

Destination Wedding Checklist

12 months out (or at the time of engagement)

- ___ Set the destination wedding budget
- ___ Select the destination
- ___ Confirm the Date
- ___ Draft the initial guest list (to narrow down later)

10 to 12 months out

- ___ Investigate (and begin complying with) local marriage license requirements
- ___ Select the ceremony venue
- ___ Confirm any vendors who are independent of the resort/cruise line
- ___ Select invitation printer
- ___ Select wedding website vendor and set up the site
- ___ Set up the wedding/honeymoon registry
- ___ Draft and print the save-the-date notices
- ___ Send couple on a site visit (if requested)
- ___ Confirm passport details for the couple
- ___ Confirm honeymoon plans for the couple

8 to 10 months out

- ___ Finalize the guest list
- ___ Mail/send the save-the-date notices (with travel info, if available)
- ___ Narrow down attire choices for bride/groom/wedding party
- ___ Confirm couple's music selections with suppliers/vendors
- ___ Choose and confirm the officiant
- ___ Schedule engagement photos

6 to 8 months out

- ___ Begin reviewing and confirming flights
- ___ Begin reviewing and confirming hotel stays
- ___ Review plans for showers and other pre-wedding events
- ___ Confirm photographer and videographer with the venue
- ___ Order invitations

4 to 6 months out

- ___ Finalize wedding attire choices
- ___ Plan the rehearsal dinner details
- ___ Continue confirming flights and hotel stays, esp. for the wedding party
- ___ Select and purchase welcome/gift bag items
- ___ Confirm ground transportation/transfers as appropriate
- ___ Confirm rentals for any extra wedding needs (linens, special floral arrangements, etc.)

3 months out

- ___ Address and send invitations (with RSVPs due no later than one month out)
- ___ Order programs and other wedding collateral (if needed)
- ___ Confirm food/beverage plans (including cake)
- ___ Select any needed bridal accessories

2 months out

- ___ Finalize wedding vows
- ___ Choose and purchase attendant/wedding party gifts
- ___ Confirm final ceremony details (readings, etc.)
- ___ Confirm music selections with the venue
- ___ Confirm requested shot list with the photographer and videographer

1 month out

- _____ Follow up with guests who have not yet RSVP'd
- _____ Prepare to ship items as needed to the venue (remember to allow plenty of time for customs review)
- _____ Send announcement details to local newspapers

2 weeks out

- _____ Confirm responsibilities for the wedding party and others involved in the ceremony
- _____ Pick up wedding dress
- _____ Confirm transfers and any on-site beauty/hair appointments

Prior to departure

- _____ Pack for the trip (including the honeymoon)
- _____ Prepare gratuities with envelopes for vendors

Upon arrival

- _____ Re-confirm in person all of the wedding arrangements
- _____ Deliver welcome packages and gifts
- _____ Enjoy the welcome party (if applicable)

The day before the ceremony

- _____ Complete a ceremony rehearsal
- _____ Enjoy the rehearsal dinner
- _____ Give gifts to wedding party and family members