Destination Wedding Checklist

In addition to the standard Wedding Planning Checklist, consider the following items when planning a Destination wedding.

Choose your destination/ Select a wedding date

When selecting your destination, consider the following

- ☐ Decide what time of year you would like to get married and select a preferred
- ☐ Determine the style of wedding you would like to have - traditional, informal etc
- ☐ Choose the setting you would like for your wedding - historic, exotic, seaside, countryside etc
- ☐ Consider he cultural experience you would like you and your guests to have - a holiday in the sun, a trek through the jungle, gourmet delight etc
- ☐ Choose the climate you would like for your wedding day
- ☐ Determine the time of year you would like your wedding to take place in - what will the weather conditions be like at that time of year?
- ☐ What is the average cost to get married in a particular country
- ☐ If you would like to have a large or small wedding - how far your guests will have to travel will affect how many people will be able to attend
- ☐ How easy it is to plan a wedding in a particular country - could you plan your own wedding, would you have to use a Tour Operator or Wedding Planner?
- ☐ The legal and residential requirements for getting married in a particular country
- ☐ Other _____

Legal requirements

- ☐ Contact the Foreign Embassy or Consulate to confirm the legal and residential requirements to get married in the country of your choice.
- ☐ Understand the timeframe and the steps that must be completed to ensure your marriage can take place.
- ☐ Other _____

Compile guest list

- ☐ Think about who you would like to spend your wedding day with and compile a guest list.
- ☐ Speak to guests as early as possible in order to estimate the numbers that may attend. This will help when speaking to Wedding Planners, Tour Operators, Suppliers and choosing your wedding venues.
- ☐ Other _____

Plan your Wedding Abroad

- ☐ Determine how much you would like to spend on your wedding
- ☐ Determine the style of wedding you would like to have and how much involvement you would like to have in its planning.
- ☐ Decide if you would like to use a Wedding Planner, a Tour Operator or plan your wedding yourself.

Extra Activities

- ☐ When getting married abroad most couples hold extra activities and celebrations.
- ☐ Decide if you will have a rehearsal or pre-wedding day dinner
- ☐ Decide if you will have a post wedding day breakfast or lunch.
- ☐ If you are holding extra celebrations investigate and book appropriate venues.
- ☐ Decide if you will organise group sightseeing activities. Investigate possible activities.
- ☐ Decide if you will have a party upon your return home. If yes, add this to your budget, compile a guest list and investigate and book venue.
- ☐ Other _____

Accommodation Options for Guests

- ☐ Investigate and select a range of suitable accommodation for your guests. Ensure you find accommodation that caters for all budgets.
- ☐ Ask hotels if they will offer a special rate for your guests.
- ☐ Confirm what date your guests must book by to secure accommodation.
- ☐ Determine if a deposit must be paid. Will this deposit be refundable if a guest does not use the accommodation?
- ☐ Determine if a hotel will be willing to put information in your guests' rooms e.g. welcome letters & gifts.
- ☐ Decide if you will book accommodation on your guests' behalf or ask your guests to book their own accommodation.
- ☐ If your guests are going to book their own accommodation, compile a list of recommended hotels to go in their information pack. Be sure to mention any special rates and booking reference codes.
- ☐ Ask the hotel if they provide airport transfers. Provide your guests with this information in their information pack.
- ☐ Determine where you guests are staying & when they arrive and depart
- ☐ Other _____

Guest Information

- ☐ Compile information pack or set up a wedding website. This information should be given to guests with their invitations.
- ☐ For the type of information you should include in the pack or on your wedding website click here.
- ☐ Write a wedding welcome letter to put in your guests' hotel rooms. This is a nice surprise for your guests and a good way of re-iterating the itinerary for your celebrations.
- ☐ Other _____