

# DESTINATION WEDDING *checklist*

## 12 TO 16 MONTHS BEFORE

- Set your budget, including travel and accommodation expenses
- Create a preliminary guest list
- Choose your destination (consider seasons, climate, and travel feasibility)
- Ensure passports and visas are valid for all travelers; apply if necessary.
- Hire a local wedding planner (preferably bilingual)
- Book your venue and confirm your wedding date
- Purchase wedding insurance to cover cancellations or emergencies
- Start looking for wedding outfits

## 9 TO 11 MONTHS BEFORE

- Finalize your wedding party (bridesmaids, groomsmen, etc.)
- Send "Save the Date" cards to guests
- Reserve a block of hotel rooms for guests
- Create a wedding website with travel and event details
- Plan additional events (welcome dinner, farewell brunch, etc.)

## 6 TO 8 MONTHS BEFORE

- Book key vendors: photographer, caterer, florist, entertainment
- Choose and order wedding attire (allow time for alterations)
- Arrange transportation for guests (airport transfers, shuttles)
- Check health requirements (vaccines, travel precautions)

### 3 TO 5 MONTHS BEFORE

- Send formal invitations with RSVP details
- Finalize your wedding menu and cake design
- Personalize your ceremony with vows, readings, or rituals
- Coordinate with your decorator for theme and style
- Complete all necessary legal documents (translations if required)
- Confirm with your wedding planner that the paperwork is in order
- Double-check the deadlines for submitting any remaining legal forms
- Rehearse the ceremony with your wedding party

### 2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Confirm all details with vendors (timelines, services, payments)
- Purchase or prepare wedding favors for guests
- Create a seating chart for the reception
- Plan optional activities for guests (excursions, tastings, tours)

### 1 MONTH BEFORE

- Do final fittings for wedding attire
- Pack strategically: attire, documents, accessories, emergency kit
- Finalize all payments to vendors

### WEEK OF THE WEDDING

- Arrive at your destination early to settle in and review final details
- Welcome guests with a meet-and-greet or welcome dinner
- Relax and trust your wedding planner to handle last-minute issues

### ON THE WEDDING DAY

- Enjoy every moment and be present in your special day!
- Let your planner and vendors manage the schedule and details
- Trust your wedding planner to handle any last-minute issues or unexpected events.