday, provided you make an application at least two (2) working days before.

CAN I GET MARRIED THE SAME DAY AS MY ARRIVAL IN THE ISLANDS OF THE BAHAMAS?

No, both parties must reside in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas for no less than one day prior to the date of the application.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET A MARRIAGE LICENSE? It takes two business days,

excluding Bahamian holidays.



WHY DO I NEED A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE?

A marriage certificate is required by many lending institutions and insurance companies as proof of marriage. Also, if either party wishes to have their passports updated with their married surnames, a marriage certificate will be required.

DO I NEED A LICENSE FOR A VOW RENEWAL?

No, you do not need a license for a vow renewal.



WOULD I BE ABLE TO USE MY MARRIAGE LICENSE FROM MY COUNTRY?

No, only a Bahamian-issued marriage license can be used to get married in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

CAN MY PASTOR/RABBI PERFORM THE WEDDING CEREMONY?

Your Pastor/Rabbi may be able to assist a local Pastor with the wedding ceremony, however, the pronunciation as man and wife and the signing of the legal marriage certificate MUST be done by a local Pastor.



HOW MUCH ALCOHOL CAN I CARRY OUT OF THE COUNTRY?

67.6oz of liquor per person 21 or older. Provided one litre is manufactured in The Bahamas.

IS THERE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION Yes, there is public transportation.

CAN I GET A LICENSE THE SAME DAY IF I ARRIVE BY CRUISE SHIP?

Yes. Exceptions are made for individuals arriving by cruise ship who have met the twenty-four-hour residency requirement and have a letter from the Purser's Office/ Guest Services, signed by the ship's captain, confirming the same.

CAN I HAVE A NON-DENOMINATIONAL OR NON-RELIGIOUS CEREMONY?

Yes. Your consultant or marriage officer can show you a variety of options for a traditionally religious, non-denominational or nonreligious ceremony.

I WOULD LIKE TO GET MARRIED IN THE FAMILY ISLANDS. DO I NEED TO COME TO NASSAU FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE?

No, a marriage license can be obtained from the local Administrator's Office on that island.

CAN I RENT WEDDING ATTIRE IN THE BAHAMAS?

There are several stores offering complete rental attire. We suggest allowing sufficient time before your wedding date to make those arrangements.

WHAT IS AN APOSTILLE AND WHY DO I NEED ONE?

An apostille is a special seal applied by an authority to certify that a document is a true copy of an original.

WHERE ARE THE HOSPITALS?

The Princess Margaret Hospital is a nonprofit public facility, located on East Shirley Street in Nassau, New Providence. Doctors Hospital, one of Nassau's leading medical facilities, provides quality private health care and is located on Collins Avenue and Shirley Street in Nassau.

WHAT ARE APOSTILLES NORMALLY USED FOR?

An apostille can be used whenever a copy of an official document from another country is needed. For example, for international marriages, adoptions and inheritance, but also for plain contracts.

WHAT IS THE COST OF AN APOSTILLE? \$120.00



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Stanley Babb, Owner of Stanlo Photography

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SPOTLIGHT



wildflowersbahamas.com

Wildflowers Events & Occasions, Nassau, New Providence

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